

## BRITISH GALLANTRY AWARDS

### GEORGE MEDAL GM

#### TERMS

The medal was awarded only for acts of great bravery and was intended primarily for civilians. Awards to the military were confined to actions for which purely military honours are not normally granted.



#### BAR

The silver, slip-on bar is laurelled and is awarded for a further act of great bravery. Four bars to Canadians; all to RCN.

#### DESCRIPTION

The circular silver medal is 36-mm in diameter.

#### OBVERSE

The obverse shows a crowned effigy of the reigning monarch and a legend:

**George VI** (facing left)

- a) GEORGIUS VI D:G:BR:OMN:REX ET INDIAE IMP: (1940 - 1949)
- b) GEORGIUS VI DEI GRA BRITT.OMN REX FID.DEF:+ (1949 - 1952)  
(shown Above)

**Elizabeth II** (facing right)

- a) ELIZABETH II D:G:BR:OMN:REGINA F:D: (1952 - 1959)
- b) ELIZABETH II DEI GRATIA REGINA F.D. (1959 - 1964) (shown above)

#### REVERSE

The reverse shows St. George on horseback slaying the Dragon with the legend **THE GEORGE MEDAL** around the top edge of the medal.

#### MOUNTING

A single-toe scroll claw at the top of the medal has a hollow ball through which a larger silver ring passes.

#### RIBBON

The red ribbon is 32-mm wide with five equally spaced thin blue stripes.

#### NAMING

Names are engraved in Roman capital letters (usually with serifs). Servicemen normally have their first name and surname in full (plus rank, and regiment or corps), while civilians have only their surname and initials.

**DATES**

The George Medal was established on 24 September 1940.

**ISSUED**

Canadians have received **77 George Medals** to Canadians (with 1 cancelled), plus **4 bars** (31 or them EIIR types)

		Medal	Bar	Cancelled	
WW2	Canadian Army	13	0	0	
WW2	Royal Canadian Navy	7	4	0	
WW2	Royal Canadian Air Force	20	0	0	
WW2	Canadian in the RAF	1	0	0	
WW2	Civilians	3	0	0	
Korea	Canadian Army	1	0	0	(1 EIIR)
Post War	Canadian Army	7	0	0	(6 EIIR)
Post War	RCN	6	0	0	(6 EIIR)
Post War	RCAF	8	0	0	(7 EIIR)
Post War	Canadian in the RAF	1	0	0	(1 EIIR)
Post War	Cdn in Palestine Police	1	0	0	(1 GVI)
Post War	Civilians	7	0	1	(7 EIIR)
Post War	RCMP	2	0	0	(2 EIIR)
Post War	Toronto Police Department	1	0	0	1 EIIR)
					(31 EIIR)

The citations to all 77 George Medals to Canadians can be found in the book produced by Unitrade Press, '1000 Brave Canadians'. This is the only source where all the citations have been reproduced. <sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Flight Lieutenant Robert Sabourin receives his George Medal from Princess Elizabeth – note this was a 1959 award but is a GVI medal.  
 Sergeant Joseph Lessard, GM, CD received his George Medal for bravery in the Congo.  
 Flight Lieutenant Vince McLean, GM – medals in the Air Force Museum at CFB Trenton  
 Warrant Officer Bernard Waugh Hollingam, GM, CD, PPCLI – in the PPCLI Museum, Calgary, Alberta

**BAR to the GEORGE MEDAL to the RCN in WW2 (GM\*)**

LG+ / CG	NAME	RANK	BRANCH	DECORATIONS
10/02/42+	<b>COOK, George Douglas</b>	Lt	RCNVR	GM*
15/05/45+	<b>HARRIES, James Leslie</b>	A/Cdr	RCNR	(OBE) GM*
09/06/42+	<b>O'HAGAN, Denis James Patrick</b>	A/LCdr	RCNVR	GM*
16/06/45	<b>RUNDLE, George Henry Olaf</b>	Temp Lt	RCNR	GM*

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**GEORGE MEDAL to the RCN in WW2 (GM)**

LG+ / CG	NAME	RANK	BRANCH	SHIP	DECORATIONS
08/01/44	<b>BETT, Alfred William</b>	Mate	RCNR	HMCS Cobalt	GM
29/07/41+	<b>COOK, George Douglas</b>	Lt	RCNVR		GM (*)
13/11/43	<b>HARRIES, James Leslie</b>	A/LCdr	RCNVR		(OBE) GM (*)
17/06/41+	<b>O'HAGAN, Denis James Patrick</b>	Lt	RCNVR		GM (*)
10/06/44	<b>ROBERTSON, Owen Connor</b>	Cdr	RCNR		(OC) GM
16/10/43	<b>RUNDLE, George Henry Olaf</b>	Lt	RCNR		GM (*)
15/05/42+	<b>TELLIER, William Gaston</b>	Temp Lt	RCNVR		GM

