



## Medal

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Title:	Medal
Date:	1987
Material:	metal; enamel; fibre; paper
Dimensions:	3.75 x 9 cm
Description:	<p>One medal of order (a) (Order of Canada) and two lapel pins (b,c) (Order of Canada):(a) the medal of order is a six-pointed white enamel stylized snowflake design edged in silver. There is a silver maple leaf (signifying that it stands for Member of the Order of Canada) soldered onto the centre of the snowflake. The maple leaf is surrounded by a red enamel ring bearing the motto of the order "DESIDERANTES MELIOREM PATRIAM" (meaning "They desire a better country") in silver lettering. The circle is topped by a crown (white, red, and turquoise) enamel simulating jewels edged in silver) of St. Edward, symbolizing that the order is headed by a sovereign. At the top of the snowflake badge there is a silver metal suspension ring. A grosgrain ribbon, white, bordered in red stripes similar to the Canadian flag, is passed through the ring and attached to a silver pin bar. The reverse side is plain silver except for the word "CANADA" and "1181" underneath, printed on the centre disc. Directly below on one of the snowflake points are some numbers and underneath that the word "RIDEAU". On the top reverse side of the pin bar there is a horizontal hinged pin with a swivel-locking safety catch, underneath which "RIDEAU" is printed. The pin bar has an opening for the ribbon to pass through and two holes at the bottom where the ribbon is sewn to the pin bar with red thread.(a,b) The two small lapel pins (1cm high,1cm wide) are white enamel stylized snowflakes edged in silver with a silver maple leaf in the centre. On the back there is one small spike and one larger spike soldered onto the medal with a tie-tack style (spike and clutch closure attachment) pin closure. The medal and lapel pins are stored in a hinged black leatherette case lined in blue satin; the medal (a) rests in a depression, the lapel pins have no depressions for storage, the cover is lined in white satin, the letters "C.M." in gold on outside lid.</p>
Subject:	<p>Order of Canada</p> <p>award</p> <p>guiding</p> <p>climbing</p> <p>skiing</p> <p>humanitarian</p> <p>businessman</p> <p>Hans Gmoser</p>
Credit:	Gift of Margaret Gmoser, Harvie Heights, 2008
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Title: Medal  
Date: 2002  
Material: metal; enamel; fibre; paper  
Dimensions: 4.5 x 10.5 cm  
Description:

A grosgrain ribbon in red and white (colours of the Austrian flag) (a) is folded into the shape of a triangle. A metal pin set with a wide pin bar is inserted into the fold and (b) a grosgrain ribbon in red and white (colours of the Austrian flag) is folded into the shape of a small bow and sewn onto a metal back of a tie-tack style (spike and clutch closure attachment) lapel pin. (a) A grosgrain ribbon in red and white (colours of the Austrian flag) is folded into the shape of a triangle. A metal pin set with a wide pin bar is inserted into the fold. The hinged pin comes through the fabric at the back displaying a barrel-type catch for closing. A silver-coloured metal hook is sewn onto the top part; this hooks through a silver-coloured rivet in the bottom of the folded triangular-shaped ribbon and attaches to a metal ring, which in turn is attached to a ring soldered to the top part of the back of a heraldic gold-coloured stylized eagle, wings outstretched, embossed with ten divisional/regimental shields, one under the head and nine on the tips of the its feathers. There is a second ring soldered onto the bottom back of the eagle, suspended from which is a gold-coloured Maltese cross with webbed design surface and a flat-surfaced Christian cross in the centre. (b) A grosgrain ribbon in red and white (colours of the Austrian flag) is folded into the shape of a small bow and sewn onto a metal back of a tie-tack style (spike and clutch closure attachment) lapel pin. The size is (2.5 wide x 1 width x 1cm deep). The medal and lapel pin are stored in a red-paper covered metal hinged box (black bottom) lined with white satin on the inside cover and white faux velvet on the container part with depressions made for the medal and the lapel pin. Gold script with the jeweller's particulars "Friedrich Orth Wien seit 1840" is embossed on the inside cover. A heraldic eagle is embossed in gold on the top of the box lid.

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