

CHAPTER 8

ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS

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General

0801. Orders, decorations and medals are to be worn with uniform on the occasions indicated in **Chap 10** and as prescribed in this chapter. The term 'riband', which it is customary to use when referring to the 1st class of an order, is known as the 'ribbon' of the order in relation to lower grades.

Investitures

0802. Investitures are held at Buckingham Palace, Holyrood House and Cardiff Castle for the presentation of awards by the Sovereign or other members of the Royal Family on the Sovereign's behalf. The Sovereign receives privately and invests all those who are appointed Knights of the Garter and the Thistle, Members of the Order of Merit and Companions of Honour. The Sovereign also receives privately some recipients of honours in other orders, particularly those who have rendered private or personal service to the Sovereign. In addition to the above mentioned, recipients of the Victoria Cross, George Cross, Knights and Dames Grand Cross, Knights and Dames Grand Commanders also Knights and Dames Commander are summoned to Buckingham Palace, provided they are in the United Kingdom and it is possible for them to attend. If recipients of the Victoria Cross or George Cross are unlikely to be in the United Kingdom for a considerable time, arrangements may be made for the awards to be presented overseas by the appropriate representative of the Sovereign.

0803. Recipients of the following awards who are in the United Kingdom will be summoned to Buckingham Palace under the arrangements notified by the Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood; alternatively, those serving abroad who are unable to attend an Investiture in the UK may elect to have their award presented by the appropriate representative of the Sovereign.

- a. Companions, Commanders, Officers, Lieutenant and Members of British Orders
- b. Distinguished Service Order.
- c. Royal Red Cross.
- d. All decorations and medals awarded for gallantry.
- e. Polar Medal.
- f. Royal Victorian Medal.

If a person is unable to attend an investiture through ill-health, on service abroad, attendance may be deferred. However, in cases when permanent ill-health prevents attendance at an investiture, arrangements can be made for insignia to be sent by post.

0804. Those mentioned in despatches, commended for bravery, bravery in the air or for valuable service, or awarded medals for meritorious service or for long service and good conduct, receive their award on a parade or at a ceremony arranged by the commanding officer.

0805. In cases of posthumous awards for gallantry, or when death occurs before an order, decoration or medal awarded for gallantry can be presented, the next-of-kin (subject to their being legally entitled to receive the insignia) may attend a private investiture in Buckingham Palace.

0806. Those invited to private ceremonies and recipients of all awards, which qualify for attendance at Buckingham Palace, are summoned to attend by the Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood (see para **0830**).

0807. A person receiving an award at an investiture is usually entitled to bring three guests.

0808. From the effective date of an award, the person concerned is to wear the ribbon of the award with day uniform and the miniature on the brooch with evening uniform (see para **0857**). A title and/or post nominal letters associated with an award are used with effect from the date of the award. When appointed to a higher grade within the same division of an order, the insignia of the lower grade may no longer be worn, eg CBE (military) appointed to a KBE (military) ceases wearing the CBE badge from the award date even though the KBE insignia may not have been presented.

0809. Serving personnel attending an investiture are to wear No 1 Dress without insignia of orders, decorations and medals but ribbons bars of orders, decorations and medals are to be worn. Retired officers may wear uniform, as for serving officers, morning dress or dark lounge suit.

0810. Immediately after an investiture, recipients of awards are given a case for holding the insignia, together with brief instructions for wearing them. Warrants of Appointments are forwarded later from the Central Chancery.

Return of Insignia on Death of Holder

0811. The following insignia are normally handed back and personally to the Sovereign by the nearest male relative of the deceased holder after instructions are received from the Private Secretary:

- a. Order of the garter - star and badge (Lesser George).
- b. Order of the Thistle - star and badge.

Executors are to return the following insignia of deceased holders direct to the Central Chancery

(St James's Palace, London, SW1 1BH).

- a. Order of the Garter - the garter.
- b. Collars with badges appendant of the Orders of the Garter and Thistle, also of Knights and Dames Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath.
- c. Collars of Knights and Dames Grand Cross of the Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, the Royal Victorian Order and the Order of the British Empire.
- d. The Royal Victorian Chain.

Other insignia may be retained by the personal legally entitled to receive them under the terms of the will of the deceased.

Lost Insignia

0812. Applications for replacement of lost insignia, accompanied by a full report outlining the circumstances and action taken to recover the items, should be sent direct to the Central Chancery in respect of:

- a. Orders of Knighthood.
- b. Distinguished Service Order.
- c. George Cross.
- d. George Medal.
- e. Coronation and Jubilee Medals.

Applications for replacements should be sent through normal channels to CS(Sec)1d for decorations and P Man 4a(RAF) for medals (see **QR J257**) Replacement may be at public expense if the loss is due entirely to unavoidable circumstances arising out of the exigencies of the Service, otherwise replacement is on prepayment. Insignia as listed at **a-3** belonging to deceased persons is not replaced. Decorations for gallantry may be replaced to the direct next-of-kin of the first generation, upon prepayment. Certified copies of Warrants of Appointment can be obtained from the Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood.

Sequence in which Insignia is Worn

0813 The sequence in which orders, decorations and medals, are to be worn is listed in Annex F to this chapter; the list indicates where it is appropriate to use letters after the name. The order of wearing the following medals, however, is related to the dates of participation in the relevant

campaigns. The United Nations Service Medal with clasp 'Korea' is to be worn immediately after the British Korea Medal. The latter is to be worn in the order of its campaign date if the British Korea Medal has not been awarded to a recipient of the United Nations Service Medal with clasp 'Korea':

General Service Medal (Army and Royal Air Force 1918-1962), Korea Medal (1951), General Service Medal (1962), South Atlantic Medal (1982), Gulf Medal (1991), United Nations Service Medal with clasp 'Korea', Sierra Leone General Service Medal, United Nations Medal for Service in the Congo, United Nations Medal for Service in Cyprus and all other United Nations medals in date order of participation in the mission. (See **Annex F** for full list).

