2004 A Scarce and Interesting Great War and WWII ‘POW’ Group of 7 awarded to Sergeant David Henderson, 1st Battalion Lothian & Border Horse (RAC), late 2nd Battalion Cameron Highlanders, captured at St Valery, France, in June 1940, 1914-15 Star (S-15585, Pte. D. Henderson, Cam’n Highrs), British War and Victory Medals (Pte.), 1939-1945 Star, War Medal, 1939-1945, Jubilee Medal, 1935, Efficiency Medal, G V R, Territorial, 2 clasps (7875107 Sjt. D. Henderson, R. Tank. C.); the first three medals and the last officially impressed, the remainder unnamed as issued, group swing mounted as worn with reverse pin for wear, with small leatherette case. Old cabinet tone, attractive good very fine. (7) £400-500

David Henderson was born in Edinburgh, Scotland 10 April 1895. He enlisted for service during the Great War with the 2nd Battalion Cameron Highlanders, and was sent to fight in Macedonia in November 1915, where he served until returning home in January 1919.

On 2 July 1920 the 19th (Lothian & Border) Armoured Car Company, Royal Tank Regiment was formed at Edinburgh from the remnants of the old Lothian & Border Horse Yeomanry (TF) and other fresh recruits. It was during this period that David Henderson joined the new formation. In 1939 with the outbreak of WWII looming, the regiment reverted to its old title – 1st Battalion, Lothian & Border Horse and came under the control of the Royal Armoured Corps, and were trained to use Sherman V Tanks.

Fighting in France as part of the 51st Highland Division, Sergeant David Henderson and almost the entire 1st Battalion Lothian and Border Horse were captured with the 51st (Highland) Division. Heavily outnumbered and outflanked, a brave fighting retreat was fought against German forces for some 60 miles until it reached the small fishing port of St. Valery-en-Caux, where having run out of ammunition, food and supplies, they were forced to surrender 12 June 1940. Sergeant Henderson was captured and was to spend the rest of WWII at Stalag XXI-B (Schubin), Stalag XXI-D (Poznan) and Stalag 334 (Lambinowice) until his liberation in early 1945.

Sold with a folder of useful research, including MIC, group photographs which include the recipient, POW roll mention, copy POW documents, and other printed matter related to the 51st Highland Division. When applying for a pension 16 July 1945, he was listed as resident at No.5 Leamington Road, Edinburgh, Scotland.


Leonard Valentine Cuss enlisted for service with the 2nd Battalion East Lancashire Regiment as a Private 27 January 1908, having previously worked as a Musician and as a Clerk. His Medal index card shows that he was captured and made a Prisoner of War during his Great War service. He was later discharged from further service 31 March 1920.

Sergeant Drummer Leonard Cusse later re-enlisted for service into the Lancashire Fusiliers at Bry 13 April 1923, and was later discharged 18 July 1929 as a Sergeant Drummer at Preston. NB. The typographic error as recorded on his 1914 Star is reflected in his two MIC cards, one of which was written S. V. Cusse in error, with notes directing back to the correct card. Sold with copy MIC card mentions, East Lancs Regimental Bulletin showing that he later moved to South Africa, documentation showing his place of birth as Portsea, Portsmouth, Hampshire, and that he had married one Sophia Fisher at Preston in April 1920, War Diary report showing that he may have been captured during a sortie at Gauche Wood, various maps, and his original Certificate of Service Booklet, with other documentation.
2006  Scarce WWII ‘POW’ Escaper’s Group of 4 awarded to Corporal John R Crump, 2nd Battalion The Queen’s Own Royal West Kent Regiment, wounded by shrapnel and subsequently captured during the Battle for Leros 17 November 1943, who escaped shortly afterwards with the assistance of three local Greeks during a forced march en route from Piraeus to Athens, only to be re-captured 4 days later by an SS Officer, General Service Medal, 1918-1962, G VI R, single clasp, Palestine (6344186. Pte. R. Crump. R. W. Kent. R.), 1939-1945 Star, Africa Star, War Medal, 1939-1945; the first officially impressed, remaining medals unnamed as issued, group swing mounted on card for display. Toned, lightly polished very fine. (£250-300)

