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OUTSTANDING INFORMATIONS GIVEN FROM THE MEMBERSHIP

Some of the members have given information's, that had not been reported:

Fred Beavis from Thailand had sent another batch of ribbons, which he has given before. I have requested information be from Fred to create an overview to the ribbons used during the reign of various Thai kings.

He also reported a statement in a past edition of the Medals Year Book to the ribbon on the Royal Naval Meritorious Service medal 1919-1928. They mention that the original ribbon was dark blue with white edges and a white centre stripe. I have never heard mention or ever seen this statement in any other book. Let along seen a sample of this ribbon. Can any member help?

Jonathan Maguire from Northern Ireland got information's from a prison officer, that the colours of the British Territorial Army Volunteer Decoration is in use in the Republic of Ireland as THE PRISON SERVICE MEDAL (32 mm wide). He was also generous to donate the members with a spare of the Royal Irish Regimental ribbon (Armagh).

Steve Haskin of the United States has donated some spares of the new USAF Combat Action Ribbon. The prototype ribbon was used for the first six medals awarded on June 12, 2007. Within Air Force circles, this is a controversial award. The reason for the award is for recognition was due for folks who came under fire in ground combat. More information is available at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Air_Force_Combat_Action_Medal. (RSS 5479 + 5480) Please read more to this award on the 3 following pages.

Ted Burnell gave informations to the BFSM medal for 10 and 20 yrs and to the Fire Brigade of the State of Guernsey. The ribbons will be shown on one of the next pages. Ted Burnell writes often although he is 77 yrs of age and gave the information to the FIRE SERVICE Medal of Honour of Senegal. Please read more to this award on the 3 following pages.

Mark Chadwick of Warrington seems to be the youngest of the members at 41 years of age. He serves as a soldier in The Parachute Regiment. He gave no informations to ribbons, but had sent badges of his uniform.

Bill Hunt wrote the second time and sent two USA ribbons, but not enough to deliver a spare 1" to everybody, so I will cut the lengths shorter. (RSS 5481+5482)

Henry Tilling of Midlothian is a real expert on the Order of St John of Jerusalem. He wrote: „The St John Ambulance Brigade of Ireland“ has no connection with any Order. In 1945 the government of Ireland suggested to the Order of St John that it should cease its activities in Ireland. It did so perfectly willingly. At the same time the government acknowledged that the work done by St John Ambulance Brigade was still needed and, for that reason, created a new organisation of the same purpose and of the same name but with „of Ireland“ added at the title. The St John Ambulance Brigade of Ireland does not have a plain black ribbon. (I, the editor, have deleted the ribbon number 65 from the corrected version in the Internet).

John Royston gave the information, that RSS 5133 (issue 14, Oct. 2003) belongs to

The former editors forgot to enter the issue's number and the date to all sheets of an issue.

El Salvador:
Antorcha por Servicios Distinguido



green-blue-white-blue-green
OMSA code: 206 209 117

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Michael O'Brien does not have access to a or internet. He has provided interesting informations about ribbon bars of the Order of Australia. The ribbons used on Military (undress) bars show four stars as shown in the two examples. He also gave the information that these bar ribbons will be soon available at the Worchestershire Medal Service for 1,00 £ per 1" inch.



Republic of Ireland ^{JM}



Prison Long Service Medal
blue-yellow-green 32 mm



FORSA CONSANTA AITUIL
Reserve Defence Forces 50 yrs medal
red-yellow 32 mm

Senegal



Fire Service Medal for Honor
green-yellow-red- << 37 mm

UK ^{JM}



Royal British Legion
Freedom of Graigavon (2002)
red-olive-l'blue-olive-black-olive-blue- olive-green
32 mm

UK



Fire Service Medal 10 yrs ^{TB}
white-red-black-grey- << 32 mm



Fire Service Medal 20 yrs ^{TB}
red-white-black-grey- << 32 mm



The Royal Irish Rangers ^{JM}
d'green-yellow-d'green-red- << 32 mm



Guernsey Fire Service Medal ^{TB}
green-white-red-yellow- << 32 mm

RSS

Donators:
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USAF



5479 ^{SH}
Combat Action Ribbon
red with golden diagonal stripes



5480 ^{SH}
miniature

USA



5481 Armed Forces ^{BH}
Expeditionary Medal
green-yellow-brown-black-l'blue-blue-white-
red-l'blue-black-brown-yellow-green



5482 Victory Medal WW II ^{BH}
colours of the victory medal 1914-18-
white-red- <<

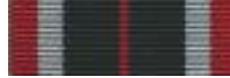
III. Reich



5483 ^{MS}
Ritterkreuz WWII
44 mm black-white-red- <<



5484 ^{MS}
Kriegsverdienstkreuz WWII
31 mm red-white-black- <<



5485 ^{MS}
Kriegsverdienst Medaille
30 mm red-white-black-red- <<



5486 ^{BH}
The Royal Irish Regiment (Armagh)
32 mm black-red-blue- <<



5488 ^{MSh}
Royal Army Veterinary regimental ribbon
35 mm blackblue-yellow-red- <<



