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CANADIAN ORDER OF PRECEDENCE
OF ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS

HIGHEST VALOUR

Victoria Cross                     VC
Cross of Valour                    CV

ORDERS

Order of Merit                     OM
Companion  Order of Canada         CC
Officer    Order of Canada         OC
Member     Order of Canada         CM
Commander Order of Military Merit  CMM
Commander Order of Merit of the Police Forces  COM
Commander Royal Victorian Order   CVO
Officer    Order of Military Merit  OMM
Officer    Order of Merit of the Police Forces  OOM
Lieutenant Royal Victorian Order  LVO
Member     Order of Military Merit  MMM
Member     Order of Merit of the Police Forces  MOM
Member     Royal Victorian Order  MVO
The Most Venerable Order of St. John  KStJ, CStJ, OStJ, SBStJ/SSStJ

PROVINCIAL ORDERS

Ordre National du Quebec           GOQ / OQ / CQ
Saskatchewan Order of Merit        SOM
Order of Ontario                   OOnt
Order of British Columbia          OBC
Alberta Order of Excellence       AOE
Order of Prince Edward Island     OPEI
Order of Manitoba                  OM
Order of New Brunswick             ONB
Order of Nova Scotia              ONS
Order of Newfoundland and Labrador ONL

Not yet in the Order of Precedence
Order of Nunuvut                   ONu
Order of Northwest Territories     ONWT
DECORATIONS

Star of Military Valour SMV / EVM
Star of Courage SC / EC
Meritorious Service Cross (Civil) MSC / CSM
Meritorious Service Cross (Military) MSC / CSM
Medal of Military Valour MMV / MVM
Medal of Bravery MB
Meritorious Service Medal (Civil) MSM
Meritorious Service Medal (Military) MSM
Royal Victorian Medal RVM

MEDALS

Sacrifice Medal

OPERATIONAL SERVICE MEDALS

Canadian Korea Medal
Canadian Volunteer Medal for Korea
Gulf and Kuwait Medal
Somalia Medal
South-West Asia Service Medal
General Campaign Star
General Campaign Medal
Special Service Medal
Canadian Peacekeeper Medal

CIVILIAN / MILITARY MEDALS

Polar Medal
Sovereign’s Medal for Volunteers
UNITED NATIONS MEDALS

United Nations Service (Korea) (1950-1954)
Emergency Force (Egypt/Sinai) (1956-1967)
Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine (1948-)
United Nations Observer Group in Lebanon (1958)
Military Observation Group in India and Pakistan (1948-)
United Nations Operation in the Congo (1960-1964)
Temporary Executive Authority in West New Guinea (1962-1963)
Yemen Observation Mission (1963-1964)
Force in Cyprus (1964-)
India/Pakistan Observation Mission (1965-1966)
Emergency Force Middle East (1973-1979)
Disengagement Observation Force Golan Heights (1974-)
Interim Force in Lebanon (1978-)
Transition Assistance Group (Namibia) (1989-1990)
Observer Group in Central America (1989-1992)
Iraq/Kuwait Observer Mission (1991-)
Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (1991-)
Transitional Authority in Cambodia (1992-1993)
Assistance Mission in Rwanda (1993-1996)
Mission in Haiti (1993-)
Verification of Human Rights and Compliance with the Comprehensive Agreement on Human Rights in Guatemala (1997-1998)
Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (1999-)
Observer Mission in Sierra Leone (1999-)
Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (1999-)
Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (2000-)
Stabilization Mission in Haiti (2004-)
Operation in Côte D’Ivoire (2004-)
Mission in Sudan (2005-)
Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (2006-)
Hybrid Mission with the African Union in Darfur (2007-)
United Nations Mission in the Republic of South Sudan (2011-)
United Nations Special Service (1995-)
United Nations Headquarters
NATO MEDALS
(North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Medal)

NATO MEDAL - Bar: FORMER YUGOSLAVIA
IFOR / SFOR - Ribbon: Former Yugoslavia
For Operations in the Former Yugoslavia

