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- 1939 - 1945 Star
- Pacific Star
- Atlantic Star
- Africa Star
- Italy Star
- Burma Star
- France & Germany Star
- Air Crew Europe Star
WAR MEDAL 1939-45

All fulltime personnel of the armed forces wherever they were serving, so long as they had served for at least 28 days between 3 September 1939 and 2 September 1945 were eligible for this medal. It was granted in addition to the campaign stars and the Defence Medal. A few categories of civilians, such as war correspondents and ferry pilots who had flown in operational theatres, also qualified. No clasps were issued with this medal but a bronze oak leaf denoted a mention in despatches. The medal was issued unnamed, but those issued to Australian and South African personnel were officially named.

DEFENCE MEDAL

Awarded to service personnel for three years service at home, one year’s service in a non-operational area (e.g. India) or six months service overseas in territories subjected to air attack or otherwise closely threatened. Personnel of Anti-Aircraft Command, RAF ground crews, Dominion forces stationed in the UK, the Home Guard, Civil Defence, National Fire Service and many other civilian units qualified for the medal. The medal was generally issued unnamed.

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