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35. Order of the Golden Fleece



36. Commander



37. Grand Cross



38. Small Cross

Royal Hungarian Order of St. Stephen



39. Commander

40. Grand Cross

41. Knight

Imperial Austrian Order of Leopold



42. II Class

43. I Class

44. III Class

Imperial Austrian Order of the Iron Crown



45. Knight

46. Grand Master

47. Honorary Knight

Order of the Teutonic Knights



48. Commander

49. Bailiff

50. Knight of Justice

Sovereign Order of Malta

Orders of the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy

A note from the Editor

This issue of the *Magyar Front* is dedicated to my friend and IHMHPS UK Vice-President Jack Keir, who passed away in February of this year (there's a little tribute to him on page 27). He was a very keen collector of Austro-Hungarian medals, and I think this issue would have been his favourite.

Last year, IHMHPS member Jeff Tóth brought an interesting vintage publication to my attention – a beautifully illustrated book on Austro-Hungarian orders, decorations, and medals that I hoped to get a copy of, however, it proved to be extremely rare and prohibitively expensive. Turning to the curator of the numismatic collection of the Hungarian Military History Institute and Museum, Dr. Gergely Sallay, I was able to acquire images of the publication's brilliantly lithographed pages.

The complexity of Austro-Hungarian ODMs has confused me on occasion, and I knew that this would be a valuable resource to collectors and enthusiasts. Each award was captioned in German – another stumbling block for an English speaker like myself. I have translated them with the assistance of IHMHPS Austria VP Manfred Winter, and endeavoured to digitally clean up and colour-correct the century-old plates.

Gergely Sallay then graciously went over everything with a fine-toothed comb, ensuring that English speaking fans of Austro-Hungarian ODMs now have a comprehensive reference they will be able to easily understand. He has also provided some background information on the original publication below.

P.Cz.

In the spring of 1918, the official gazettes of both the Austro-Hungarian Common Army and the Royal Hungarian Defence Forces published the news that Captain Heinrich F. Michetschläger, assigned to the Presidential Department of the Imperial and Royal Ministry of War, was about to publish his reference work on all Austro-Hungarian orders, decorations and medals, also including the Teutonic Order and the Sovereign Order of Malta.

The publication of the large book, measuring 40cm x 52cm and containing 50 written pages and 35 colour plates with about 450 images, was compiled with the consent of the Ministry of War and it was to be sold for 140 *Kronen* or *korona*.

According to the gazettes, the reference book was to be titled *Ordensbuch der österreichisch-ungarischen Monarchie (Book of the Orders of the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy)* and supplements were planned to be added to it later. It was also declared that a significant part of the income would go to humanitarian purposes.

The end of the First World War and the disintegration of the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy in the autumn of 1918 affected the publishing of this reference work, but fortunately, for the good of those interested in the Austro-Hungarian decorations system, it was published in 1919 in Vienna by the War Charity Office of the Military Liquidation Agency. The book's actual title reflected the political changes: *Das Ordensbuch der gewesenen Österreichisch-Ungarischen Monarchie. Orden, Kreuze, Ehrenzeichen, Medaillen, Denkmünzen, Dienstzeichen, Matrikelzeichen, Amtsabzeichen etc. (Book of the Orders, Decorations and Medals of the Former Austro-Hungarian Monarchy)*. It contained 40 pages of text and 26 plates.

Captain Michetschläger's reference book is a fount of knowledge to all those researching or collecting Austro-Hungarian orders, decorations, and medals. It includes detailed information on all medals: their institution, statutes, history, wearing, order of precedence, but the most useful part is the 24 colour plates that show almost all possible variants of Austro-Hungarian decorations; even versions that were not even awarded or are hardly seen by the ordinary researcher or collector today.

The period images (photographs of actual pieces printed in colour by lithography) are an invaluable reference. Although there are a few mistakes in the book (most of which have now been corrected for the English version) it clearly remains a highly reliable and useable reference guide.

G.S.

Our Cover:

The images on this issue's cover are from Plate VI in the series of illustrations from *Das Ordensbuch der gewesenen Österreichisch-Ungarischen Monarchie. Orden, Kreuze, Ehrenzeichen, Medaillen, Denkmünzen, Dienstzeichen, Matrikelzeichen, Amtsabzeichen etc.*, and chronologically followed the plate on page 5.

High ranking national orders and orders of knighthood came with appropriate forms of gala dress, worn according to their various grades.