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**GEORGE MEDAL Awarded to Members of the RCAF in WW2 (GM)**

LG+	DATE	NAME	RANK	SQUADRON	NUMBER	#	DECORATIONS	/
	17/03/44+	<b>ABEL, George Clayton</b>	F/L	36	J7526	#	GM	
	26/02/46+	<b>BAILLIE, John James</b>	F/O	194	J37488	#	GM	
	02/03/43+	<b>BAILY, Francis Martin</b>	Sgt	CCC	R54730	#	GM	
	27/07/43+	<b>COATES, David Mervin</b>	F/S	415	R78103	#	GM	
	03/11/44+	<b>HOOKE, Robert John</b>	WO1	431	R107897	(1) #	GM	
	29/12/42+	<b>JENNER, Raoul De Fontenay</b>	F/S	7	R54093	(1)	GM	
	12/11/43+	<b>LINDSAY, Ewart John Adyn</b>	F/L	424	C8721		GM	
	02/04/43+	<b>LINK, Henry David</b>	F/O	DDD	J11848		GM	
	11/06/42+	<b>LUMMIS, Fred Bert</b>	Sgt	EEE	9867		GM	
	13/08/43+	<b>LYON, George Francis William</b>	LAC	FFF	R82698	(12)	GM	
	12/11/43+	<b>McCOMBE, Robert James</b>	F/L	424	J2201		GM	
	14/03/44+	<b>McGRATH, William Kerr</b>	WO	404	R103014	#	GM	
	11/12/45+	<b>McLEAN, Howard Vincent</b>	F/O	GGG	J36349		GM	
	27/10/44+	<b>MARQUET, Maurice</b>	Cpl	425	R87217	#	GM	
	06/01/42+	<b>MILLER, Thomas Breech</b>	Sgt	78	R64816		GM	
	13/07/43+	<b>MOORE, Delbert Cecil</b>	F/S	214	R75862	#	GM	
	13/07/43+	<b>PUDNEY, Clinton Landis +</b>	Sgt	HHH	R139022		GM	
	27/10/44+	<b>ST. GERMAIN, Joseph Rene Marcel</b>	F/S	425	R96959	#	(DFC) GM	
	21/02/47+	<b>VARDEN, Dennis Peter</b>	F/L	JJJ	J24596		GM	
	13/08/43+	<b>WILLIAMS, John Francis</b>	P/O	III	J13042	(2)	GM	

CCC = RCAF Station Patricia Bay

GGG = #14 S.F.T.S.

DDD = 14 OTU RAF

HHH = 1659 OTU

EEE = RCAF Station Trenton

JJJ = RCAF Station Yarmouth

FFF = RCAF Station Torbay, Nfld.

III = #1 Bombing and Gunnery School

+ = Killed

**GEORGE MEDAL to a CANADIAN in the RAFVR in WW2 (GM)**

LG+	DATE	NAME	RANK	SQUADRON	NUMBER	#	DECORATIONS	/
	31/10/41+	<b>NICHOLSON, Alexander John</b>	P/O	220	96708	#	GM	

**GEORGE MEDAL to the Canadian ARMY in WW2 (GM)**

LG+ / CG	NAME	RANK	BRANCH	DECORATIONS /
21/09/40+	CUNNINGTON, Douglas Wightman	Captain	Royal Canadian Engineers	GM
20/01/42+	CHAMBERS, Jack	Gunner	Royal Canadian Artillery	GM
24/08/45+	CHANDLER, Thomas Francis	Captain	Royal Canadian Army Service Corps	GM
12/09/46+	DUNLOP, Edward Arunah	Major	Queen's Own Rifles of Canada	OBE CM GM
19/10/45+	ELSDON, Walter Douglas	Lieutenant	Royal Canadian Artillery	GM
19/10/45+	FETHERSTON, Robert Morris	Corporal	Royal Canadian Engineers	GM
19/10/45+	GARRETT, John Dunham	Sapper	Royal Canadian Engineer	GM
30/12/43+	GALWAY, Edward Thomas	Lt-Colonel	Royal Canadian Engineers	MBE MC GM
19/10/45+	GARRETT, John Dunham	Sapper	Royal Canadian Engineer	GM
17/03/44+	HARKNESS, Douglas Scott	Major	Royal Canadian Artillery	OC GM ED
19/05/42+	HEGGIE, David Colin	Acting Major	Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps	GM
13/03/45+	MULHERIN, Herbert William	Captain	Princess Patricia's Cdn Light Infantry	GM
01/02/45+	SHIELDS, Alexander McGregor	Acting Corporal	Royal Canadian Army Ordnance Corps	GM

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**GEORGE MEDAL to Canadian Civilians in WWII**

