

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. Within this chapter the term 'riband', is used for any material from which may be suspended Orders, Decorations or Medals. The term 'ribbon' is used for that material that is stitched directly on to a uniform to denote the award of an Order, Decoration or Medal.

Award Ceremonies.

0802. Investitures. 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.

0804. Attendance. 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. A person receiving an award at an investiture is usually entitled to bring three guests.

0805. If a person is unable to attend an investiture through ill-health, or service abroad, attendance may be deferred. However, in cases when permanent ill-health prevents attendance at an investiture, arrangements can be made thru the Central Chancery at St James Palace for insignia to be sent by post.

0806. Recipients of Other Awards. 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.

0807. Posthumous Awards. 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.

0808. Effective Date for wearing of Ribbons and Insignia. 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 **0859**). 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, e.g 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. Orders of Dress. Orders of dress for Ceremonial Occasions are detailed at Chap 10.

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

Applications of replacements should be sent through normal channels to AMP (Sec) 1c for decorations and PMA (Sec) 1c 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 belonging to deceased persons is not normally 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. A general pictorial description of order of wear for medals is shown at Annex E to this chapter. A full list, Annex F shows the order in which Orders, Decorations and Medals should be worn; the list also indicates where it is appropriate to use letters after the name.

EMBLEMS

Mentions in Despatches

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) 1945 – 1993. 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 1).

(2) 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.

b. Queen's Commendation For Brave Conduct Or Valuable Service In The Air

(1) **Queen's Commendation for bravery (1994 and subsequently).** The Emblem of silver laurel leaves granted to a civilian is worn directly on the coat after any Medal ribands. When the Emblem 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).

(2) **Queen's Commendation for valuable service in the air (1952-94).** The 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 ribands. In civil airline uniform the badge is worn on the panel of the left breast pocket.

(3) **Queen's Commendation for bravery (1994 and subsequently).** The silver eagle Emblem granted to civilians is worn directly on the coat after any Medal ribands. When the Emblem is granted to Armed Forces personnel it should be worn in a identical manner to that described above for Mentions in Despatches (1993 and subsequently).

(4) **Queen's Commendation for valuable service (1993 and subsequently)** The Emblem of silver oak leaves should be worn in a identical manner to that described above for Mentions in Despatches (1993 and subsequently).

0815. There are three sizes of each emblem, prior to September 1993 (see Note 2), 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 is 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 on a piece of cloth of the same colour as the uniform 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 (i.e. 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 outerwear. 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 size 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 authorised 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.)

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| <p>a. Victoria Cross</p> | <p>}
}
}</p> | <p>The original award includes a miniature replica of the cross in the centre of the ribbon (bronze for the VC and silver for the GC). The award of a bar to the original decoration is to be marked by the addition of a second miniature cross on the ribbon. An additional cross being added for each bar awarded.</p> |
| <p>b. Distinguished Service Order
Conspicuous Gallantry Cross
Military Cross
Distinguished Flying Cross
Air Force Cross
Distinguished Conduct Medal
(Now discontinued)</p> | <p>}
}
}
}
}
}
}
}</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>Conspicuous Gallantry Medal
(Flying) (Now discontinued)</p> | <p>}
}</p> | |
| <p>Military Medal
(Now discontinued)
Distinguished Flying Medal
Air Force Medal
George Medal
Medal for Meritorious Service</p> | <p>}
}
}
}
}
}</p> | |
| <p>c. Order of the British Empire
British Empire Medal
(Now discontinued)</p> | <p>}
}
}</p> | <p>A silver oak leaf emblem. (See Note 1)</p> |
| <p>d. 1939 – 1945 Star</p> | <p>}
}</p> | <p>A small silver gilt rosette (see Note 2) in the centre of the ribbon to indicate the grant of the clasp 'Battle of Britain'.</p> |

e.	Atlantic Star Aircrew Europe Star Africa Star Burma Star France and Germany Star	} } } } }	A small silver rosette (see Note 2) in the centre of the ribbon to indicate a clasp granted as an alternative award.
f.	Long Service and Good Conduct Medal	} }	A small silver rosette in the centre of the ribbon.
g.	Cadet Force Medal Royal Observer Corps (Now discontinued)	} } }	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.
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.

The Elizabeth Cross

0818. The Elizabeth Cross and Memorial Scroll are granted to the Next of Kin of UK Armed Forces personnel who have died on operations or as a result of an act of terrorism in national recognition of their loss and sacrifice. The Elizabeth Cross is not a posthumous medal for the fallen but an emblem demonstrating tangible national recognition for Service families for their loss. The Elizabeth Cross is made of hallmarked silver and is in the form of a cross with a laurel wreath passing between the arms. The arms of the Cross bear floral symbols representing England (Rose), Scotland (Thistle), Ireland (Shamrock) and Wales (Daffodil). The centre of the Cross bears the crowned Cipher of Her Majesty The Queen. The reverse of the Cross is engraved with the name of the Service person in whose memory it is granted. The Elizabeth Cross,

accompanied by a miniature version, is presented in a black leather style presentation box with the Royal Cipher on the lid and the Royal Coat of Arms on the inner silk lining.



Wearing in Civilian Clothing

0819. The Elizabeth Cross is not a medal and there are therefore no formal rules for its wear on civilian clothes. It is an emblem designed for wear by both men and women on the lapel/collar of a jacket and the recipient may wear it at any time he/she deems appropriate. It is intended that the Elizabeth Cross will be worn on formal occasions such as Remembrance Sunday with the miniature being worn at less formal events, or every day if desired.