NATO MEDAL - Bar: KOSOVO
KFOR - Ribbon: Kosovo
For Operations in the Former Yugoslavia Republic of Kosovo

NATO MEDAL - No Bar -------
FYROM - Ribbon: FYROM Ribbon
For service in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

NATO MEDAL - Bar: Article 5
- Ribbon: Single gold
For Operation Eagle Assist

NATO MEDAL - Bar: Article 5
- Ribbon: Double gold
For NATO Operation Active Endeavour

NATO MEDAL - Bar: Active Endeavour
- Ribbon: Double gold
For NATO Operation Active Endeavour

NATO MEDAL - Bar: Non-Article 5
Balkans - Ribbon: Single silver
For Operations in the Balkans

NATO MEDAL - Bar: NTM-IRAQ
NTM-IRAQ - Ribbon: Double Silver
For service with the NATO Training Implementation Mission in Iraq

NATO MEDAL - Bar: AMIS
AMIS / Sudan - Ribbon: Double Silver
For NATO Logistical Support to the African Union Mission in Sudan

NATO MEDAL - Bar: AFRICA
Africa - Ribbon: Double Silver
For operations & activities in relation to AFRICA
NATO MEDAL — Bar: LIBYA
Libya — Ribbon: Double Silver
For service on NATO Operation UNIFIED PROTECTOR against Libya

NATO MEDAL — Meritorious Service Medal
NATO MSM — Bar: Meritorious
— Ribbon: Gold & blue stripe on White edge
The NATO MSM medal is treated as a Foreign Medal and thus comes after all other Canadian medals.

INTERNATIONAL MISSION MEDALS

International Commission for Supervision and Control (Indo-China) (1954-74)
International Commission for Control and Supervision (Vietnam) (1973)
Multinational Force and Observers (Sinai) (1982-)
European Community Monitor Mission (Yugoslavia) (1991-)
International Force East Timor (1999-)
European Security and Defence Policy Service Medal

COMMEMORATIVE MEDALS

Canadian Centennial Medal (1967)
Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Medal (1977)
125th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada Medal (1992)
Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal (2002)
Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal (2012)

LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDALS

R.C.M.P. Long Service Medal
Canadian Forces Decoration (C.D.)

EXEMPLARY SERVICE MEDALS

Police Exemplary Service Medal
Corrections Exemplary Service Medal
Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal
Canadian Coast Guard Exemplary Service Medal
Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Service Medal
Peace Officer Exemplary Service Medal
CHAMPION SHOT

Queen's Medal for Champion Shot of the Canadian Forces

OTHER DECORATIONS AND MEDALS

Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship (O.M.C.)
Ontario Medal for Police Bravery
Ontario Medal for Firefighters Bravery
Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal (S.V.M.)
Ontario Provincial Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal
Service Medal of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem
Commissionaire Long Service Medal
Newfoundland and Labrador Bravery Award
Newfoundland and Labrador Volunteer Service Medal
British Columbia Fire Services Bravery Medal
British Columbia Fire Services Long Service Medal
Commemorative Medal for the Centennial of Saskatchewan
Alberta Centennial Medal

FOREIGN ORDERS, DECORATIONS and MEDALS

Worn in the Order they are received

Commonwealth orders, decorations and medals, the award of which is approved by the Government of Canada, are worn after the Canadian orders, decorations and medals listed here, the precedence in each category being set by date of appointment or award, unless the award was made prior to 1972.
SEQUENCE FOR WEARING
A BRITISH ORDER, DECORATION OR MEDAL
AWARDED PRIOR TO 01 JUNE 1972