EMBLEMS

Mentions in Despatches, King's Commendations and Queen's Commendations

0814. Mentions in Despatches, the award of King's Commendations and Queen's Commendations, are to be indicated by wearing the following emblems in the manner prescribed:

a. Mentions in Despatches

(1) 1939-1945. A single bronze oak leaf, if granted for service in the Second World War, is to be worn on the ribbon of the War Medal 1939-1945. (See Note).

(2) 1945 to 1994. A single bronze oak leaf, if granted for service in operations after the cessation of hostilities, is to be worn on the ribbon of the appropriate general service or campaign medal (See Note).

(3) 6 Sep 93 and subsequently. A single oak leaf in silver.

b. King's Commendation and Queen's (from 1952). Commendation for brave conduct or for valuable service in the air.

(1) 1939-1945. A single bronze oak leaf, if granted for service in the Second World War, is to be worn on the ribbon of the War Medal 1939-1945. (See Note). 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, are to be worn on the ribbon of the Defence Medal. (See Note). The oval silver badge granted to civilians to denote a King's Commendation or Queen's Commendation for valuable service in the air is to be worn immediately below any medal ribbons. If there are no medal ribbons, the emblem is worn in the position in which a single medal ribbon would be worn.

(2) 1945 to 1994. A single bronze oak leaf is to be worn on the appropriate general service or campaign medal. (See Note). The silver laurel leaves granted

to civilians when awarded after the Second World War are to be worn after any medal ribbons. (See Note). The silver badge applicable to a commendation for civilians is worn in the same manner as indicated in sub-para (1) above.

(3) Sep 93 and subsequently. Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service. A spray of oak leaves in silver is to be worn on the appropriate campaign on General Service Medal ribbon or the position in which a single medal ribbon would be worn.

(4) 26 Apr 94 and subsequently. Queen's Commendation for Bravery. A spray of laurel leaves in silver.

(5) 26 Apr 94. Queen's Commendation for Bravery in the Air. An eagle in flight emblem in silver.

0815. There are three sizes of each emblem, prior to September 1993, for wear as follows:

a. Large. With full size medal, mounted in the centre of the ribbon at an angle of 60 degrees from the inside edge of the ribbon with the leaf/leaves pointing upwards towards the wearer's left shoulder. For the South Atlantic Medal the rosette is placed centrally with the oak leaf above it.

b. Medium. When medal ribbon only as worn, mounted horizontally across the ribbon with the stalk pointing to the wearer's right. For the South Atlantic Medal the rosette and oak leaf should be side by side with the oak leaf nearest the left shoulder.

c. Small. When miniature medals are worn, mounted in the same way as when full size medals are worn.

Note 1. If the designated medal has not been granted, the emblem is to be worn directly on the appropriate garment after any medal ribbon. If there are no medal ribbons, these emblems and/or those awarded for meritorious service or gallantry are to be worn in the position in which a single ribbon would be worn. When medals are suspended from a brooch and there is no ribbon which can carry the emblem, it is to be sewn on either blue/grey or stone ribbon (ie to match the garment on which it is being worn), fixed to the brooch and positioned as already mentioned. Irrespective of the number of Mentions in Despatches or King's or Queen's Commendations granted (whether for bravery or bravery in the air) and, irrespective of the status of the person at the time of the award, one emblem only is to be worn on each appropriate ribbon in respect of service in the Second World War or after. Similarly, not more than one emblem is to be worn directly on the appropriate garment. This emblem is not to be worn on the greatcoat or raincoat. The same positioning applies to a ribbon brooch worn on warm-weather clothing.

Note 2. Post September 1993, only medium and small sized emblems are provided. The

medium sized is worn on both medal ribbon and ribbon bar. The eagle emblem of both sizes should be worn horizontally.

Other Emblems

0816. Certain emblems are authorized for wear on ribbons of some British orders, decorations and medals, to indicate the wearer has been awarded a bar or clasp to the original decoration or medal for subsequent acts of bravery and further distinguished conduct in the air or field. The emblems do not form part of the initial award and are not to be worn when the order, decoration or medal is worn in either full or miniature size: (see Note 1).

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| <p>a. Victoria Cross)
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| <p>b. Distinguished Service Order)
 Conspicuous Gallantry Cross)
 Military Cross)
 Distinguished Flying Cross)
 Air Force Cross)
 Distinguished Conduct Medal)
 (Now discontinued))
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)</p> <p>Conspicuous Gallantry medal)
 (Flying)(Now discontinued))</p> <p>Military Medal (Now discontinued)
 Distinguished Flying Medal)
 Air Force Medal)
 George Medal)
 Medal for Meritorious Service)</p> | <p>A small silver rosette in the centre of the ribbon. When two or more bars have been awarded to one of these orders, decorations and medals, the corresponding number of rosettes is to be worn.</p> |
| <p>c. Order of the British Empire)
 British Empire Medal)
 (Now discontinued))</p> | <p>A silver oak leaf emblem. (See Note 1)</p> |