Wearing in Uniform

0820. Wearing the Elizabeth Cross in uniform is entirely at the discretion of the recipient. It may be worn in formal orders of uniform when other medals are worn but the Elizabeth Cross is to be worn above the breast pocket on the right side i.e. the opposite side to all other medals. It is to be worn centred above the breast pocket button such that the base of the Cross is 5mm above the pocket seam. The miniature Cross may be worn when other miniatures are worn but again it is to be worn on the right side of the uniform. Questions about wearing the Elizabeth Cross in uniform are to be directed to AIR 38 Gp A4 Ceremonial and Policy .

FOREIGN INSIGNIA

Acceptance and Permission to Wear

0821. 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 authorises 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 **0847**.

0822. 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 AMP (Sec) 1c.

Occasions for Wear

0823. 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.

0824. 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.

0825. 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 i.e. 1¼" (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-knots' of gold and one of silver ribbon.
- c. Commander Two 'semi-knots' of silver ribbon.

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

0826. At functions organised 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 British 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.

0827. 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

Breast Ribbons

0828. Method of Wear. 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 No 1 and No 6 SD (see paras **0846** and **0847** regarding non-military medals). Neither ribbon nor insignia are to be worn on shirts in temperate and warm-weather areas, HD jerseys, greatcoats, outerwear, coveralls, combat or protective clothing.

0829. Positioning of Breast Ribbons. Ribbons are to be worn in the sequence indicated in **Annex F**, in importance 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 $\frac{7}{16}$ " (11mm) 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 (i.e. $1\frac{1}{2}$ " (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 rows 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 be $\frac{1}{8}$ " (3mm) but, if four or more rows are worn, they are to be without space between rows.

Ribbon Brooches – Warm Weather Areas

0830. To facilitate detachment from uniforms worn in warm-weather areas, ribbons and emblems are to be mounted on a brooch for wear with No 6, and No 11 SD uniforms. 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 **0829**.

Badge Brooches

0831. 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 No 1, 1A, 6 and 6A SD 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 brooch worn with uniform in warm-weather areas referred to in para **0829**.

0832. Mounting. Medals are to be mounted in the sequence indicated in **Annex F**, in importance with 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**. A length of ribbon is to be worn in the assigned position in respect of any Order awarded (LVO, MVO, OBE, MBE and DSO), decoration or medal awarded but not received. This only applies when two or more are to be worn.

0833. Court Mounting. With the exception of WOs & below in the QCS and personnel serving with the Queens Household, court mounting is carried out at private expense. As an alternative, orders, decorations and medals may be mounted in 'court' style, i.e. 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" (3.2cm) of riband from the top of the frame to the ring or bar of the order, decoration or medal. The riband 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. A basic example of court mounting can be found at Annex E.

0834. Medal Riband Length. The riband on which an order, decoration or medal is suspended, is normally to be 1¼" (3.2cm) in length; shorter ribands 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 ribands of a greater length than 1¼" (3.2cm).

Collars of Orders

0835. 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

June

2nd The Queen's Coronation
10th The Duke of Edinburgh's Birthday
24th St John the Baptist

August

6th Transfiguration

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

September

29th St Michael and All Angels

November

1st All Saints
30th St Andrew

December

25th Christmas Day
26th St Stephen
28th Innocents Day

0836. 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.

0837. 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

0838. 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.

0839. Broad ribands worn by men are either 3¼ or 4" (9.5cm or 10cm) wide, depending on the order, those worn by women are 2¼" (5.7cm) 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. 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.

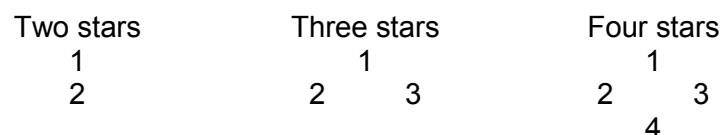
Collars of the Orders of the Garter, Thistle and Bath are already fitted with a badge. For other orders, the badge must be detached from the bow of the broad riband and attached to the collar.

0840. 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 organised 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

0841. 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 of British stars that may normally be worn is three but this number may be increased to four if attending a function organised 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 **0821** and **0822**).

0842. 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. The 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.

0843. The correct manner of wearing British and foreign stars is indicated in the following examples:

a. Three 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 or the right breast, as appropriate.**Neck Decorations**

0844. 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 $\frac{5}{8}$ " (16mm), i.e. narrower than that used at the investiture. On full ceremonial occasions a maximum of two neck badges (including any 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 $\frac{3}{4}$ " (19mm) 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 $\frac{3}{4}$ " (19mm) 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 **0821** and **0822**) in regard to foreign insignia and para **0848** for dress style uniform).

Service for an Order of Knighthood

0845. At a service organised for members of an order of knighthood, only the insignia of that order is prescribed for wear, e.g. 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

0846. 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, e.g. 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 that 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.

0847. Not more than two of the medals mentioned in para **0846** 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 AMP(Sec)1c so that the necessary authority may be issued for the distinction to be worn.

Insignia worn by Women

0848. 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 No 6 and 6A SD instead of round the neck as with No 1 and 1A SD. When these badges are presented to women, two alternative ribbons fittings are provided.

Insignia Worn by Chaplains

0849. 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

0850. A person awarded any of the orders, decorations and medals listed in **Annex F** (including foreign insignia 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

0851. 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

0852. Orders, decorations and medals which may be worn with No 1 and 1A SD are indicated in **Annex A** to this chapter, No 6 and 6A SD in **Annex B**.

Aiguillettes, Cyphers and Swords, etc

0853. 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

0854. The regulations for wearing foreign insignia and non-military medals with evening uniform are the same as for wear with day uniform (see paras **0821** to **0822** also **0846** and **0847**).