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THE ORDER OF THE GOLDEN FLEECE



1. Order of the Golden Fleece

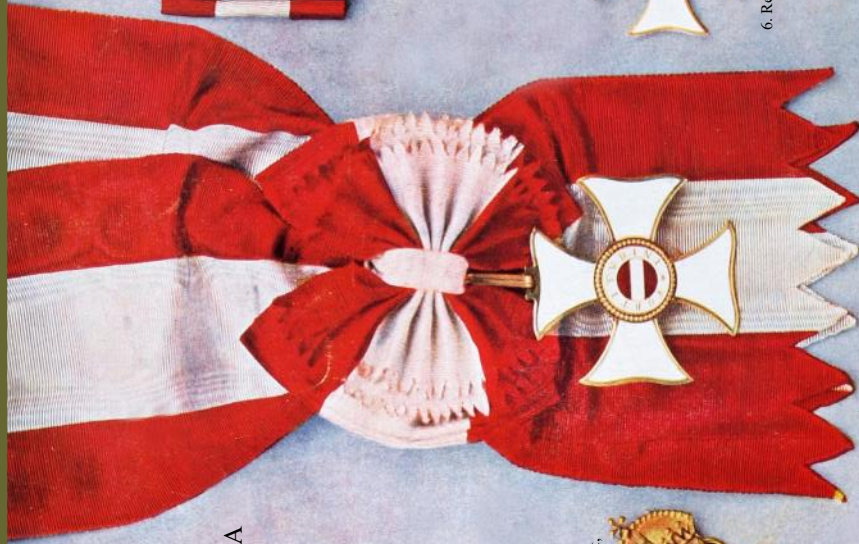
2. Collar Chain of figure 1.



THE MILITARY ORDER OF MARIA THERESA



3. Star for figure 4 (An illustration of the type awarded to Archduke Karl, Archduke Albrecht, and Archduke Friedrich.)



4. Grand Cross

5. Commander's Cross



6. Reverse of figure 5.

7. Knight's Cross



15. Small Cross



16. Ribbon bar for fig. 15.

13. Small decoration of fig. 10.



14. Ribbon bar of fig. 10.

11. Small decoration of fig. 8.



12. Ribbon bar of fig. 8.

THE ROYAL HUNGARIAN ORDER OF ST. STEPHEN



8. Grand Cross



10. Commander's Cross



Grand Cross on Collar Chain

9. Star of figure 8.



GRAND CROSS AND FIRST CLASS SASH RIBBONS OF THE ORDERS



19. Grand Cross of the Imperial Austrian Order of Leopold (17. The ribbon of the Royal Hungarian Order of St. Stephen can be seen in Plate III, fig. 10. That of the Military Order of Maria Theresa is pictured in fig. 4.)



20. First Class of the Imperial Austrian Order of Leopold



21. First Class of the Imperial Austrian Order of the Iron Crown



22. War Ribbon of the Grand Cross of the Order of Francis Joseph



23. Peacetime ribbon of fig. 22.



26. Same as fig. 19.



27. Same as fig. 20.



28. Same as fig. 21. (In the fashion worn by the Clergy.)



29. Same as fig. 22.



30. Same as fig. 23.

GRAND CROSS AND FIRST CLASS COLLAR CHAINS



33. Imperial Austrian Order of Leopold

34. Imperial Austrian Order of the Iron Crown

31. Order of the Golden Fleece

32. Royal Hungarian Order of St. Stephen



51. Peacetime decoration

MILITARY MERIT CROSS FIRST CLASS

53. Same as 51, with War Decoration, 3rd Class.

55. Same as 51, with War Decoration, 2nd Class with Swords, 3rd Class.

57. War Decoration

59. Same as 57 (with Swords 2nd or 3rd Class), swords of oxidized silver, same as 55.

52. Same as 51, with War Decoration, 2nd Class.

54. Same as 51, with War Decoration, 2nd Class with Swords, 2nd Class.

56. Same as 51, with War Decoration, 3rd Class with Swords, 3rd Class.

58. War Decoration with Swords

60. Small decoration for 51.

62. Small decoration for 53.

64. Small decoration for 55.

66. Small decoration for 57.

68. Small decoration for 59.

69. Ribbon bar

70. Ribbon bar

71. Ribbon bar

72. Ribbon bar

73. Ribbon bar

74. Ribbon bar

75. Ribbon bar

76. Ribbon bar

77. Ribbon bar

80. Ribbon bar for fig. 78.

81, 82. Miniature device to Small Decoration for fig. 102 and 103.

83. Military Merit Cross Third Class with War Decoration, diamonds and rubies.

84, 85. Emperors Large Prize - Theresian Academy

86, 87. Emperors Large Prize - Oriental Academy

88, 89. Emperors Small Prize - Oriental Academy

90, 91. Emperors Small Prize - Theresian Academy

92 and 93. Large Emperor's Prize - Medal

94 and 95. Large Emperor's Prize - Medal

96 and 97. Small Emperor's Prize - Medal

98 and 99. Small Emperor's Prize - Medal ...and the reverse (in war metal).

100. Insignia of the King or Arms of the Order of Golden Fleece

101. Miniature for the Secretary of the Order of the Iron Crown.

78. Military Merit Cross, Second Class with Warime Decoration and Swords (second award).

84, 85. Emperors Large Prize - Theresian Academy
 86, 87. Emperors Large Prize - Oriental Academy
 88, 89. Emperors Small Prize - Oriental Academy
 90, 91. Emperors Small Prize - Theresian Academy

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 98 and 99. Small Emperor's Prize - Medal ...and the reverse (in war metal).

MILITARY MERIT
CROSS SECOND AND
THIRD CLASS



105. Military Merit Cross 2nd Class with the War Decoration of the 3rd Class. (106, 107. Small Decoration and ribbon bar of fig. 105 - see fig. 81 and 82.)

