ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS

ORDERS

AUSTRIA

3158  ORDER OF FRANZ JOSEPH, Commander’s breast badge, in gold and enamels, 45mm excluding suspension loop. *Lacking upper crown, with larger additional suspension loop, centre piece a little loose, very fine.*

£80-100

3159  ORDER OF MERIT, First Empire (1918-1938), 4th Class Set of Insignia, comprising: Knight’s Grand Cross breast star in silver, with gold and enamel centre, 94mm; Grand Cross neck badge in gold and enamels, 47mm. *First lacking reverse centre piece, very fine, the latter a pleasing very fine, one or two very minor enamel chips.* (2)

£200-300

3160  ORDER OF MERIT, First Empire (1918-1938), 1st Class, Grand Cross neck badge in gold and matt finish enamels, 47mm. *Extremely fine.*

£100-200
BELGIUM

ORDER OF LEOPOLD I (1832-1897), Military Division, Officer’s breast badge in silver-gilt and enamels, with gold and enamel centre, 76mm excluding suspension loop, original rosette and pin for wear. *Slight enamel damage to lower obverse, otherwise good very fine.*

£100-150

GREAT BRITAIN

THE MOST HONOURABLE ORDER OF THE BATH, Military Division, (CB) Companion’s neck badge, in gold and enamels, 66mm, with ring and straight bar suspension, lacking ribbon and pin for wear. *Slight flaking and loss in enamels, about very fine.*

£200-300
3163 THE MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF ST MICHAEL AND ST GEORGE, Knight’s Grand Cross collar chain, made of segments of alternating lions of England, Maltese crosses and the ciphers SM and SG, in silver-gilt and enamel, and collar badge, a seven-pointed star bearing images of St Michael with legend surrounding, rev the same but bearing an image of St George, in silver-gilt and enamels, with portion of original sash. Star with some evidence of wear, including a little loss of gilding and a small chip to the reverse legend, collar chain with a little scuffing, otherwise good very fine. £4000-5000
3164  THE MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE (OBE), George V, Civil Division, Officer’s badge, in silver-gilt, 64mm, with ribbon and pin for wear. Toned, extremely fine. £80-100

3165  THE MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE (MBE), George V, Civil Division, Member’s badge, in frosted silver, 64mm, with ribbon and pin for wear. Toned, extremely fine. £80-100

3166  THE ORDER OF BRITISH INDIA, 1st Class neck badge, in gold and enamels, light blue centre with dark blue surround, original blue 1837 ribbon. Toned, tiny enamel flake at 9 o’clock, otherwise good very fine and rare. £200-300

DENMARK

3167  ORDER OF THE DANNEBROG, Christian IX (1863-1906), Knight’s breast badge, in gold and enamels, 56mm, lacking suspension loop, contemporary pin fitting for wear. Reverse pin soldered to crown suspension, nearly very fine, a bright and clean piece with excellent enamels. £80-100
EGYPT

3168 ORDER OF THE NILE, Grand Cross breast star, pre-1952, in silver, gold and enamels, 90mm, reverse lugs and pin for wear. *A little scuffing to obverse gilding, otherwise good very fine.* £200-300

FRANCE

3169 LEGION OF HONOUR, Second Empire (1852-1870), Officer’s breast badge, in gold and enamels, with gold and enamel centre, in silver-gilt and enamels, 65mm, original rosette and silver-gilt pin for wear. *Almost very fine, some enamel loss and damage at extremities.* £50-80

GREECE

3170 ORDER OF THE REDEEMER, post-1863, Commander’s neck badge in silver-gilt and enamels, 90mm, original neck ribbon. *Reverse central portion a touch loose, otherwise extremely fine.* £150-200
3171  PERSIA, ORDER OF THE CROWN, c.1919, Commander’s neck badge, in silver-gilt and enamels, 72mm, wreath suspension. Occasional slight enamel loss toward finial points, otherwise almost extremely fine. £150-200

3172  PERSIA, ORDER OF THE CROWN, c.1919, Member’s neck badge, in silver-gilt and enamels, 45mm, wreath suspension. Some enamel loss toward finial points, one slightly bent, thus very fine. £100-120

3173  PERSIA, ORDER OF THE LION & SUN, Military Division, 1st Class Set of Insignia, by Arthus Bertrand, Paris, comprising: Grand Cross neck badge, 66mm, and star, 90mm, in silver and enamels, both pieces bearing ‘ABR 800’ hallmark. Neck badge with scuffs to central enamel, pair otherwise good very fine and scarce. (3) £300-400
3174  PERSIA, ORDER OF THE LION & SUN, Military Division, Member’s breast badge, 54mm, in silver and enameled. Slight enamel loss to outer edges of centrepiece with adhesive applied behind, good very fine.  £80-100

3175  PERSIA, MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL, c.1925-1941, 1st Class in silver-gilt, by Arthus Bertrand, Paris, and 2nd Class in silver, sun and lion within wreath, rev Farsi inscription ‘for honour and service’, original wire suspension. First very fine with some reverse scratching, the second almost extremely fine. (2)  £100-150

ITALY

3176  ORDER OF THE CROWN, Grand Cross breast star in silver, with gold and enamel centre, 88mm, rev GRAVANZOLA SUCC RAVIOLO & GIARDINO, ROMA, with pin for wear. Reverse portion once repaired, very fine.  £200-250

3177  VATICAN, ORDER OF ST GREGORY, Knight’s breast badge, in silver-gilt and enameled, 75mm including suspension wreath and loop. One terminal point lacking, obverse enamels clear, the reverse with some lower enamel loss and occasional cracking, bold fine.  £60-80
3178 ORDER OF THE RISING SUN, 2nd Class, Grand Officer’s neck badge, in silver-gilt and enamels, 84mm, original ribbon and clasp. *Very minor enamel loss at upper-most point of star, otherwise good very fine.* £200-300

3179 ORDER OF THE SACRED TREASURE, 1st Class breast star, in silver-gilt and enamels, 72mm, rev stamped ‘Order of Merit Decoration’, with reverse lugs and pin for wear. *First extremely fine, the second a well-worn piece, general wear to the obverse gilding and loss of enamel to several arms of the star.* (2) £300-400
3180 ORDER OF THE SACRED TREASURE, 3rd Class neck badge, in silver-gilt and enamels, 82mm including suspension loop. Extremely fine. £200-250

MONTENEGRO

3182 ORDER OF DANilo I, Grand Cross breast star, in silver gilt and enamels, 83mm, rev silver marks, VINC MAYER’S SÖHNE WIEN, with pin for wear. Attractively toned, extremely fine and of excellent quality. £300-400
3183 ORDER OF DANilo I, 3rd - 4th Type (1873-c.1915), Commander’s neck badge, in silver gilt and enamels, 52mm excluding suspension, original ribbon. *Tiny area of enamel loss to obverse centre, generally very fine.*

£200-300

PORTUGAL

3184 ORDER OF CHRIST, 2nd Type (1789-1910), Commander’s set of insignia, comprising: Grand Cross breast star in silver, gilt and enamels, 72mm, rev SOUZA, 107 RUA AUREA; breast badge, in gold and enamels, 72mm, suspension bearing marks ‘MP’ and ‘50’. *Good extremely fine.*