John Roy Crump was born 12 September 1918 in Brighton, Sussex. Having worked prior to army service as a State Registered Nurse, he enlisted for service with the 2nd Battalion Royal West Kents 30 March 1937. He was wounded by shrapnel to the wrist and captured during the Battle for the Aegean Island of Leros 17 November 1943. He attempted unsuccessfully to make a full escape during a march to Athens, when with the assistance of three local Greek civilians he changed into civilian clothes, but sadly he was once again captured. He was then held in Stalags VII-A (Moosburg, Germany) and IV-B (Muhlberg, Germany) until 30 December 1943. Sold with copy Ancestry POW roll mention, and photocopy ‘General Questionnaire for British/American Ex-Prisoners of War’ showing that he had received information about how to behave in the event of capture in 2943 by Lt. Cropper, of D Battalion, Recce Patrol Leader.

2007  Great War 1914 ‘POW’ Trio awarded to Private Albert Jones, 1st Battalion East Lancashire Regiment, wounded in action and captured 26 August 1914, during the Battle of Le Cateau, 1914 Star & Clasp ‘5th Aug – 22nd Nov 1914’ (10780 Pte. A. Jones. 1/E. Lan:R.), British War and Victory Medals (Pte.); group officially impressed, and court mounted on board for display. Toned, very fine. (£150-200)

Sold with copy MIC confirming this entitlement, noted ‘P of W’, as well as with paperwork confirming Private Albert Jones as having been wounded 26 August 1914, and copy sketched map of the positions of the 11th Brigade Action at the Battle of Le Cateau.
2008  An emotive WWII Norwegian Campaign ‘POW’ Escaper’s Group of 3 awarded to Company Sergeant Major Alan Bell, RAOC, late King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry (KOYLI), who initially escaped Stalag XXB at Marienburg before recapture nearly 150 miles away near Warsaw, only to eventually escape successfully, 1939-1945 Star, War Medal, 1939-1945, Army Long Service & Good Conduct Medal, G VI R, Regular Army (4692403 W.O. Cl. 2., A.E.Bell. R.A.O.C.); the first two medals unnamed as issued, the latter officially impressed, pair court mounted on card for display. Unevenly toned, good very fine. £400-500

Alan Edwin Bell was born 1 July 1918 at Sheffield, Yorkshire. His father was a silver finisher, who himself has served in the Great War with the Hallamshires, and as something of a drifter, Alan for a time followed in his father’s footsteps in this trade whilst studying part-time at Sheffield University. In 1936 he was expelled from his studies at Sheffield for being caught at a party in the Ladies’s Section of the University, and then for a period of time he became a member of Moseley’s ‘Black Shirts – he was himself present at a riot between Black Shirts and police at Sheffield City Hall.

After a short and relatively successful period working in business, Alan Bell enlisted for service with the KOYLIs in July 1939 at Pontefract, Yorkshire, shortly before the outbreak of WWII, attaining the rank of Corporal. He served with the KOYLIs in Norway, landing at Namsos 17 April 1940, where moving south towards Kvam they met a force of German crack troops, and were taken prisoner at Namdalseidet. They were initially moved to Trondheim for a period, then taken by ship to Denmark, and finally sent in cattle trucks to Stalag XXA in Thorn, Poland. Whilst there, he and other POWs were taken by train to work at Sellestrau on the Baltic Coast, and there suffered great hardship, and additionally in 1943 Corporal Bell was sentenced to 6 months in the military prison at Graudenz for purchasing Black Market flour to furnish cakes for a New Year’s party.

Having lost a great deal of weight, he returned to ‘ordinary’ POW life at Stalag XX-B at Fallingbostel in West Germany. As a local paper from 1969 records in some detail, in late 1944 Corporal Bell and an associate were then very nearly shot for manufacturing linen-stuffed counterfeit cigarettes and swapping them for food with the camp guards. Additionally, during his time here as a POW, Corporal Bell wrote to the Mayor of Sheffield, asking for a pen pal to help pass the time. Whilst he heard nothing for some time, he was suddenly inundated by letters and photographs from young ladies and gents, and even the odd carton of cigarettes! This apparently created a wave of letters to town mayors, which was soon stamped out by the prison guards.