Victoria Cross  VC
George Cross  GC
Cross of Valour  CV
Order of Merit  OM
Order of the Companions of Honour  CH
Companion, Order of Canada  CC
Officer, Order of Canada  OC
Member, Order of Canada  CM
Commander, Order of Military Merit  CMM
Companion, Order of the Bath  CB
Companion, Order of St. Michael and St. George  CMG
Commander, Royal Victorian Order  CVO
Commander, Order of the British Empire  CBE
Distinguished Service Order  DSO
Officer, Order of Military Merit  OMM
Lieutenant, Royal Victorian Order  LVO
Officer, Order of the British Empire  OBE
Imperial Service Order  ISO
Member, Order of Military Merit  MMM
Member, Royal Victorian Order  MVO
Member, Order of the British Empire  MBE
Member, Royal Red Cross  RRC
Distinguished Service Cross  DSC
Military Cross  MC
Distinguished Flying Cross  DFC
Air Force Cross  AFC
Star of Military Valour  SMV / EVM
Star of Courage  SC / EC
Meritorious Service Cross  MSC / CSM
Medal of Military Valour  MMV / MVM
Medal of Bravery  MB
Meritorious Service Medal  MSM
Associate, Royal Red Cross  ARRC
The Most Venerable Order of St. John of Jerusalem (all grades)  KStJ, CStJ, OStJ, SBStJ/SSStJ (MStJ)

Provincial Orders
Distinguished Conduct Medal  DCM
Conspicuous Gallantry Medal  CGM
George Medal  GM
Distinguished Service Medal  DSM
Military Medal  MM
Distinguished Flying Medal  DFM
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**WAR MEDALS**

Africa General Service Medal (1902-1956)
India General Service Medal (1908-1935)
Naval General Service Medal (1915-1962)
India General Service Medal (1936-1939)
General Service Medal (Army and Air Force) (1918-1962)
General Service Medal (1962-2000)
1914 Star
1914-1915 Star
British War Medal (1914-1918)
Mercantile Marine War Medal (1914-1918)
Victory Medal (1914-1918)
1939-45 Star
Atlantic Star
Air Crew Europe Star
Africa Star
Pacific Star
Burma Star
Italy Star
France and Germany Star
Defence Medal
Canadian Volunteer Service Medal
Newfoundland Second World War Volunteer Service Medal
War Medal (1939-1945)
Korea Medal
Canadian Volunteer Medal for Korea
Gulf and Kuwait Medal
Somalia Medal
Special Service Medal
Canadian Peacekeeper Medal

**United Nations Medals**  
(as outlined in previous section)

**International Commission Medals**  
(as outlined in previous section)

**Polar Medals**
Commemorative Medals

King George V Silver Jubilee Medal (1935)
King George VI Coronation Medal (1937)
Queen Elizabeth II Coronation Medal (1953)
Canadian Centennial Medal (1967)
Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Medal (1977)
Canada 125th Anniversary Medal (1992)
Queen Elizabeth II Gold Jubilee Medal (2002)

Long Service and Good Conduct Medals

Army Long Service and Good Conduct Medal
Naval Long Service and Good Conduct Medal
Air Force Long Service and Good Conduct Medal
RCMP Long Service Medal
Volunteer Officer's Decoration VD
Volunteer Long Service Medal
Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officer's Decoration VD
Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal
Efficiency Decoration ED
Efficiency Medal
Naval Volunteer Reserve Decoration VRD
Naval Volunteer Long Service and Good Conduct Medal
Air Efficiency Award
Canadian Forces Decoration CD

Exemplary Service Medals
As set out in previous section

Special Medals

Queen's Medal for Champion Shot
King's Medal for Champion Shot
RCAF Medal for Champion Shot

Other Medals
As set out in previous section

Foreign Honours
In order of acceptance
OBVERSE
DEVICES AND LEGENDS

The obverse of a medal is the side which often carries an effigy of the sovereign as its principal device, or in the case of recent Canadian medals, a maple leaf. The obverse is also the side observed by others when the medal is worn.

Most of the medals in this book are from the reigns of King George V, King George VI, and Queen Elizabeth II, and thus the effigies and legends used on these medals are described here. The names or post-nominal letters of the medals bearing each device / legend combination are listed below the description.