LG+ / CG	NAME	RANK	BRANCH	DECORATIONS /
04/12/42+	PATTERSON, Marion	Mrs	Senior Fire Guard - Aberdeen	GM
11/06/43+	SOCQUE, Albert	Mr	Trucking Nitro-Cellulose Scrap	GM
11/06/42+	WALSH, Frances	Mrs	School Mistress Big Springs School	GM

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**GEORGE MEDAL to Canadian Civilians post WWII**

LG+ / CG	NAME	TITLE	CONNECTION	DECORATIONS /
17/12/55	<b>CHIPMAN, Edward C.</b>	Mr	(X) Milkman from Montreal	GM
07/07/56	CHIPMAN, Edward C.	Mr	Milkman from Montreal	--
19/12/53	<b>DECUYPER, Albert Richard</b>	Mr	Farmer near RCAF Station Comox	GM
13/09/52	<b>KOELE, Wilhelm</b>	Mr	Farmer near RCAF Station Centralia	GM
29/07/61	<b>PRIESSLER, George Juergen</b>	Mr	Miner - Britannia Beach, B.C.	GM
28/10/61	<b>ROUSSEAU, André</b>	Mr	(Y) Ambulance Driver, Cap-de-la-Madelaine	GM CD
26/08/56	<b>THORNHILL, Ernest</b>	Fisherman	Trawler <i>Cape Agulhus</i>	GM
19/12/53	<b>WATERS, Robert Thomas</b>	Mr	14 Year Old near RCAF Station Comox	GM

(X) = Cancelled at Mr. Chipman's request as per Canada Gazette 07 July 1956.

(Y) = Lieutenant-Colonel André Rousseau, GM, CD, Commanded the Regiment de Trois-Rivieres 1971 to 1974.

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**GEORGE MEDAL to Canadian Army post WWII**

LG+ / CG	NAME	RANK	BRANCH	DECORATIONS /
31/07/48	<b>D'ARTOIS, Lionel Guy</b>	Captain	Royale 22e Régiment du Canada	GM
25/03/61	<b>COXALL, Alfred David</b>	Corporal	Royal Canadian Engineers (civil event)	GM
03/04/59	<b>HOLLIGAN, Bernard Waugh</b>	Acting Staff-Sgt	2 <sup>nd</sup> Princess Patricia's Cdn Light Infantry	GM CD
25/01/64	<b>LEJA, Walter Rolland</b>	Warrant Officer II	Royal Canadian Engineers	GM CD
03/10/64	<b>LESSARD, Joseph Alex Leonce</b>	Sergeant	Royale 22e Régiment du Canada	GM
03/10/64	<b>MAYER, Paul Augustus</b>	Lieutenant-Colonel	Regiment of Canadian Guards - UN Congo	MBE GM CD
19/07/52	<b>SINNOTT, Sterling Lloyd</b>	Lane-Corporal	Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps	GM

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POST-WAR GEORGE MEDALS Awards to the RCAF (GM)

CG DATE	NAME	RANK	SQUADRON / STATION	DECORATIONS /
09/02/63	<b>McLAREN, Francis Earl</b>	S/L	RCAF Station Centralia	DFC GM CD
09/02/63	<b>McKENZIE, Ian Kenneth</b>	F/L	RCAF Station Centralia	GM CD
07/02/59	<b>MARSH, William James</b>	F/L	RCAF Station Chatham	GM
30/03/57	<b>MORGAN, Robert Gordon</b>	F/L	411 Squadron, 1 Fighter Wing	GM
31/07/48	<b>RACE, Robert Carson</b>	F/O	112 Transport Squadron, Winnipeg	GM
07/02/59	<b>SABOURIN, Robert Emery</b>	F/O	RCAF Station Rivers, Manitoba	GM CD
07/02/59	<b>STEVENSON, Douglas Edgar</b>	Sgt	Deputy Fire Chief-Montmedy France	GM CD
30/03/57	<b>WATERS, Harry John</b>	LAC	411 Squadron	GM

GEORGE MEDAL Award to a Canadian serving as a Test Pilot Post WW2 (GM)

CG / LG+	NAME	RANK	SQUADRON / STATION	DECORATIONS /
29/07/52+	<b>WATERTON, William Arthur</b>	Chief Test Pilot	Gloster Aircraft Co. Ltd. formerly S/L - Royal Air Force	AFC* GM

GEORGE MEDAL Awards to CANADIAN POLICEMEN (GM)

LG+ / CG	NAME	RANK	BRANCH	DECORATIONS /
12/01/63	<b>FRAZER, Glenn Garry</b>	Corporal	RCMP	GM
12/11/52	<b>DEADMAN, William Ronald</b>	Constable	Toronto Police Department	GM
30/03/57	<b>JOHNSTONE, Henry Martin C.</b>	Corporal	RCMP	GM
21/01/47+	<b>SMITH, Edward Albert</b>	Sergeant	Palestine Police Force	GM

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