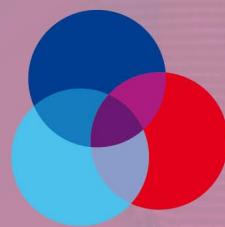


British Armed Forces MEDALS



Service Personnel
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Medals awarded to Armed Forces Personnel
who have served in areas requiring a British
presence during the reign of
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

KEY: GSM = General Service Medal OSM = Operational Service Medal UN = United Nations

Second World War - Campaign Medals



1939 - 1945
Star



Pacific Star



Atlantic Star



Africa Star



Italy Star



Burma Star



France & Germany
Star



Air Crew Europe
Star

WAR MEDAL 1939-45



All fulltime personnel of the armed forces wherever they were serving, so long as they had served for at least 28 days between 3 September 1939 and 2 September 1945 were eligible for this medal. It was granted in addition to the campaign stars and the Defence Medal. A few categories of civilians, such as war correspondents and ferry pilots who had flown in operational theatres, also qualified. No clasps were issued with this medal but a bronze oak leaf denoted a mention in despatches. The medal was issued unnamed, but those issued to Australian and South African personnel were officially named.

DEFENCE MEDAL



Awarded to service personnel for three years service at home, one year's service in a non-operational area (e.g. India) or six months service overseas in territories subjected to air attack or otherwise closely threatened. Personnel of Anti-Aircraft Command, RAF ground crews, Dominion forces stationed in the UK, the Home Guard, Civil Defence, National Fire Service and many other civilian units qualified for the medal. The medal was generally issued unnamed.

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