KING GEORGE V

Early Medals (1911-1930)

Only one obverse legend was used during this period:

GEORGIUS V BRITT : OMN : REX ET IND : IMP :

Three different effigies were used during this period, all bareheaded:
(a) In Field Marshal's uniform:
DCM, MM, MSM, Colonial Permanent Forces LS/GC medal,
Colonial Auxiliary Forces LS/GC medal;

(b) In Admiral's Uniform:
RCN LS/GC medal; DSM

(c) Coinage effigy:
AFM, DFM, EM, KPFSSM, ISM, RVM, British War medal,
Mercantile Marine War medal.
Later King George V Medals (1930–1937)

A new obverse legend was introduced in 1930 for King George V


A new effigy, crowned and robed, facing left, was used for this period. Because it was peacetime, the only war medals (DCM, MM, etc.) that could be awarded to Canadians would be replacement medals.

Others that were issued in this period are:

- MSM, KPSFM, ISM, RCMP LS medal, Army LS/GC medal, Canadian Efficiency medal.

During the brief reign of King Edward VIII, the Royal Canadian Navy Long Service and Good Conduct Medal was issued with the legend and coinage effigy of the 1911–1930 GV period.
KING GEORGE VI

Early King George VI Medals (1937-1949)

This period saw only two combinations of legend and device:

(a) **GEORGIUS VI D : G : BR : OMN : REX ET INDIAE IMP :**
Used on medals displaying a crowned effigy of King George VI:
DCM, CGM, GM, DSM, MM, ISM, KPFSM, Canada Medal, 1939-45 War medal, Army LS/GC medal, Efficiency medal; and

(b) **GEORGIUS VI D : G : BR : OMN : REX F : D : IND : IMP :**
Used on medals displaying the bareheaded coinage effigy of King George VI:
Later King George VI Medals (1949-1952)

After India achieved independence, two different combinations of legend and device were used, and one medal bore a shortened legend:

(a) **GEORGIVS VI DEI GRA : BRITT : OMN : REX FIG : DEF**
Used in combination with a crowned effigy of King George VI, on medals awarded during the early part of the Korean conflict:
DCM, DSM, GM, MM, ISM, KPFSM, Army LS/GC medal, Efficiency medal;

(b) **GEORGIVS VI D : G : BRITT : OMN : REX FID : DEF**
Used only on medals displaying the bareheaded coinage effigy of King George VI:
AFM, MSM, RVM, CD, RCN LS/GC medal, RCAF LS/GC medal, RCNVR LS/GC, medal; and

(c) **GEORGIVS VI DE GRATIA REX**
Appeared only on the RCMP LS Medal (uncrowned coinage effigy).
QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Early Medals (Prior to 1954)
Three effigies of the queen were used in combination with four legends on the obverse of medals issued between 1952 and 1954:

1. a crowned effigy appears in conjunction with the following two legends:
   (a) (1952–1953) 
   ELIZABETH II D . G . : BR : OMN : REGINA F : D : 
   DCM, GM, DSM, MM; and
   (b) 1952 to present) ELIZABETH II DEI GRATIA REGINA
   The Efficiency Medal.

2. the bareheaded coinage effigy is used with the following three legends:
   (a) (1952–1953) 
   ELIZABETH II DEI GRA : BRITT : OMN : REGINA F : D :
   MSM, RVM, Polar Medal, RCN LS/GC Medal, RCAF LS/GC Medal
   (b) (1952 to present) 
   ELIZABETH II DEI GRATIA REGINA . CANADA .
   Canadian Korea Medal, Canadian Forces Decoration; and
   (c) (1952 to present) 
   ELIZABETH II DEI GRATIA REGINA
   RCMP Long Service Medal

3. a crowned and robed effigy of the queen was used with the legend:
   (1952 to present) 
   ELIZABETH II DEI GRATIA REGINA
   Army Long Service Medal
Later Medals (1954 – 1990)

Two effigies of the queen were used in combination with four legends on the obverse of medals issued during this period.