102. Military Merit Cross 2nd Class Peacetime Decoration (103, 104. Small Decoration and ribbon bar for fig. 102.)



108. Military Merit Cross 2nd Class with the War Decoration and Swords of the 3rd Class



111. Military Merit Cross 2nd Class with War Decoration



114. Military Merit Cross 2nd Class with War Decoration and Swords



117. Military Merit Cross 2nd Class with War Decoration, and the Swords of the 3rd Class.



109. Small Decoration of fig. 108. 110. Ribbon bar for fig. 108.

112. Small Decoration of fig. 111. 113. Ribbon bar for fig. 111.

115. Small Decoration of fig. 114. 116. Ribbon bar for fig. 114.

118. Small Decoration of fig. 117. 119. Ribbon bar for fig. 117.



120. Military Merit Cross 3rd Class



121. Military Merit Cross 3rd Class with War Decoration



122. Military Merit Cross 3rd Class with War Decoration awarded for the second time.



123. Military Merit Cross 3rd Class with War Decoration awarded for the third time.



124. Military Merit Cross 3rd Class with War Decoration and Swords



125. Military Merit Cross 3rd Class with War Decoration and Swords awarded for the second time.



126. Military Merit Cross 3rd Class with War Decoration and Swords awarded for the third time.



127. Ribbon bar for fig. 120 - 123. 128. Ribbon bar for fig. 124 - 126.



129. Star of the Peacetime Decoration



132. Star of the Wartime Decoration



133. As 132 with Swords.



134. As 132 with Swords of a lower grade.



135. Peacetime Decoration

(141. Small Decoration as fig. 144 but without the laurel wreath under the Star.)



138. Wartime Decoration



139. As 138 with Swords.



140. As 138 with Swords of a lower grade.



144. Small Decoration for fig. 132 and 138.



145. As 144 with Swords.

(146. As 145 with Swords of oxidized silver.)



(147 - 152. Ribbon bars with corresponding devices for the Small Decorations.)

IMPERIAL AUSTRIAN ORDER OF LEOPOLD GRAND CROSS

IMPERIAL AUSTRIAN ORDER OF
LEOPOLD - FIRST CLASS



153. Peacetime Decoration



154. As 153 with War Decoration of a lower grade.
(155. as 154, with Swords of a lower grade, Swords as in fig. 134.)



156. War Decoration.
(157. War Decoration with Swords, Swords as in fig. 133.)
(158. War Decoration with Swords of a lower grade, as in fig. 134.)



160. As 159 (War Decoration of a lower grade).
(161. As 159 (War Decoration of a lower grade) and Swords as in fig. 163, except of oxidized silver.)



162. War Decoration



163. As 162 with Swords.
(164. As 162 with Swords of a lower grade, of oxidized silver.)



166. Small Decoration to fig. 160.
(167. Small Decoration to fig. 161, when the Swords of the Small Decoration are of oxidized silver, as fig. 170.)



165. Small Decoration of fig. 159.



166. Small Decoration to fig. 160.
(167. Small Decoration to fig. 161, when the Swords of the Small Decoration are of oxidized silver, as fig. 170.)



(171 - 176. Ribbon bars with corresponding Small Decoration devices)



169. Small Decoration of fig. 163.
(168. Small Decoration of fig. 162, in that case without Swords.)



170. As fig. 169 with Swords of oxidized silver (to fig. 164).



159. Peacetime Decoration

IMPERIAL AUSTRIAN
ORDER OF LEOPOLD -
COMMANDER AND
KNIGHT



177. Peacetime Decoration



178. As fig. 177 with War Decoration of a lower grade.
(179. As fig. 178 with Swords of a lower grade;
swords as fig. 181 made of oxidized silver.)



180. Wartime Decoration



181. As fig. 180 with Swords.
(182. As fig. 181 with Swords of
a lower grade - swords are
of oxidized silver.)



183. Small Decoration
for fig. 177.



184. Small Decoration
for fig. 178.



186. Small Decoration
for fig. 180.



185. Small Decoration ribbon for
fig. 179 (swords are of oxidized
silver, decoration as fig. 184).



187. Small Decoration
ribbon for fig. 181
(decoration as fig. 186).



188. Small
Decoration for
fig. 182 (with swords
of oxidized silver).



199. Miniature
decorations for
civilian wear.



203. Knight's
Cross with War
Decoration



204. Knight's
Cross with War
Decoration and
Swords



205 (206). Ribbon bar for fig. 202
and 203; and for fig. 204 with Swords.



189 - 195. Ribbon bar for
fig. 183 - 188 with Small
Decoration device.



202. Knight's Cross
(Peacetime Decoration)

(196, 197, 198. Proposed green enameled laurel wreath above the decoration for the Commander's Cross with War Decoration and Swords awarded for the second time, Small Decoration, and ribbon bar.)

(200, 201. Proposed ribbon device (golden bar) for the Knight's Cross with War Decoration and Swords awarded for a second time, and its ribbon bar.)