Perhaps having reached his lowest, he and two French prisoners effected their escape from Stalag 357 by swimming naked (with possessions tied up in a groundsheet) through the length of the camp latrine trench to the nearby river. He was to learn later that the two French prisoners had escaped also, but that at the end of the war some 14 bodies of unsuccessful escapers were found in that same foul stretch of trench. Not long after this attempt at escape, in early 1945 he managed to break away from his marching column of prisoners, who were being relocated to a new camp, and finally reached allied forces. After his return to England, where he was soon married, he remained with the Army, being transferred to the RAOC with whom he served until 23 August 1961 – all in all a total of 22 years. Tragically, despite a peaceful retirement, he chose to end his own life 30 October 1986.

Sold with a folder of superb research, much written by a personal friend and fellow POW, personal letters, pictures, newspaper clippings and a ration card from Graudenz Prison, dated 1943.


Private E J Kingston was captured at Dunkirk in May-June 1940, and was held at Stalag XX-B at Marienburg, Poland. Sold with copy Ancestry ‘POW’ roll mention.
2010  **WWII ‘POW & LSGC Group of 3 awarded to Captain (QM) Harry Thomas, Royal Army Medical Corps, captured at Forges les Eaux, France, 8 June 1940, who worked in captivity at Stalag 383 as NCO in charge of hospitals for Allied wounded & sick, 1939-1945 Star, War Medal, 1939-1945, Army Long Service & Good Conduct Medal, G VI R, Regular Army (7260094. W.O. Cl. 2. H. V. Thomas. R.A.M.C); the last officially impressed, the remainder unnamed as issued, group court mounted on board for display.  
*Lightly toned, the last well polished, very fine. (3)* £100-120

ex Norman J Collett collection

Harry Vincent Thomas was born 24 December 1911, at Waterloo, Liverpool. He attested for service with the RAMC 13 February 1930, and had reached the rank of Sergeant during his WWII service. He was captured and taken POW whilst serving in the 3rd Mobile Advance Dressing Station, RAMC, 8 June 1940, at Forges Les Veaux, France. He was held at Stalag XXI-B (Schildberg, Poland) between 1940 and 1942, before being moved to Stalag 383 (Hohenfels, Bavaria, Germany), where whilst in captivity he was given the extremely difficult role of NCO in charge of Hospitals for Allied wounded sick. He completed his POW form 4 May 1945, and was later promoted to WO I (RSM), before receiving his first RAMC commission as Lieut (QM) 16 February 1951, and Captain (QM) 8 July 1954. He retired 2 March 1957, having served for a total of 27 years. Sold with photocopy ‘General Questionnaire for British/American Ex-Prisoners of War’ and copy Ancestry POW roll mention.

*Lightly toned, the latter a little polished, otherwise good very fine. (4)* £100-150

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Charles William Turner was born 17 July 1910, and had previously worked prior to military service as a Dairy Foreman living at 88 Peabody Road, South Farnborough, Hampshire. He enlisted for service with the 5th Battalion Queen’s Regiment 6 December 1936, and was captured and taken prisoner 21 May 1940 at Bellancourt. He was held at Stalag XX-B at Marienburg, Poland from May to August 1941, at Stalag XX-A at Thorn, Poland between August 1941 to August 1942, and finally at Stalag 383 in Hohenfels, Bavaria, Germany, from August 1942 to April 1945. The recipient is believed to have died in Surrey in 1980. Sold with photocopy ‘General Questionnaire for British/American Ex-Prisoners of War’ showing his Company Commander as Captain J W M Mansel.

2012  **WWII ‘POW’ Group of 3 awarded to Sergeant J M Auld, Cameron Highlanders, Royal Scots, late Cameron Highlanders, captured near Dunkirk in May/June 1940, 1939-1945 Star, War Medal, 1939-1945, Efficiency Medal, E II R, Territorial (22531580 Sgt. J. M. Auld. RS ); the last officially impressed, the remainder unnamed as issued, group loose.  
*Unevenly toned, good very fine. (3)* £100-150

Sergeant J M Auld was captured whilst serving with the Cameron Highlanders, and held at Stalag 344 at Lambinowice, Poland. Sold with copy Ancestry POW roll mention, and original small yellow ‘La Ville de Dunkerque – En memoire des Combatants de Mai et Juin 1940’ certificate named Mr J M Auld, Royal Scots, which appears to indicate a later transfer to this Regiment.