1. a crowned effigy of the queen was used with the following two legends:
   (a) **ELIZABETH II DEI GRATIA REGINA F . D .**
       GM, Queen's Medal for the Champion Shot of the Army (and of the RCAF). The British DCM, CGM, DSM, and MM had this type of obverse until discontinued in 1998. None of these have been issued to Canadians.
   (b) **ELIZABETH II DEI GRATIA REGINA FID . DEF .**
       Efficiency Medal

2. a bareheaded coinage effigy of the queen was used in combination with two legends:
   (a) **ELIZABETH II . DEI . GRATIA . REGINA . F : D : .**
       MSM, RCN LS/GC Medal, RCAF LS/GC Medal; and
   (b) **ELIZABETH II DEI GRATIA REGINA FID : DEF :**
       AFM

Current Medals (1990 to present)

(a) a crowned effigy of the Queen, facing right, with the legend:
   **ELIZABETH II DEI GRATIA REGINA . CANADA .**
   CVSM Korea, Gulf and Kuwait Medal, Queen's Medal for Champion Shot.

(b) a crowned, older effigy of the Queen, facing right, with the legend:
   **ELIZABETH II DEI GRATIA REGINA – a maple leaf – CANADA – a maple leaf.**
   Sacrifice Medal
## ABBREVIATIONS

* An asterisk following the post-nominal letters for an award represent a bar to that award.

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CM  Member, Order of Canada (also Medal of Courage)
CMG  Companion, Order of St. Michael and St. George
CMM  Commander, Order of Military Merit
CMO  Chief Medical Officer
CO  Commanding Officer
Col  Colonel
Cpl  Corporal
CPO1  Chief Petty Officer, 1st Class
CPO2  Chief Petty Officer, 2nd Class
CPR  Canadian Pacific Railway
CQ  Knight, Ordre National du Quebec
CSM  Company Sergeant-Major (Warrant Officer Class II)
CStJ  Commander, Order of St. John of Jerusalem
CV  Cross of Valour
CVO  Commander, Royal Victorian Order
CVSM  Canadian Volunteer Service Medal
CWO  Chief Warrant Officer (formerly WOI)

DBE  Dame Commander Order of the British Empire
DCM  Distinguished Conduct Medal
Dep/  Deputy
DFC  Distinguished Flying Cross
DFM  Distinguished Flying Medal
DOMREP  Mission of the Representative of the Secretary General in the Dominican Republic
Dr  Doctor
DSC  Distinguished Service Cross
DSM  Distinguished Service Medal
DSO  Distinguished Service Order
DStJ  Dame of Justice or of Grace, Order of St. John of Jerusalem

EC  Etoile du Courage
ECMMY  European Community Monitor Mission in Yugoslavia
ED  Canadian Efficiency Decoration
EGM  Empire Gallantry Medal
EIIR  Queen Elizabeth II
EM  Edward Medal
ERVII  King Edward VII
Exergue  Below

FAA  Fleet Air Arm
F/L  Flight Lieutenant
F/O  Flying Officer
F/S  Flight Sergeant

G/C  Group Captain
GBE  Knight or Dame Grace Cross, Order of the British Empire
GC   George Cross
GCB  Knight Grand Cross, Order of the Bath
GCMG Knight Grand Cross, Order of St. Michael and St. George
George
GCStJ Bailiff or Dame Grand Cross, Order of St. John of Jerusalem
GCVO Knights (Dames) Grand Cross, Royal Victorian Order
GM   George Medal
GOQ  Commander, Ordre National du Quebec
GRI  King George VI
GVI  King George VI
GVR  King George V
GV   King George V
HRH  His / Her Royal Highness
HMCS His / Her Majesty's Canadian Ship
HQ   Headquarters
ICCS International Commission of Control and Supervision Viet Nam 1973
ICSC International Commission of Supervision and Control Service
ISM  Imperial Service Medal
ISO  Imperial Service Order
KBE  Knight Commander, Order of the British Empire
KCB  Knight Commander, Order of Bath
KCMB Knight Commander, Order of St. Michael and St. George
KCVO Knight (Dame) Commander, Royal Victorian Order
KIA  Killed in Action
KPFSM King's Police and Fire Services Medal
KPM  King's Police Medal
KStJ Knight of Justice or of Grace, Order of St. John of Jerusalem
LAC  Leading Aircraftsman
LCdr Lieutenant-Commander
LCOL Lieutenant-Colonel
L/Cpl Lance-Corporal
LGen Lieutenant-General
LSH  Lord Strathcona's Horse
Lt   Lieutenant
Lt-Gov Lieutenant-Governor
LVO  Lieutenant, Royal Victorian Order
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PC        Member of the Privy Council
PO        Petty Officer
PO1       Petty Officer, 1st Class
PO2       Petty Officer, 2nd Class
POW       Prisoner of War
PPCLI     Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry
Pte       Private
PWOR      Princess of Wales' Own Regiment

