



The New Zealand Gallantry Awards 1999

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Royal Warrant

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God Queen of New Zealand and Her Other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, to all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting!

WHEREAS We are desirous of honouring New Zealand Defence Force personnel and certain other persons who perform acts of gallantry while on operational service:

WE do by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, institute and create four New Zealand Gallantry Awards.

1. Style

The New Zealand Gallantry Awards shall consist of four levels and shall be styled and designated -

- I "The Victoria Cross for New Zealand"
- II "The New Zealand Gallantry Star"
- III "The New Zealand Gallantry Decoration"
- IV "The New Zealand Gallantry Medal".

2. Design Of Awards

- (1) The Victoria Cross for New Zealand shall be a bronze cross paty or formy (with straight edges) with, in the centre, Our Royal Crest above a scroll inscribed with the words "FOR VALOUR", and attached by the letter "V" to a straight bronze suspender bar bearing laurel leaves.
- (2) The New Zealand Gallantry Star shall be a silver eight-pointed star of equal points with, in the centre, a Royal Crown within a wreath of New Zealand fern fronds, both gilt, and on the reverse the inscription "FOR GALLANTRY - MO TE TOANGA".
- (3) The New Zealand Gallantry Decoration shall be a silver cross with four equal arms (or a Greek cross) with, in the centre, a Royal Crown within a wreath of New Zealand fern fronds, both gilt, and on the reverse the inscription "FOR GALLANTRY - MO TE TOANGA".
- (4) The New Zealand Gallantry Medal shall be of bronze and circular in shape, bearing on the obverse the Effigy of the Sovereign within the Royal Styles and Titles for New Zealand, and on the reverse the inscription "FOR GALLANTRY - MO TE TOANGA" within a wreath of New Zealand fern fronds ensigned by a Royal Crown.

3. Design Of Bars

The Bars to the Awards shall, -

- (a) For the Victoria Cross for New Zealand, be of bronze, oblong in shape, and bearing laurel leaves:
- (b) For the New Zealand Gallantry Star and the New Zealand Gallantry Decoration, be of silver, oblong in shape, and bearing two New Zealand fern fronds:
- (c) For the New Zealand Gallantry Medal, be of bronze, oblong in shape, and bearing two New Zealand fern fronds.

4. Ribbons

Each Award shall be worn from the left breast suspended from a distinctive ribbon that is, -

- (a) For the Victoria Cross for New Zealand, 38 mm in width, of crimson:
- (b) For the New Zealand Gallantry Star, 32 mm in width, of crimson with white, purple, and white stripes in the centre:
- (c) For the New Zealand Gallantry Decoration, 32 mm in width, with seven narrow vertical stripes of crimson, white, crimson, purple, crimson, white, and crimson:
- (d) For the New Zealand Gallantry Medal, 32 mm in width, with nine narrow vertical stripes of crimson, white, crimson, purple, crimson, purple, crimson, white, and crimson.

5. Criteria

The criteria for each Award shall be -

- (a) The Victoria Cross for New Zealand: for most conspicuous gallantry, or some daring or pre-eminent act of valour or self-sacrifice or extreme devotion to duty in the presence of the enemy or of belligerents:
- (b) The New Zealand Gallantry Star: for acts of outstanding gallantry in situations of danger:
- (c) The New Zealand Gallantry Decoration: for acts of exceptional gallantry in situations of danger:
- (d) The New Zealand Gallantry Medal: for acts of gallantry.

6. Eligibility For Awards

- (1) The following persons, while involved in warlike or non-warlike operational service (including peacekeeping), shall be eligible for the Awards and Bars to the Awards:
 - (a) Members of the New Zealand Defence Force, including Territorial and other auxiliary units established from time to time, and including members on secondment or attachment to, or deployment with, other Commonwealth and foreign nations; and
 - (b) Members of the New Zealand Defence Force and other New Zealand personnel serving with United Nations and other peacekeeping or peace enforcement missions; and
 - (c) Military personnel of other Commonwealth and foreign nations while on secondment or attachment to, or deployment with, the New Zealand Defence Force; and
 - (d) Members of the New Zealand Merchant Navy and crews of civil airlines, registered in New Zealand, and members of recognised New Zealand philanthropic and welfare organisations, operating under the direction or supervision of the New Zealand Defence Force; and
 - (e) Civilians working on a permanent or temporary basis under the direction or supervision of the New Zealand Defence Force; and
 - (f) Such other persons whom Our Governor-General of New Zealand, on the advice of Our Prime Minister of New Zealand or a Minister of the Crown acting for Our Prime Minister, may determine from time to time.