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| d. | 1939-1945 Star |) | A small silver gilt rosette (see Note 2) in the centre of the ribbon to indicate the grant of the clasp 'Battle of Britain'. |
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| e. | Atlantic Star |) | A small silver rosette (see Note 2) in the centre of the ribbon to indicate a clasp granted as an alternative award. |
| | Aircrew Europe Star |) | |
| | Africa Star |) | |
| | |) | |
| | Burma Star |) | |
| | France and Germany Star |) | |
| f. | Long Service and Good Conduct Medal | | A small silver rosette in the centre of the ribbon. |
| g. | Cadet Force Medal |) | A small cupro-nickel rosette in the centre of the ribbon. When two bars have been awarded to one of these medals, a second rosette is to be worn. |
| | Royal Observer Corps |) | |
| | (Now discontinued) |) | |
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| h. | South Atlantic Medal | | A medium size silver plated rosette in the centre of the ribbon indicates service on the Falkland Islands or their Dependencies (if entitled). |

Note 1. Appointments to and promotions within the Order of the British Empire and awards of the British Empire Medal which have been granted on or after 14 January 1958 for gallantry, are indicated by an emblem of two silver oak leaves on the ribbon when worn with and without the order or medal.

Note 2 Not more than one clasp may be awarded to any one of these stars and only one emblem may be worn on any one of these ribbons, except for the South Atlantic Medal when two emblems may be worn.

0817. A small silver cross is superimposed on the ribbon of the Order of St John when it is worn without insignia

FOREIGN INSIGNIA

Acceptance and Permission to Wear

0818. Insignia of foreign orders, decorations and medals conferred by Heads of Governments of foreign status and by members of the Commonwealth overseas of which the Sovereign is not Head of State may only be accepted or worn with the prior permission of the Sovereign. Two

kinds of permission are given, namely unrestricted and restricted. The former authorizes the insignia to be worn on all occasions when British insignia are worn and the latter limits wear to specific occasions. Authority in regard to foreign orders is signified by either:

- a. Warrant under the Royal Sign Manual which grants unrestricted permission to wear the insignia, or
- b. Is published in the London Gazette, or
- c. Letter from the Sovereign's Private Secretary to the person concerned granting restricted permission and indicating the occasions when the insignia may be worn.

State decorations not carrying membership of an order of chivalry and medals are subject to the same regulations as orders but permission is conveyed by letter. However, campaign and commemorative war medals are subject to a different procedure as details of these awards and entitlement to wear the insignia are promulgated at the appropriate time by the Ministry of

Defence. Medals for saving or attempting to save life on land or at sea, whether conferred on behalf of the Head of Government of a foreign state or private life saving societies or institutions, may be accepted and worn without restrictions, subject to the limitations imposed by para 0844.

0819. Regulations governing acceptance and wearing of foreign and Commonwealth awards are defined in QRs J246 and J247 and Appendix 5. All permissions and enquiries through P1 to CS(Sec)1d.

Occasions for Wear

0820. The regulations governing the wearing of British orders, decorations and medals apply also to foreign orders, decorations and medals for which full permission for wearing has been given. Those subjected to restricted permission may, however, only be worn whether in full size or miniature, on the occasions mentioned in the letter of authority, whereas the ribbons are not to be worn on any occasion.

0821. Stars of foreign orders are worn on the right or left breast according to the regulations laid down by the Sovereign or Head of State by whom they are conferred. When it is the foreign custom to wear stars and/or badges on the right breast, the same procedure is to be adopted on all occasions when these insignia are worn by British nationals with uniform and plain clothes.

0822. When worn without their insignia, ribbons of foreign orders, decorations and medals, for which full permission to wear has been given, are to be the plain ribbons except for those which include an emblem and rosette on the ribbon of the badge or insignia of the order. In these cases, the emblem and rosette are to be worn. The ribbon is to be that of the grade or class which most closely conforms in width to that of a British medal ribbon ie 1¼ in (3.1cm) provided a ribbon of

a higher grade or class to that awarded is not worn. 'Semi-knots' in addition to the rosette are worn on the ribbon of the French Legion of Honour by officers who have received the following classes of that decoration.

- a. Grand Cross - Two 'semi-knots' of gold ribbon.
- b. Grand Officer - One 'semi-knot' of gold and one of silver ribbon.
- c. Commander - Two 'semi-knots' of silver ribbon.

The 'semi-knot' ribbon is ¼in (6mm) wide and, with the rosettes, is to be worn according to French custom.

0823. At functions organized by or for a representative of a foreign state, the star and/or neck decoration of that state, possessed by the wearer, is/are to be given precedence over similar British insignia. For instance, it would be appropriate for a Grand Officer of the Legion of Honour to wear the star and badge of that order at an official function at the French Embassy in place of the senior star and badge usually worn. This procedure ensures that due respect is paid to the state concerned. Decorations and medals mounted on a brooch should not be rearranged.

0824. In foreign countries, British officers are to wear their foreign stars and badges when foreign officers wear theirs. In the United Kingdom and other countries of the Commonwealth of which the Sovereign is Head of State, all foreign insignia will normally be worn after British insignia. Those granted several foreign orders, decorations and medals should wear them in order of the respective award dates. However, see notes to **Annex F** for exceptions to this rule.

WEARING OF INSIGNIA AND ACCOUTREMENTS WITH DAY UNIFORM

Ribbons

0825. With day uniform, ribbons of the orders, decorations and medals mentioned in **Annex F**, together with any emblems to which the wearer is entitled, but without insignia, are to be worn on the left breast of the jacket, frock or frock coat, as appropriate, of Nos 1, 6, 6B, 10 and 11 Dresses (see paras **0843** and **0844** regarding non-military medals). PMRAFNS will wear them on the left side of the service cape. Neither ribbons nor insignia are to be worn on shirts in temperate and warm-weather areas, HD jerseys, greatcoats, raincoats, coveralls, combat or protective clothing.

