

*Note on wearing Commonwealth and Foreign Orders, Decorations and Medals*

The general rule is that when Commonwealth or Foreign insignia are being worn on occasions specifically connected with the donor country, pride of place should be given to the insignia of that country. On such occasions, insignia of a Commonwealth or Foreign Order should be worn in preference, and in a position senior, to that of equivalent insignia from The Sovereign.

**LIFE SAVING AWARDS**

Medals awarded by the Royal Humane Society of New Zealand and the Order of St John Life Saving Medals, and ribbons denoting the same, may be worn on the right side of the coat on all occasions when Official Orders, Decorations and Medals are worn.

**NOTE ON AWARDS FOR GALLANTRY: ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE AND BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL**

Appointments to, or promotions in, the Order of the British Empire and awards of the British Empire Medal, granted between the 6th December 1957 and the 19th June 1974, for gallantry, are so described, and a silver oak leaf Emblem is worn on the ribbon. When the ribbon 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 6th December 1957 and 19th 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 6th December 1957 and 19th June 1974, if subsequently appointed to the Order, continues to wear the Emblem on the ribbon of the Medal.

On the ribbon of the British Empire Medal for Gallantry, the Gallantry Emblem is worn above any Bar which may have been granted, and when ribbons are worn alone the Gallantry Emblem is worn farther from the left shoulder than any silver rose Emblem denoting the award of a Bar.

**NOTE ON WAR MEDALS**

Campaign Stars and Medals awarded for service during the First World War, 1914-1919, should be worn in the following order: 1914 Star, 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Mercantile Marine War Medal, Victory Medal. Campaign Stars and Medals awarded for service in the Second World War, 1939-45, should be worn in the following order: 1939-45 Star, Atlantic Star, Air Crew Europe Star, Africa Star, Pacific Star, Burma Star, Italy Star, France and Germany Star, Defence Medal, War Medal 1939-45, New Zealand War Service Medal.

The Korea Medal (1950-53) and the United Nations Service Medal for Korea are worn together where both are held.

The order of wearing the Naval General Service Medal (1915), General Service Medal (Army and R.A.F.) (1918) will vary, and will depend upon the dates of participation in the relevant campaigns. The General Service Medal, 1962, (instituted by The Queen in 1964), and the Vietnam Medal 1964 (instituted by The Queen in 1968). [The Vietnamese Campaign Medal is worn in accordance with the regulations governing foreign medals.]

Service medals of the United Nations Organisation, for which The Sovereign's permission to accept and wear has been given, are worn with war medals in the order of date of the award.

**NOTE ON MENTIONS IN DESPATCHES, KING'S COMMENDATIONS AND QUEEN'S COMMENDATIONS. MENTION IN DESPATCHES, 1914-1919**

The Emblem of bronze oak leaves denoting a Mention in despatches during the First World War, 1914-1919, is worn on the ribbon of the Victory Medal. The award of this Emblem ceased as from 10th August 1920.

**MENTION IN DESPATCHES, 1920-1939**

The single bronze oak leaf Emblem, if granted for service in operations between the two World Wars, is worn on the ribbon of the appropriate General Service Medal. If a General Service Medal has not been granted, the Emblem is worn directly on the coat after any Medal ribbons.\*

**MENTION IN DESPATCHES, 1939-1945**

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, 1939-1945, is worn on the ribbon 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 ribbons.\*

**MENTION IN DESPATCHES, 1945, AND SUBSEQUENTLY**

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 ribbon 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 ribbons.\*

The single bronze oak leaf Emblem is also used in the 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.

**KING'S COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT, 1939-1945, AND SUBSEQUENTLY; QUEEN'S COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT, 1952, AND SUBSEQUENTLY**

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, 1939-1945, is worn on the ribbon of the Defence Medal. When the Defence Medal has not been granted or the award is for services subsequent to the war, the Emblem of silver laurel leaves is worn directly on the coat after any Medal ribbons.\*

**KING'S COMMENDATION FOR VALUABLE SERVICE IN THE AIR, 1939-1945, AND SUBSEQUENTLY; QUEEN'S COMMENDATION FOR VALUABLE SERVICE IN THE AIR, 1952, AND SUBSEQUENTLY**

The oval silver Badge granted to denote a civil King's Commendation or Queen's Commendation for valuable service in the air is worn on the coat immediately below any Medals or Medal ribbons,\* or in civil air line uniform, on the panel of the left breast pocket.

\* If there are no Medal ribbons, the Emblem is worn in the position in which a single ribbon would be worn.