

# British Vets Can't Get Medal

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LONDON — Britain's Foreign Office said British veterans who served on hazardous Arctic convoy duty during World War II may not accept bravery medals offered by Russia.

The convoys, which sailed from Britain to northern ports in the Soviet Union, provided vital support to Soviet troops fighting Hitler's forces.

Officials said Friday that acceptance of the Ushakov Medal would violate British rules because the veterans are in line to receive a British medal for their service and because the service took place more than five years ago.

British Prime Minister David Cameron said last year that the Arctic convoy veterans would be honored with a medal, but officials say details are still being worked out.

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