Ribbons

0855. Except with No 4 SD when worn in temperate areas, ribbons without insignia or orders, decorations and medals, are not to be worn with evening uniform

Miniature Orders, Decorations and Medals

0856. Occasions for Wear. Miniature badges or orders, decorations and medals are normally reserved for evening functions and are worn with No 5, 5A, 5B and 8 SD uniforms (Mess Dresses). Foreign awards are subject to the same rules for full size versions at **Para 0821**.

0857. Badge & Riband Sizing. Miniature medals are to be approximately half the size of the equivalent full size medal, miniature Orders are to be half the size of the lowest class of the full order. The length of miniature ribands is to be the same as that for full size badges mounted on a brooch, (see Para **0833**). However, the width and design of ribands is to be scaled down to half full size.

0858. Mounting. All miniature orders, decorations and medals to which the wearer is entitled, should be mounted together on a single medal brooch in the manner prescribed for full size badges in Para **0832**. 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 jacket. Ribands are to overlap if necessary and badges may be mounted in 'court style', (see Para **0834**). The medal brooch is worn as follows:

- a. On the left lapel of the jacket, $\frac{1}{8}$ " (3mm) below a flying badge or $\frac{1}{2}$ " (13mm) below a flying badge or $\frac{1}{2}$ " (13mm) below a medical, dental, or chaplaincy collar badge and in a corresponding position when there is no entitlement to a distinguishing badge.

0859. Mixing of Full Size and Miniature Orders. It is not permissible to wear a single miniature of an Order if the full size version is being worn, for example, a CBE neck badge and CBE miniature worn singly. However an example of the miniature Order may be worn if the individual is wearing two or more Orders, Decorations or Medals in miniature form on their medal brooch.

Collars of Orders

0860. Collars of orders are not worn with evening uniform.

Broad Ribands

0861. A broad riband is worn with No 5, 5A, 5B and 8 SD uniforms (Mess Dresses) on full ceremonial occasions and ceremonial occasions with the badge resting on the appropriate hip in the following manner: A shortened version, purchased at own expense, is worn under the jacket but over the waistcoat of No 5A and 5B SD and over the cummerbund of No 8 SD. 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 SD 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 SD 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. For females wearing a dress, then the appropriate riband is worn 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 **0839** and **0840** in regard to the correct shoulder for wear and persons possessing more than one riband).

Stars

0862. On full ceremonial evening occasions, a maximum of three British and one foreign star (all full size) are worn on the appropriate breast with No 5A and 8 SD. On ceremonial evening occasions a maximum of two stars are worn with No 5B and 8 SD. Stars attached by beackets are positioned as follows:

a. Mess Dress

(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 bottom buttons and the lower star in line vertically with the top one.

(See paras **0842** and **0843** regarding the precedence for positioning and occasions when a foreign star may be worn).

Neck Decorations

0863. Only one neck badge may be worn with No 5, 5A, 5B and 8 SD. 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 ($\frac{5}{8}$ " (16mm)) 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.

0864. Those granted badges of more than one order, normally wear that of the senior order (see para **0844** regarding foreign neck badges).

No 4 and 6 SD.

0865. Neither badges of orders, decorations and medals nor ribbons are to be worn on No 6 or No 4 SD when worn as mess dress in warm-weather areas. The only occasion when insignia may be worn with No 4 SD 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 SD.

Insignia which may be worn with Evening Uniform

0866. Insignia which may be worn with No 4, 5A, 5B and 8 SD, also No 6 SD when worn as mess dress, are indicated in **Annex C** to this chapter.

Aiguillettes and Cyphers

0867. The wearing of aiguillettes and cyphers with evening uniform is referred to in **Chap 9**.

WEARING OF INSIGNIA WITH PLAIN CLOTHES

0868. General. 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 may be worn with this type of dress are indicated in **Annex D** to this chapter.

Morning Dress

0869. 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 D** column c.

Full Evening Dress

0870. Orders, decorations and medals may be worn with full evening dress on the following occasions:

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

Her Majesty The Queen
His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh
His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales
Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cornwall
His Royal Highness The Duke of York
His Royal Highness The Earl of Wessex
Her Royal Highness The Countess of Wessex
Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal

Their Royal Highnesses:
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) Lord 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 D** 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

0871. 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 D** 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 SD; 'miniatures' when No 5B SD is worn.

Lounge Suit

0872. 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 D** 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

0873. The regulations for wearing insignia and non-military medals with plain clothes are the same as for wearing with uniform. (See paras **0821** to **0827**, **0846** and **0877**).

Ribbons

0874. 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

0875. 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" (2.5cm) below the forward point of the shoulder. With morning dress and lounge suite, it is worn on the left breast of the coat in the same position as with uniform.

Collars of Orders

0876. 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 order of knighthood (see para **0838** 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

0877. 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

0878. 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

0879. A neck badge may be worn on suitable occasions with morning dress, full evening dress, dinner jacket and lounge suite. 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 the bow tie or $\frac{3}{4}$ " (19mm) below the tie knot in front of an open-ended tie, (see para **0844** regarding those granted badges or more than one order).

