

**NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL 1915-1962  
NGSM**

18 January 2016

**TERMS**

The equivalent of the General Service Medal issued to the British Army and RAF; the medal was instituted rather than issuing a separate medal for every small operation in which the Royal Navy might be involved.



**DESCRIPTION**

A circular, silver medal, 36-mm in diameter.

**OBVERSE**

- a) The crowned effigy of King George V in naval uniform with the legend: GEORGIVS. V. D. G. BRITT. OMN. REX. ET. INDIAE. IMP.
- b) The crowned bust of King George VI with the legend: GEORGIVS V D GRA:BRITT: OMNRE FID:DEF:+
- c) The crowned bust of Queen Elizabeth II facing right with the legend: ELIZABETH II DEI GRATIA REGINA F.D.

**REVERSE**

Britannia on two sea horses, with her left hand resting on the Union Shield.

**BAR**

This medal was always issued with a bar (16 in total).

**RIBBON**

The crimson ribbon is 32-mm wide, with three equally spaced narrow white stripes.

**ISSUED**

A handful of Canadians who served in the Royal Navy or on exchange with the RN have earned this medal such as Rear-Admiral William Landymore, OBE, CD, RCN.

**SUPERCEDED BY**

General Service Medal 1962-2007

## **GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL 1918-1962**

### **GSM**

#### **TERMS**

The equivalent of the Naval General Service Medal 1915-1962, the medal was instituted rather than issuing a separate medal for every small operation in which the British Army or RAF might be involved.



#### **DESCRIPTION**

A circular, silver medal, 36-mm in diameter.

#### **OBVERSE**

- a) The bear headed effigy of King George V;
- b) The crowned effigy of King George VI
- c) The crowned effigy of Queen Elizabeth II

#### **REVERSE**

The standing winged figure of Victory, holding a trident and placing a wreath on the emblems of the two Services on the reverse.

#### **RIBBON**

The purple ribbon is 32-mm wide, with a green centre stripe, 9-mm wide. The medal is always issued with a bar.

#### **ISSUED**

A handful of Canadians who served in the British Army or RAF, or served with these units on exchange from the Canadian Forces, received this medal.

#### **SUPERCEDED BY**

General Service Medal (1962-2000)

**GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL 1962-2007  
(CAMPAIGN SERVICE MEDAL - CSM)**

**TERMS**



This medal replaces both the General Service Medal 1918-1962 and the Naval General Service Medal. The medal was instituted to avoid issuing a separate medal for every small operations in which the British Army, British Marines, Royal Navy or RAF might be involved.

**DESCRIPTION**

A circular, silver medal, 36-mm in diameter, with a crowned effigy of Queen Elizabeth II (Elizabeth II DIA GRATIA REGINA F.D.) On the reverse is a wreath and crown surrounding the words **FOR CAMPAIGN SERVICE**.

**BARS**

13 different bars were awarded to the medal. AIR OPERATIONS IRAQ was discontinued on 30 April 2003 with only the bar NORTHERN IRELAND still issued in 2013.

**RIBBON**

The purple ribbon is 32-mm wide with green edges. The medal is always issued with a bar.

**ISSUED**

A handful of Canadians (3 were gazetted) who served in the British Forces or served with the British Forces on exchange from the Canadian Forces, have received this medal.



**SUPERCEDED BY**

Discontinued on 31 December 1999 and replaced with the Operational Service Medal (OSM) **EXCEPT** for the Medal with Bar NORTHERN IRELAND.

<sup>1</sup> The Medals of Lieutenant-Colonel Nigel Whittaker, Commanding Officer of the British Columbia Dragoons

**ACCUMULATED CAMPAIGN SERVICE MEDAL  
ACSM**

**TERMS**

The ACSM is awarded for 1080 days aggregated service in those theatres for which the GSM (e.g. Northern Ireland, Air Ops Iraq), an Operational Service Medal (e.g. Sierra Leone or Afghanistan) or the Iraq Medal has been issued.

Separate criteria apply to Part-time members of the Ulster Defence Regiment (UDR) and Royal Irish (Home Service) Regiment.

Full details are laid out in DCI Gen 65/94 and, for the RAF, AP3392 Volume 4 Leaflet 2007 Annex B.



**DESCRIPTION**

A circular, silver medal, which is 36-mm in diameter.

**OBVERSE**

The crowned Jubilee head of Queen Elizabeth II, looking right, with the legend ELIZABETH II DEI GRATIA REGINA FID. DEF.

**REVERSE**

The words 'For Accumulated Campaign Service' set within a four-part ribbon surrounded by a branch of oak leaves with laurel and olive leaves woven through the motto ribbon.

**BARS**

Bears the design of laurel leaves. When the ribbon alone is worn, a silver rosette denotes award of the Clasp. An additional 1080 days is required for the award of the Clasp to the ACSM. More than 1 Clasp may be earned.

**RIBBON**

The 32-mm wide purple ribbon is flanked by green edges with a central narrow stripe of gold to denote excellence.

**DATE**

Instituted in 1994.

**NOTE**

The medal's original purpose was to reward those who had done multiple tours of duty in Northern Ireland but who would have only the General Service Medal 1962 with clasp *Northern Ireland* to show for their additional service.

This was the first British medal manufactured by private contractors as the Royal Mint had done all medals up to this time.<sup>2</sup>



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<sup>2</sup> Rear Admiral Tom Cunningham RN presents Captain Barnwell, Royal Marines with his Accumulated Campaign Service Medal  
Captain L. Foden, Royal Marines holds his Accumulated Campaign Service Medal