207. Star of the Peacetime Decoration



210. Star of the Wartime Decoration



211. As 210 with Swords



212. As 210 with Swords of a lower grade.



213. Peacetime Decoration



216. Wartime Decoration



217. As 216 with Swords.



218. As 216 with Swords of a lower grade.



222. Small Decoration device of fig. 210 and 216, (the decoration is the 3rd Class with War Decoration).

(208. The Star of the Peacetime Decoration with War Decoration of a lower grade; fig. 207 with a central green enameled laurel wreath.)

(209. With Swords of a lower grade; as fig. 212.)



225 to 230. Ribbon bar with appropriate Small Decoration devices.

(214, 215. Same decoration as fig. 213.)

(219. Small Decoration as fig. 222 but without laurel wreath.)

(220, 221. Small Decoration, same as the others.)

(223. As fig. 222 with the Swords under the Star.)

IMPERIAL AUSTRIAN ORDER OF THE IRON CROWN - FIRST CLASS



224. As 223 with Swords of a lower grade.

IMPERIAL AUSTRIAN ORDER OF THE IRON CROWN (SECOND AND THIRD CLASS)



236. As fig. 235 with War Decoration of a lower grade.

235. 2nd Class (Peacetime Decoration)



238. 2nd Class with War Decoration

(237. As fig. 235 with War Decoration of a lower grade and Swords of a lower grade. Swords are oxidized silver.)



239. 2nd Class with War Decoration and Swords



241. Reverse of fig. 238.

240. As fig. 239 with Swords of a lower grade.



246. Small Decoration of fig. 239.



(244. Small Decoration of fig. 237, in this case the Swords are oxidized silver on the appropriate ribbon.)

245. Small Decoration of fig. 238. The ribbon is the same as fig. 246 but without Swords.



243. Small Decoration of fig. 236.



242. Small Decoration of fig. 235.

(254. Proposed 3rd Class with War Decoration, second award - a green enameled laurel wreath is added between the decoration and attachment ring.)

(255. Ribbon correspondingly.)



258. 3rd Class with War Decoration and Swords



257. 3rd Class with War Decoration



256. 3rd Class (Peacetime Decoration)



262. Reverse of fig. 256.



259 and 260. Ribbon bar for fig. 256 and 257.

With the miniatures of the matching Small Decorations:

248 as 242, 249 as 243, 250 as 244

251 as 245, 252 as 246, 253 as 247

261 as 259 with attached Swords as fig. 258.

(231. Proposed 2nd Class with War Decoration and Swords awarded for the second time - as fig. 238 with the addition of a 12mm green enameled laurel wreath between the decoration and attachment ring.)
 (232. Proposed Star to be worn on the right breast is planned. 233 and 234. Small Decoration and ribbon for the second award of the 2nd Class following the pattern of all other Small Decorations and ribbons.)

AUSTRIAN ORDER OF FRANCIS JOSEPH - GRAND CROSS



263. Star of the Peacetime Decoration



266. Star with War Decoration



267. As fig. 266 with Swords.



268. As fig. 267 (with Swords of a lower grade).



269. Peacetime Decoration (275. Small Decoration of 263 and 269 as fig. 278, but with a red ribbon and without the laurel wreath under the star.)



287. Grand Cross Chain (for civilian wear).



273. With Swords.



279. Small Decoration for fig. 267 and 273.



272. As fig. 263.

278. Small Decoration for fig. 266 and 272.



281 to 286. Ribbon bars, either red or red and white with the corresponding miniature of the relevant figures.



274. With Swords of a lower grade. (280. Small Decoration of fig. 268 and 274, as fig. 279 but with Swords of oxidized silver.)

(264. As fig. 263 with War Decoration of a lower grade. The cross has a green enameled gold laurel wreath. 265. With Swords of a lower grade - the swords are as fig. 268.) (270, 271. Insignia accompanying 264 and 265 are identical with 269.) (276, 277. As fig. 275, with corresponding miniatures.)



(292. War Decoration with Swords as fig. 291 - swords are gold.)
 (293. War Decoration with Swords of a lower grade as fig. 291 - swords are oxidized silver.)

291. War Decoration

290. As fig. 289 with Swords of a lower grade - swords are oxidized silver.

289. As 288 with War Decoration of a lower grade.

288. Peacetime Decoration

294. Peacetime Decoration

295. Peacetime Decoration with War Decoration of a lower grade.
 (296. With Swords of a lower grade - swords as fig. 290.)

298. War Decoration with Swords.
 (299. War Decoration with Swords of a lower grade - swords as fig. 290.)

297. War Decoration

328. Reverse of Commander's Cross
 (300. Proposed - A green enameled laurel wreath device added above the decoration for Commander with War Decoration and Swords, awarded for the second time.)
 (301., 302. Small Decoration and Ribbon bar.)

308, (309). Small Decoration for fig. 295, 296 without Star.
 (306, 307. Small Decoration for fig. 295, 296. With Star as the other Small Decorations.)

305. As fig. 304, without Star.

304. Small Decoration of fig. 294 (with Star).

(316. Ribbon bar for fig. 304.)
 (318., 319. Ribbon bar for fig. 306 and 307.)