2013  **WWII ‘POW’ Group of 3 awarded to Private A McNeill, Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, captured at St Valery, France, June 1940, 1939-1945 Star, War Medal, 1939-1945, Efficiency Medal, G VI R, Territorial (2981261. Pte. A. McNeill. A.&.S.H); the first two medals unnamed as issued, the latter officially impressed with small official correction, medals court mounted on card for display.  
*Lightly toned, nearly extremely fine. (3)* £150-200

ex Norman J Collett collection

Private A McNeill was taken prisoner in June 1940 when the 7th & 8th Battalions Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders were captured with the 51st Highland Division at St Valery. He is confirmed on the POW roll as prisoner no 343 and was held at Stalag IX-C at Mühlhausen, Hesse, Germany. It appears that he was also made POW with a man that is probably his brother, one Corporal J D McNeill, prisoner number 345. Sold with copy Ancestry POW roll mention.

2014  **WWII ‘POW’ Group of 3 awarded to Fusilier Thomas Stevenson, 7th Battalion Royal Northumberland Fusiliers, taken prisoner May-June 1940, 1939-1945 Star, War Medal, 1939-1945, Efficiency Medal, G VI R, Territorial (4273948 Fus. T. Stevenson. N.F); the first two medals unnamed as issued, the latter officially impressed with small official correction, medals court mounted on card for display.  
*Lightly toned, nearly extremely fine. (3)* £150-200

Private Thomas Stevenson was born 22 June 1915, at Berwick-upon-Tweed, and enlisted in April 1939 for service with the 7th Northumberland Fusiliers, having previously worked as a Transport Driver. Private Stevenson was taken prisoner in June 1940 at St Valery. He is confirmed on the POW roll as prisoner no 16647 and was held for over 5 years at Stalag 344 at Lambinowice, Poland, working largely felling timber. Sold with photocopy ‘General Questionnaire for British/American Ex-Prisoners of War’ and copy Ancestry POW roll mention.
2015  WWII 'POW' Group of 3 awarded to Company Sergeant-Major Norman Bailey, 10th Battalion Durham Light Infantry, wounded in action, 1939-1945 Star, War Medal, 1939-1945, Efficiency Medal, G V R, Territorial (4602853 Cpl. N. Bailey, 6-Durh. L. I.); the first two unnamed as issued, the latter officially impressed, group court mounted on board for display. The latter somewhat polished, group otherwise toned about extremely fine. (3) £120-150

Sold with photocopy ‘General Questionnaire for British/American Ex-Prisoners of War’ and copy Ancestry POW roll mention, confirming CSM Bailey as having been kept prisoner at Stalag 383, at Hohenhels, Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany. His ‘General Questionnaire’ shows his date of birth as 26 February 1900, his address noted as 13 East Street, Westcornforth, via Ferry Hill, Durham, and that he had previously worked as a Miner. This document also shows that he was wounded when captured in France 20 May 1940.

2016  WWII ‘POW’ Group of 3 awarded to Lance-Corporal Leslie W Baker, 1st Battalion Queen’s Victoria Rifles (KRRC), captured at Calais, France, 26 May 1940, 1945 Star, War Medal, 1939-1945, Efficiency Medal, G VI R, Territorial (6896704 Rfn. L. W. Baker Q. V. Rif.); the first two unnamed as issued, the latter officially impressed, group court mounted on board. Toned extremely fine. (3) £100-150

Sold with photocopy ‘General Questionnaire for British/American Ex-Prisoners of War’ and copy Ancestry POW roll mention, confirming L-Cpl Baker as having been kept prisoner at Stalag VIII-B / 344, at Lambinowice, Poland. His ‘General Questionnaire’ shows his date of birth as 9 December 1910, his address noted as 40 Stayton Road, Sutton, Surrey, and that he had previously worked as an Export Clerk. This document also shows that he was captured at Calais, France, 26 May 1940, during the hard-fought rear guard action there.

2017  A WWII ‘POW’ Group of 3 awarded to Fusilier J O Meekins, Royal Northumberland Fusiliers, captured at St. Valery, France, June 1940, 1939-1945 Star, War Medal, 1939-1945, Efficiency Medal, G VI R, Territorial (4270659 Fus. J. O. Meekins. N.F.); first two medals unnamed as issued, the latter officially impressed, group court mounted on board for display. Lightly toned, extremely fine. (3) £100-150

Sold with copy Ancestry POW roll mention, confirming Fusilier J D Meekins as having been kept prisoner at Stalag IX-C at Mühlhausen, Hesse, Germany.