0826. Ribbons are to be worn in the sequence indicated in **Annex F**, with the senior ribbon nearest the lapel (and in the top row when more than one row is worn). They are to be sewn without intervals on uniforms worn in temperate areas. Ribbons are to be 7/16 in (11 mm) long and those of orders are to be the width of the ribbon of the membership of the order. If there is no membership class the ribbon is to be the width of the companionship of the order (ie 1½ in (3.8

cm) for the Orders of the Bath and British Empire). A row is to consist of not more than four ribbons. When more than four ribbons are worn, they are to be made up to display as many complete rows of four as possible with any incomplete row at the top. Each succeeding row is to be placed centrally above the row immediately below it, except when it is necessary for any row or rows to be shortened. To ensure that no ribbon is either, wholly or partly obscured by the lapel or collar, the upper row or row is/are to be shortened as necessary to display as many complete ribbons as possible in the space between the edge of the lapel or collar and sleeve head seam. The edges of the ribbons nearest the shoulder in each complete row must be in line vertically with the bottom row. The bottom row of ribbons is to be located immediately and centrally above the flap of the breast pocket, or in a similar position where pockets are not fitted. The space between rows is to 1/8 (3 mm) but, if four or more rows are worn, they are to be without space between rows.

Ribbon Brooches

0827. To facilitate detachment from uniform worn in warm-weather areas, ribbons and emblems are to be mounted on a brooch for wear with Nos 6, 6B and 11 Dresses. Brooches are obtainable in sizes 1 to 4, size 1 accommodating one ribbon, each subsequent size allowing for an additional ribbon. Multiples are also available for use by holders entitled to more than one row of ribbons. Ribbons and emblems are to be mounted on the brooch in the same manner as indicated in paras **0814, 0815, 0816 and 0826**.

Badge Brooches

0828. On ceremonial occasions, insignia of orders, decorations and medals, which are appropriate to wear on the breast, together with emblems are to be suspended from a single line brooch of which no part is to be visible. The brooch is worn with Nos 1, 1A, 6, 6A, 6B, 9 and 11 Dresses and is to be fixed to the garment in a horizontal position by beackets to cover, whenever possible, any ribbons already on the garment. Brooches are available in sizes 1 to 5 but should not be confused with the ribbon brooch worn with uniform in warm-weather areas referred to in para **0827**.

0829. Insignia are to be mounted in the sequence indicated in **Annex F**, with the senior award on the wearer's right. When, because of numbers, insignia cannot be suspended from the brooch so that they can be fully seen, they are to overlap with the senior award showing in full. Medals are to be worn showing the obverse side uppermost (normally the Sovereign's head). Bars and clasps are to be affixed so that they are equidistant from the top and bottom of the ribbon. The first bar or clasp awarded is to be nearest to the medal. Additional clasps are worn above in the sequence of qualifying dates. A large size emblem denoting a Mention in Despatches or a King's or Queen's Commendation is to be worn with the appropriate medal and affixed in the manner indicated in paras **0814 to 0815**.

0830. The ribbon on which an order, decoration or medal is suspended, is normally to be 1¼ in (3.2 cm) in length, shorter ribbons are not to be worn. When two or more orders, decorations or medals are worn, they are to be arranged so that the lower edges (or the lowest point of stars)

are in line. Exceptionally, because of differing lengths of decorations and medals and the addition of bars or clasps, it may be necessary to have ribbons of a greater length than 1¼ in (3.2 cm). A corresponding length of ribbon is to be worn in the assigned position in respect of an order (ie LVO, MVO, OBE, MBE and DSO), decoration or medal awarded but not received.

0831. As an alternative, orders, decorations and medals may be mounted in 'court' style, ie the insignia are mounted on a frame, the length of which will depend on the first order, decoration or medal to be mounted. The frame must show 1¼ in (3.2 cm) of ribbon from the top of the frame to the ring or bar of the order, decoration or medal. The ribbon is extended over the back of the frame and up the front, so that it covers the frame behind the insignia. The insignia are sewn to the frame, which should reach to approximately the centre of the orders, decorations or medals; they are to be level at the bottom edge. The main advantage of the 'court' style mounting is that the insignia are fixed firmly and the risk of damage by abrasion to enamelled and minted facings is reduced.

Collars of Orders

0832. Collars of orders of knighthood are to be worn by Knights of the Garter, Knights of the Thistle, Knights and Dames Grand Cross and Knights and Dames Grand Commanders, at appropriate ceremonies held on the following days and on other full ceremonial occasions when due notification is given.

Easter Sunday

Ascension Day

Whit Sunday

Trinity Sunday

January -

1st new Year's Day

6th The Epiphany

25th Conversion of St Paul

February -

2nd Presentation of Christ in the Temple

6th The Queen's Accession

March -

1st St David

17th St Patrick

25th Lady Day

April -

21st The Queen's Birthday

23rd St George

May -

29th Restoration of the Royal Family 28th Innocents Day

June -

2nd the Queen's Coronation

10th The Duke of Edinburgh's Birthday

24th St John the Baptist

August -

~~4th Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother's Birthday~~

6th Transfiguration

September -

29th St Michael and All Angels

November -

1st All Saints

30th St Andrew

December -

25th Christmas Day

26th St Stephen

0833. In addition to the dates given above, Collars should also be worn when her Majesty The Queen opens or prorogues Parliament, and by those taking part in the Ceremony of an introduction of a Peer or a Peeress, in the House of Lords. Collars should not be worn after sunset, nor by those who are mounted on ceremonial parades, such as Trooping the Colour, unless directions to that effect are specifically given.

