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# MILITARY AWARDS

What are commonly referred to as “medals” are actually classified as Orders, Decorations and Medals.

## ORDERS

Orders are **Honours** bestowed by the Crown. They are used to recognize merit in terms of achievement and service.



British Empire



Canada

## DECORATIONS

**Decorations** are awards recognizing specific acts of bravery or gallantry – some for active operations against the enemy, others for brave acts not in the presence of the enemy.



Victoria Cross



Distinguished Flying Cross

## MEDALS

**Medals** are used to recognize military campaigns, efficiency and long service, good conduct, and coronation and jubilee events.