2018  WWII ‘POW’ Group of 3 awarded to Gunner O B Jones, Royal Artillery, 1939-1945 Star, War Medal, 1939-1945, Efficiency Medal, G VI R, Territorial (1457628 Gnr O B Jones RA); the latter officially re-impressed, the remainder unnamed as issued, group court mounted on board for display. Toned, extremely fine. (3) £60-80

Gunner O B Jones was taken POW and held at Stalag 344, at Lambinowice, Poland. Sold with copy Ancestry POW roll mention.
2019  WWII ‘POW’ Group of 3 awarded to Bombardier G Beacock, Royal Artillery, believed taken prisoner in May-June 1940 at Dunkirk, 1939-1945 Star, War Medal, 1939-1945, Army Long Service & Good Conduct Medal, G VI R, Regular Army (1071946 Bdr. G. Beacock. R.A.); the first two unnamed as issued, the latter officially impressed. Lightly toned, nearly extremely fine. (3) £100-150

Bombardier Beacock is confirmed as a POW, having been held prisoner at Stalag 344 at Laminowice, Poland, where many POWs worked largely felling timber. Stalag 344 was initially used to house BEF prisoners of war, and later those captured at Crete. This suggests Bombardier Beacock was captured in May-June 1940 at or near Dunkirk. Sold with copy POW roll mention.

2020  WWII ‘POW’ & Malaya Campaign Group of 3 awarded to Private E Howard, Royal Military Police, late Norfolk Regiment, captured 27 May 1940 whilst serving with the 2nd Battalion Norfolk Regiment during their ‘last stand’ and subsequent surrender at La Bassée, France, 1939-1945 Star, War Medal, 1939-1945, General Service Medal, 1918-1962, single clasp, Malaya (5989181 Pte. E. Howard. R.M.P.); the last officially impressed, the remainder unnamed as issued, group court mounted on board for display. Toned, about extremely fine. (3) £80-120

Private E Howard served with the 2nd Battalion Norfolk Regiment during WWII, and arrived in France in September 1939. This Battalion was used as part of the delaying forces used during the retreat to Dunkirk in 1940 and subsequently suffered very heavy casualties, with many soldiers taken prisoner of war. Private Howard was captured and taken POW 27 May 1940 whilst serving with the 2nd Battalion Norfolk Regiment during their ‘last stand’ and subsequent surrender at La Bassée, France. It was shortly after this surrender that SS forces massacred 97 unarmed POWs of the 2nd Battalion Norfolk Regiment at the incident at Le Paradis. Private Howard was held at Stalag XX-A at Torun, Poland. Sold with copy Ancestry POW roll mention, mistakenly showing him as ‘C. Howard’ with the same Army Number and details otherwise.

2021  WWII ‘POW’ & Malaya Campaign Group of 3 awarded to Rifleman J P Hickson, Cameron Highlanders, late Royal Scots, 1939-1945 Star, Defence Medal, 1939-1945, General Service Medal, 1918-1962, G VI R, single clasp, Malaya (865657 Rfn. J. P. Hickson. Cameronians.); the last officially impressed, the remainder unnamed as issued, group swing mounted with reverse pin for wear. Toned, lightly polished, good very fine. (3) £100-150

Rifleman J P Hickson was captured and taken POW whilst serving with the Royal Scots, and was held at Stalag XX-B at Marienburg, Poland. He later went on to serve in the Malaya Campaign with the Cameron Highlanders. Sold with copy Ancestry ‘POW’ roll mention.
A Rare Great War ‘POW’ Pair awarded to Commander Ronald H Clark, Royal Navy, who was captured whilst serving as a Lieutenant Engineer aboard HMS Seal, this submarine damaged by aerial bombardment and mines, subsequently captured by German Submarine-Hunting Vessel UJ-128, 5 May 1940, the only British Submarine captured in WWII, 1939-1945 Star, War Medal, 193901945; pair unnamed as issued, swing mounted with reverse pin for wear, sold with naval officer’s sword, G V R pattern on blade, with scabbard & sword knot, guard lock named (R.H.S. Clark, R.N.), pocket Bible, silver-plate napkin ring, framed A4 poem ‘Greetings from Seal to SEAL’. Pair toned very fine, sword showing a little wear to leather, blade untarnished. (5) £500-700

Ronald Harrison Clark, of Rotherham, Yorkshire, born 1909, was captured whilst serving as Lieutenant Engineer aboard the British submarine HMS Seal. Under the command of Lieutenant-Commander Rupert P Lonsdale, this vessel had been laying mines in the Kattegat off the Swedish coast 29 April, and when it passed the Skaw 4 May it was sighted and bombed by German aircraft. Whilst only having received slight damage from this, the Seal laid further mines despite being in the vicinity of 4 anti-submarine trawlers and numerous other E-Boats and then unwittingly moved through two lines of German mines.