£200-300

ROMANIA

3185 ORDER OF FERDINAND I, Commander’s neck badge, in silver-gilt and enamels, 88mm including suspension. *Obverse clean and problem-free, the reverse with a minor area of lower enamel loss, overall a pleasing very fine.*

£150-200
3186 ORDER OF THE CROWN, 1st Type (1881-1932), 2nd Class breast badge, central crown in iron, Grand Cross neck badge in silver-gilt and enamels, 85mm, suspension bearing hallmarks, including ‘A’. *A little very light scuffing, nearly extremely fine.* (2) £200-250

3187 ORDER OF THE CROWN, 1st Type (1881-1932), 2nd Class breast badge, central crown in iron, Grand Cross neck badge in silver-gilt and enamels, 85mm, suspension bearing hallmarks, including ‘A’. *Tiny obverse chip to central enamel, otherwise good very fine.* (2) £150-200

3188 ORDER OF THE CROWN, 2nd Type (1932-1947), 2nd Class breast badge, Military Division, for merit in peacetime (crown without swords), neck badge in silver-gilt and enamels, suspension ring bearing hallmarks ‘HW’ and crown. *Extremely fine.* (2) £150-200
SERBIA

3189 ORDER OF ST SAVA, 3rd Type, rev dated 1883, portrait with yellow-green robes (1921-present), Commander’s neck badge in silver-gilt and enamels, 54mm. *Lower finial points a little bent, otherwise very fine.* £150-200

3190 ORDER OF ST SAVA, 3rd Type, rev dated 1883, portrait with yellow-green robes (1921-present), Commander’s neck badge in silver-gilt and enamels, 54mm, lacking uppermost suspension loop for ribbon. *Good very fine.* £150-200

SPAIN

3191 ORDER OF ISABELLA THE CATHOLIC, 4th Type (1875-1931), Commander’s breast star, in silver-gilt and enamels, 72mm, reverse lugs and pin for wear. *Attractive light tone, a pleasing extremely fine with bright and clear enamels.* £200-250
SWEDEN

ORDER OF VASA, 1st Class, Knight’s Breast Badge, in silver-gilt and enamels, 58mm, lacking suspension loop, contemporary pin fitting for wear. Reverse pin soldered to crown suspension, nearly very fine, a clean and attractive piece with bright enamels. £80-100

TURKEY

OTTOMAN EMPIRE, ORDER OF OSMANIJE, 2nd Class, Grand Cross breast star, in silver and enamels, with a gold and enamel centre, 90mm, rev maker’s mark ‘No.46 Kretly, Palais-Royal, Paris’, French hallmark pin, with pin for wear. Extremely fine and of good quality. £200-250

OTTOMAN EMPIRE, ORDER OF OSMANIJE, 3rd Class Set of Insignia, comprising: neck badge, in silver, gilt and enamels, 80mm including suspension, with ribbon for wear; breast star, rev late Ottoman hallmarks and maker’s mark, with reverse lugs (one repaired), and pin for wear. Pair nearly extremely fine, the first with just a little minor enamel damage in areas. (2) £150-200

VENEZUELA

ORDER OF SIMON BOLIVAR, Knight’s 5th Class neck badge, silver-gilt, with gold and enamel centre, bust left type, with original ribbon. Good very fine, scarce. £80-100
The Order of the Nile group of awards to Lieutenant Colonel Sir Norman Seddon-Brown, J.P. O.N. T.D., issued in person by King Fuad I of Egypt, comprising: Order of the Nile, 3rd Class, Commander’s neck badge, dress miniature and lapel rosette, in silver-gilt and enamels, 88mm including crown suspension, by J Lattes, Cairo, in original fitted box; Territorial Decoration, George V, unnamed as issued, in Garrard & Co. case with miniature; engraved Key to the City of Preston (Presented to Lt. Col. Sir Norman S. Seddon-Brown T.D., J.P. 6th May 1937, Re-Opening of Conservative W. M. Club, Preston); in original box by Green & Son, Preston. Group extremely fine. (6) £1500-2000

Lieutenant Colonel Sir Norman Seddon-Brown (1880-1971), of Bank Hall, Tarleton, was a well-known industrialist involved in the Lancashire Cotton Industry. Whilst being heavily involved in industry, he volunteered with the 1st Battalion Lancashire Volunteer Regiment, and then the 5th Battalion, Manchester Regiment, reaching the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, presumably in an honorary capacity.

He was specifically involved in the cotton town of Preston, home of the prestigious cotton producer and retailer Horrockses. He was CEO of Amalgamated Cotton Mills, the parent company of Horrockses and other important cotton mills, which was at the time amongst the largest companies in the world. He was elected Chairman of Conservative Party in the North East, was granted the Freedom of the City of Preston, and Knighted in the New Year’s Honours List of 1936. He later moved with his wife Lady Gertrude Seddon-Brown (nee Martin) and family to Escowbeck Mall, in Caton, near Lancaster in 1937, since the Army was billeted at the property during the Second World War.

Through his close ties and heavy involvement with the Egyptian Cotton Industry, Lt Col Sir Norman Seddon-Brown helped advise and implement a number of important industrial reforms which were then put into place in Egypt. For this, he was awarded the Order of the Nile in person during an official visit of an Egyptian Delegation to Horrockses Mill, Preston, on the 19th of July, 1927, which included Kind Fuad I and Prince Farouk.

Seddon-Brown worked closely with, and was a personal friend of Sir Winston Churchill.

Lot sold with three attractive copied pictures, including: a portrait of Lieutenant Colonel Norman Seddon-Brown in formal court dress, a picture of him and his son James Geoffrey Seddon-Brown, leading the Egyptian delegation during their visit to Lancashire, and a picture of him with Sir Winston Churchill and his son Randolph Churchill, the former in the process of lighting one of his signature ‘Churchill’ cigars.
3197 Military Cross, George V (Lieut. Gerald Brindley Brown, 5th Bn Manchester Regt, October 1917), engraved in attractive running script, in original box of issue. Attractive old tone, practically as struck. £1000-1200

L.G. 26.11.1917
“For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as adjutant. He showed great coolness and efficient leadership in selecting positions. When a number of his senior officers and nearly all of his signallers and runners had become casualties, he showed great gallantry in handling the battalion under fire.”

Lieutenant Gerald Brindley Brown died on the 21st of April, 1918, at Geile, Egypt, and is commemorated on the Jerusalem Memorial. Sold with original London Gazette citation cut-out.

3198 Great War ‘Gallipoli’ KIA Group of three awarded to Captain Frederick Seddon-Brown, 5th Battalion Manchester Regiment, comprising: 1914-15 Star (Capt. F. S. Brown, Manch. R.), British War and Victory Medals. Group toned extremely fine, just a few light contact marks. (3) £300-400

Captain Frederick Seddon Brown was killed in action in the Dardanelles on the 26th of May, 1915, and is buried at the Lancashire Landing Cemetery. He was the brother of Lieutenant Colonel Sir Norman Seddon-Brown, and earlier had served as Second Lieutenant in the 1st Volunteer Battalion, Manchester Regiment.


Sold with its matching miniatures.

