

## **SPANISH DECORATIONS IN THE COLLECTION OF DECORATIONS OF THE CROATIAN HISTORY MUSEUM**

The Croatian History Museum does not have many Spanish decorations in its Collection of Decorations and they are not representative of all the cultural diversity and art wealth of this country. There are no old orders of chivalry such as the Military Knightly Order of Alcantara, Military Knightly Order of Calatrava, “newer” orders such as the Royal Military Order of St Ferdinand and the Royal and Military Order of San Hermengildo.

If all the Spanish orders and decorations, their classes and variants during the centuries were to be added up, an imposing number of several hundred would be reached. Even the great Spanish collections of decorations find it almost impossible to collect them all in one place, let alone a collection in Croatia. Most Spanish decorations in the collection of the Croatian History Museum are part of the donated Collection of Decorations of Dr Veljko Malinar, and several fine specimens were acquired by exchange with the Zagreb collector Tomislav Muhić. Until 1990 the Croatian History Museum did not have any decorations from Spain, it now has a total of twenty-three.

These are:

- Grand Cross of the Order of Charles III,
- Order of Isabella the Catholic 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> class (four orders),
- Miniature of the Order of the Golden Fleece,
- Order of Naval Merit 4<sup>th</sup> class (only the star), 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> class (four orders),
- Order of Military Merit 4<sup>th</sup> class (only the star), 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> class (five orders),
- Commemorative Medal on the Occasion of Homage by City Councils to Their Majesties 23 January 1925,
- Long Service and Good Conduct Medal for NCOs (two crosses),
- Commander Star of the Order for the Liberation of Spain,
- War Medal for the Liberation and Unification of Spain,
- Miniature War Medal for the Liberation and Unification of Spain,
- Medal for the Spanish Civil War 1936-1939.