











Stars and Medals awarded for Service in the 1939 to 1945 War.

The rules for qualification are very complicated and are much abbreviated here.

| Stars and Medals | Description | Price |
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|  | 1939-45 Star. Awarded for 180 days operational service from 3 Sep 1939 to 2 Sep 1945. Just 2 months in an airborne unit qualified as did 1 day for certain operations. Aircrew in specified squadrons qualified for the bar "Battle of Britain", denoted by a silver-gilt rose on the ribbon when worn alone. | £10-£12 With bar £450-£550 |
|  | Atlantic Star. Awarded for 6 months service from 3 Sep 1939 to 8 May 1945, including some in other specified waters, provided the 1939-45 Star is also awarded for a further 6 months operational service. See also * | £30-£35 plus £15-£25 for bar |
|  | Air Crew Europe Star. Awarded for 2 months in an operational unit, including a sortie over Europe, from 3 Sep 1939 to 5 Jun 1944 provided the 1939-45 Star was awarded for at least 2 further months service in an airborne unit or 6 months other operational service. See also *. | £160-£180 plus £15-£60 for bar |
|  | Africa Star. Awarded for entry to North Africa from 10 Jun 1940 to 12 May 1943. Includes area from Gibraltar to Suez Canal; also Malta, Abyssinia, the Somalilands and Eritrea. Dates for the emblems/bars are rosette (nominated RN units) 23 Oct 1942 to 12 May 1943; (HQ 18 Army Gp), 15 Feb 1943 to 12 May 1943; (nominated RAF flights 23 Oct 1942 to 12 May 1943; "8" 23 Oct 1942 to 12 May 1943; "1" 8 Nov 1942 to 31 Dec 1942. See also *. | £12-£15 plus £15 for bar |
|  | Pacific Star. Awarded for entry to Pacific Area from 8 Dec 1941 to 2 Sep 1945, including specified service in China, Malaya, Hong Kong and Sumatra. See also * & **. | £30-£35 plus £20 for bar |
|  | Burma Star. Awarded for entry from 11 Dec 1941 to 2 Sep 1945 including specified service in China, Malaya, Hong Kong and Sumatra. See also * & **. | £15-£20 plus £20 for bar |
|  | Italy Star. Awarded for entry into Italy, Sicily, Pantelleria and for specified operations in Austria, Sardinia, Greece, Corsica, Elba, Yugoslavia, the Aegean and Dodecanese from 11 Jun 1943 to 8 May 1945. Air crew had to be based in the Mediterranean area to qualify. See also **. | £12-£15 |
|  | France & Germany Star. Awarded for entry to France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Holland and Germany from 6 Jun 1944 to 8 May 1945. See also *. | £18-£20 plus £60 for bar |
|  | Defence Medal. Awarded for non-operational service from 3 Sep 1939 to 2 Sep 1945. 3 years in UK to 8 May 1945 only, 1 year overseas. 6 months in specified threatened areas overseas. 3 months on bomb disposal. A civilian awarded a King's Commendation on Civil Defence work wore a silver laurel leaf on this medal. | £16-£18 |
|  | War Medal. Awarded for 28 days service in the Armed Forces or Merchant Navy. Those personnel awarded a Mention in Despatches or King's Commendation wear a bronze oak leaf emblem on this ribbon. | £10-£12 |

* The order of wear is as shown from top to bottom, ie the first ribbon worn is the 1939-45 Star and the last (nearest the left shoulder of the wearer) is the War Medal. Only five stars could be awarded, the others, if entitled, being denoted by the addition of a bar on the ribbon carrying the star, or a silver rose on the ribbon worn alone. One bar only is permitted to any one star. The stars associated in this way are Air Crew Europe; Atlantic; France and Germany. Also Pacific and Burma. In addition the Africa Star has three bars, only one of which could be granted, with the legends "8th Army"; "1st Army" and "North Africa 1942-43". When worn on the ribbon alone these are signified by "8", or "1" for the two armies and a silver rose for North Africa 1942-43.

**For sea-going service the 1939-45 Star had to be awarded first, ie 6 months operational service.