Insignia Worn by Women

0880. 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 centrally on the left side about 6" (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

0881. 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

0882. At certain functions, order, 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.

INSIGNIA WORN WITH DAY UNIFORM IN TEMPERATE AREA

Ser No	Appointment	Dress Type	
		No 1 SD	No 1A SD
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	Knights of the Garter. Knights of the Thistle. Knights Grand Cross. Dames Grand Cross. Knights Grand Commanders. Dames Grand Commanders.	<p>Full ceremonial occasions</p> <p>A broad riband with badge appendant worn over the appropriate shoulder (see Note 1). Max of 4 stars on the left breast (see Note 2). A collar of knighthood is only worn if ordered for a special occasion (see Note 3).</p> <p>Ceremonial occasions</p> <p>Max of 2 stars. A broad riband and collar of knighthood are not to be worn</p>	<p>Full ceremonial occasions</p> <p>As in column c.</p> <p>Ceremonial occasions</p> <p>AVMs and above should wear No 1A SD with insignia as in column c.</p>
2	Knights Commander. Dames Commander.	<p>Full ceremonial occasions</p> <p>Stars as in Ser 1. Max of 2 neck badges (see Note 6).</p> <p>Ceremonial occasions</p> <p>Max of 2 stars and one neck badge</p>	<p>Full ceremonial occasions</p> <p>As in column c.</p> <p>Ceremonial occasions</p> <p>AVMs and above should wear No 1A SD with insignia as in column c.</p>
3	Knights Bachelor.	<p>Full ceremonial occasions</p> <p>The badge on the left breast as an order star.</p> <p>Ceremonial occasions</p> <p>As on full ceremonial occasions</p>	<p>Full ceremonial occasions</p> <p>As in column c.</p> <p>Ceremonial occasions</p> <p>As on full ceremonial occasions</p>
4	Members of the Order of Merit. Baronets. Companions of Honour. Companions of the several orders of the knighthood. Commanders of the Order of St John.	<p>Full ceremonial occasions</p> <p>Max of 2 neck badges (see Note 6).</p> <p>Ceremonial occasions</p> <p>Max of one neck badge.</p>	<p>Full ceremonial occasions</p> <p>As in Ser No 1, above</p> <p>Ceremonial occasions</p> <p>AVMs and above should wear No 1A SD with insignia as in column c.</p>

Ser No	Appointment	Dress Type	
		No 1 SD	No 1A SD
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
5	<p> Holders of the Royal Victorian Chain</p>	<p>Full ceremonial occasions Worn round the neck in place of a neck badge by men and on the left side by women (see Note 7).</p> <p>Ceremonial occasions As for full ceremonial occasions</p>	<p>Full ceremonial occasions As in column c.</p> <p>Ceremonial occasions AVMs and above should wear No 1A SD with insignia as in column c.</p>
6	<p>Persons who have been awarded the Victoria Cross and/or George Cross</p> <p>Companions of the Distinguished Service Order</p> <p>Member of the Royal Victorian Order (Class IV)</p> <p>Officers of the Order of the British Empire</p> <p>Members of the Royal Victorian Order (Class V)</p> <p>Companions of the Imperial Service Order</p> <p>Members of the Order of the British Empire</p> <p>Persons who have been awarded:</p> <p>Royal Red Cross (Class 1) Distinguished Flying Cross Air Force Cross Royal Red Cross (Class II) Order of St John (Officers, Serving Brothers, Serving Sisters) Medals</p>	<p>Full ceremonial occasions Full size badges of orders, decorations and medals on a brooch on the left breast.</p> <p>Ceremonial occasions As for full ceremonial occasions.</p>	<p>Full ceremonial occasions As in column c.</p> <p>Ceremonial occasions AVMs and above should wear No 1A SD with insignia as in column c.</p>

Ser No	Appointment	Dress Type	
		No 1 SD	No 1A SD
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
7	Max insignia which may be worn	<p>Full ceremonial occasions</p> <p>A broad riband with badge appendant</p> <p>4 stars including Knight Bachelor's badge.</p> <p>2 neck badges including Royal Victorian Chain.</p> <p>Collar of knighthood on special occasions.</p> <p>Full size badges of orders, decorations and medals on a brooch.</p> <p>Ceremonial occasions</p> <p>2 stars including Knight Bachelor's badge.</p> <p>One neck badge or Royal Victorian Chain.</p> <p>Full size orders, decorations and medals on a brooch</p> <p>Non-ceremonial occasions</p> <p>Ribbons only on left breast.</p>	<p>Full ceremonial occasions</p> <p>As in column c.</p> <p>Ceremonial occasions</p> <p>AVMs and above should wear No 1A SD with insignia as in column c.</p> <p>Non-ceremonial occasions This dress is not worn on these occasions, No 1 SD should be worn instead with insignia as in column c.</p>

Notes

1. Normally the broad riband of the senior order is worn.
2. The Max number of British stars which may be worn is 3 but the number may be increased to 4 if attending a function organised by or for a representative of a foreign State and a star of that state is in possession of the wearer.
3. Normally the collar with badge appendant of the senior order is worn but the broad riband of this order may not be worn at the same time as the collar.
4. At training establishment where personnel are not scaled for No 1 SD, No 2 SD may be authorised for full ceremonial and ceremonial occasions.
5. The ribbons of the Orders of the Garter and Thistle and of the Baronet's badge and Knight Bachelor's badge are not worn on the breast.
6. May include one foreign neck badge.

7. Male holders wear the chain around the neck, in similar manner to a collar of knighthood except that the chain does not hang an equal distance at the back and front but hangs around the neck and rests on the chest. Women should wear the chain on a bow of the ribbon of the order pinned to the left side.