0834. When wearing uniform, the collar with the badge appendant, should be worn under the shoulder boards or the epaulettes of the coat and over the aiguillettes. The collar should hang an equal distance back and front. When worn with mourning dress, the collar, with the badge appendant, should be worn over the shoulders, hanging an equal distance back and front. The method of fastening on each shoulder is optional - cotton stitches of an appropriate colour or the use of small gold safety pins is recommended.

Broad Riband

0835. Persons with two or more collars are to wear only one at a time (normally the senior). When a collar is worn, the associated broad riband with badge appendant is not to be worn but may be replaced by the broad riband with badge appendant of another order that person is entitled to wear.

0836. Broad riband worn by men are either 3¼ or 4 in (9.5 cm or 10 cm) wide, depending on the order, those worn by women are 2¼ (5.7 cm) wide. They are worn on full ceremonial occasions by Knights of the Garter, Knights of the Thistle, Knights and Dames Grand Cross, and Knights and Dames Grand Commanders. They are to be worn over the appropriate shoulder under the shoulder strap (if any), across the chest and under waist belt or sash), both back and front. The bow from which the badge is suspended rests on the hip below the belt or sash. Knights of the Garter and Knights of the Thistle wear them over the left shoulder and on the right hip. Broad riband of other British orders are worn over the right shoulder and on the left hip. A broad riband is worn under the aiguillette. The badge (1st class) is never to be worn as a neck decoration but, on collar days, is to be suspended from the appropriate collar. Collars of the Orders of the Garter, Thistle and Bath are already fitted with a badge. For other orders, the badge must be detached from the bow of the broad riband and attached to the collar.

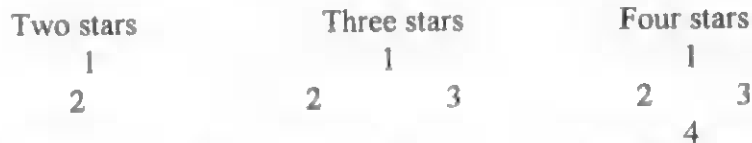
0837. Only one broad riband is to be worn at a time. If a person possesses more than one, it is usual to wear that of the senior order. However, it is permissible to wear that of a junior order, particularly at functions organized by or for a representative of a foreign state when a broad riband of the country should be worn in preference to that of a British order.

Stars

0838. Holders of British stars (1st and 2nd class) are always to wear them full size on the left breast. Some stars of foreign orders are intended for wear on the right breast and should be worn in this position with uniform. The maximum number of British stars that may normally be worn is three but this number may be increased to four if attending a function organized by or for a representative of a foreign state and the wearer holds a star of that state. Only one foreign star

may be worn with uniform on any occasion (see paras 0818 and 0819).

0839. A single star is positioned over the jacket/tunic pocket or in a similar position when a pocket is not incorporated into the garment. When wearing two stars, the senior is to be placed directly above the other star with the latter placed in a slightly lower position in relation to the pocket. Three stars are to be worn in a triangular formation and four stars in a diamond pattern. The precedence of position is (looking at the wearer):



A holder of two or more foreign stars from the same country is normally to wear that which has been awarded first.

0840. The correct manner of wearing British and foreign stars is indicated in the following examples:

a. The British and one French star

(1) At a non-French function, the three British stars only are to be worn.

(2) At a French function, if the French star is one worn on the left breast, the stars are to be worn in diamond formation with the French star in position 1, the senior British star in position 2 and the others in positions 3 and 4. If the French star is one worn on the right breast, the British stars are to be worn on the left breast in triangular formation with the senior in position 1 and the others in position 2 and 3. The French star is to be placed centrally on the right breast.

b. Two British and one French star

(1) At a non-French function, the two British stars only are to be worn.

(2) At a French function, if the French star is one worn on the left breast, the stars are to be worn in triangular formation with the French star in position 1, the senior British star in position 2 and the other in position 3. If the French star is one worn on the right breast, the senior British star is to be placed directly above the other on the left breast and the French star is to be placed centrally on the right breast.

c. One British and one French star

(1) At a non-French function only the British star is to be worn.

(2) At a French function, if the French star is worn on the left breast, it is to

be worn in position 1 directly above the British star on that side. If the French star is one worn on the right breast, it is to be worn centrally on that side with the British star in a similar position on the left breast.

- d. One French star only. The French star is only to be worn at a French function, either on the left of the right breast, as appropriate.

Neck Decorations

0841. Badges of the Order of Merit, Order of the Companions of Honour and of the 2nd and 3rd classes of a British order (not DSO), are to be worn with jacket style uniform round the neck on a ribbon of miniature width 5/8 in (16 mm), ie narrower than that used as the investiture. On full ceremonial occasions a maximum of two neck badges (including one foreign badge) may be worn. On ceremonial occasions only one neck badge is permitted. A single badge is to be worn with the ribbon under the shirt collar so that the badge hangs over the tie 3/4 in (19 mm) just below the knot (Chaplains, over the clerical stock). Those granted badges of more than one order are normally to wear the ribbon of the senior badge under the shirt collar and a second badge suspended from the ribbon emerging 3/4 in (19 mm) below the top buttonhole in the jacket/tunic. A small eye is stitched inside the garment to which the ribbon is fastened by a hook. If more than two foreign neck badges are held, the seniority is governed by the date of award (see paras **0818** and **0820**) in regard to foreign insignia and para **0846** for dress style uniform).

