SUMMARY

DECORATIONS OF GREAT BRITAIN
In the Collection of Decorations of the Croatian History Museum

The collection of British decorations in the Collection of Decorations of the Croatian History Museum is not representative or numerous. It is understandable that there are no old insignia of chivalry because these had to be returned to the offices of the chivalric orders after the death of their bearer. The duplicates of such insignia rarely appear on sale, and are of immense value. Collectors of medium financial means may collect 20th-century British medals of merit. These are usually World War I and II orders, civil and military service medals and jubilee memorial medals. Most British decorations in the Croatian History Museum are from the donation of Dr Veljko Malinar, which became part of the museum collection after his death in 1990. Only three decorations were acquired in 2002, by exchange with Zagreb collectors.

The British decorations in the Croatian History Museum are the following:

1. Companion’s Cross of The Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George
2. The King’s Medal, for school year 1913/14
3. The King’s Medal, for school year 1914/15
4. Commander’s Cross of The Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, 1st issue, 1917-1937
5. The 1914-15 Star
6. Miniature of the 1914-15 Star
7. The British War Medal
8. The Victory Medal 1914-1918 (with engraved inscription: private B. Smith)
9. The Victory Medal 1914-1918 (with engraved inscription: private J. Berry)
10. Clasp with group of four miniatures, World War I
11. Miniature of the Jubilee Medal 1935
12. The Coronation Medal 1937
13. The Special Constabulary Long Service Medal, George VI issue, 1837-1948
14. The Efficiency Medal, George VI issue, 1937-1948
15. The 1939-1945 Star
16. The Italy Star
17. The Africa Star
18. The Burma Star
19. War Medal 1939-1945
20. The Defence Medal 1939-1945
21. Imperial Service Medal, George VI, 1949-1952 issue
22. Clasp with group of six miniatures, World War II