3200 Miscellaneous Campaign Medals (6): Great War Victory Medal (48362 Dvr. A. Gordon. R.A.); Special Constabulary Long Service Medal (Aristides Berti); Unnamed WWII Medals (3) and a small silver medalet bearing the insignia of the XIII/XVIII Queen’s Own Hussars. Group generally very fine. (6) £40-60

These medals awarded to members of the greater family, Aristides Berti being a wealthy cotton merchant, originally from Greece.
Indian Great War Immediate Award MC group of nine awarded to Lieutenant-Colonel N. M. P. Dotivala, Indian Medical Service, comprising: Military Cross, George V; British War and Victory Medals, India General Service Medal, 1908-1935, three clasps, Afghanistan N. W. F. 1919, Waziristan 1919-21, Mahsud 1919-20 (Capt. N. M. P. Dotivala. I. M. S.); General Service Medal, 1918-1962, George V, single clasp, Iraq; War Medal 1939-45; India Service Medal; Jubilee Medal 1935; Coronation Medal 1937, IGS and GSM officially impressed, British War & Victory medals erased, others unnamed as issued; group court mounted with pin for wear, sold in original custom made box by ‘Rankin & Co. Ltd. – India’. Group lightly polished, toned good very fine. (9) £1500-2000

Naval Maneckji Pestonji Dotivala was born on the 20th of September, 1917, in Bombay, and after studying to work in medicine, he joined the Indian Medical Service, receiving his first commission on the 23rd of July, 1917.

With the Indian Army largely occupied with operations in Europe during the Great War, the tribes of Southern Afghanistan (particularly the Tochi Wazirs and the Mahsud) launched a series of raids into Northern India along the North-West Frontier into the region of Waziristan in 1917, as part of the so-called ‘Waziristan Revolt’. This revolt was said to have been caused by a rumour that the areas of North and South Waziristan were to be given to Afghanistan as part of a peace settlement from the Third Afghan War.

A punitive response from the British and Colonial Forces was demanded, and an attempt was made to subdue the tribes in late November 1919, led by Major General Sir Andrew Skeen. These were largely successful, although conditions were difficult, and the British and Indian forces received considerable resistance from the Mahsud tribe in particular. Having defeated a Mahsud force at Palosina, the tribesmen withdrew north to a defensive line in the gorge of Ahnai Tangi. It was here, attacking from the Soraraogha Plain, that the 2/5 (Frontier Force) Gurkhas launched an eight-day attack upon a reported 4,000 tribesmen, eventually running out of ammunition and resorting to bayonet charges to defeat the remaining enemies. Casualties on both sides were heavy, with both sides suffering losses of around 400 men killed and wounded. Following further defeats in the area of Makin, and the able assistance of the RAF, the tribes agreed to peace. It was during this offensive, as medical attaché to the 2/5 Gurkhas, that T. Captain Naval Dotivala was awarded the MC:

“T-Capt. Naval Maneckji Pestonji Dotivala, IMS., attd. 2-5th Gurkha Rif., Ind. Army”

“For most conspicuous gallantry in action at Soraraogha on 18th January, 1920, and at Makin on the 20th February, 1920. On both occasions he displayed the greatest gallantry and disregard for danger in his care of the wounded during this action. He set a very fine example to all.”

Naval Dotivala enjoyed a long and successful career in the IMS, and his service reports speak well of his work. One particular report from 1936 states:

“There has been a very marked reduction in the sick rate at Aurangabad during the period Major Dotivala has been here. The prompt measures he adopted to deal with a very severe epidemic of cholera which occurred in the immediate surrounding area of the cantonment checked the spread of the epidemic into the cantonment. He is reliable and energetic and gets on well with the other branches of the service. I had a very good report of him after the Parade Manoeuvres when he acted as SMO of the force. I consider him fit for promotion in every way.”

Sold with copy MIC, copy citation from the Gazette of India, a number of copied report pages relating to his service in the IMS, and a full printed version of the events in Waziristan 1919-20 taken from the London Gazette.
Second World War ‘Imphal’ MM group of five awarded to Naik Manbahadur Limbu, 1/7th Gurkha Rifles, awarded for bravery whilst serving in Burma with the 17th Infantry Division, in 1944, comprising: Military Medal, George VI, first type (2952 Nk Manbahadur Limbu, G. R.); 1939-1945 Star (2962 Nk. Manbahadur Limbu, 7 G. R.); Burma Star; War Medal 1939-45; India Service Medal, all depot impressed, mounted with pin for wear, incorrect MM ribbon used. Group toned, MM well-polished, group about very fine. (5) £1400-1800

MM LG 28.06.1945
Naik Manbahadur Limbu, of the village of Phaben, in the district of Dhankuta, Nepal, served with the 1/7th Gurkha Rifles as part of the 17th Infantry Division (The Black Cats) under Major General David Tennant Cowan. This Division held the distinction of having served continuously during the three-year long Burma campaign, and were heavily involved in many of the major actions which took place in Burma. In particular, they bore the brunt of the Japanese invasion of India through Burma, fighting with distinction at Imphal between March and July 1944.

At the Battle of Imphal, the Japanese commander of the 15th Army, Lieutenant General Renya Mutaguchi, had hoped to surround and destroy the 17th Indian Division at Tiddim, opening the way for an approach to Imphal from the south. Allied scouts warned Cowan about the approaching Japanese troops hoping to block their retreat, and the Division retreated to the Imphal plain along the Tiddim Road in mid-late March, and Imphal was held. It was later during the Battle of Imphal, during the counter-offensives of May 1944 that Naik Manbahadur Limbu was recognised for bravery, initially being recommended for the IDSM, his citation for his MM reads:

“Naik Manbahadur Limbu was in command of a section at the road block at Mile 33 of the Tiddim Road. On the night of 17/18 May 44 the enemy attacked in strength. Naik Manbahadur Limbu thereupon left his bunker and counterattacked the enemy with grenades, killing 7. Himself wounded in the shoulder, he then went to one of the bunkers, took a Bren gun and firing from the hip killed a further 5 enemy, the remainder fleeing.

“Throughout this action and in the fighting during the next ten days, this NCO set a magnificent example of leadership, initiative and offensive spirit in his determination to close with and destroy the enemy.”

The Japanese were driven back with heavy losses at Imphal, and this battle, as well as battle of Kohima which took place simultaneously further north, was a pivotal victory for the Allies in the east.

Sold with copy MM recommendation signed by Major General Cowan, copy mention in the London Gazette, and a copy of his mention in For Bravery In The Field by C K Bate & M G Smith.
3203 Great War Western Front MC group of three awarded to Lieutenant Noel M Barclay, Royal Engineers, late Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, comprising: Military Cross, George V; British War and Victory Medals (Lieut. N. M. Barclay); MC unnamed as issued, group loose. Lightly toned good extremely fine. (3) £1400-1800

MC LG 26.07.1918
As a Second Lieutenant with the 6th (Renfrewshire) Battalion, Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders (TF), a unit raised in Paisley, Noel Barclay entered active service in France on the 1st of July, 1916. His battalion was allocated as Pioneer Battalion attached to the 5th Division on the Western Front in June 1916. It was during this period of service in France, and prior to his later transfer and promotion to the Royal Engineers at Lieutenant (30th September, 1918) that he was awarded the Military Cross:

“For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of demolition parties, he was detailed to blow up bridges, on receipt of orders to do so. Owing to the failure of a runner to get through, the demolition party was left in ‘No Man’s Land,’ whereupon he destroyed the bridges with his own initiative, and withdrew through an intense shell and machine-gun fire.”