303. Commanders' chain for civilian wear.

310. Small Decoration for fig. 297.

(313. Small Decoration of 298 as 214 but with gold swords, 313. Small Decoration of 298 as 315 but with gold swords.)

323. Ribbon bar for fig. 314.
 (322. Ribbon bar for fig. 310.)
 (324. Ribbon bar for fig. 312.)

325. Ribbon bar for fig. 311.
 (326. Ribbon bar for fig. 313.)
 (327. Ribbon bar for fig. 315.)

314. Small Decoration for 299 with Star.
 315. Small Decoration for 299 without Star.

**IMPERIAL AUSTRIAN
 ORDER OF FRANCIS
 JOSEPH - COMMANDER
 WITH STAR AND
 COMMANDER**

AUSTRIAN ORDER OF FRANCIS JOSEPH - OFFICER AND KNIGHT



329. Peacetime Decoration



330. Same as 329 with War Decoration of a lower grade.
331. Same as 330 with Swords of a lower grade, as figure 334.)



332. War Decoration



333. War Decoration with Swords



334. War Decoration
(and Swords of a lower grade.)



335. Small Decoration of fig. 329.



341. Ribbon bar for fig. 335.
(342, 343. Ribbon bar for fig. 336 and fig. 337.)



353. Ribbon bar for fig. 352.

350, 351. A planned gold device for the tri-fold ribbon was planned for the Knight's Cross with War Decoration and Swords awarded for the second time.



336. Small Decoration of fig. 330.



337. Small Decoration of fig. 331.



355. Ribbon bar for fig. 354.



357. Ribbon bar for fig. 356.

358. Knight's miniature orders, decorations, and medals chain for civilian wear.



338. Small Decoration of fig. 332.



339. Small Decoration of fig. 333.



344. Ribbon bar of fig. 338.
(345, 346. Ribbon bar for fig. 339 and fig. 340.)



354. Knight's Cross (War Decoration)



340. Small Decoration of fig. 334.

(347, 348, 349. There are no images of the planned Officer's Cross with War Decoration and Swords awarded for the second time, including the corresponding small decorations and ribbon bars.)



356. Knight's Cross (War Decoration and Swords)

352. Knight's Cross (Peacetime Decoration)

ORDER OF ELIZABETH - ORDER OF THE STAR CROSS



359. Star of the Grand Cross



364. Second Class



365. Reverse of figure 364.

361. First Class as figure 364 and 365 in gold.

362. Star of the First Class as figure 359.

363. First Class without Star as figure 361.

366. Elizabeth Cross - a silver cross without enamel like that of the Second Class, but a little smaller.



367. Medal of the Order of Elizabeth, obverse and reverse.



368. Order of the Star Cross

360. Grand Cross on sash ribbon.



369 Large Military Merit Medal (Special Commendation), old style.

370. New design.

371. As fig. 369 (370. with Swords.)

372. As fig. 369 with Swords, second award.

373. As fig. 370 with Swords, third award.

374. Above - reverse.

375. *Signum Laudis* (Peacetime)

376. *Signum Laudis* (Wartime)

377. As fig. 376 with Swords.

378. As fig. 375, higher grade.

379. *Signum Laudis*, higher grade.

380 (381). As fig. 379 - second and third award.

382. As fig. 379 with Swords.

383. As fig. 382, second award.

384. As fig. 382, third award.

385. Gold Bravery Medal for officers.

386. Silver Bravery Medal, 1st Class for officers.

387 (388). Gold Bravery Medal. (New design.)

389 (390). As fig. 387, second award (old design).

391 (392). As fig. 387, third and fourth award.

393 (394). Silver Bravery Medal 1st Class (known as the "Large Silver").

395 (396). As fig. 393, second award.

397 (398). As fig. 395, third and fourth award.

399 (400). Silver Bravery Medal 2nd Class (known as the "Small Silver").

401 (402). As fig. 399, second award.

403 (404). As fig. 399, third award.

405. Fourth award.

406. Reverse.

407 (408). Bronze Bravery Medal

409 (410). As fig. 407, second award.

411. As fig. 407, third award.

412. Fourth award.

413 (414). Ribbon bars.

415 (416). Ribbon bars.

THE MILITARY MERIT MEDAL AND THE BRAVERY MEDAL



429 - 435. Wound Medal, all of its ribbons, and the reverse.



427. Reverse of fig. 426.



426. Emperor Karl Troops' Cross



428. Ribbon bar for fig. 426.



422, 423, (424, 425). Gold Medal (with portrait and motto of His Majesty) 1st and 2nd Class. (The 2nd Class and its reverse shown.)