Service for an Order of Knighthood

0842. At a service organized for members of an order of knighthood, only the insignia of that order is prescribed for wear, eg at a service for the Order of the Bath the holder of a KBE and CB should only wear the CB neck badge. However, at a service for the Order of the British Empire, the holder of an OBE or MBE may also wear any other insignia mounted on the brooch. There is no need to detach any insignia from the brooch when attending this type of service

Non-Military Medals

0843. The only non-military medals that can be awarded for acts of gallantry and are allowed to be worn with uniform are:

- a. British official medals, eg the Medal for Saving Life at Sea (formerly Board of Trade Medal). These are worn on the left breast.
- b. The medals of the Royal Humane Society, the Stanhope Gold Medal awarded by that body, the Medal of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, and the Life Saving Medal of the Order of St John of Jerusalem. These are worn on the right breast, in a similar position to the military medals which are worn on the left breast.
- c. Medals awarded on behalf of the head of Government of a foreign state. These

are worn on the left breast.

0844. Not more than two of the medals mentioned in para **0843** may be worn for one act of gallantry, viz one British official medal and one of the medals mentioned in sub-paras b and c. In no circumstances are medals awarded by private societies, other than those mentioned in sub-para b, to be worn with uniform. When any of the medals referred to above are awarded to RAF personnel a statement of the fact is to be sent to the Ministry of Defence CS(Sec)1d so that the necessary authority may be issued for the distinction to be worn.

0845. Omitted.

Insignia worn by Women

0846. With the exception of the royal Victorian Chain, women wear orders, decorations and medals with uniform jackets in the same manner as men. However, with dress style uniform, badges of the 2nd and 3rd class of British orders (DCB, DCMG, DCVO, CB, CMG, CVO and CBE) are worn on a bow below the badge brooch with Nos 6 and 6A Dresses instead of round the neck as with Nos 1 and 1A Dresses. When these badges are presented to women, tow alternative ribbons fittings are provided.

Insignia worn by Chaplains

0847. Chaplains participating in a parade or religious service are to wear orders, decorations and medals when personnel on parade or in the congregation are required to do so.

Awards prior to Establishment

0848. A person awarded any of the order, decorations and medals listed in Annex F (including foreign insignia authorized for wear by the Sovereign) is entitled to wear the appropriate insignia irrespective of status at the time of the award. For example, a policeman awarded the George Medal is entitled to wear the ribbons and medal on RAF uniform if he subsequently enlists in the Service.

Insignia worn under Greatcoats

0849. Greatcoats worn by RAF and PMRAFNS personnel are not buttoned up to the neck on ceremonial occasions and, when worn with full ceremonial dress, those entitled should normally wear their senior neck decoration. Aiguillettes, orders, decorations and medals need not be worn under the greatcoat unless the garment has to be removed soon after the ceremony. This might apply at a parade to present a Queen's Colour or Squadron Standard, when the ceremony is to be immediately followed by persons being presented indoors to a member of the Royal Family

Dress with which Insignia may be Worn

0850. Orders, decorations and medals which may be worn with Nos 1 and 1A Dresses are

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indicated in Annex A to this chapter, Nos 6, 6A and 6B Dresses in **Annex B** and Nos 9 and 11 Dresses in **Annex C**.

Aiguillettes, Cyphers and Swords, etc

0851. Information on the wearing of aiguillettes and cyphers is given in **Chap 9**; swords, sword belts, ceremonial belts, white polyethylene webbing and white gloves are covered in **Chap 10**.

WEARING OF INSIGNIA AND ACCOUTREMENTS WITH EVENING UNIFORM

Foreign Insignia and Non-Military Medals

0852. The regulations for wearing foreign insignia and non-military medals with evening uniform are the same as for wear with day uniform (see paras **0818** to **0824** also **0843** and **0844**).

Ribbons

0853. Except with No 4 Dress when worn in temperate areas, ribbons without insignia or orders, decorations and medals, are not to be worn with evening uniform.

Badge Brooches

0854. Miniature badges or orders, decorations and medals, arranged in a single brooch in the manner prescribed for full size badges in para **0829**, are always to be worn with Nos 5, 5A, 5B and 8 (officer pattern) Dresses as follows:

- a. By women. Centrally on the left breast on the dress so that the top edge of the brooch is $\frac{1}{4}$ in (6 mm) below the base of the rank badge.
- b. By men. On the left lapel of the jacket, $\frac{1}{8}$ in (3 mm) below a flying badge or $\frac{1}{2}$ in (13 mm) below a flying badge or $\frac{1}{2}$ in (13 mm) below a medical, dental, or chaplaincy collar badge and in a corresponding position when there is no entitlement to a distinguishing badge.

The length of the miniature brooch will vary according to the number of miniatures mounted but it is never to project beyond the inside edge or shoulder seam of the men's jacket or women's dress. Ribbons are to overlap if necessary and badges may be mounted in 'court style'; (see para **0831**).

0855. The length of miniature ribbons is to be the same as that for full size badges mounted on a brooch, (see para **0830**). However, the width and design of ribbons is to be scaled down to half full size, eg:

- a. Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Force Cross. Width of ribbon 5/8 in (16 mm) and width of stripes 1/16 in (1.6 mm).
- b. Distinguished Flying Medal and Air Force Medal. Width of ribbon 5/8 in (16 mm) and width of stripes 1/32 in (1 mm).