Sold with copy MIC, his MC citation in the London Gazette, his LG mention when transferred to the Royal Engineers, and numerous printed pages (including a printed portrait in uniform) pertaining to Lt. Noel Barclay’s son, Lt. William Noel Barclay, Royal Montreal Regiment, CO of ‘B’ Company, Canadian Scottish, KIA on the 6th of October 1944, and buried at the Adegem Canadian War Cemetery.

3204 Great War MM trio awarded to Private Thomas Mochan, 5/6th (Glasgow) Battalion Scottish Rifles (TF), comprising: Military Medal, George V (28379 Pte. T. Mochan, 6/Sco Rif); British War and Victory Medals, group loose. Lightly polished, good very fine. (3) £700-800

MM LG 17.06.1919
Sold with copy MIC, confirming this entitlement, his MM card, and copies of his MM mention in the London Gazette.
MILITARY MEDAL, George V (S-40092 Pte. N. McDonald. 2/Sea : Highrs); officially impressed, court mounted for display. Almost extremely fine. £350-400

Private Neil McDonald, of Dornoch, Sutherland, served in the 2nd Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders, which entered France at Boulogne on the 23rd of August 1914. The 2nd Battalion was part of the BEE, as part of the 10th Brigade, 4th Division, which was involved in many major actions of the Great War. The 2nd Battalion was later involved in the fighting of the Third Battle of Ypres, the German Spring Offensive of March, 1918, and the subsequent Allied counter-offensive – leading up to the liberation of Valenciennes on the 2nd of November, 1918. It is likely, given the late gazette date of Pte McDonald’s MM, that his award was won during this counter-offensive.
Sold with copy MIC, MM card, and copy gazette MM mention.

Campaign Groups

Punjab Frontier and Great War Group of Four, with Silver War Badge to Company Sergeant Richard Herries, Highland Light Infantry, late Queen’s Regiment, comprising: India General Service, 1895-1902, 1 clasp, Punjab Frontier 1897-98 (No.4756 Lce. Corpl. Herris, 2 High. L. I.); 1914-15 Star (59433 C. Sjt. A. C. Q. M. Sjt. R. Herries, High. L. I.); British War and Victory Medals (391 C. Sjt. R. Herries, H. L. I.); Silver War Badge (413335); first officially engraved with crude correction to initial, group swing-mounted on board. First very fine, suspension a little slack, the trio toned, extremely fine. (4) £300-350

Having first served in campaigns along the Punjab Frontier, he then served in the Great War in France, entering service there on the 11th of May, 1915. He was eventually discharged from the Royal West Surrey Regiment on the 26th of June, 1918, at the age of 44, as no longer physically fit for service.
Sold with copy roll confirming his entitlement to his first award, naming error as ‘Herris’, with copy MIC and Silver War Badge no.413335.

Great War Naval LSGC Group of four to Chief Stoker J. W. C. Chapple, Royal Navy, : 1914-15 Star (294858 J. W. C. Chapple. S. P. O., R. N.), British War & Victory Medals (C. Sto.); Royal Naval Long Service, Good Conduct Medal, George V (294858 J. W. C. Chapple, Sto. P. O., H. M. S. Colossus); all officially impressed, group loose. LSGC with light contact marks, generally extremely fine. (4) £150-200

Chief Stoker John William Craig Chapple was born in Okehampton, Devon, on the 18th of January 1877, and had previously worked as a Baker. He joined the Royal Navy on the 15th of March, 1900, aged 23. Beginning his career as a Stoker, he was finally promoted to the rank of Chief Stoker by 1921. He spent a short period aboard the recently completed HMS Hood, before retiring and receiving his pension in December 1921, having spent a total of 21 years with the Royal Navy.
Sold with copy service papers.
Great War Naval LSGC group of four to Chief Shipwright 1st Class Frederick Watkinson, Royal Navy, comprising: 1914-15 Star (343723 F. Watkinson, Shpt. 1., R. N.); British War and Victory Medals (Ch. Shpt. 1 R. N.); Royal Naval Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, George V (313723. Frederick Watkinson, Shpt. 1Cl., H. M. S. Shannon.), all officially impressed, group loose. A well-worn group, lightly toned, about very fine. (4) £200-250

Chief Shipwright Frederick Watkinson was born in Nottingham on the 12th of July 1882, and had previously worked as a Boat Builder prior to volunteering for 12 years service at Chatham on the 16th of October, 1900 – at the age of 18. Starting work a part of the Carpenter’s Crew aboard HMS Talbot, Frederick Watkinson went on to serve aboard the ships Humber, Blenheim, Royal Oak, Ocean, Cressy, Natal, Shannon (receiving his LSGC for 15 years service), Duncan, Prince Eugene, Commonwealth and Hecla, ultimately reaching the rank of Chief Shipwright before retiring and receiving his pension and naval prize fund money in October 1922. His conduct was largely considered excellent.

Sold with original waxed-paper service records, and a family portrait photograph taken by "W. Starr * Nottingham, Photographer, 50, Beck Street".

Scarce Falkland Islands Campaign ‘Gurkha’ LSGC group of four awarded to Sergeant Birbahadur Limbu, 7th Gurkha Rifles, comprising: Brunei Gurkha Guard Service Medal, Sultan’s Silver Jubilee Medal, South Atlantic Medal, 1982 (21160752 Lcpl Birbahadur Limbu 7GR), Army Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, Eliz. II (21160752 Sgt. Birbahadur Limbu 7GR), mounted with pin for wear. Pair attractive, extremely fine. (4) £1400-1800

The 1st Battalion 7th (Duke Of Edinburgh’s Own) Gurkha Rifles was deployed for active service in the Falklands’ War, and given the task of capturing and holding Mount William, as part of the greater push toward Port Stanley. In the face of a combined attack by the 1/7 Gurkhas and the Scots Guards, the defending Argentine 5th Marines soon abandoned their position.

The 7th Gurkha Rifles were also the first Gurkha unit to mount the guard at Buckingham Palace.
3210 Scarce and Interesting NGS and Arctic Exploration group of three awarded to Corporal John Thomas, Royal Marines, aboard HMS Plover during the search for Franklin’s Lost Expedition (1847-54), comprising: Naval General Service Medal, 1793-1840, single clasp, Syria (John Thomas), Arctic Medal 1818-55, unnamed as issued, St Jean D’Acre Medal, 1840, in copper, unnamed as issued, with contemporary straight bar suspension. Group well-toned, second good fine, the others good very fine. (£800-1000)

Corporal John Thomas was born in Narbeth, Pembrokeshire, Wales, in March 1819. He attested for service as a Private in 76 Company, The Royal Marines, at Bath on the 11th of November, 1837 – at the age of 18. He soon saw active service aboard the 74-gun HMS Revenge, which was involved in the naval activities off the coast of Syria in 1840, including its blockade and the bombardment of Acre.

Later in his career he was sent on several expeditions to the Arctic region between 1848 and 1854 as part of the crew of HMS Plover. The Plover was sent along with HMS Herald as part of the western search for Franklin’s lost expedition, which had disappeared following its departure in 1845, with the aim of discovering the North West Passage. During 1849 Plover and Herald traversed the Bering Strait, proceeded to Chamosso Island and then onto the Dease inlet, but still found no trace of the apparently doomed Franklin expedition.