- (2) Citizens of other Commonwealth and foreign countries who satisfy the criteria specified in subclause (1) are eligible for the Awards and Bars to the Awards.

7. Bars To Awards

A recipient of an Award who performs a further act of gallantry that is worthy of recognition by the same Award may be awarded a Bar to be attached to the ribbon of his or her Award.

8. Posthumous Awards

The Awards and Bars to the Awards may be awarded posthumously.

9. Ribbon Emblems

The emblems to be worn on the ribbon of an Award, when the ribbon is worn alone, are, -

- (a) For the Victoria Cross for New Zealand, a small bronze representation of the cross, which shall be worn on the ribbon of the Award, and for each Bar awarded an additional emblem shall be worn on the ribbon:
- (b) For the New Zealand Gallantry Star and the New Zealand Gallantry Decoration, a small silver representation of an uncoiled fern frond, which shall be worn on the ribbon for each Bar awarded:
- (c) For the New Zealand Gallantry Medal, a small bronze representation of an uncoiled fern frond, which shall be worn on the ribbon for each Bar awarded.

10. Postnominal Letters

Recipients of the Awards shall have the privilege of placing the appropriate letters after their names as follows:

- I The Victoria Cross for New Zealand -- V.C.
- II The New Zealand Gallantry Star -- N.Z.G.S.
- III The New Zealand Gallantry Decoration -- N.Z.G.D.
- IV The New Zealand Gallantry Medal -- N.Z.G.M.

11. Promulgation

All Awards and Bars to the Awards shall be published in the New Zealand Gazette.

12. Register

The names of all those persons who receive an Award or a Bar to an Award shall be recorded in a register kept by the Clerk of the Executive Council of Our Realm of New Zealand.

13. Engraving Of Awards

The name of the recipient shall be engraved on each Award.

14. Certificate

Every Award and every Bar to an Award shall be accompanied by a certificate signed by Us, Our Heirs and Successors, and countersigned by Our Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Realm of New Zealand.

15. Order Of Wear

It shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, to determine from time to time, the order of wear of the four New Zealand Gallantry Awards in relation to the insignia of Orders of Chivalry and Orders, Decorations, and Medals that have been or may be conferred in Our Realm of New Zealand.

16. Miniatures

Reproductions of the Awards and Bars to the Awards in miniature, which may be worn on certain occasions by those persons who have received an Award or Bar to an Award, shall not exceed one-half of the size of the full-size Award or Bar.

17. Lapel Badge

- (1) A Lapel Badge may be worn by recipients of an Award on those occasions it is inappropriate to wear the full-size or miniature Award.
- (2) The Lapel Badge shall not exceed 18 mm in diameter, and shall consist of a crimson enamel disc with, in the centre, a silver cross paty or formy (with straight edges), in the centre of which is a silver Royal Crown on a small crimson disc.

18. Making Of Awards

Awards of a New Zealand Gallantry Award and of a Bar to an Award shall be made by Us, Our Heirs and Successors, only on a recommendation by Our Prime Minister of New Zealand or a Minister of the Crown acting for Our Prime Minister.

19. Delegated Powers

Delegated powers to make awards of a New Zealand Gallantry Award or a Bar to an Award under the terms of this Our Warrant may, from time to time, be vested in Our Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Realm of New Zealand.

20. Forfeiture And Restoration

It shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, on a recommendation by Our Prime Minister of New Zealand or by a Minister of the Crown acting for Our Prime Minister -

- (a) To cancel and annul the conferment of an Award or a Bar to an Award, or both, on any person, and to remove the person's name from the register; and
- (b) Where the conferment of an Award or a Bar to an Award, or both, on any person has been cancelled or annulled, to restore the Award or the Bar, or both, to that person, and to restore the person's name to the register.

21. Annulment

We reserve to Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors, full power of annulling, altering, abrogating, augmenting, interpreting, or dispensing with this Our Royal Warrant, or any part of it, by a notification under Our Sign Manual.

Given at Our Court at Saint James's this 20th day of September in the 48th Year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,

J. M. Shipley,
Prime Minister of New Zealand.

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