5489 1897-98/1915-16 2nd pattern
British North Borneo ^{MSh}
32 mm red-yellow-blue- <<



5490
Bravery Medal 1967
32 mm black-red-green-sand-l'blue



5491
As Sumod Medal
33 mm blue-l'blue-red- <<

RHODESIA



5492 UID-period 1969
General Service Medal
32 mm red-d'blue-yellow-d'blue-l'blue

POLAND



5493 ^{MS}
Medal im Ludwica Warynskiego ^{MS}
40 mm red with 3 white stripes

IRELAND



5494
Irish Red Cross, 1st ribbon ^{MSh}
38 mm blackred (dark aubergine)

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States of Guernsey Fire Brigade, Annual report dec. 2004

Following a personal submission to the Committee for Home Affairs by the Chief Fire Officer, a Guernsey Fire Brigade Meritorious Service Medal was introduced into the Brigade in 2004. The aim is to recognise additional Service beyond the 20-year award of the Fire Brigade Long Service and Good Conduct Medal awarded by Her Majesty The Queen.

The Meritorious Service Medal will be awarded for **Gallantry** - where it is deemed that an act is above the award of a Chief Fire Officers' Commendation and **Over 30 Years Service** - awarded to all who have completed 30 years service in total. Whilst the same medal is issued, a clasp will be worn on the medal to indicate Gallantry, 30 years, 35 years and 40 years. The medal will be worn on the right breast, as only decorations and medals authorized by the Sovereign can be worn on the left breast.

The design of the medal makes use of the official Bailiwick of Guernsey Seal, for which approval had to be gained from the Royal Court. The colours depicted on the medal ribbon were chosen to reflect the red, white and gold combination of the Guernsey Flag, together with the symbolic green and white associated with Guernsey.

We are pleased to announce a new series of BFSA Medals. The new medals come in a presentation box and include the medal ribbon pin badge. In both examples, the medals are shown with the additional 5 year bar attached. These cost extr. Medals are numbered and can be stamped with the recipients name around the edge. The 10 year medal has a new design of medal ribbon to distinguish it from the 20 year medal. The bronze award is awarded for 10 years service and then a 5 year bar is added at the 15yr point. The silver is awarded for 20 yrs with a bar being added every 5 yrs after. The medal ribbon pin badge can have rosettes attached to denote 5 yrs plus service.

See also RC issue 27 March 2006

Ted Burnell

THREE SIMILAR RIBBONS (issue 32)

During the process of remounting some of my American Federal ribbons I was struck by the remarkably similar colours and layout of three ribbons. I checked the Ribbon Specification sheets issued by the Army Institute of Heraldry where I found the following.



(a)

Medal for Heroism (IoH spec 175A - Dec. 1970)

(scarlet 1/16"; white 1/16"; scarlet 1/16"; white 5/16"; ultramarine 3/8" <<)



(b)

Secretary of Defense, Medal for the Defense of Freedom (IoH spec 565 Dec. 2001)

(old glory red 3/32"; white 3/32"; old glory red 3/32"; white 7/32"; old glory blue 3/8" <<)



(c)

Meritorious Unit Award, Air Force (IoH spec 581 Mar. 2003)

(old glory red 1/8"; white 1/32"; old glory red 1/8"; white 7/32"; old glory blue 3/8" <<)

Despite the different names given to the colours red & blue all the ribbons, when seen together in the 'flesh' appear to have the same colours.

Members will appreciate from the date of issue and the naming of ribbon (b) that this award followed close after the horrific events of 9/11 (2001) and was authorized to recognise death or injury to DoD employees resulting from enemy action. This is likely to be the rarest of the three ribbons.

The question arises as to why it is that the Institute of Heraldry felt it necessary to come up with three versions of the same basic design.

Mike Shepherd

The committee of the Ribbon Branch regrets not to be able to support colour prints within the Ribbon Collector.

To do this to the benefit of the members I need to have donators who will support this idea.

Our member in the USA John Royston, donated this by giving \$ 110,00.

This enables me to use colour as it is now used for all items, except the RSS ones, which you will get as originals.

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I am planning to do the sheets for Thailand, Turkey (Republic) and Belaruss next. Do you have something to add?

Do you know this ribbon?
It is 40 mm wide



Members are asked to support more colour printing by private donations.

The main society OMRS has its journal now in full colour, although orders and medals appears mostly in either gold, silver or bronze. To understand how these colours would look like, most people will know.

But what was the reason to print in colour?

Medal ribbons are mostly not only in colours of black and white, although some are like this.

How more it should be a reason to print the Ribbon Collector's journal in colour?

I do not own any issue of the Medal Yearbook, just the books of Rossignoli and the three of "the Dorling". Michael O'Brien told me, that the Rossignoli is wrong around the pictures showing the Territorial ribbons. He had sent me a colour copy signed as page no. 227 and on top with 236. EFFICIENCY DECORATION. It's a book with price tables, but the name isn't shown. Does anyone have such a book left for me?

