

(ii) George Cross and Medal.

By Royal Warrants dated the 24th of September, 1940, the George Cross was instituted as an award to civil and military personnel "only for acts of the greatest heroism, or of the most conspicuous courage in circumstances of extreme danger",

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the George Medal was instituted as an award to civil and military personnel "only for acts of great bravery".

In each case the Royal Warrant states: "The Cross (or Medal) is intended primarily for civilians and the award in our military services is to be confined to actions for which purely military honours are not normally granted".

(iii) The M.S.M.

The M.S.M. has been restricted to a reward to pensioners of the regular army after 21 years' meritorious service, and was replaced by the Medal of the Order of the British Empire, as an award:

- (a) To all ranks for gallantry
 - (1) during a campaign but not in action
 - (2) or in peace time.
- (b) To a non-commissioned officer or soldier recommended in peace or war for specially distinguished or meritorious service of a high standard.

NOTE: Although this change was made by Royal Warrant in 1928, no action was taken by the Canadian Government to officially adopt these Medals for the Canadian Forces.

By the institution of the George Cross, the Medal of the Order of the British Empire for gallantry, under (a) above, is discontinued, and those in possession of the Medal are to return it and become, instead, a holder of the George Cross.

As the situation now stands, officers, nursing sisters and warrant officers of the Canadian Army may not be awarded any recognition for valuable and meritorious service, other than a Mention in Despatches, no matter how high the standard of service performed. The only award, other than for gallantry, which can be granted members of the Canadian Army is the Medal of the Order of the

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