INSIGNIA WORN WITH DAY UNIFORM IN WARM WEATHER AREAS

Ser No	Appointment	No 6 SD	No 6A SD
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	Knights of the Garter Knights of the Thistle Knights Grand Cross Dames Grand Cross Knights Grand Commanders Dames Grand Commanders	<p>Full ceremonial occasions Max of 4 stars on the left breast (see Note 1). A broad riband and collar of knighthood are not worn with this dress.</p> <p>Ceremonial occasions Max of 2 stars. A broad riband and collar of knighthood are not to be worn</p>	<p>Full ceremonial occasions A broad riband with badge appendant worn over the appropriate shoulder (see Note 2). Max of 4 stars on the left breast (see Note 1). A collar of knighthood is only worn if ordered for a special occasion (see Note 3).</p> <p>Ceremonial occasions No 6A SD to be worn with insignia as in column c of the appropriate Ser No.</p>
2	Knights Commander Dames Commander	<p>Full ceremonial occasions Stars as in Ser 1. Max of 2 neck badges (see Note 6).</p> <p>Ceremonial occasions Max of 2 stars and one neck badge (see Note 5).</p>	<p>Full ceremonial occasions As in column c</p> <p>Ceremonial occasions As in Ser 1 above.</p>
3	Knights Bachelor	<p>Full ceremonial occasions The badge on the left breast as an order star.</p> <p>Ceremonial occasions As for full ceremonial occasions.</p>	<p>Full ceremonial occasions As in column c.</p> <p>Ceremonial occasions As in Ser 1 above.</p>

Ser No	Appointment	No 6 SD	No 6A SD
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
4	Members of the Order of Merit Baronets Companions of Honour Companions of the several orders of the knighthood Commanders of the Order of St John	<p>Full ceremonial occasions Max of 2 neck badges (see Note 5).</p> <p>Ceremonial occasions Max of one neck badge.</p>	<p>Full ceremonial occasions As in column c.</p> <p>Ceremonial occasions As in Ser 1 above.</p>
5	Holders of the Royal Victorian Chain	<p>Full ceremonial occasions Worn round the neck in place of a neck badge by men and on the left side by women (see Note 6).</p> <p>Ceremonial occasions As for full ceremonial occasions.</p>	<p>Full ceremonial occasions As in column c.</p> <p>Ceremonial occasions As in Ser 1 above.</p>
6	Officers of the Order of the British Empire Members of the Royal Victorian Order (Class V) Companions of the Imperial Service Order Members of the Order of the British Empire Persons who have been awarded: Royal Red Cross (Class 1) Distinguished Flying Cross Air Force Cross Royal Red Cross (Class II) Order of St John (Officers, Serving Brothers, Serving Sisters) Medals	<p>Full ceremonial occasions Full size badges of orders, decorations and medals on a brooch on the left breast.</p> <p>Ceremonial occasions As for full ceremonial occasions.</p>	<p>Full ceremonial occasions As in column c.</p> <p>Ceremonial occasions As in Ser 1, above.</p>

Ser No	Appointment	No 6 SD	No 6A SD
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
7	Max Insignia which may be worn	<p>Full ceremonial occasions</p> <p>4 stars including Knight Bachelor's badge.</p> <p>2 neck badges including Royal Victorian Chain.</p> <p>Full size badges of orders, decorations and medals on a brooch.</p> <p>Ceremonial occasions</p> <p>2 stars including Knight Bachelor's badge.</p> <p>One neck badge.</p> <p>Full size orders, decorations and medals on a brooch.</p> <p>Non-ceremonial occasions</p> <p>Ribbons only on a brooch on left breast (see note 4).</p>	<p>Full ceremonial occasions</p> <p>A broad riband with badge appendant.</p> <p>4 stars including Knight Bachelor's badge.</p> <p>2 neck badges, including Royal Victorian Chain.</p> <p>A collar of knighthood on special occasions.</p> <p>Ceremonial occasions</p> <p>No 6A SD to be worn with insignia as in column c.</p> <p>Non-ceremonial occasions</p> <p>This dress is not worn on these occasions, No 6 SD should be worn instead with insignia as in column c.</p>

Notes

1. The Max number of British stars that may be worn is three but the number may be increased to four if attending a function organised by or for a representative of a foreign state and a star of that state is in possession of the wearer.
2. Normally the broad riband of the senior order is worn.
3. Normally the collar with badge appendant of the senior order is worn but the broad riband of this order may not be worn at the same time as the collar.
4. The ribbons of the Orders of the Garter and Thistle and of the Baronet's badge and Knight Bachelor's badge are not worn on the breast.
5. May include one foreign neck badge. Women in civilian clothes wear badges on bows on the left breast.
6. Male holders wear the chain around the neck, in similar manner to a collar of knighthood except that the chain does not hang an equal distance at the back and front but hangs around the neck and rests on the chest. Women in civilian clothes should wear the chain on a bow of the ribbon of the order pinned to the left side.

INSIGNIA WORN WITH EVENING UNIFORM (MESS DRESS)

Ser No	Appointment	Mess Dress Type			
		No 4 SD (see Note 9)	No 5A and 5B SD (see Note 1)	No 8 SD (see Note 10)	No 8A SD
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
1	Knights of the Garter Knights of the Thistle Knights Grand Cross Dames Grand Cross (see Note 6) Knights Grand Commanders Dames Grand Commanders (see Note 6)		<p>Full ceremonial occasions</p> <p>A broad riband with badge appendant worn over the appropriate shoulder (see Note 2). Max of 4 stars on the left breast (see Note 3). Miniature badges of orders, decorations and medals on a brooch on the left breast (see Note 4). A collar of knighthood is not worn with this dress.</p> <p>Ceremonial occasions Max of 2 stars and one neck badge with miniature badges of orders, decorations and medals on a brooch on the left breast (see Note 4). A broad riband and collar of knighthood are not to be worn.</p>	<p>Full ceremonial occasions</p> <p>As in column d.</p> <p>Ceremonial occasions</p> <p>As in column d.</p>	<p>Full ceremonial occasions</p> <p>No 8 SD to be worn instead of No 8A SD, with insignia as in column d.</p> <p>Non-ceremonial occasions Neither insignia of order, decorations and medals nor ribbons are worn with this dress.</p>