QHP       Queen's Honorary Physician
QOCH      Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada

R22eR     Royal 22e Regiment
RAAF      Royal Australian Air Force
RAdm      Rear-Admiral
RAF       Royal Air Force
RCA       Royal Canadian Artillery
RCAF      Royal Canadian Air Force
RCAMC     Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps
RCASC     Royal Canadian Army Service Corps
RCE       Royal Canadian Engineers
RCMP      Royal Canadian Mounted Police
RCN       Royal Canadian Navy
RCNR      Royal Canadian Naval Reserve
RCNVR     Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve
RCR       Royal Canadian Regiment
RC Sigs   Royal Canadian Signal Corps
RD        Royal Canadian Naval Reserve Officers' Decoration
RE        Royal Engineers
RFC       Royal Flying Corps
RMC       Royal Military College (of Canada, Kingston)
RN        Royal Navy; Registered Nurse
RNWMP     Royal Northwest Mounted Police
RNZAF     Royal New Zealand Air Force
RR        Royal Regiment
RRC       Member, Royal Red Cross
RSM       Regimental Sergeant-Major (WOI)
RWAU      Rotary Wing Aviation Unit

S/Sgt     Staff Sergeant
S/L       Squadron Leader
SBStJ     Serving Brother, Order of St. John of Jerusalem
SC        Star of Courage
Sgt       Sergeant
S/M       Sergeant Major
SM        Medal of Service
SMV       Star of Military Valour
SOM  Saskatchewan Order of Merit
Sqd  Squadron
SSM  Special Service Medal (UN or Canadian)
SSStJ Serving Sister, Order of St. John of Jerusalem

UK  United Kingdom
UN  United Nations
     All UN Medal abbreviations outlined in Index
US  United States
USA  United States of America
USAF United States Air Force
USN United States Navy
USS United States Ship
VAdm Vice-Admiral
VC  Victoria Cross
VD  Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration
VR  Queen Victoria
VRD Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserver Officers' Decoration

W/C  Wing Commander
WO  Warrant Officer / War Office
WO1 Warrant Officer, 1st Class (now Chief Warrant Officer)
WO2 Warrant Officer, 2nd Class (now Master Warrant Officer)
WWI World War One
WWII World War Two
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The world has found the internet and so has the medals world. I published a book "RCAF Honours, Decorations and Medals" which listed all the awards to the RCAF and Canadians in the RAF. My friend, Hugh Halliday, a noted author in his own right, went one better (more like a million better), he compiled all the citations to the RCAF plus biographies on all the members. However, the book would be far to large. So he put all his citations on the Air Command Web site. Then the Canadian Forces decided to remove them! At a time that they professed to believe in history, they dropped the entire site. I had assisted Hugh in editing his work (but he got all the citations and entered them) and fortunately, the RCAF Association put the citations on their web site.

Being a naval officer, I felt that I had to compile the naval citations (a much less daunting task especially since there was already a book with the WWII citations by Bainbridge and Paquette to work from. These were submitted to Maritime Command but they cannot be put on their site because they have to be translated. The rules do not require this since material originally published in only one language can be put on government web sites. So they should show up on the Naval Officers Association website sometime soon.

Hugh Halliday went even further. He has all the citations to the Canadian Army for WWII and he and I have put them all onto the computer. His RCAF list is on the Air Force Officers Association of Canada site.

The following internet sites have information on medals that will enhance the usefulness of this book.

- www.gg.ca Governor-General of Canada (Citations for all the recipients of the Order of Canada and the Meritorious Service Decorations)
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