As HMS Seal took evasive actions it came into contact with a mine and was severely damaged by an explosion, forcing her to the ocean floor, flooding the mining compartment and part of the crew space. After some time and running short of oxygen, in desperation the crew was called to the control room for prayer, after which quite miraculously HMS Seal gradually rose from the seabed to the surface, at 1.00am, 5 May. Attempts were made to get the engines started, but the submarine was unmanageable. At 2.50am HMS Seal was sighted once again by German aircraft and attacked, which left First Lieutenant Butler and one rating badly injured. Fire was returned by the vessel’s Lewis gun until it jammed and with any further response now impossible, a German seaplane landed close by to take the Captain prisoner, and soon after the German trawler UJ-128 arrived to tow the ailing submarine to Frederickshavn.

Despite German attempts to recondition and operate HMS Seal to use as part of the propaganda war, these were ineffective, and the submarine was finally scrapped in June 1941. The crew of the vessel were taken prisoner of war at Marlag 333, including Lieutenant Clark, until the end of hostilities. After their eventual liberation in May 1945, Lieutenant Commander Lonsdale was tried by Court-Martial on charges of failing to engage enemy aircraft and of failing to prevent the submarine falling into enemy hands, but was honorably acquitted, as were the other senior officers.

Lieutenant Clark continued to serve after the end of WWII, reaching the rank of Commander (Engineer), working largely in a training capacity until c.1958. Sold with a large quantity of research, group photographs, correspondence and useful related articles.

Sold with copy MIC, original WWI ‘returning POW’ printed letter from George V dated 1918, and envelope of issue for these medals, original portrait and group photo. Regarding the Second group, two original OHMS boxes of issue, copy ‘General Questionnaire for British/American Ex-Prisoners of War’ showing that Private H J Butterfield was held at Stalag 344, at Laminovice, Poland. Also sold with a medium-sized Masonic medal, awarded to Brother George Fobbeaster, 1906 – relation unknown.


Sold with copied research relating to one 4981465 Private Albert Rothwell, 1st/5th Sherwood Foresters (Notts & Derby Regiment), who died 2 April 1943, was believed taken prisoner of war by the Japanese at Singapore. He is buried at the Kanchaburi Cemetery, Thailand, and may have died whilst building the Burma-Siam railway.

2025 GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL, 1918-1962, single clasp, Palestine (3853356 Pte. M. Riley. Loyal. R.); officially impressed. Lightly toned, one or two light marks, about extremely fine. £60-80

Private Michael Riley was captured and taken POW in 1940, and was repatriated in 1943 as part of the POW exchange for wounded soldiers. Sold with copy roll details.

2026 INDIA GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL, 1936-1939, single clasp, North West Frontier 1937-39 (6343202 Pte. H. Thorpe. Leic. R.); officially impressed. Toned good very fine. £120-150

Private Henry Thorpe is confirmed as having been captured and taken as a Prisoner of War at Singapore whilst serving with the 1st Battalion Leicestershire Regiment, noted on the roll ‘Missing Singapore Island 12.2.42’, sold with copy Japanese POW summary sheet (2-page) showing his home address as 17 Adelaide Street, Carlisle.