Ser No	Appointment	Mess Dress Type			
		No 4 SD (see Note 9)	No 5A and 5B SD (see Note 1)	No 8 SD (see Note 10)	No 8A SD
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
2	Knights Commander Dames Commander (see Note 6)		<p>Full ceremonial occasions Stars as in Ser 1 above. Max of one neck badge (see Note 5). Miniature badges of orders, decorations and medals as in Ser 1, above. Ceremonial occasions As in Ser 1 above.</p>	<p>Full ceremonial occasions As in column d. Ceremonial occasions As in column d.</p>	As in Ser 1 above.
3	Knights Bachelor		<p>Full ceremonial occasions The badge on the left breast as an order star. Ceremonial occasions As in Ser 1 above.</p>	<p>Full ceremonial occasions As in column d. Ceremonial occasions As in column d.</p>	As in Ser 1 above.
4	Members of the Order of Merit Baronets Companions of Honour Companions of the several orders of the knighthood Commanders of the Order of St John		<p>Full ceremonial occasions Max of one neck badge (see Note 5). Miniature badges of orders, decorations and medals on a brooch on the left breast (see Note 4). Ceremonial occasions As in Ser 1 above.</p>	<p>Full ceremonial occasions As in column d. Ceremonial occasions As in column d.</p>	As in Ser 1 above.

Ser No	Appointment	Mess Dress Type			
		No 4 SD (see Note 9)	No 5A and 5B SD (see Note 1)	No 8 SD (see Note 10)	No 8A SD
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
5	<p> Holders of the Royal Victorian Chain</p>		<p>Full ceremonial occasions Worn round the neck in place of a neck badge. (see Note 7).</p> <p>Ceremonial occasions As in Ser 1 above.</p>	<p>Full ceremonial occasions As in column d.</p> <p>Ceremonial occasions As in column d.</p>	As in Ser 1 above.
6	<p>Persons who have been awarded the Victoria Cross and/or George Cross</p> <p>Companions of the Distinguished Service Order</p> <p>Member of the Royal Victorian Order (Class IV)</p> <p>Officers of the Order of the British Empire</p> <p>Members of the Royal Victorian Order (Class V)</p>	<p>In warm-weather areas, neither badges of orders, decorations and medals nor ribbons are worn, irrespective of the formality of the occasion. In temperate areas only ribbons are worn but full size badges on a brooch on the left breast may be prescribed on occasions when a member of the Royal Family is present.</p>	<p>Ceremonial occasions As in Ser 1 above.</p>	<p>Ceremonial occasions As in Ser 1 above.</p>	As in Ser 1 above.

Ser No	Appointment	Mess Dress Type			
		No 4 SD (see Note 9)	No 5A and 5B SD (see Note 1)	No 8 SD (see Note 10)	No 8A SD
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
	Companions of the Imperial Service Order Members of the Order of the British Empire Persons who have been awarded: Royal Red Cross (Class 1) Distinguished Flying Cross Air Force Cross Royal Red Cross (Class II) Order of St John (Officers, Serving Brothers, Serving Sisters) Medals				
7	Max Insignia which may be worn	Full ceremonial occasions In temperate areas full size badges of orders, decorations and medals on a brooch may be worn when a member of	Full ceremonial occasions A broad riband with badge appendant. 4 stars including Knight Bachelor's badge. One neck badge or Royal Victorian Chain, miniature badges of orders,	Full ceremonial occasions As in column d. Ceremonial occasions As in column d. Non-ceremonial	Full ceremonial occasions No 8 SD is worn instead of No 8A SD with insignia as in column d. Ceremonial occasions No 8 SD is worn instead of No

Ser No	Appointment	Mess Dress Type			
		No 4 SD (see Note 9)	No 5A and 5B SD (see Note 1)	No 8 SD (see Note 10)	No 8A SD
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
		<p>the Royal Family is present.</p> <p>Ceremonial occasions See Note 8.</p> <p>Non-ceremonial occasions Ribbons or orders, decorations and medals in temperate areas only</p>	<p>decorations and medals on a brooch.</p> <p>Ceremonial occasions Max of 2 stars and one neck badge with miniature badges of orders, decorations and medals on a brooch on the left breast (see Note 4). A broad riband and collar of knighthood are not to be worn.</p> <p>Non-ceremonial occasions Miniature badges of orders, decorations and medals on a brooch.</p>	<p>occasions Miniature badges of orders, decorations and medals on a brooch.</p>	<p>8A SD with insignia as in column d.</p> <p>Non-ceremonial occasions Neither insignia of orders, decorations and medals nor ribbons are to be worn with this dress.</p>

Notes

1. Male officers wear a No 5A SD on full ceremonial occasions. When less formality is appropriate, No 5B SD is worn. No 5 SD is worn by women officers also by warrant officers and NCOs as optional mess dress on all occasions when male officers wear 5A or 5B SD uniforms.
2. Normally the broad riband of the senior order is worn.
3. The Max number of British stars that may be worn is three but the number may be increased to four if attending a function organised by or for a representative of a foreign state and a star of that state is in possession of the wearer.
4. Badges of the Orders of the Garter, Thistle, Merit, Companions of Honour, Baronet's Badge and royal Victorian Chain, are not to be worn in miniature.
5. A foreign neck badge may be worn on an appropriate occasion. Women wear the badge on a bow on the left breast.