The two ships re-explored the same area in 1850, but without success in their original aim. This trip did however prove to be a most useful ethnographic study of the local Inupiaq Eskimo of that region, upon whom they had relied heavily during their searches. These searches continued in vain during the easier summer months each year following until 1854, wintering at Port Clarence (1851-1852) and later at Point Barrow (1852-1854). Corporal Thomas then returned home to Britain and was discharged from further service at Deal on the 25th of April, 1855, at the age of 36, presumably exhausted from his years spent in the Arctic.

Sold with a quantity of research detailing the activities of HMS Plover in the Arctic, copy service and discharge papers and relevant documents confirming these awards and entitlements. These medals sold as a complete group by the family, complete with an earlier A H Baldwin & Sons valuation dated 6th of October, 1938, considering the medals worth 25/-, and worthy of further research.

3211 Great War Nursing Trio awarded to Sister Alice L. Philpotts (MiD), New Zealand Expeditionary Force, comprising: 1914-15 Star (22/157 Sister A. L. Philpotts. N.Z.E.F.); British War and Victory Medals, and MiD bronze spray of oak leaves, medals individually court mounted on board. Star with minor reverse adhesive stain and slight edge bruise to VM at 9 o’clock, good very fine. (£300-350)

MiD London Gazette 28.12.1917 for ‘devotion to duty during the period of February 26th to 20th September, 1917’ Sister Alice Lizzie Philpotts was born on the 20th of September, 1892 in Picton, near Blenheim, on the South Island of New Zealand.

The daughter of a prominent local figure who had opened a local Church School and later became Mayor, Alice Philpotts trained as a Nurse in Wellington, qualifying in 1910. After the outbreak of the Great War, in 1915 she was sent as part of the New Zealand Army Nursing Service (NZANS) with the NZEF to serve in Egypt – leaving with 67 other nurses on the hospital ship Maheno.

She was stationed for some time at the New Zealand General Hospital in Cairo, Egypt, an important centre used for the treatment of casualties from the Gallipoli campaign. She was later sent to the Western Front, where she spent some 18 months serving in a number of stationary hospitals (which were generally in forward positions nearer the front lines) at Rouen, and later near Abbeville, and Hardelet in the Somme area. Being stationed very close to the front lines, her hospitals had come under shellfire on more than one occasion. It was here that through her sterling work she was considered for a mention in despatches for her ‘devotion to duty’ during 1917, a period which included the New Zealand Division’s attack upon Messines Ridge in June that year.

Receiving news that her father had become seriously ill, she returned to New Zealand for a short spell until his death in late 1917, upon which she returned to France until the end of the war. Sister Alice Philpotts then continued to work in England, specialising in the massage and rehabilitation of wounded servicemen until her discharge on the 1st of February 1920, when she returned to New Zealand, taking up the position of Matron at Christ’s College, Christchurch until her retirement. Returning to live with her family in Blenheim, Alice Philpotts died in the summer of 1956.

Sold with copy service papers and other useful information.

Alfred Edward LeMaistre, of St Saviour, Jersey, was born on the 9th of April 1884. Prior to service he had worked as a Gas Fitter; he left later, leaving the army in 1922.

Sold with copy MIC, copy mention in the Jersey Roll of Honour and Service, and copy of his Jersey Identity Card issued during the German Occupation of 1940, including small portrait photo.


Private George Lothian first entered the ‘Balkan’ zone for service, landing at Cape Helles near Gallipoli on the 25th of April, 1915. His MIC notes that he had to re-enlist into the same regiment, possibly having been turned away for being under-age at enlistment. Sold with copy MIC.
3214 Three to Gunner Robert Steele, Royal Field Artillery, comprising: 1914-15 Star (8477 Gnr. R. Steele, R. F. A.); British War and Victory Medals (8477 Gnr. R. Steele, R. A.), group mounted on card for display. Attractively toned, extremely fine. (3) £80-100

Gunner Robert Steele entered France for service with the Royal Field Artillery on the 1st of November, 1915.


Driver W Burnside entered France for service with the Royal Field Artillery on the 24th of July, 1915.

Sold with copy MIC.

3216 Crimean Pair awarded to Gunner and Driver Kenneth Shaw, 9th Battalion Royal Artillery, comprising: Crimea Medal, 1854-56, single clasp, Sebastopol (Gr. & Dr. K. Shaw. 9th Bn RI Art.); officially impressed, with Turkish Crimea Medal, Sardinian Issue, reverse re-engraved ‘KS’. First nearly very fine, the second similar, with traces of reverse mount. (2) £300-350

Kenneth Shaw was born in Brackdale, near Nunoean, Invernesshire, on the 25th of November 1849. He attested for service with the Royal Artillery on the 24th of May, 1849, at the age of 19 at Aberdeen, having formerly worked as a Labourer. At his discharge in April 1871, after 21 years service, his intended place of residence was recorded as ‘No. 4 York Terrace, Craig Hall Road, Glasgow’.

Sold with copy discharge papers, and copy roll confirming his entitlement.
The Rare Sudan ‘Omdurman Charge’ Pair awarded to Private William Etherington, of ‘B’ Squadron, 21st Lancers, killed in action during this famous charge, comprising: Queen’s Sudan Medal, 1896-1898 (4054 Pte W. Etherington, 21st L’cers), Khedive’s Sudan Medal, 1896-1908, single clasp, Khartoum (4054 Pte. W. Etherington, 21st Lcrs); pair officially engraved, court mounted for display. First with minor official correction to initial, the second with edge bump at obverse 9 o’clock, pair otherwise nearly extremely fine and very rare. (2) £3500-4000

Private W Etherington first appears on the Muster Rolls of the 21st Lancers taken at Canterbury on the 31st of July 1897. The 21st Hussars had been re-designated as the 21st Lancers on the 31st March, 1897, and they were stationed in Abbasia, Egypt at the time. Given his very late appearance in the Muster Rolls of the 21st Lancers, it would seem that Private Etherington was at this point a very fresh recruit to the regiment. In a little over a year’s time, having been sent to Egypt to join his new regiment, the young private Etherington would be charging with the 21st Lancers at the Battle of Omdurman. The 21st Lancers began to move down into the Sudan in late July, 1898: Private Etherington and B Squadron left Cairo on the 31st of July, 1898, with A Squadron (which included another new arrival, the young Winston Churchill) leaving Cairo on the 3rd of August, and C Squadron just after on the 6th of August.

The Battle of Omdurman itself took place on the 2nd of September, 1898, and was the pivotal clash of the Mahdist War. Taking place near the outskirts of Khartoum, it was here that a combined Anglo-Egyptian Force under General Sir Herbert Kitchener sought to reclaim and stabilise the Sudan region against the uprising led by Mahdi Muhammad Ahmad. A well-equipped Anglo-Egyptian force of nearly 26,000 British, Egyptian and Sudanese soldiers met a Mahdist force estimated at 50,000 on a plain near the suburb of Omdurman, which led to a decisive victory for the Anglo-Egyptian force.