2027 EFFICIENCY MEDAL, G VI R, Territorial (829364 Gnr. W. R. Wood. R.A.); officially impressed. Unevenly toned, lower obverse edge bump, very fine. £40-60

Sold with cap badge and POW roll mention confirming Gunner W R Wood as having been kept prisoner at Stalag VIII-C at Konin Zaganski, Poland. It is believed that he later undertook and survived ‘The Long March’.
Gallantry Groups

2028  An Excellent ‘First Day of the Somme’ MC & French Croix de Guerre Group of 5 awarded to Lieutenant Harry Strong, 14th (2nd Barnsley Pals) Battalion The York & Lancaster Regiment, MID, thrice wounded on that day and awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry whilst in command of a bombing party, Military Cross G V R, 1914-15 Star (2660 Pte H. Strong. R. War. R.), British War and Victory Medals (Lieut. H. Strong), the latter with MID oak leaves, France, Croix de Guerre, 1914-1917, with star & riband fitment, Great War Trio officially impressed, MC and Croix de Guerre unnamed as issued, sold loose mounted for display in a small wooden case. Group toned,
pleasing good very fine and desirable. (5)
£2500-3000

MC London Gazette 20.10.1916
Croix de Guerre, LG 01.05.1917

Temporary Lieutenant Harry Strong, of 52 the High Street, Wem, Shropshire, was born 9 May 1890 and had previously worked as a Bank Cashier. He enlisted for Great War service into the 1/8th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment, before quickly being granted a commission in the 14th (2nd Barnsley Pals) Battalion, York & Lancaster Regiment. Present with ‘B’ Company at Serre under the command of Captain Houston, on 30 July they marched all night with very heavy kit towards the front lines by Nairne Trench and Copse Trench, and virtually upon arrival and without sleep they were called upon to take part in the massive assault of ‘The First Day of the Somme’, with B company given orders to bomb, take and hold their three nearest German trenches.

Owing to the severity of the German shelling and some short falling Allied artillery shells designed to cut the enemy wire, the state of the aforementioned trenches in this area was so deplorable that much of it appeared to form part of ‘No Man’s Land’. Furthermore, the 2nd Barnsley Pals War Diary states that as many as 30% of the units amassed there had been made casualties before even having reached their own ‘parapet’ ready for ‘Zero Hour’ at 7.30am, due to the shocking lack of trench cover, accurate enemy shelling and heavy sniper and machine-gun fire.

At 8.09am the two companies of the 14th York & Lancasters went over the top, advancing into ‘No Man’s Land’ towards the largely undamaged enemy wire. Temporary Lieutenant Strong was Reserve Bombing Officer with ‘B’ Company 1 July 1916 at Serre, and was awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry. He and the other members of his company were soon met with heavy and accurate machine-gun fire near the gaps in the wire and suffered very heavy casualties. Only a handful of soldiers from B company under the other officer, Lieutenant Forsdike, were able to reach and enter the first German trench. Lieutenant Strong’s citation reads:

“For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a bombing party. Although severely wounded he refused assistance and ordered his men to push on. He then crawled towards the enemy line and was again twice wounded.”

Strong suffered severe multiple wounds during this attack - to the head by the eye, hip and shoulder, and was evacuated to the UK for treatment and recovery, where he remained serving with the 3rd Reserve Battalion and later the 5th Training Reserve Battalion, before being demobilised in 1919.

Sold with a small folder of documentation including copy MIC, copy London Gazette citations, and a quantity of useful research taken from the War Diary of the 2nd Barnsely Pals.
An Impressive ‘Fighting Citation’ Military Medal Group of Five awarded to Acting Sergeant James Critchley, 144th (East Lancashire) Regiment, Royal Armoured Corps, originally recommended for the DCM in July 1944 for ‘outstanding service in action’ against German Panzer Divisions at Noyers-Bocage and Oudeville, as part of the ‘Tank Battle’ for Caen, Military Medal, G VI R (3390801 A/Sjt. J. Critchley. R. A. C. [sic]), 1939-45 Star, France and Germany Star, Defence and War Medals; the first officially impressed, the others unnamed as issued, group mounted on card for display. Group lightly toned, polished extremely fine. (5) £2500-3000

James Critchley served in the 144th (East Lancashire) Regiment RAC during WWII, which formed part of the 33rd Armoured Brigade. Landing in Normandy at Gold Beach 6th June 1944, the 144th’s Sherman I and Firefly tanks gradually proceeded towards the major tactical objective of Caen, where heavy fighting ensued as part of Operation ‘Charnwood’. On the 16th-18th July the 144th RAC were deployed in support of the 59th (Staffordshire) Infantry Division as part of Operation ‘Pomegranate’ - a diversionary attack prior to the launch of Operation ‘Goodwood’ by the British 2nd Army just two days afterwards.