6. This order is for women only.
7. Women wear the chain pinned immediately and centrally above the miniature badges of orders, decorations and medals mounted on the brooch.
8. In the unlikely event of more senior appointments being held by personnel wearing No 4 SD, the insignia is worn in the same manner as with No 1 SD.
9. When No 6 SD is worn by airwomen as mess dress, neither badges nor orders, decorations and medals nor ribbons are to be worn with it.

INSIGNIA WORN WITH PLAIN CLOTHES

Ser No	Appointment	Dress Type			
		Morning Dress	Full Evening Dress	Dinner Jacket	Lounge Suit
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
1	Knights of the Garter Knights of the Thistle Knights Grand Cross Dames Grand Cross Knights Grand Commanders Dames Grand Commanders	Max of 4 stars on the left breast (see Note 1). A broad riband with badge appendant is not to be worn. A collar of knighthood is only to be worn if ordered for a special occasion.	A broad riband with badge appendant worn over the appropriate shoulder (see Notes 2 and 3). Max of 4 stars on the left breast (see Note 1). Miniature badges of orders, decorations and medals on a brooch on the left lapel (see Note 4). A collar of knighthood is not to be worn.	Max of one star. Miniature badges of orders, decorations and medals on a brooch on the left lapel (see Note 4). Neither collar of knighthood nor broad riband, with badge appendant are to be worn.	Neither collar of knighthood, broad riband with badge appendant, nor stars are to be worn.
2	Knights Commander Dames Commander	Stars as in Ser 1 above. The associated neck badge is not to be worn (see Note 5).	Stars as in Ser 1 above. Max of one neck badge (see Note 6). Miniature badges of orders, decorations and medals on a brooch on the left lapel.	Max of one star and one neck badge (see Note 6). Miniature badges of orders, decorations and medals on a brooch on the left lapel.	Max of one neck badge (see Note 6). Stars are not to be worn.
3	Knights Bachelor	The badge on the left breast as an order star.	As in column c. Alternatively in smaller dimensions as a neck badge Also miniature with badges of orders, decorations and medals on a brooch on the	As in column d.	The badge is not to be worn.

Ser No	Appointment	Dress Type			
		Morning Dress	Full Evening Dress	Dinner Jacket	Lounge Suit
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
			left lapel.		
4	Members of the Order of Merit Baronets Companions of Honour Companions of the several orders of the knighthood Commanders of the Order of St John	Max of one neck badge (see Note 6)	Max of one neck badge (see Note 6). Also miniature badges of orders, decorations and medals on a brooch on the left lapel (see Note 4).	As in column d.	Max of one neck badge (see Note 6).
5	Holders of the Royal Victorian Chain	Worn round the neck in place of a neck badge (see Note 7).	As in column c.	As in column c.	The Royal Victorian Chain is not to be worn.
6	Persons who have been awarded the Victoria Cross and/or George Cross Companions of the Distinguished Service Order Member of the Royal Victorian Order (Class IV) Officers of the Order of the British Empire Members of the Royal Victorian Order (Class V) Companions of the	Full size badges of orders decorations and medals on a brooch on the left breast.	Miniature badges of orders, decorations and medals on a brooch on the left lapel.	As in column d.	Full size badges of orders decorations and medals on a brooch on the left breast.

Ser No	Appointment	Dress Type			
		Morning Dress	Full Evening Dress	Dinner Jacket	Lounge Suit
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
	Imperial Service Order Members of the Order of the British Empire Persons who have been awarded: Royal Red Cross (Class 1) Distinguished Flying Cross Air Force Cross Royal Red Cross (Class II) Order of St John (Officers, Serving Brothers, Serving Sisters) Medals				
7	Max Insignia which may be worn	Four stars including Knight Bachelor's badge. One neck badge or Royal Victorian Chain. Full size badges of orders, decorations and medals on a brooch. A collar of knighthood on special occasions.	A broad riband with badge appendant. Four stars including Knight Bachelor's badge. One neck badge or Royal Victorian Chain. Miniature badges of orders, decorations and medals on a brooch.	One star of Knight Bachelor's badge. One neck badge or Royal Victorian Chain. Miniature badges of orders, decorations and medals on a brooch.	One neck badge Full size badges of orders, decorations and medals on a brooch.

Notes:

1. The maximum number of British stars which may be worn is three but the number may be increased to four if attending a function organised by or for a representative of a foreign state and a star of that state is in the possession of the wearer.
2. Normally the broad ribbon of the senior order is worn.
3. Normally the collar with badge appendant of the senior order is worn.
4. Badges of the Orders of the Garter, Thistle and Merit, Crown of India and Companions of Honour, Baronet's Badge and Royal Victorian Chain, are not worn in miniature.
5. One neck badge of a lower grade of a different order (as mentioned in Serial 4, column b) or a lower grade in a different division of the same order may be worn.
6. Normally the badge of the senior order is worn.
7. Male holders wear chain round the neck, similar manner to a collar of knighthood except the chain does not hang an equal distance at the back and front but fits close round the back of the neck and rests on the chest. With full evening dress, the chain is shortened and worn round the neck as a neck badge. Women should wear the chain on a bow of the ribbon of the order on the left hand side of the dress, but with evening dress it is pinned immediately and centrally above the miniature badges on the brooch.

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4th Level awards, MIDS, QCVS are worn on the appropriate campaign medal. Where the an award is given for action in an area not covered by a campaign medal, it is worn on a ribbon by itself after all other medals (See Para 0815)

Note: Image is not to scale or displaying any mounting method.