After a disastrous Mahdist frontal attack, repelled by British artillery and Maxim guns, the British Light Cavalry of the 21st Lancers was sent out to clear the plain. Considering the visible enemy force to number only a few hundred, the 400 members of the 21st Lancers rode headlong into some 2,500 infantry. Despite meeting stiff opposition, the 21st Lancers broke and cleared the Mahdist infantry, gaining 3 VCs, whilst suffering the loss of 21 men and Lt R S Grenfell of the 12th Lancers (on attachment to the 21st Lancers) and 46 wounded. Included amongst these casualties was Private W Etherington, who rode in ‘B’ Troop alongside Lieutenant R H de Montmorency and Private T Byrne, who were both awarded the VC. The Charge of the 21st Lancers at Omdurman is considered by many to be the last ‘meaningful’ British cavalry charge, and led to the eventual rout of the Mahdist Forces, who suffered some 10,000 killed, 13,000 wounded and 5,000 taken prisoner.

There have been very few KIA pairs for Omdurman sold at auction in recent years, the most recent being sold at DNW, 6th December 1996 – The Omdurman KIA pair awarded to Private H Bradshaw, which realised a hammer price of £4,300.

Sold with copy Sudan Medal roll mention which showing the correction of initial from J to W, and Private Etherington’s home address at 15 Lansdown Hill, West Norwood, Surrey. Also sold with official receipts and other useful documentation, several photocopied articles of ‘The Voiletta’ Regimental Magazine of the 21st Lancers - detailing events of the Sudan campaign, as well as a small portrait of the youthful Private Etherington which appears on a regimental scroll (See Sotheby’s 29th July 1996, lot 349) drawn by Sergeant Hicks (late Grenadier Guards) in the early 1900s for the 21st Lancer’s Officer’s mess. Also sold with another decorative 21st Lancers memorial scroll.

ex Liverpool Medals, 6 August 1991
ex Sotheby, 28 July 1990
ex Christie’s, 22 November 1988
ex Alec A Purves collection
ex Baldwin’s, 30 January 1961
Indian Frontiers and Boer War Pair awarded to Private Oliver Ainge, Northamptonshire Regiment, comprising: India General Service Medal, 1895-1902, 3 clasps Punjab Frontier 1897-98, Samana 1897, Tirah 1897-98 (4375 Pte. O. Ainge 1st Bn North’n’ Regt); officially engraved; Queen’s South Africa Medal, 3rd reverse type, 2 clasps, Transvaal, South Africa 1902 (4375 Pte. O. Ainge. Northampton Regt), pair loose. *Pair with attractive cabinet tone, extremely fine.* (2) £250-300

Oliver John Ainge, of Moulton, Northamptonshire, attested for service with the 1st battalion Northamptonshire Regiment on the 10th of July, 1894, at the age of 19. Having formerly worked as a Labourer, he would travel to India and South Africa with his regiment.

Sold with copy service papers confirming these awards.

Indian Volunteer Forces and LSCG pair awarded to Major J. S. Cooper, Sind Volunteer Rifles, comprising: Indian Volunteer Forces Officer’s Decoration, Edward VII (Major J. S. Cooper Sind Volr. Rifles); Volunteer Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, Edward VII (Major J. S. Couper Sind Volr. Rifles), both officially engraved, mounted with decorated silver pin for wear. (2) £250-300

An Australian Great War Pair awarded to Sergeant Charles W. Thompson, Machine Gun Section, 3rd Pioneer Battalion, 1st AIF, wounded at Messines, but later present in the same section as Walter Peeler during his VC action at Broodseinde, comprising: British War and Victory Medals (92 Sgt. C. W. Thompson. 3-Pnr. Bn. A. I. F.), pair loose. *Toned, pair attractive, good extremely fine.* (2) £150-200

Charles Walter Thompson was born in Liverpool in July, 1882, and worked as a Boilermaker. At the outbreak of the Great War, Charles Thompson was working in Australia, and was registered at an address, living with his wife at: 201 Spring Street, Melbourne, Victoria. He attested for service with the Machine Gun Section of the 3rd Pioneer Battalion, AIF at Melbourne on the 31st of January, 1916, at the age of 33. He embarked for service in Europe on the 6th of June, 1916, leaving Melbourne aboard HMAS A62 Wandilla along with 30 other members of the Machine Gun Section, including the later VC winner Private Walter Peeler, arriving at Plymouth on the 26th of July, 1916. By the 24th of November, 1916, the 1st Australian Imperial Force had landed in France ready for service on the Western Front.

The 3rd Pioneers were attached to the 3rd Division, AIF and soon saw action at the Messines Ridge. Whilst this offensive was a well-planned and large-scale success with significant gains, Sergeant Walter Thompson was wounded in action, but was soon back with his unit in time for the Passchendaele Offensive.

The 1st AIF was to be of central importance to the attack on the well-defended Broodseinde Ridge, planned for the 4th of October, 1917. The 3rd Pioneer Battalion’s Machine Gun Section allocated a group of 24 men, including Thompson and Peeler, to the 10th Brigade’s 37th Battalion, with the aim of defending against low-flying German aircraft with their Lewis guns. It was during this series of attacks upon German bunkers and trenches that Private Walter Peeler won his VC. Sergeant Thompson was later forced to return to England for an operation upon varicose veins on his legs (a painful and not uncommon affliction in soldiers) at the Military Hospital at Colchester. This effectively ended Sergeant Thompson’s active service, as his recovery continued during the final months of the war.

Sold with a quantity of useful paperwork, as well as Sergeant Thompson’s numbered AIF ‘returned from active service’ cap badge, and an enamelled lapel badge ‘United Society of Boilermakers and Shipbuilders, Victoria’.
Great War Pair to Private Ernest C. Woodhouse, 3/10 Middlesex Regiment (TF), killed in action at Passchendaele, comprising: British War and Victory Medals (292977 Pte. E. C. Woodhouse. Midd. X. R.), pair loose. Toned, almost extremely fine. (2) £60-80

Ernest Charles Woodhouse was the son of Mr and Mrs Frederick Woodhouse, of 29 Gratton Terrace, Cricklewood, London. Before the Great War, Private Woodhouse had been living with his wife, Evelyn, at 11 Marquis Road, Camden Square, Camden, London. As part of the 10th Brigade, 4th Division, he was killed in action on the 4th of October, 1917, aged 32, on the first day of the Battle of Broodseinde, the costly but effective final offensive of the Third Battle of Ypres. He was buried at the Tyne Cot Memorial in Belgium.

Sold with copy MIC and CWGC casualty page.

Rare Jersey Islander KIA Pair awarded to Second Lieutenant Albert Berteau Grellier, Lancashire Fusiliers, comprising: Great War and Victory Medals (2nd Lieut. A. B. Grellier), mounted with pin for wear. Pair toned, extremely fine and scarce. (2) £200-250

Second Lieutenant Albert Berteau Grellier was born at St Helier, Jersey, on the 28th of March, 1898. Educated at Victoria College, Jersey, he excelled in music, mathematics and engineering, and was placed as a Premium Apprentice in 1915 with the Great Western Railway Company in Swindon, no doubt due to the fact that his uncle, W T Grellier was Supervisor of the Line on the Jersey Eastern Railway.

