

6th Class:

The badge, a red enamelled, gold rimmed cross (same form as the one of the 4th class) is suspended by a ribbon, coloured red - white - red, the national colours, and is formed into a triangle after the Austrian model.

7th Class:

The badge is identical to that of the 6th class, only silver rimmed and white enamelled! The ribbon is the same too.

8th Class:

The 8th class consists in a gold medal. Obverse: The eagle, the supporter of the arms of the Austrian state, surrounded by a laurel wreath which is covered with the new arms of the Austrian provinces. From the top to the right, are the arms of Burgenland, Niederösterreich, Salzburg, and Tirol. Below the center are the arms of Vienna. From top to the left are the arms of Vorarlberg, Steiermark, Oberösterreich and Kärnten. On the reverse the medal has the inscription: "Für Verdienste um die Republik Oesterreich" ("For merits towards the Republic of Austria"). The medal is suspended by the ribbon of the 6th class.

9th Class:

The same medal and ribbon as the 8th class, only the medal is in silver.

10th Class:

The same medal of silver and ribbon as the 9th class, only the medal is a little smaller.

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RECIPIENTS OF THE AIR MAIL FLYER'S MEDAL OF HONOR

by Ray A. Witnik

<u>Pilot's Name</u>	<u>Date of Heroism</u>	<u>Date of Award</u>
Freeburg, Mal F.	4/12/32	12/13/33
Bellande, Edward A.	2/10/33	10/29/35
Carmichael, James H. Jr.	4/21/35	"
Darnell, Gordon S.	6/28/33	"
McFail, Wellington P.	12/6/33	"
Turner, Lewis S.	3/16/33	"
Tyler, Grover	3/2/31	"
* Warner, Roy H.	8/22/30	"
** Kincannon, Ted	1/29/36	4/12/37
Hisson, John David	10/18/38	10/4/48

* Earliest act of heroism.

** Posthumous award

Note: Awards made on 10/29/35 are listed alphabetically by the Post Office.

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WINS MEDAL AS TOP FBI GRAD - The J. Edgar Hoover Medal has been awarded to Capt. Orville N. Butts of Ft. Gordon, Ga., as the top graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy in Washington.

Butts topped a class of 100 law enforcement agents from four continents to win the award, the first to a soldier since the academy was founded 31 years ago. He is now project officer of the studies division, Combat Developments Comd., Military Police Agency.

The FBI National Academy, known as the West Point of Law Enforcement, teaches police administration and organization, criminal law, investigative techniques, scientific lab subjects, sociology, penology, psychology, and the education and training of police officers. Butts was a graduate of the 77th Session.

From the 13 July '66 issue of "Army Times", as submitted by Capt. R. J. Lehmacher.

This year, 1966, the Republic of Ireland celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Easter Rising which marked the beginning of the end of Ireland's long struggle for freedom. A special commemorative medal, briefly described in the September issue of the Medal Collector, was issued to the survivors of the fighting in Dublin. In August special ceremonies were held to mark another notable anniversary, the execution by the British of the Irish patriot Sir Roger Casement, who was convicted of high treason in an English court. In 1915 and 1916 Casement was in Germany soliciting help for the planned insurrection in Ireland and attempting to suborn Irish prisoners of war. He had some measure of success in his first aim but very little indeed in the second.

Some time after his execution two commemorative medallions were produced in Germany and it may be of interest in this anniversary year to put them on record. The first is a typical German propaganda "hate" medal. It is in bronze and measures 53mm across. The obverse has a rather crude design of the shackled Casement being manually strangled by a nasty looking British soldier wearing what appears to be a kilt. In the exergue is the name "ROGER CASEMENT" set against a prison grill. One of the shackles bears the initials "K.G." for Karl Goetz of Munich. The legend around, "ENGLANDS TATENDRANG" (England's Thirst for Action) and the legend on the reverse are inspired by Casement's last statement from the dock. The reverse has a very confused design depicting a torture chair on which rests a book with the title "ENGLISCH GESETZ UM 1351" (The English Law of 1351) while under the chair is a skull, serpents, a broken crown and a rat. The date of execution, "3 AUG 1916", runs across the centre and all around is the inscription "EDWARD III TOTE HAND LEGT DEN STRANG UMS IRELAND" (The dead hand of Edward III lies like a halter on Ireland).

The second medal, also in bronze, is a much more attractive piece. It measures 60mm in diameter and has on the obverse a fine high relief head of Casement with his name around. The letters "BM" above his right shoulder stand for B. H. Meyer of Pforzheim. The obverse has two draped female figures seated on an arch linking Germany and Ireland and chained together through an Irish harp. Below the arch is a shield resting on a sword and bearing the national floral emblems of both countries while below that is the inscription "VEREINT IN LEIDEN" (United in Sorrow). Above is a rayed star with the words "IRLAND UND DEUTSCHLAND".

In 1965 the British Government, yielding to pressure from many quarters, happily returned Casement's remains to the Irish people. They were received with honour and interred in a hero's grave beside other noted revolutionary leaders.

The medals illustrated are in the National Museum of Ireland and reproduced here by courtesy of the Museum Director.

N.B. - The above article represents somewhat a departure from our usual policy of publishing only those articles relating directly or indirectly to awards. However, these pieces were so interesting, we felt that the readership would not mind a minor deviation, particularly as they relate to the series on Irish medals that we have been running.

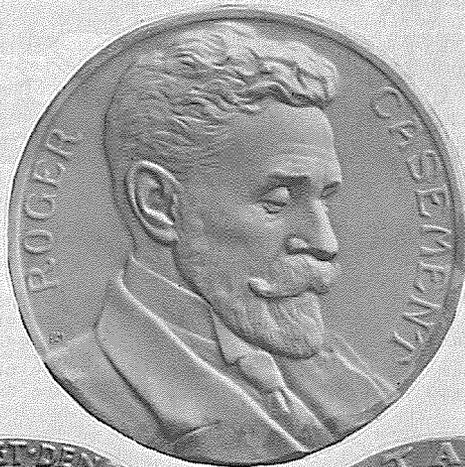
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VETS MAY OBTAIN MEDALS DUE THEM - The following Question and Answer is reprinted from the 20 July 1966 issue of "Army Times" in the "At Your Service" section. It was submitted by Capt. Lehmacher.

Q. My father was an Army veteran who didn't get all of the medals to which he was entitled. Where should he write to inquire about those decorations?

A. He should write to the Commanding Officer, U.S. Army Administration Center, 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. 63132. At that time your father should give full details as to his military service - such as date and place of entry upon active duty, birth date, complete name, former military rank and service (serial) number, date and place of separation, plus current mailing address.



TOP and BOTTOM - The Roger Casement Medal by B. H. Meyer
CENTER - The Roger Casement Medal by Karl Goetz