EXAMPLE OF COURT MOUNTED MEDALS



GSM NATO MEDALS QUEENS GOLDEN JUBILEE MSM LS&GCM w/c

ORDER OF WEARING ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS

The following list, issued by the Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood 17 March 2003, gives the order of precedence in which Orders, Decorations and Medals should be worn in the United Kingdom, certain countries of the Commonwealth and in the Overseas Territories. It in no way affects the precedence conferred by the Statutes of certain Orders upon the Members thereof.

Victoria Cross (VC)*

George Cross (GC)*

British Orders of Knighthood Etc

Order of the Garter (KG)* (Note 1)

Order of the Thistle (KT)* (Note 1)

Order of St Patrick * (Note 1)

Order of the Bath (Class I – Knight/Dame Grand Cross) (GCB)*

Order of Merit (OM)* (Note 2)

Order of St Michael and St George (Class I – Knight/Dame Grand Cross) (GCMG)*

Royal Victorian Order (Class I – Knight/Dame Grand Cross) (GCVO)*

Order of the British Empire (Class I – Knight/Dame Grand Cross) (GBE)*

Order of the Companion of Honour (CH)*

Order of the Bath (Class II – Knight/Dame Commander) (KCB/DCB)*

Order of St Michael and St George (Class II – Knight/Dame Commander) (KCMG/DCMG)*

Royal Victorian Order (Class II – Knight/Dame Commander) (KCVO/DCVO)*

Order of the British Empire (Class II – Knight/Dame Commander) (KBE/DBE)*

Order of the Companion of Honour (CH)*

Order of the Bath (Class III – Companion) (CB)*

Order of St Michael and St George (Class III – Companion) (CMG)*

Royal Victorian Order (Class III – Commander) (CVO)*

Order of the British Empire (Class III – Commander) (CBE)*
Distinguished Service Order (DSO)*
Royal Victorian Order (Class IV – Lieutenant) (LVO)*
Order of the British Empire (Class IV – Officer) (OBE)*
Royal Victorian Order (Class V – Member) (MVO)*
Order of the British Empire (Class V – Member) (MBE)*

Baronet's Badge

The badge is worn suspended round the neck by the ribbon in the same manner as the neck badge of an order and takes precedence immediately after the Badge of the Order of Merit. It is not worn in miniature and the ribbon is not worn with undress uniform. (Bart or Bt)*

Knight Bachelor's Badge

The Badge is worn suspended round the neck by a ribbon in the same manner as the neck badge of an Order and takes precedence immediately after the Badge of a Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire.

Decorations

Conspicuous Gallantry Cross (CGC)*
Royal Red Cross (Class I) (RRC)*
Distinguished Service Cross (DSC)*
Military Cross (MC)*
Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC)*
Air Force Cross (AFC)*
Royal Red Cross (Class II) (ARRC)*
Order of St John (**Note 5**) +

Medals for Gallantry and Distinguished Conduct

Distinguished Conduct Medal (DCM)*
Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (CGM)*
Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (Flying) (CGM)*
George Medal (GM)*

Queen's Police Medal, for Gallantry*
Queen's Fire Service Medal, for Gallantry*
Distinguished Service Medal (DSM)*
Military Medal (MM)*
Distinguished Flying Medal (DFM)*
Air Force Medal (AFM)*
Medal for Saving Life at Sea
Queen's Gallantry Medal (QGM)*
Royal Victorian medal (Gold, Silver and Bronze) (RVM)*

British Empire Medal (BEM)*

Campaign and Operational Service Medals and Stars – GSM, OSM and including authorised United Nations, European Community/Union and North Atlantic Treaty Organisation medals (Worn in order of date awarded to individual)

Polar Medals (Worn in order of date)

Coronation and Jubilee Medals

Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation Medal 1953
Queen Elizabeth II's Silver Jubilee Medal 1977
Queen Elizabeth II's Golden Jubilee Medal 2002
Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee Medal 2012
Queen Elizabeth II's Long and Faithful Service Medal

Efficiency and Long Service Medals and Decorations

Medal of Meritorious Service (awarded to members of all the Armed Forces from 1 December 1977 and previously to the Army)
The Accumulated Campaign Service Medal (ACSM)
The Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct (Military)
Naval Long Service and Good Conduct Medal
Royal Air Force Long Service and Good Conduct Medal
Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct (Ulster Defence Regiment)
Territorial Decoration
Efficiency Decoration

Territorial Efficiency Medal
Efficiency Medal
Air Efficiency Award (AE)*

Ulster Defence Regiment Medal*
Queen's Medal for Champion Shots of the Air Forces
Cadet Forces Medal
Royal Observer Corps Medal

Honorary Membership of Commonwealth Orders (instituted by the Sovereign)
Worn in order of date of award

Foreign Orders
Worn in order of date of award (Notes 3 and 4)

Foreign Medals (Excluding all UN, NATO and WEU Medals)
Worn in order of date of award (Notes 3 and 4)

* 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 exception:

Baronet's Badge - the letters 'Bart' or 'Bt.' are shown directly after the surname before all other letters after the name.

Notes:

1. These Orders are not worn in miniature and the ribands of the Orders are not worn with Undress Uniform.
2. These Orders are not worn in miniature, but are worn round the neck on all occasions except with Service Dress and certain orders of Undress Uniform.
3. The general rule is that non-British insignia should be worn after all British Orders, decorations and medals and in the order of the dates on which they were conferred. When, however, insignia are being worn on occasions specifically connected with the donor country, pride of place should be given to the insignia of that country. Foreign awards may only be worn when the Sovereign's permission has been given .

4. These awards may only be worn when the Sovereign's permission has been given.
5. The award marked + is only to be used as a post-nominal when writing on official Order of St John business.