420. Imperial and Royal Badge of Honour for Arts and Sciences

421. Reverse of fig. 420.



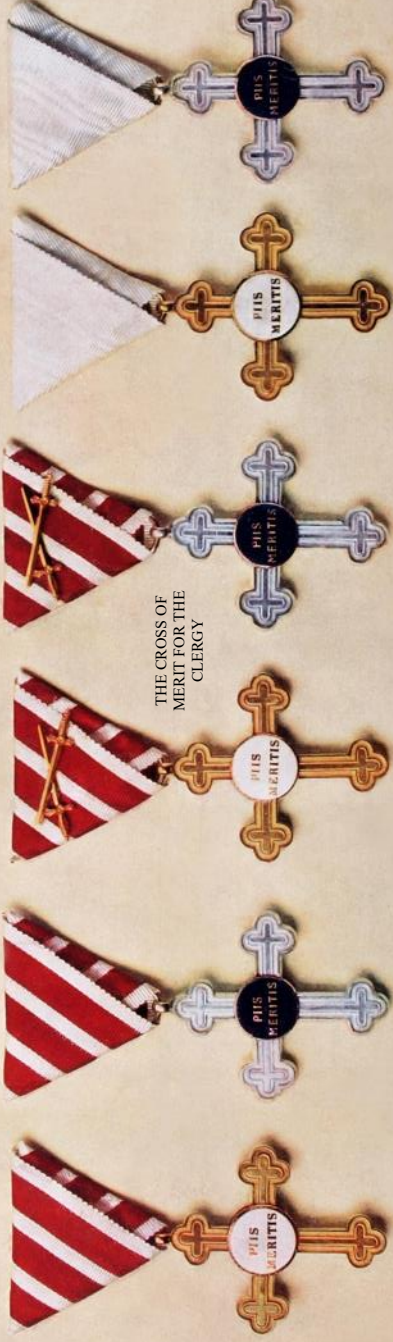
419. Miniature decoration of the Elizabeth and Theresa Military Foundation.



417. Francis Joseph Cross



418. Emperor Francis Joseph Commemorative Cross



THE CROSS OF MERIT FOR THE CLERGY

441. 2nd Class on white ribbon.

440. 1st Class on white ribbon.

439. 2nd Class on red and white ribbon with Swords

438. 1st Class on red and white ribbon with Swords

437. 2nd Class on red and white ribbon.

436. 1st Class on red and white ribbon.



454 (455). As fig. 451 from the year 1859.



446 (447). Proposed 1914-1918 War Commemorative Cross and its reverse.



451. Commemorative Medal for the Defence of Tyrol, 1848. 452, 453. Ribbon bar and reverse.

448. Denmark Campaign Medal, 1864 449, 450. Ribbon bar, and reverse.

455. Proposed 1914-1918 War Medal

442, 443, 444. War Medal, ribbon bar, and reverse.

456 (457). As fig. 451 from the year 1866.



GOLD, SILVER, AND IRON MERIT CROSSES*

464, 471, 478. As fig. 462, 469, and 476 with Swords.

463, 470, 477. As fig. 461, 468, and 475 with Swords.

462, 469, 476. As fig. 461, 468, and 475 without Crown.

460, 467, 474. Without Crown.

461, 468, 475. With Crown on the Bravery Medal ribbon.



479, 480, 481. Corresponding ribbon bars.

459, 466, 473. Reverse.

458, 465, 472. With Crown.

*Silver and Iron Merit Crosses were never awarded with Swords.



482. Military Long Service Cross 1st Class for officers.

483. Medal of Honour for 40 Years of Faithful Service. 484. Reverse.

485. As fig. 483 for Civil Servants.

486. Military Long Service Cross 2nd Class for officers.

487. Military Long Service Cross 3rd Class for officers.

488. Military Merit Cross 1st Class for NCOs and Other Ranks.

489. Military Merit Cross 2nd Class for NCOs and Other Ranks.

490. Military Merit Cross 3rd Class for NCOs and Other Ranks.

491. Ribbon bars for fig. 482, 483, 486 to 489.
492. Ribbon bar for fig. 485.

MILITARY SERVICE AWARDS, COMMEMORATIVE MEDALS AND CROSSES, ETC.



493 (494, 495). Jubilee Court Medal in Silver (also Gold and Bronze).



496 (497, 498). As fig. 493 worn on military uniform.



499. Jubilee Medal for the Armed Forces (500). As fig. 499 in gold with Eagle device.) 501. Reverse.



503. Jubilee Medal for Civil State Officials 504. Ribbon bar for fig. 503.



505. Jubilee Court Cross 506. Ribbon bar for fig. 505.



507. Military Jubilee Cross 508. Ribbon bar for fig. 507. (As fig. 507 on a red ribbon for Civil State Officials.)



509. Reverse of fig. 505 and 507.
510. Ribbon bar.



511 - 514. Medal of Honour for 25 Years of Meritorious Activity in the Fire and Life-Saving Service - and its reverse.



515. Bosnia and Herzegovina Medal 516. Reverse.



518, 1912-1913 Commemorative Cross 519. Ribbon bar for fig. 518.



520. Field Marshal Archduke Albrecht Commemorative Badge



522. Ribbon bar for fig. 521.
523. Medal of Honour for 25 Years of Meritorious Activity in the Fire and Life-Saving Service - and its reverse.
524. Ribbon bar for fig. 523.

