

IRAQ MEDAL
Operation Talic

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TERMS

The Iraq Medal is for service in, and in support of, operations in Iraq from 20 January 2003, and can be awarded to UK Armed Forces and civilian personnel, including embedded media, and certain foreign nationals assigned to the operation. Service personnel and MOD civilians who died during their service in Kuwait or Iraq automatically qualify for posthumous award of the medal. The area of operations has been divided into Zone One (Iraq and Kuwait) and Zone Two (elsewhere in the Gulf region in support of the operation) for determining eligibility.



The qualifying periods of service are:

Campaign Medal with Bar 19 MAR - 28 APR 2003:

Zone One (Iraq and Kuwait)

- 7 days continuous service during period 19 March 2003 to 28 April 2003

- Aircrew based outside but flying two or more sorties into Zone One during period 19 March 2003 to 28 April 2003

Campaign Medal without Bar:

Personnel in Zone One (Iraq) not completing 7 days service during period 19 March 2003 to 28 April 2003, but with 30 days continuous service between 20 January 2003 and 24 March 2003, or 30 days continuous service from 23 April 2003 to 22 May 2011.

Personnel in Zone One (Kuwait) not completing 7 days service during period 19 March 2003 to 28 April 2003, but with 30 days continuous service between 20 January 2003 and 24 March 2003, or 30 days continuous service from 23 April 2003 to 10 August 2003.

- Personnel with 30 days continuous service in Zone Two between 20 January 2003 and 28 April 2003.

- Aircrew based outside both Zones One and Two but with 30 sorties flown into the Zones at a rate of not more than one per day, during the period 20 January 2003 to 28 April 2003.

- Aircrew based outside of Iraq but flying 10 sorties into Iraq from 28 April 2003 to 22 May 2011, at a rate of not more than one per day.

BAR

19 MAR - 28 APR 2003 for personnel who served on the operation between 19 March and 28 April as noted above.

DESCRIPTION

A silver, circular medal, 36-mm in diameter made of cupro-nickel.

OBVERSE

The high-crowned image of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.

REVERSE

An ancient Assyrian Lamussu sculpture above the word Iraq.

RIBBON

The 32-mm wide ribbon is a sand colour with three central stripes of black, white and red.

DATES

For service in Iraq from 20 January 2003 to 22 May 2011
The bar was issued between 19 March and 28 April 2003.

ISSUED

33 to Canadian Forces members have been announced in the Canada Gazette, 13 with the bar and 20 without a bar between 2003 and 08 March 2013. Captain Jean-Marc Fogolin also received the OSM with bar Afghanistan.

108,000 British soldiers, sailors and airmen have received the medal.

NOTE

Subsequent tours to Iraq are not recognized by award of bars or numerals.



British Group



Colonel Ian Huddleston, CD
14 Wing Commander - last ribbon

Ebola Medal for Service in West Africa

Terms

The **Ebola Medal for Service in West Africa** is a campaign medal for issue to the British Armed Forces, and to civilians working either for Her Majesty's Government or NGOs in support of the British Government's response to the Ebola crisis that began in 2014. The medal is the first campaign medal awarded by the UK Government for a humanitarian crisis response.

The medal is awarded either for **21 days of continuous service within the operating area, or 30 days accumulated service** on working visits of 48 hours or more to the operating area. In the event of qualifying service ending prematurely due to death, serious illness, evacuation or disability due to service, where the individual had otherwise been expected to complete their service, the reduced service length will be deemed as qualification for the award.



The following groups are eligible for award:

- Military personnel under the command of Commander, Joint Operations, and other members of UK Armed Forces providing direct support to HM Government's response.
- Any volunteer or employee directly deployed by the Department for International Development, UK-Med, Public Health England, the NHS or the Stabilisation Unit in support of HM Government's response.
- Any member of Her Majesty's Civil Service;
- Any UK national employed by an NGO funded by the DFID supporting HM Government's response.
- Any UK national responding to the Ebola crisis in support of HM Government's response whose service can be verified by HMG.

Note: Locally engaged civilians and dual nationals resident in Sierra Leone are excluded.

There are no post-nominal letters for this medal.

Operational Area

The geographical territories of Sierra Leone, Liberia, Guinea, and their territorial waters.

Bar

There is no bar to this medal.

Description

The medal is a circular, 36-mm in diameter (3.5-mm thick) and made of nickel-silver.

Obverse

The obverse has the legend: ELIZABETH II DEI GRATIA REGINA FID.DEF.

with the Ian Rank-Broadley effigy of effigy of Elizabeth II wearing the Girls of Great Britain and Ireland tiara.

Reverse



The reverse features a flame on a background depicting the Ebola virus. Above this are the words "For Service" and below "Ebola Epidemic West Africa". It was designed by John Bergdahl.

Mounting

A straight bar swivel.

Naming

The name of the recipient (Name and title if civilian; name, rank and serial number if military) is engraved on the rim of the medal.

Ribbon



The ribbon consists of a central yellow stripe, flanked by blue and white stripes, and symmetrical red stripes flanked by green stripes either side. These represent the colours from the national flags of the countries in West Africa affected by Ebola.

Dates

The qualifying period for award of the medal is from 23 March 2014 onwards.

Awarded

77 to members of the Canadian Forces
3,000 plus to British citizens.

First Canadian Recipients Gazetted

Captain Raymond Francis Hartery, CD
(Canada Gazette of 26 September 2015).

Major Ian Craig Schoonbaert, CD
(Canada Gazette of 31 October 2015)

76 in the Canada Gazette of 30 January 2016

ELIZABETH CROSS

TERMS

Her Majesty, The Queen has given her name to a new form of recognition for the families of British Service personnel killed while serving their country. Similar to the Canadian Memorial Cross, the Elizabeth Cross will be granted to the next of kin of Armed Forces personnel killed on operations or as a result of terrorism in a mark of national recognition for their loss. The medal is accompanied by a memorial scroll and a miniature cross. It is not as inclusive as the current Canadian Memorial Cross.



DESCRIPTION

The Cross is a 75% scale model of the Military Cross, 32-mm by 32-mm with a matte finish. The cross patonce is superimposed on a wreath of laurel. The Royal Cypher surmounted by the crown above it is at the centre in raised letters. The arms of the Elizabeth Cross bear floral symbols representing England (Rose - top arm), Scotland (Thistle - left arm), Ireland (Shamrock - bottom arm) and Wales (Daffodil - right arm).

OBVERSE

The Royal Cypher, GRI, GVIR or EIIR surmounted by a crown appears in the centre of the cross.

REVERSE

The reverse is plain with the engraved name of the person commemorated. There is a pin on the back for wearing the medal.

MOUNTING

It is attached to a garment by a pin at the back.

NAMING

The number (form enlisted men), rank and initials and surname of the person commemorated are engraved on the back of the medal.

RIBBON

There is no ribbon.

DATE

The Queen's recognition is available to the families of those who died in conflicts dating back to 1948, including the Korean War, the Falklands conflict and operations in Northern Ireland. First awarded on 01 August 2009.