

**FOREIGN ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS**

In date of award (if authorised to be accepted and worn).  
MFO Sinai falls in this area.  
NATO MSM positioned in this section in date of award.

**NOTES****NOTES ON AWARDS FOR GALLANTRY IN THE ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE**

Appointments to, or promotions in, the Order of the British Empire and awards of the British Empire Medal, granted between 6 December 1957 and 19 June 1974, for gallantry, are so described, and a silver oak leaf emblem is worn on the riband. When the riband only is worn the emblem is worn in miniature. Classification of an award as made for gallantry has no effect on seniority or precedence in the various Classes of the Order. A person appointed to the Order between 6 December 1957 and 19 June 1974, for gallantry, and subsequently promoted in the Order, retains and wears the insignia of the lower Class with the emblem in addition to the insignia of the higher Class whether promoted for gallantry or otherwise. A holder of the British Empire Medal for gallantry, granted between 6 December 1957 and 19 June 1974, if subsequently appointed to the Order, continues to wear the emblem on the riband of the Medal. On the riband of the British Empire Medal for gallantry, the emblem is worn above any Bar which may have been granted, and when ribands are worn also the emblem is worn farther from the left shoulder than any silver rose emblem denoting the award of a Bar.

**NOTES ON LETTERS AFTER THE NAME**

All those honours, decorations and medals marked with an asterisk (\*) in the list above entitle the holder to use the appropriate letters after the name. These groups of letters should be shown in the same order as the order of wear, subject to the following exceptions:

- Baronet's Badge – the letters 'Bart.' or 'Bt.' are shown directly after the surname before all other letters after the name.
- Medal for Meritorious Service – the right to letters after the name applies only if it was awarded in the Navy before 20 July 1928.
- Air Efficiency Award and Ulster Defence Regiment Medal – the right to letters after the name applies only when awarded to officers.

**FURTHER NOTES****WEARING ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE**

Only those honours, decorations and medals which an individual has been authorised to wear by The Sovereign may be worn in uniform. As a general rule this also applies when wearing civilian clothes. Medals should not be worn on the right hand side with the following exceptions:

Royal Humane Society Medals  
Stanhope Gold Medal  
RNLI Medals  
Order of St John of Jerusalem Life Saving Medal

**HOLDERS OF MILITARY AND CIVIL DIVISION AWARDS**

Those individuals who hold both Military and Civil Division Awards in the same Order of Chivalry wear both pieces of Insignia and if at the same level the first awarded is worn first.

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The general rule is that non-British insignia should be worn after those of all British Orders, Decorations and Medals in the order of the dates on which they were awarded, with Orders coming first, Decorations second and Medals third within relevant categories. When, however, insignia are being worn on occasions specifically connected with the awarding country, pride of place should be given to the insignia of that country. Commonwealth and foreign Orders, Decorations and Medals awarded to UK citizens are considered honorary in the United Kingdom. These awards may only be worn when The Sovereign's permission has been given. No title associated with any Commonwealth or Foreign Order may be used in the United Kingdom. The Sovereign may give permission for post nominals to be used if appropriate.

**MENTIONS IN DESPACHES**

**1914-19:** The emblem of bronze oak leaves denoting a Mention in Despatches during the First World War, 1914-19, is worn on the riband of the Victory Medal. The award of this emblem ceases from 10th August 1920.

**1920-39:** The single bronze oak leaf emblem, if granted for service in operations between the two World Wars, is worn on the riband of the appropriate General Service Medal. If the General Service Medal has not been granted, the emblem is worn directly on the coat after any Medal ribands<sup>14</sup>.

**1939-45:** The single bronze oak leaf emblem signifying in the Armed Forces and the Merchant Navy, either a Mention in Despatches, a King's Commendation for brave conduct or a King's Commendation for valuable service in the air, if granted for service in the Second World War, 1939-45, is worn on the riband of the War Medal 1939-1945. If the War Medal has not been granted, the Emblem is worn directly on the coat, after any Medal ribands<sup>14</sup>.

**1945-93:** The single bronze oak leaf emblem, if granted for service in operations after the cessation of hostilities in the Second World War, is worn on the riband of the appropriate General Service or Campaign Medal. If such Medal has not been granted, the Emblem is worn directly on the coat after any Medal ribands.<sup>14</sup> The single bronze oak leaf emblem is also used in the Armed Forces to denote a King's or Queen's Commendation for brave conduct or a King's or Queen's Commendation for valuable service in the air granted since the cessation of hostilities in the Second World War.

**1993 and subsequently:** The single silver oak leaf Emblem for gallantry in active operations from 3rd September 1993, if awarded for services in a theatre for which a campaign medal or a clasp has been granted, is worn on the riband of the appropriate medal. If the award is made for services out of theatre or in a theatre for which no campaign medal or clasp has been granted the Emblem is to be worn directly on the coat after any Medal ribands.<sup>14</sup>

**KING'S COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT (1939-52); QUEEN'S COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT (1952-94)**

The Emblem of silver laurel leaves granted to civilians, other than those in the Merchant Navy, to denote a King's Commendation for brave conduct during the Second World War, 1939-45, is worn on the riband of the Defence Medal. When the Defence Medal has not been granted or the award is for services subsequent to the war, the Emblem is worn directly on the coat after any Medal ribands.<sup>14</sup>

**QUEEN'S COMMENDATION FOR BRAVERY (1994 AND SUBSEQUENTLY)**

The Emblem of silver laurel leaves granted to civilians is worn on a piece of material (red) directly on the coat after any Medal ribands<sup>14</sup>. When the Emblem<sup>15</sup> is granted to Armed Forces personnel it should be worn in a similar manner to that described above for Mentions in Despatches (1993 and subsequently).