DECORATIONS OF
HONOUR OF THE
RED CROSS



525. Star of Merit with War Decoration

526. Star of Merit



531. Officer's Badge of Honour with War Decoration



532. 2nd Class with War Decoration



527. 1st Class with War Decoration



Cavalry General
Archduke Franz Salvator,
former deputy protector
of the Austro-Hungarian
Society of the Red Cross



529. 1st Class with War Decoration on bow for ladies.



535. As fig. 534 on bow for ladies.



530. 1st Class on bow for ladies.



536. Reverse of fig. 532.



534. 2nd Class



543. As fig. 542 on bow for ladies.



545. As fig. 544 on bow for ladies.



542. Bronze Medal of Honour with War Decoration



540. Silver Medal of Honour with War Decoration on bow for ladies.



541. Silver Medal of Honour on bow for ladies.



539. Silver Medal of Honour.



538. Reverse of fig. 537.



537. Silver Medal of Honour with War Decoration



544. Bronze Medal of Honour

(546. Ribbons are the same for all figures.)



547 - 550. War Cross for Civil Merit 1st to 4th Class.



551. Badge of the Knights of the Golden Spur



552. Prague Civil Defence Medal for Volunteers from 1866.



553. Registry Badge of the Corporation of the Tyrol Nobility



554. Reverse of a larger example.



557. Large Gold Saviour Medal



555. Double-sized Gold Saviour Medal



558. Reverse of 557.



559. Small Gold Saviour Medal



561. Silver Saviour Medal



562. Reverse of fig. 561.



564. Reverse of fig. 563.

565. Official Badge for the mayors of Lower Austria on the occasion of the government's anniversary.

566. Reverse of fig. 565.

567 and 568. Miniatures of fig. 565 and 566.

563. Iron Saviour Medal



DECORATIONS OF THE KNIGHTS
OF THE TEUTONIC ORDER



569. Grand Master Breast Cross.

570. Grand Master Neck Cross.

571. Knight of Honour Neck Cross (blue helmet, red helmet lining).

572. Priest's Neck Cross.

573. Knight's (professed of solemn vows) and Priest's Breast Cross.

574. Knight (professed of solemn vows) Neck Cross, reverse. Also reverse of fig. 571.

575. Sister's Cross. (Worn as fig. 572 or 574.)

(576. Lay Brother's Cross)

577. Marian Neck Cross.

578. Marian Cross

579. Reverse of fig. 578.

580. As 578, on bow ribbon for ladies.

DECORATIONS OF THE KNIGHTS OF THE SOVEREIGN ORDER OF MALTA



581. Bailiff Professed of Solemn Vows and Honorary Bailiff, and Grand Cross of Sovereign Houses. (65mm across.)



582. Ribbon for the Bailiff Cross, can either be worn under the Order of the Golden Fleece, or on the tri-fold ribbon as a Knight's Cross on the left breast.



583. Bailiff and Grand Cross, Honorary Bailiff and Grand Cross



585. Commander, Knights Professed of Solemn Vows, Knights of Justice, and Honorary Knights.



586. Magisterial Grand Cross



587. Dames of Honour Grand Cross



590. Dames of Honour and Devotion



589. Bow ribbon for the Grand Cross for Dames of Honour.



584. Ribbon embroidered with a wreath of thorns worn around the neck. (The back is pictured.)

DECORATIONS OF THE KNIGHTS OF THE SOVEREIGN ORDER OF MALTA



591. Magisterial Knight, Professed and Honorary Chaplains



592, 593. Donatus Cross 1st Class with the Half Cross of Justice (Professed of Solemn Vows).



594. Donatus Cross 1st Class



595. Donatus Cross 2nd Class 596. Donatus Cross 3rd Class

597. Gold Cross for Faithful Service.



598. Merit Neck Cross (worn with breast cross).

599. For wear on the breast. 600. Breast Cross of Merit Both with War Decoration.



601. Gold Merit Badge of Honour (with War Decoration)



602. Silver Merit Badge of Honour (with War Decoration)



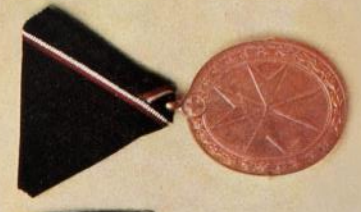
603. Silver Merit Badge of Honour (Peacetime Decoration)



604. As 601 (for ladies).



605. As 602 (for ladies).



606. (607, 608) Bronze Merit Medal with War Decoration (also in Gold and Silver).



609. (610, 611) as 606 (607, 608) for ladies.

John Keir 1961-2021



We met for the first time virtually, so many years ago, through a sale of a medal offered on an online auction that was then in its infancy. Jack and I quickly realized that we had a lot in common – I live in Vancouver (his favourite home away from home), we both shared a passion for all things Hungarian, and he was a proper Scotsman (a Scottish couple took my new immigrant parents under their wings here in Canada, after 1956 – my adopted auntie and uncle had a significant influence on my early years).

