

The facts of the situation concerning monetary payments to recipients of gallantry awards are as follows:—

Gallantry awards in respect of World War I which were accompanied by a monetary payment by the British Government were:

- Victoria Cross
- Military Cross (Warrant Officers only)
- Distinguished Flying Cross (Warrant Officers only)
- Distinguished Conduct Medal
- Distinguished Flying Medal
- Conspicuous Gallantry Medal

The British Government continued to make payments in respect of the same decorations and medals during the first part of World War II but, by Order in Council 4736 of June 17, 1943, the Canadian Government assumed the obligation for all monetary payments accompanying gallantry awards to members of the Canadian forces since the commencement of World War II.

In October, 1945, the Canadian Government was advised by the British Government that monetary awards would be paid to recipients during World War II of the following:—

- Distinguished Service Medal
- Military Medal

With the exception of the Victoria Cross, which carries an annuity of £10 a year with an additional annuity of £5 a year for each bar awarded, all the decorations and medals named, or bars thereto, carry a gratuity of £20. The equivalent in Canadian currency is computed at the rate: £1 = \$5.

The foregoing payments (other than for the Victoria Cross) are made to a veteran discharged from the forces without a disability but, if a pension is awarded, the gratuity of \$100 is not paid but in lieu thereof an award at the rate of 12½ cents a day is computed and paid semi-annually. Payment of annuities, gratuities, or additional pension is authorized by the Canadian Pension Commission on notification of particulars by the Director of Records.

The number of Canadians who received the Military Medal in respect of service in World War I is:—

Military Medal	12,041
Bar to Military Medal	838
Second Bar to Military Medal	37

No record could be found by the Interdepartmental Committee of the number of Canadians who received the Distinguished Service Medal in respect of service in World War I.

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