0856. The types and sizes of miniature badges to be worn on the brooch are as follows:

- a. Order of the Bath and Order of St Michael and St George. Members of the various classes wear a replica of the badge of the 3rd class of these orders and half the size of the 3rd class badge.
- b. Royal Victorian Order. Members of the first four classes wear replicas in enamel of the badges of the respective classes but the size of the badge of the 4th class. The miniature badge worn by members of the 5th class is a replica of the 5th class but half the size of the badge.
- c. Order of the British Empire. Members of the five classes of the order wear replicas of the badges of the respective classes but half the size of the badge of the 4th class.
- d. Distinguished Service Order. A replica of the badge is worn half size
- e. Decorations and medals. A replica of the appropriate badge is worn half size

0857. Knights Grand Cross, Dames Grand Cross, Knights Grand Commanders, Dames Grand Commanders, Knights Commander, Dames Commander, Commanders and Companions of orders may continue to wear on the brooch, in company with other miniatures, the miniature badge of the order to which they belong even though a broad riband, star and/or full size badge of the same order is worn as well on a full ceremonial evening occasion. However, this is not permitted if the holder has no entitlement to wear other miniatures with it.

Collars of Orders

0858. Collars of orders are not worn with evening uniform.

Broad Riband

0859. A broad riband is worn with Nos 5, 5A and 8 Dresses on full ceremonial occasions (a broad riband is not worn on ceremonial occasions) with the badge resting on the appropriate hip in the following manner:

- a. Men. A shortened version, purchased at own expense, is worn under the jacket but over the waistcoat of No 5A Dress and over the cummerbund of No 8 Dress. It does

not pass over the shoulder and down the back as with day uniform but is to be fastened on the waistcoat of No 5A Dress at the front of the armhole with two holes and buttons and at the opposite hip front by a pointed flap with a buttonhole. With No 8 Dress the riband is to be similarly fastened to the shirt and cummerbund. The top of the riband is to be fastened to avoid sagging and undue covering of the shirt front.

b. Women. Over the appropriate shoulder, across the chest and down the back with the bow from which the badge is suspended, resting on the opposite hip where it should be attached to the dress to prevent movement, (see paras 0836 and 0837 in regard to the correct shoulder for wear and persons possessing more than one riband).

Stars

0860. On full ceremonial evening occasions, a maximum of three British and one foreign star (all full size) are worn on the appropriate breast with Nos 5A and 8 Dress. On ceremonial evening occasions a maximum of two stars are worn with Nos 5B and 8 Dress. Stars attached by beackets are positioned as follows:

a. Men.

(1) One star. Centrally, covering the middle button.

(2) Two stars. One above the other, the senior between the top and middle buttons and the junior between the middle and bottom buttons.

(3) Three stars. In triangular formation, the senior at the apex between the top and middle buttons and the other two horizontally in line between the middle and bottom buttons.

(4) Four stars. If four stars are worn on the left breast, they are to be in diamond formation with the foreign star at the top between the top and middle buttons. The centre worn horizontally in line between the middle and buttons and the lower star in line vertically with the top one.

b. Ladies. One star centrally, 6 in (15 cm) above the waist on the appropriate side. Additional stars in the same pattern as by men.

(See paras 0839 and 0840 regarding the precedence for positioning and occasions when a foreign star may be worn).

Neck Decorations

0861. Only one neck badge may be worn with Nos 5A, 5B and 8 Dresses on full ceremonial or

ceremonial evening occasions. The badge is to be of full size and when worn by men is suspended from a ribbon of miniature width (5/8 in (16 mm)) and worn round the neck under the tie with a stiff collar or under the collar with a soft collar. The badge should hang close up below the tie. Women wear the badge on a bow of the ribbon of the order immediately and centrally below the miniatures, fixed either by beackets or pinned to the dress.

0862. Those granted badges of more than one order, normally wear that of the senior order (see para **0841** regarding foreign neck badges).

Nos 4 and 6 Dresses

0863. Neither badges of orders, decorations and medals nor ribbons are to be worn on No 6 Dress or No 4 Dress when worn as mess dress in warm-weather areas. The only occasion when insignia may be worn with No 4 Dress is in temperate areas when Royalty are present. Insignia is to be full size and worn exactly in the same manner as for No 1 Dress.

Insignia which may be worn with Evening Uniform

0864. Insignia which may be worn with Nos 4, 5A, 5B and 8 Dresses, also No 6 Dress when worn as mess dress, are indicated in **Annex D** to this chapter.

Aiguillettes and Cyphers

0865. The wearing of aiguillettes and cyphers with evening uniform is referred to in **Chap 9**.

WEARING OF INSIGNIA WITH PLAIN CLOTHES

0866. The type of plain clothes and the insignia to be worn at a function will be notified by the sponsor. However, the wearing of orders, decorations and medals with plain clothes is always to be at the discretion of the holder. Details of insignia which may be worn with this type of dress are indicated in **Annex E** to this chapter.

Morning Dress

0867. Orders, decorations and medals are rarely worn with morning dress but may be prescribed for some important official functions such as State and Royal Air Force occasions, also religious services commemorating the Battle of Britain, other important anniversaries, orders of knighthood and memorial services for distinguished people. Insignia is to be of full size and worn as indicated in **Annex E** column c.

Full evening dress

0868. Orders, decorations and medals may be worn with full evening dress on the following occasions:

- a. Parties and dinners when any of the undermentioned members of the Royal Family are present:

Her Majesty The Queen

~~Her Majesty The Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother~~

His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh

His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales

~~Her Royal Highness The Princess of Wales~~

His Royal Highness The Duke of York

~~Her Royal Highness The Duchess of York~~

His Royal Highness The Prince Edward — HRH THE COUNTESS OF WESSEX

Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal

Their Royal Highnesses:

~~The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon~~

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester

The Duke and Duchess of Kent

Prince and Princess Michael of Kent

Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady Angus Ogilvy

- b. Parties and dinners given in houses of ambassadors and ministers accredited to Her Majesty's Court, unless notified otherwise by the ambassador or minister concerned.