Thanks to modern technology I had the privilege of getting to know Jack very well over the years, and his passion for travel brought him to my home a number of times too. Now when I look back on our correspondence it lovingly overwhelms me – we shared everything from our aches and pains to our favourite pastimes – he was always ready to chat – even when it was about our saddest moments. When I wanted to revive those sweet memories of my auntie and uncle, we chatted in Scots. Here in my living room, after peppering him with my usual barrage of questions, he patiently wrote down (in his beautiful script) a detailed explanation of the old British currency, and the mystifying (to me) Scottish terms for meals (“For some lunch is dinner, and if lunch is your dinner, dinner is your tea. If lunch is your lunch then dinner is dinner. Supper is post-dinner...”).

John Keir was born in Glasgow, Scotland in 1961. He was admitted to the Edinburgh University Faculty of Law in 1978, and graduated with an Honours Degree in 1982, and after a post graduate year he commenced his training as a solicitor. Following many years in private practice he entered the Procurator Fiscal Service (the Scottish public prosecution and death investigation service) in 1999 and became Senior Procurator Fiscal Depute assigned to a specialist post at Crown Office in Edinburgh. He worked in many places across the country, including Kirkcaldy, Dunfermline and Falkirk before he retired in late 2019.

Jack was very highly respected - Derek McEwan, Fife Divisional Police Commander summed it up well: “John always made himself available to provide advice and guidance to officers of all ranks and was a key individual in the preparation for court of some of the most significant criminal investigations policing in Fife have encountered. As a fiscal depute, John dedicated so much of his time, not only in supporting policing in Fife, but in making the communities of Fife and Scotland a safer place for all.”

After becoming involved with the World Federation of Hungarian Veterans, Jack joined my new association, the International Hungarian Military History Preservation Society, in 2008. Always ready to write articles and proof-read others, and offer sage advice on top of that, I asked him to represent the IHMHPS in the UK as one of our vice-presidents. He supported and assisted the Hungarian Military History Institute and Museum in Budapest, took part in our 2006 50th anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution commemorations in Vancouver – honestly, he was so enthusiastic I will never be able to calculate the enormous amount of awareness he has raised about Hungary. We Magyars value our native Hungarian heroes – but someone like Jack – a Hungarophile by choice who served our cause above and beyond, ranks him just a wee bit above

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John Keir’s military history related awards:

Hungarian Military History Institute and Museum Silver Medal, IHMHPS Gold Service Cross, IHMHPS Silver Service Cross, IHMHPS Bronze Service Cross with Clasp, IHMHPS 2014-2018 Cross, World Federation of Hungarian Veterans (MHBK) Gold Service Medal, MHBK 1956 Commemorative Medal, MHBK Silver Service Medal, Austrian Veterans’ Association (OKB) Silver Service Medal, OKB Fund Raising Award, OKB 1854-2014 Jubilee Medal, Kálmán v. Mikecz Armed Forces and Hussar Historical Preservation Society 2005-2015 Jubilee Medal, IHMHPS Badge of Honour, and the IHMHPS 2014-2018 Commemorative Badge.



AWARDS AND INSIGNIA OF THE IHMHPS



2. Badge of Honour (for IHMHPS members).



1. Badge of Honour (for IHMHPS leadership).



3. Badge of Honour (for non-members).



4. Lifetime Membership Badge (prototype)



6. Gold 2008-2018 Commemorative Badge



5. 2014-2018 Commemorative Badge



7. Silver 2008-2018 Commemorative Badge



8. Insignia of the International Hungarian Military History Preservation Society.



9. Gold Service Cross, second award, with miniature Badge of Honour.*



11. Gold Service Cross with miniature Badge of Honour.*



13. Gold Service Cross, second award.



15. Gold Service Cross



17. Insignia of the Magyar Front and Military History Correspondent.



10. Ribbon bar for fig. 9.



12. Ribbon bar for fig. 11.



14. Ribbon bar for fig. 13.



16. Ribbon bar for fig. 15.



18. 2014-2018 Commemorative Insignia



19. Silver Service Cross with miniature Badge of Honour.*



21. Silver Service Cross, second award.



23. Silver Service Cross



25. Bronze Service Cross with miniature Badge of Honour.*



27. Bronze Service Cross, second award.



29. Bronze Service Cross



20. Ribbon bar for fig. 19.



22. Ribbon bar for fig. 21.



24. Ribbon bar for fig. 23.



26. Ribbon bar for fig. 25.



28. Ribbon bar for fig. 27.



30. Ribbon bar for fig. 29.



31. 2014-2018 Commemorative Cross with Magyar Front 20th anniversary device.



32. Ribbon bar for fig. 31.



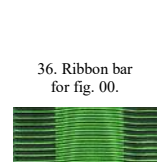
33. IHMHPS Membership Badge in gold (old style).



34. IHMHPS Re-actors' Badge



35. IHMHPS Membership Badge in silver (old style).



36. Ribbon bar for fig. 00.



38. Meritorious Service Clasp for IHMHPS members who have not received their first Service Cross, and for non-members.



40. Magyar Front 20th anniversary badge.



37. 2014-2018 Commemorative Cross

*The miniature Badge of Honour is only worn on the highest grade of the Service Cross when the full-size badge is not worn.

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