

Awards for Valour (Protection) Bill [HL]

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Explanatory notes to the Bill, prepared by the Member in charge of the Bill, Lord Brooke of Alverthorpe, are published separately as HL Bill 56 – EN.

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Prohibit the wearing of medals or insignia awarded for valour, with the intent to deceive.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Offence of wearing awards with intent to deceive

- (1) A person commits an offence if, with intent to deceive, the person wears—
- (a) an award specified in the Schedule, or
 - (b) something which has the appearance of being an award specified in the Schedule. 5
- (2) In this Act “award” includes anything representing an award, including in particular—
- (a) a miniature cross, medal or star;
 - (b) a ribbon;
 - (c) a bar; 10
 - (d) a rosette;
 - (e) an emblem.
- (3) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction—
- (a) in England and Wales, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months or a fine; 15
 - (b) in Scotland or Northern Ireland, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months or a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.
- (4) The Secretary of State may by regulations amend the Schedule by— 20
- (a) adding awards to it;
 - (b) removing awards from it;
 - (c) amending the description of awards specified in it.

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- (5) The regulations may add an award to the Schedule only if it is awarded in respect of—
- (a) acts involving gallantry, or
 - (b) involvement in a campaign or operation entailing—
 - (i) the risk of danger to life from enemy action, and 5
 - (ii) a level of rigour significantly greater than might normally be expected in a non-operational environment.
- (6) Regulations under this section are to be made by statutory instrument.
- (7) A statutory instrument containing regulations under this section may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament. 10

2 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- (2) This Act comes into force at the end of the period of two months beginning with the day on which it is passed. 15
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Awards for Valour (Protection) Act 2017.

SCHEDULE

Section 1

AWARDS

PART 1

GALLANTRY AWARDS

Air Force Cross	5
Air Force Medal	
Albert Medal	
Conspicuous Gallantry Cross	
Conspicuous Gallantry Medal	
Distinguished Conduct Medal	10
Distinguished Flying Cross	
Distinguished Flying Medal	
Distinguished Service Cross	
Distinguished Service Medal	
Distinguished Service Order	15
Edward Medal	
Empire Gallantry Medal	
George Cross	
George Medal	
Mention in Despatches	20
Military Cross	
Military Medal	
Queen's Commendation for Bravery	
Queen's Commendation for Bravery in the Air	
Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service	25
Queen's Gallantry Medal	
Victoria Cross	

PART 2

CAMPAIGN AWARDS

1914 Star	30
1914-15 Star	
1939-45 Star	
Africa Star	
Air Crew Europe Star	
Arctic Star	35
Atlantic Star	
Burma Star	
France and Germany Star	

Gulf Medal	
Iraq Medal	
Italy Star	
Korea Medal	
Operational Service Medal (Afghanistan)	5
Operational Service Medal (Congo)	
Operational Service Medal (Sierra Leone)	
Pacific Star	
South Atlantic Medal	
General Service Medal 1918-1962	10
<i>Clasps:</i>	
Arabian Peninsula	
Berlin Airlift	
Bomb and Mine Clearance 1945-49	
Bomb and Mine Clearance 1945-56	15
Brunei	
Canal Zone	
Cyprus	
Iraq	
Kurdistan	20
Malaya	
Near East	
North Kurdistan	
North West Persia	
Palestine	25
Palestine 1945-48	
South East Asia 1945-46	
South Persia	
Southern Desert, Iraq	
General Service Medal 1962-2007	30
<i>Clasps:</i>	
Air Operations, Iraq	
Borneo	
Cyprus 1963-64	
Dhofar	35
Gulf	
Kuwait	
Lebanon	
Malay Peninsula	
Mine Clearance, Gulf of Suez	40
Northern Iraq and Southern Turkey	
Northern Ireland	
Radfan	
South Arabia	
South Vietnam	45

General Service Medal 2008

Clasps:

Accumulated Campaign Service Medal 1994	
Accumulated Campaign Service Medal 2011	
Arabian Peninsula	5
Eastern Africa	
Northern Africa	
Southern Asia	
Western Africa	

Naval General Service Medal 1909-1962 10

Clasps:

Arabian Peninsula	
Bomb and Mine Clearance 1945-53	
Bomb and Mine Clearance Mediterranean	
Brunei	15
Canal Zone	
Cyprus	
Iraq 1919-1920	
Malaya	
Minesweeping 1945-51	20
Near East	
North West Persia 1919-1920	
North West Persia 1920	
Palestine 1936-1939	
Palestine 1945-48	25
South East Asia 1945-46	
Yangtze 1949	

Africa General Service Medal 1899-1956

Clasps:

East Africa 1915	30
East Africa 1918	
Jubaland 1917-18	
Kenya	
Nigeria 1918	
Nyasaland 1915	35
Shimber Berris 1914-15	
Somaliland 1920	

India General Service Medal 1908-1935

Clasps:

Afghanistan North West Frontier 1919	40
Burma 1930-32	
Mahsud 1919-20	
Malabar 1921-22	
Mohmand 1933	
North West Frontier 1930-31	45

North West Frontier 1935

Waziristan 1919-21

Waziristan 1921-24

Waziristan 1925

India General Service Medal 1936-39

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Clasps:

British War Medal 1914-1920

Defence Medal

North West Frontier 1936-37

North West Frontier 1937-39

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Territorial Force War Medal

Victory Medal

War Medal 1939-45

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