

Distinguished Conduct Medal

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The **Distinguished Conduct Medal (DCM)** was (until 1993) the second level military decoration awarded other ranks of the British Army and formerly also to non-commissioned personnel of other Commonwealth countries.

The medal was instituted in 1854, during the Crimean War, to recognise gallantry within the other ranks. The medal was the other ranks' equivalent of the Distinguished Service Order when awarded for bravery to commissioned officers, although it ranked well below that order in precedence. In the aftermath of the 1993 review of the honours system, as part of the drive to remove distinctions of rank in awards for bravery, the DCM was discontinued (along with the award of the DSO for gallantry and the Conspicuous Gallantry Medal). These three decorations were replaced by the Conspicuous Gallantry Cross, which now serves as the second level award for gallantry for all ranks across the whole armed forces.

Bars were awarded to the DCM in recognition of the performance of further acts of gallantry meriting the award. Recipients were entitled to the postnominal letters DCM.

Notes

Bibliography

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See also

- British and Commonwealth orders and decorations
- Veterans Affairs Canada: DCM [1]
- *Recipients of the Distinguished Conduct Medal 1914-1920* by Robert Walker ISBN (090745500X).

Notable recipients

- Andy McNab
- Billy Bennett
- Caleb Shang DCM and Bar
- Billy Sing
- Jack Wong Sue
- Jack Cock
- Charles Harley
- Sir Richard Luyt

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Obverse (top left) and reverse (top right) of the medal.
Ribbon: 32mm, three equal parts of red, dark blue, and red.

Awarded by United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Type	Military decoration.
Eligibility	British, (formerly) Commonwealth, and allied forces.
Awarded for	Gallantry in the field.
Status	Discontinued 1993.
Description	Silver disk, 36mm diameter.
Statistics	
Established	4 December 1854
Precedence	
Next highest	Victoria Cross
Same	Conspicuous Gallantry Medal
Next lowest	Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Flying Medal, Air Force Medal

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