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The designer of the Irish Prison Officers Medal (# 75), Mr Tom O'Neill informed me by E-mail, that this award is named *Prison Service Cross*. The cross is available in gold, silver and bronze, but only one ribbon. To indicate which version was awarded a harp of the same material as the cross is worn on the ribbon. Wide (35 mm) ribbons are in use for bars; the narrower size is for the medal. Ribbon (54) Mercantile Marine was used, when the Emergency Medal ribbon (25) was out of stock. The new batch was officially reproduced and the ONUSAL ribbon was used on the new medal. Thomas Ashe ONE Branch Tralee Medal (80): the medal was produced in two versions and is only worn by members of the branch. Along the same lines as number (32) is worn by the Patrick Sarsfield Branch ONE in Limerick.

Regarding the two-red/white versions of the Emergency Medal ribbon, those who received (06) replaced version (06) in all the listed forces following an outcry. Eventually all received version (07), some of the earlier recipients just never bothered to replace the ribbon.

The Military Star (50) is awarded to the next of kin of military personnel, *killed overseas as a result of hostile fire*.

Fred Reid wrote the following:

When the Soviet Union existed, the World may have been a more dangerous place, but we Ribbon Collectors knew that when we got to ribbon No. 78 we had a full set (I have more than 90; the editor). The breakdown of this vast Empire has produced a score of independent Countries all with their own series of ribbons and medals.

The largest of these is the Russian Federation, which has produced at least 300 new ribbons. These range from the "Dash to Pristina" to the "Raising of the Khursk". All the Russian Government Departments has their own medals in the same fashion as in the days of Soviets. The ribbons are made in the old style and size and probably by the same firms.

The independent states that I have so far traced and the number of ribbons for each are:

Abkhazia (4); Azerbaijan (12); Armenia (13); Belarus (30); Georgia (?); Kazakhstan (20); Kyrgystan (3); Nagorny-Karabakh (1); Moldova (20); Tajikistan (12); Transdnierster (5); Turkmenistan (2); Ukraine (12); Uzbekistan (2).

The most interesting place is Transdnierster, which is a breakaway portion of Moldova. It is not recognised by any Country yet and has its own Government, currency, Army, Airforce of one helicopter, and its medals. Another State of interest is Nagonry-Karabakh, a disputed territory between Armenia and Azerbaijan. It has around 12 medals with enamel "ribbons", but only one real ribbon in red for the "Golden Eagle". I am sure members will be able to add to this list, but it will be interesting to know where the ribbons are and how we can get hold of some. I saw these informations on various Internet platforms). Thank you Fred Reid.

John Royston, USA identified two ribbons given as RSS in Issue 13, August 2003:



5123 Dominican Republic,
Order for Aeronautical Merit
Red Distinction (27 mm)



5125 Dominican Republic,
Order for Aeronautical Merit
White Distinction (16 mm)



AIR MARSHAL
SIR IVOR BROOM
Michael O'Brien tells:
One of many
Famous Chest's

Our President, Mike Shepherd informs
POSTAL AUCTION: it is with regret that we announce that the planned postal auction will not now take place as Alan received only one lot by the closing date! Perhaps we will try again next year.

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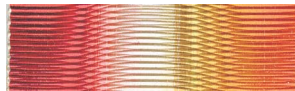
RSS

Romania, royal



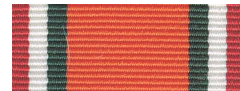
5495^{RB}
Order of the Star
50 mm blue-red-blue-red- <<>>

Nepal



5496^{RB}
Order of the Star
38 mm red-white-yellow fading into another

Sri Lanka



5497^{RB}
SRI-Vardarapachi Medal
32 mm blue-red-blue-red- <<>>

Ethiopia



5498^{RB}
Adwa Medal
32 mm red-yellow-black-yellow-green

Selangor



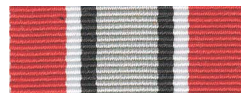
5499^{RB}
Order of the Star
50 mm yellow-red- <<>>

Sarawak



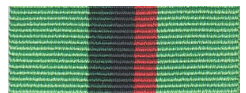
5500^{RB}
Order of the Star
38 mm red-blue-white- <<>>

UK



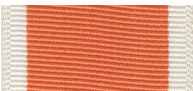
5501^{RB}
BFSA Long and Efficient Service Medal
32 mm red-white-black-grey- <<>>

UK



5502^{RB}
Royal Ulster Service Medal
32 mm green-marron-black-red-green

USA ?



5503^{RB}
Unknown but not Thai!
25 mm white-orange-white

USA ?



5504^{RB}
Unknown
32 mm white-red-white-black-yellow-red- <<>>

Poland



5505^{MS}
Gwiazda Iraku 2007r
Iraq Star
34 mm red-white-black-yellow-white-rd- <<>>

Poland



5506^{MS}
Gwiazda Afganistanu 2007r
Afganistan Star
34 mm black-red-green-l'green-white-red- <<>>

Poland



5507^{MS}
Medal Wdzieczności
Medal for Gratitude 1920
35 mm wine-white-wine- <<>>

Poland



5508^{MS}
Odznaka Narodowego Związku
Powstanców i Byłych Żołnierzy
Decoration of the National
Association of Insurgents and
Former Soldiers in Silesia 1927
25 mm blue-white-blue-white

Poland



5509^{MS}
Krzyż Bitwy pod Lenino 1988r
Commemorative Cross „Battle of Lenino 1944”
37 mm blue-yellow-white-red- <<>>

Donation of John Royston

5503^{RB}
Unknown but not Thai!
25 mm white-orange-white

5504^{RB}
Unknown
32 mm white-red-white-black-yellow-red- <<>>