

Worcestershire Medal Service Ltd



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THE CONSPICUOUS GALLANTRY CROSS

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ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and of Her other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, to all to whom these Presents shall come:

Greeting!

WHEREAS WE are mindful of many acts of conspicuous gallantry performed by all members of Our Naval, Military and Air Forces.

AND WHEREAS WE are desirous of recognising such acts; We do by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors institute and create a new Decoration.

Firstly : It is ordained that the Decoration shall be designated and styled the "Conspicuous Gallantry Cross".

Secondly : It is ordained that the Decoration shall consist of a cross with four equal limbs tapering towards the centre surmounted on a wreath of laurel leaves, the cross having in the centre a circular medallion bearing a representation of the Saint Edward's Crown in a circle, that the reverse of the Cross shall be plain and bear the name of the recipient, his or her Unit and the date of the award, that the Cross shall be suspended by a ring from a bar, and that the whole shall be in silver.

Thirdly : It is ordained that the Conspicuous Gallantry Cross shall be worn on the left breast suspended on a ribbon one and a quarter inches in width, of white with a stripe of dark blue at each edge and one stripe of crimson, twice the width of the blue stripes, in the centre.

It is further ordained that in the official list showing the order in which Orders, Decorations, and Medals should be worn it shall be placed immediately after the Indian Order of Merit (Military).

Fourthly : It is ordained that the Conspicuous Gallantry Cross shall be awarded in recognition of an act or acts of conspicuous gallantry during active operations against the enemy to all members, of any rank, of Our Naval, Military and Air Forces on the recommendation of Our Secretary of State for Defence or the Governments of the other Realms and Territories of which We are Queen.

It is further ordained that members, of any rank, of a Foreign Naval, Military or Air Force, or those of Commonwealth States of which We are not Queen who have been

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associated with operations of Our Naval, Military and Air Forces shall be eligible for the award of the Conspicuous Gallantry Cross on the recommendation of Our Secretary of State of Defence with the agreement of the Government of the said Foreign country or Commonwealth State.

Fifthly : It is ordained that the Conspicuous Gallantry Cross may be awarded posthumously

Sixthly : It is ordained that in the of a person who has been awarded the Decoration again performing such an act or acts as would have entitled him or her to the Conspicuous Gallantry Cross if he or she had not already received it, such further act or acts shall be recorded by a Bar attached to the ribbon by which the Decoration is suspended and for every further act an additional Bar shall be added. A rose Emblem denoting the award of each Bar shall be worn on the ribbon when the ribbon only is worn.

Seventhly : It is ordained that the Conspicuous Gallantry Cross shall not confer any individual precedence but shall entitle the recipient to the addition after his or her name of the letters "CGC".

Eighthly : It is ordained that the names of those upon whom We may be pleased to confer this Decoration shall be published in the *London Gazette*, and that a Register thereof shall be kept in the Office of Our Secretary of State for Defence.

Ninthly : It is ordained that reproductions of the Conspicuous Gallantry Cross and Bar, known as a Miniature Cross, which may be worn on certain occasions by those to whom the Decoration is awarded, shall be half the size of the Conspicuous Gallantry Cross and Bar respectively and that a sealed pattern of the said Miniature shall be kept in the Central Chancery of Our Orders of Knighthood.

Tenthly : It is ordained that it shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, by an Order under Our Sign Manual and on the recommendation of Our Secretary of State for Defence to cancel and annul the award of the Conspicuous Gallantry Cross to any person and that thereupon his or her name shall be removed for the aforementioned Register : but it shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, to restore the Decoration when such recommendation has been withdrawn.

It is further ordained that notice of cancellation or restoration in every case shall be published in the *London Gazette*.

Lastly : We reserve to Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors, full power of annulling, altering, abrogating, augmenting, interpreting, or dispensing with these rules and ordinances, or any part thereof, by a notification under Our Sign Manual.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the seventh day of February, One thousand nine hundred and ninety five, in the forty fourth Year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command.

JOHN MAJOR.