Joining up at the age of 18 under the Derby Scheme in 1916-17, he was attached to the 2nd Battalion Artists Rifles OTC at Romford, prior to being gazetted to the 3/5th Lancashire Fusiliers in August 1917. He soon was in the trenches, and was present at Passchendaele. Whilst covering the road to Amiens as part of one of General Gough’s Reserve Divisions, a division of Brandenburgers attacked their section of trenches near Vauvilliers on the morning of the 26th of March, 1918. During this attack twenty-four officers of his battalion were killed, including Second Lieutenant Grellier.

Sold with copy MIC noting issue of the medals to Lieutenant Grellier’s father, copy portrait and mention in the Book of Remembrance of Victoria College, Jersey, copy application for commission, as well as a local press cutting and a quantity of useful research.


Campaign Singles

ARCTIC MEDAL, “1818-1855”, unnamed as issued, unofficial suspension loop, original ribbon. Original top suspension loop broken and missing, crude wire replacement, old cabinet tone, nearly very fine. £300-350
3225 CRIMEA MEDAL, 1854-1856, three clasps, Alma, Inkermann, Sebastopol (Pte Edwd Neagle. 4th Ft), officially engraved in upright serifed capitals. *Old cabinet tone, a few very minor marks in places, otherwise nearly extremely fine.*

Private Edward Neagle was born in Drena, near Skibreen, in the County of Cork, Ireland. Having previously worked as a Dyer, he attested for service with the 4th (King’s Own) Foot at Bristol on the 5th of June 1840, at the age of 19. Private Neagle is confirmed on the Crimea Roll as having received a ‘danger wound’ during the 1st attack on the Redan, the 18th of June, 1855, at Sebastopol. His service and discharge papers more specifically confirm that after this action he was discharged as physically unfit for further service ‘having suffered amputation of the left forearm in consequence of a severe wound from a round shot received in the assault on the Redan on the 13th of June, which shattered both bones & injured the wrist.’

Sold with very copy discharge papers and an old paper envelope marked in ink ‘For Andrew – Crimean Medal & Turkish Medal Valuable – Neagle was a relative of my mother, your Great Grandmother’.

£600-700

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3226 CRIMEA MEDAL, 1854-1856, no clasp (Asst. Storekeeper Wm. Benson. Commist.), privately engraved in upright capitals. *A few light contact marks, very fine, a scarce civilian ‘odd man’.*

£180-220

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3227 INDIAN MUTINY MEDAL, 1857-1859, single clasp, Lucknow (Lieut H. D. Baillie, 2nd Bn Rifle Brigade), officially impressed. *One or two edge bumps and tiny obverse nick, otherwise pleasing very fine.*

Henry David Baillie was gazetted an Ensign into the 2nd battalion Rifle Brigade on 27th of December, 1854, and was then promoted to rank of Lieutenant in March 1855.

While serving with the Rifle Brigade he took part in the siege of Sebastopol, and later in the suppression of the Indian Mutiny, he served at the battle of Cawnpore, the siege and capture of Lucknow and the battle of Nawabgunge. Lieutenant Baillie died on 27 November 1858 whilst on passage home from India, aboard the *Alnwick Castle.*

Sold with copy roll entry and other useful photocopied pages.

ex DNW, 25 June 2008

£500-600
3228 ABBYSSINIA MEDAL, 1867 (673 J Fitzgerald 33rd D. W. Regiment). Reverse edge bruise at 6 o’clock, otherwise toned, good very fine.
£250-300

£500-600

Sold with copy roll mention, confirming the above awards to Private James Gearing, 1st Battalion Rifle Brigade, with a contact address at 17 Alpine Street, Reading.

3230 AFGHANISTAN MEDAL, 1878-1880, single clasp, Ali Musjid (Sepoy Ram Singh 45th Regt. N.I.), officially engraved. Lightly toned, a few light obverse marks, pleasing very fine.
£180-220

3231 EGYPT & SUDAN MEDAL, 1882-1889, dated reverse, single clasp, Alexandria 11th July (J. A. Long. S. B. Stew’d HMS Inflexible), officially engraved. Toned, just a few light contact marks, otherwise extremely fine.
£300-350

John Arthur Long, was born on the 2nd April, 1849, at Portsea, Hants. Sold with copy service papers and copy roll mention for this entitlement as Sick Berth Steward about the HMS Inflexible.

3232 EGYPT & SUDAN MEDAL, 1882-1889, dated reverse, no clasp (1179. Corpl. W. Newell 1/ Gord: Highrs), officially engraved. A number of contact marks and minor pitting from previous contact with star, nearly very fine.
£150-200

Sold with copy roll mention.

3234  TIBET MEDAL, 1903-1904, no clasp, in silver (1844 Sapper Munisami 12 Co 2nd QOS&M), officially engraved in sloping running script, with pin for wear. Just one or two very light marks, lightly toned, extremely fine. £250-300

3235  MESSINA EARTHQUAKE MEDAL, 1908, silver, unnamed as issued, with original loop, but missing ribbon and suspension. Dark old tone, light obverse marks with one or two minor edge bumps, generally good very fine. £60-80

3236  INDIA GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL, 1908-1935, single clasp, North West Frontier 1935 (3309726 Pte. R. Hayes. H. L. 1.), officially impressed. Attractively toned, practically as struck and rare to this regiment. £100-120

The Highland Light Infantry served along the North West Frontier in India as part of the Peshawur Brigade.

3237  CORONATION MEDAL, St John’s Ambulance Brigade, 1911 (Pte. E. C. Clark), officially engraved. Obverse contact marks, otherwise good very fine overall. £40-50

3238  CORONATION MEDAL, St John’s Ambulance Brigade, 1911 (Nurs. Sister E. G. Fowler), officially engraved. Toned, extremely fine. £40-50

3239  BRITISH WAR MEDALS (4), 1914-1918 (61263 Pte. W. J. Longton Manch. R.); (5381 Pte W. T. Parkinson, L’Pool R.); (80354 Pte. H. Hopkinson. L’Pool R.); (50873 Pte. A. Rigby. L’Pool R.). Group generally toned good very fine. (4) £60-80

The 3/10th Gurkha Rifles were awarded the S. E. Asia clasp for services in Java and Sumatra as part of the 37th Indian Brigade between the 3rd of September, 1945 and the 30th of November, 1946.

£150-180

3241 GENERAL SERVICE MEDALS (2), 1918-1962, single clasp, S. E. Asia, 1945-46 (3334882 Hav/ Clk. Harbans Singh, 5-8 Punjab R.); (15729 Rfn. Khushal Singh Gusain, 1 Bn., R. Garh. Rif.); with depot impressed. Lightly toned, very fine. (2)

£80-100


£80-100

3243 GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL, 1918-1962, Elizabeth II, single clasp, Malaya (22577800 Pte. T. Beattie. Gordons.); officially impressed. Minor edge bump at 6 o’clock, one or two light contact marks, good very fine overall.

£150-200

The 1st Battalion Gordon Highlanders served in the Malayan Emergency between 1951-1952, and medals of this type awarded to the Gordons are quite scarce. The 1st Battalion Gordon Highlanders were based at Tapah, near Taiping.