- c. Official dinners, receptions and balls, including Naval, Military and RAF dinners, dinners of City Livery companies and public dinners.

- d. Official occasions when the hosts are:

- (1) The Lord Lieutenant of a county, within his county.
- (2) The High Sheriff of a county, within his county.
- (3) Cabinet ministers.
- (4) Ex-Cabinet ministers.
- (5) Knights of the Order of the Garter.
- (6) Knights of the Order of the Thistle.
- (7) Great Officers of State and of the Sovereign's Household.
- (8) Lords Mayor and Mayors.
- (9) Lords Provost and Provosts.

The words 'evening dress, decorations' on the invitation card will be the intimation from the host that the entertainment is an official one and that full evening dress with full orders, decorations and medals should be worn in accordance with **Annex E** column d. However, those not in possession of this attire may wear a dinner jacket with insignia as indicated in column e of the annex.

Dinner Jacket

0869. Occasions arise when it is more appropriate to wear a dinner jacket than full evening dress. The words 'dinner jacket, decorations' on the invitation card indicate that insignia should be worn with a dinner jacket in accordance with **Annex E** column e. This applies irrespective of whether the shirt being worn has a soft or stiff collar. The words 'dinner jacket, miniatures' imply that only those miniature orders, decorations and medals mounted on a brooch should be worn with this dress. 'Decorations' would be appropriate for wear with a dinner jacket when serving RAF officers are in No 5A Dress; 'miniatures' when No 5B Dress is worn.

Lounge Suit

0870. On certain occasions it is appropriate to wear some orders, also decorations and medals with a lounge suit. When this applies, those entitled should wear the insignia in accordance with **Annex E** column f. One neck badge of an order is permitted and full size insignia mounted on a medal bar are worn on the left side as with uniform. Stars are not to be worn. On all such occasions, wearing insignia will be at the discretion of the holder.

Foreign Insignia and Non-Military Medals

0871. The regulations for wearing insignia and non-military medals with plain clothes are the same as for wear with uniform. (See paras **0818** to **0824**, **0843** and **0874**).

Ribbons

0872. The ribbons of orders, decorations and medals, without the badges attached, may be worn on all occasions with all forms of plain clothes at the discretion of the holder. They should be sewn on the coat or dress or may be worn on a brooch.

Badges Brooches

0873. The same badges which are mounted on a brooch for wear with uniform are suitable for wear with plain clothes. When worn by men with full evening dress and dinner jacket, the brooch is worn on the left lapel of the coat in a horizontal position, 1 in (2.5 cm) below the forward point of the shoulder. With morning dress and lounge suit, it is worn on the left breast of the coat in the same position as with uniform.

Collars of Orders

0874. Collars of orders of knighthood are not worn with full evening dress, dinner jacket or lounge suit and are only worn with morning dress when specially ordered for an occasion such as a service of an order of knighthood (see para **0835** in regard to those possessing two or more collars). The collar should be worn round the neck over the shoulders, hanging an equal distance back and front. The method of fastening on each shoulder is optional, either cotton stitches or an appropriate colour or small gold safety pins will suffice.

Broad Riband

0875. On appropriate occasions, the shortened version of the broad riband with badge appendant, which is worn with evening uniform, may be worn with full evening dress over the waistcoat. The correct shoulder for wear is given in para **0836** and the method of attachment is indicated in para **0859a**.

Stars

0876. On suitable occasions, stars - (always full size) may be worn with morning dress and full evening dress. The number of stars, their precedence and positioning are the same as for wear with uniform, (see paras **0838** to **0840**). A maximum of one star may be worn with a dinner jacket. Stars should be attached by beackets.

Neck Decorations

0877. A neck badge may be worn on suitable occasions with morning dress, full evening dress, dinner jacket and lounge suit. The badge, full size, is suspended on a ribbon of miniature width worn round the neck, under the collar with a soft collar or under the tie with a stiff collar. The badge should hang close up below a bow tie or 3/4 in (19 mm) below the tie knot in front of an open-ended tie, (see para **0841** regarding those granted badges or more than one order).

Insignia worn by Women

0878. The choice of plain clothes worn by women at a particular function should be influenced by the degree of formality of the dress prescribed for men, and insignia or orders, decorations and medals may be worn when it is appropriate. Badges on a brooch are worn on the left breast of the garment and, according to the occasion, are to be the same size as those worn by men. Holders of the RRC or ARRC should wear their badge mounted on the brooch. A broad riband may be worn with evening dress in the same manner as with evening uniform (see para **0859b**). A single star is worn centrally on the left side about 6 in (15 cm) above the waist. Women holding insignia of the 2nd and 3rd classes of British Orders, (see Serials 2 and 4 of the annex), may wear one neck badge (full size) mounted on a bow immediately and centrally below the badge brooch. Holders of more than one neck badge normally wear the senior badge but on certain occasions, a junior badge may be worn instead, if appropriate.

Insignia worn on an Overcoat

0879. Only those orders, decorations and medals normally mounted on a brooch may be worn on an overcoat by the holder.

Insignia worn by Next of Kin

0880. At certain functions, orders, decorations and medals, mounted on a brooch belonging to next of kin may be worn on the right side of the coat, dress or overcoat. This would be appropriate when widows attend a Battle of Britain or Remembrance Day Service. Serving personnel should not wear orders, decorations or medals belonging to next of kin when in uniform.



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