

SCOUT AWARDS AND THE CORNWELL BADGE



In the Scouts, awards may be presented for outstanding gallantry, endurance or services. They are as follows:

AWARDS FOR GALLANTRY

The following awards are granted at the discretion of Headquarters for acts of gallantry by individuals or by collective action.

1. Bronze Cross (red ribbon)
The highest possible award for gallantry, granted for only for special heroism or extraordinary risk.
2. Silver Cross (blue ribbon)
For gallantry with considerable risk.
3. Gilt Cross (blue and red vertical ribbon)
For gallantry with moderate risk.
4. Bar
Bars to the above Crosses may be granted for additional acts of gallantry.
5. The Chief Scout's Commendation
A knot in white and blue on a mushroom background for cases which do not justify the award of a Cross or Bar.

AWARDS FOR MERITORIOUS CONDUCT

One of the following awards may be granted, according to the circumstances of the case, to the same classes of person as for Gallantry Awards.

1. Medal for Meritorious Conduct (green ribbon with vertical red stripe)

2. Bar
Bars to the Medal for Meritorious Conduct may be awarded for further comparable meritorious conduct.

3. Certificate for Meritorious Conduct (cloth emblem, green and white knot)

4. The Chief Scout's Commendation
A knot in green and blue on a mushroom background.

Awards for Meritorious Conduct do not necessarily involve risk to life and examples of cases leading to eligibility might include:

- a. Meritorious action such as First Aid, assisting the Police etc.
- b. Courage under great suffering as in the case of Scouts or Scouters not eligible for the Cornwell Badge.

THE CORNWELL SCOUT BADGE

This exceptional award, reserved exclusively for Scouts under 20 years of age, is given in respect of pre-eminently high character and devotion to duty, together with great courage and endurance. The badge - it is not a medal - is of bronze and features the letter 'C' surrounding the Scout Badge. It may be worn by the holder after reaching the age of 20.

The Cornwell Scout Badge is named after JOHN TRAVERS CORNWELL who, at the age of 15, gained the Victoria Cross at the Battle of Jutland where he continued to serve his gun on HMS Chester, though the rest of the crew were killed and himself mortally wounded.

The Cornwell Scout Badge is sometimes called 'The Scouts' VC', but the Association

discourages this. The endurance of a young person in hospital or facing severe disability with courage cannot be fairly compared with bravery in battle. There is bravery in each case but under different circumstances and, in this context, the Victoria Cross stands in a class of its own.

AWARDS FOR GOOD SERVICES

Awards for specially good services to the Movement are made by Headquarters to Scouters, Administrators, Advisers and, in exceptional cases, to others who have given valuable service for a considerable period. One of the following awards may be granted according to the circumstances of the case.

1. Medal of Merit (green ribbon)

At least fifteen years outstanding service.

2. Bar

A Bar to the Medal of Merit may be awarded for not less than five years additional service of similar character.

3. The Chief Scout's Commendation

Cloth and brooch emblems, white and yellow knot.

THE SILVER ACORN

The Silver Acorn is an award for specially distinguished services. It is worn as an order round the neck on an orange ribbon. The award of a Bar is indicated by the addition of a green stripe to the orange ribbon.

THE SILVER WOLF

The Silver Wolf is an award for services of the most exceptional character, and is an unrestricted gift of the Chief Scout. It is only granted at the discretion of the Chief Scout, but County Commissioners and overseas Chief Scouts may submit recommendations to Scout Headquarters.

The Silver Wolf is worn in uniform round the neck on a dark green and yellow supporting ribbon.