£100-120

3245 INDIA GENERAL SERVICE MEDALS (3), 1936-1939, single clasp, North West Frontier 1937-39 (7377 Naik Labh Singh, 4-16 Punjab R.); (10824 Sepoy Sardara Singh, 3-1 Punjab R.); (4649 L- Hav. Khazan Singh, 4-16 Punjab R.). Group generally lightly toned, good very fine. (3)

£100-120


£100-150

Sold with a portrait photograph of Major Rennie in full uniform and wearing this medal, as well as a framed letter dated the 6th of June 1903, signed by members of the Royal Highlanders who had been attached to Major Rennie’s Regiment during a training camp. In original wood frame marked ‘Souvenir of Tidworth Park Camp, 1903. Also sold with a photocopy of the Regimental Roll for Boer War service, confirming his former rank of Captain.
LIFE SAVING AWARDS

3247 FOLKESTONE, HYTHE AND SANDGATE MEDAL, 11th November, 1891, in silver, with scrolling swivel suspension (*The Wreck Of Benvenue*), edge engraved, rev additionally inscribed (*To Nicolas Williams, “He bravely did his duty”*) with original ribbon, mounted with pin for wear. *Attractively toned, a few light contact marks, otherwise extremely fine and very scarce.* £500-600

During violent storms which took place along the Kent and Sussex coasts on the 11th of November, 1891, a French schooner *Eider* was forced by sea conditions against the seawall near Hythe, and another ship, the *Benvenue*, travelling from London to Sydney, also ran aground near Sandgate.

Lifeboat crews from both Dover and Sandgate were mobilised in attempts to save the crews of the respective ships, and as the official lifeboat from Dover suffered its own problems en route, capsizing in the swells, a makeshift crew of volunteer Fishermen and Coastguardmen was put together. Despite the heavy seas and great danger, the crew of the *Benvenue* was rescued and returned to Folkestone. The *Folkestone Herald* published the names of the 15 lifeboat crew members, and Nicolas Williams is confirmed on this list. In a separate report, those of another crew member, Mr W Griggs, there is another brief mention of ‘Ambulance Sergt Williams... (who) was very busy rendering assistance in the way of first aid’. In the absence of any other lifeboat members similarly named, we can assume that this was Nicolas Williams.


MILITARIA

A collection of Colonial and British military badges and shoulder titles, of mixed condition, many with soldered reverses for display, viewing recommended:

3248 Brass Shoulder Titles to New Zealand Regiments (23), including NZFA, RNZA, NZRC, NZAOC, DF, NZR, NZRB, NZMR, NZ Staff, NZ P&T, NZA, NZE, NZGA, NZMGS; with silver war badge no. NZ29900, a women’s ‘On War Service Badge no. 313986, and another related NZ active service badge. *Generally good very fine, some lacking reverse lugs, some very scarce.* (25) £60-80

3249 Brass Shoulder Titles to British Regiments (19), including Royal Sussex (2), Bedford, East Lancashire, Lancaster, Worcestershire, Somerset, Leicestershire, Manchester, RMLI, Queen’s, Devon, Border, RFA, RAMC, W. York, QIB, ASC, RMP. *Generally pleasing, many missing reverse lugs with minor soldered repairs, very fine.* (20) £40-50

3250 Larger-sized Cap Badges to New Zealand Regiments (30), including the Otago Hussars, NZ Cadet Corps, NZ MGC, NZ Mounted Rifles, NZEF, NZ Specialists. *Generally good very fine, some very scarce.* (30) £50-60

3251 Cap Badges to New Zealand Regiments (30), including Nelson & Marlborough, Waikato, Northland, NZ Corps of Signals, NZFA, NZ Reinforcements. *Generally pleasing, good very fine.* (30) £40-50

3252 Cap Badges to New Zealand Regiments (30), including NZ Medical Corps, South Canterbury, Kia Toa, Wellington National Reserve, NZ Army Pay Corps. *Generally nearly extremely fine.* (42) £40-50
3253 Cap Badges to New Zealand Regiments (31), including NZ Artillery, Ruahine, RNZNC, NZANS, NZ Engineers; Miscellaneous NZ service tie-pins (9). *Generally very fine.* (40) £40-50

3254 Cap Badges to New Zealand Regiments (26), including, New Zealand Scottish, NZ Pioneers, NZ Cyclist Corps, NZWAAC, Royal NZ Armoured Corps. *Generally good very fine, some very scarce.* (26) £40-50

3255 Mixed Cap Badges and Shoulder Titles to Australian Regiments (22), RAA, RAE, Royal NSW Lancers, AAMC, South Gippsland, RAAF, Australian Instructional Corps, AAVC. *Generally good very fine, some very scarce.* (21) £40-50

3256 Mixed Cap Badges and Shoulder Titles to Scottish and Irish Regiments, including Seaforths (2), Royal Scots, Camerons, KOSB, Lanarkshire Yeomanry, Gordons, Royal Dublin Fusiliers, Inniskilling Fusiliers. *Generally good very fine.* (30) £40-50

3257 Cap Badges to British Regiments, including 3rd Dragoon Guards, 10th Royal Hussars, The Buffs, Cornwall, York and Lancaster, Hampshire, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, Leicestershire. *Generally very fine.* (29) £40-50

3258 Cap Badges to British Regiments, including East Surrey, Essex, Suffolk, Middlesex, London Rifle Brigade, Norfolk, Royal Army Ordnance Corps, Royal Tank Regiment, REME. *Generally very fine.* (30) £40-50

3259 Cap Badges to British Regiments, including Notts & Derby, Northamptonshire, Cambridgeshire, ATS, KSLI, SAS, Royal Berkshire, West Riding, South Staffordshire. *Generally very fine.* (29) £40-50

3260 Cap Badges to British Regiments, including RAF, Shropshire Yeomanry, Lincolnshire, South Lancashire, Manchester, Bedfordshire, Dorsetshire, DLI, Gloucestershire, Royal Warwickshire. *Generally very fine.* (30) £40-50

**ANCIENT COINS**

**GREEK**

3261 Celtic, Northeast Gaul, Ambiani (c.58-55 BC), Gold Stater, blank obverse, rev disjointed horse right, pellets and crescents around, 6.27g (Scheers 151; De la Tour 8710; VA 52-51). *Well-centred, toned, good very fine.* £300-350

3262 Celtic Gaul, Suessiones (2nd to 1st Century BC), Gold Stater, devolved head of Apollo right, rev disjointed horse right, pellets around, 5.94g (De la Tour 8020). *Softly struck in part, about very fine.* £180-220

3263 Celtic Gaul, Nervii (2nd to 1st Century BC), Gold Stater, devolved head of Apollo right, rev stylized horse right, wheel above, 5.79g (De la Tour 8746; DT 179). *Die-flaw on the reverse, very fine.* £180-220

3264 Danubian Celts, Lower Danube (2nd Century BC), Silver Drachms (2), imitating Philip III of Macedon, head of Herakles right, wearing lion’s skin, rev Zeus seated left, monogram to left, 3.13g, 3.07g (BMC 209; cf Lanz 939). *Very fine.* (2) £150-200

3265 Gaul, Massalia (c.200-121 BC), Silver Obol, bare head of Apollo left, rev M-A within wheel of four spokes, 0.67g (Depeyrot, Marseille 31; SNG Cop 727). *Broad flan, extremely fine.* £100-150

3266 Gaul, Massalia (c.200-121 BC), Silver Obol, bare head of Apollo left, rev M-A within wheel of four spokes, 0.55g (Depeyrot, Marseille 31; SNG Cop 727). *Extremely fine.* £100-150