The aim of Operation ‘Pomegranate’ was to convince the German forces that this was going to be the main British ‘break out’ point, and in this aim it was very successful. British code-breakers were able to confirm that in their interceptions the Germans had reported a ‘particularly dangerous armoured thrust’ taking in this area. It was during these actions in the area of Noyers-Bocage, against the German 276th & 277th Divisions, supported by elements of 2nd Panzer and 9th SS Panzer Division, that Acting Sergeant Critchley was recommended for the DCM, later awarded the MM.

The recommendation for the DCM was made by the then Lieutenant-Colonel Alan Jolly, Commanding Officer of the 144th RAC, which was subsequently downgraded for reasons uncertain, reads as follows:

“On the morning of the 16 July 1944 at Quedeville 889642, a company of infantry were held up by machine gun fire from a sunken road from 889642, and the woods to the south of it, and a local stalemate seemed to have been reached.”

“Sergeant Critchley advanced by himself, the remaining tanks in his troop being already casualties of mines, and engaged the enemy from a flank up the sunken road. He went up the sunken road firing his tank machine guns while he himself was engaging the enemy from the turret by using his Sten gun and throwing hand grenades. He silenced the enemy opposition in this road but it was still fierce from the woods to his left. Having run out of small arms ammunition he asked the infantry to lend him a Bren gun and manned it himself on the turret of his tank. After his Bren gun ammunition had run out he reversed out of the sunken road and went down the main road to the south engaging the enemy with the 17-pounder gun.”

“The enemy appeared to be regrouping but the armour-piercing shells threw them into confusion and very shortly after this the infantry were able to take the position. The Infantry Company Commander, Major B Barber of the 1/6th Staffs, has reported that it was entirely due to the action of Sergeant Critchley that his company was able to capture their objective.”

“Throughout this day and again on the 18 July he gave outstanding service in action and was an example to all those round him.”

Sold with copy London Gazette mention which gives in brackets Acting Sergeant Critchley’s place of origin as Bolton, copy award recommendation, and a quantity of copied research relating to the 144th RAC.
2030 A Very Fine Great War MM Group of 4 and Memorial Plaque awarded to Private J Danskin, 10th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers, awarded the MM for ‘great gallantry and devotion to duty’ during a moonlight trench raid 30 August 1916, killed in just one month later near Martinpuich, Military Medal, G V R (19706 Pte. J. Danskin. 10/Nth’d Fus.), 1914-15 Star (Pte), British War and Victory Medals (Pte.), Memorial Plaque (James Danskin); officially impressed, group loose. Lightly polished, nearly extremely fine, scarce and desirable with specific awards details. (5) £1000-1200

Private James Danskin, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, enlisted for service in the same city with the 10th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers during the Great War. Arriving in France in August 1915 as part of the 69th Brigade, 23rd Division, it was just over a year later during the Battle of the Somme that Private Danskin was awarded the Military Medal for Bravery.

As is recorded in the Battalion War Diary, soldiers from the 10th Battalion launched a night-time attack upon an adjacent enemy trench. Following an earlier gas and artillery attack, the soldiers set off in two raiding parties under 2nd Lieutenant E Lawrence and 2nd Lieutenant J P Lorrains. Each party ran some 30 yards across ‘No Man’s Land’ before slowing to crawl through gaps in the enemy wire, but upon their eventual discovery they were met with heavy rifle fire and bombing. The raiders retaliated successfully: ‘getting a good number of bombs into the enemy’s trench, from which cries and groans could be heard’. Second Lieutenant Lawrence was here wounded, but continued long enough to organise his party to withdraw to the departure ditch, whereupon the party under Lorrains successfully attacked, reaching the enemy parapet, bayonetting sentries and bombarding the enemy, who were noted to be still wearing their gas masks. Despite their success in inflicting heavy casualties, both parties were forced to withdraw owing to the outnumbering enemy forces and their own casualties, despite the party under 2nd Lieutenant Lorrains having made a second but unsuccessful rallying attack.

Whilst the text leaves the specific detail somewhat ambiguous, it appears that Private Danskin was a member of the second raiding party, and is listed in the Battalion Diary by name towards the bottom of the extract as having ‘shewed great gallantry and devotion to duty both in the assault and in bringing in wounded afterwards’. Private James Danskin was killed in action just over a month later 25 September 1916 during another trench attack near Martinpuich. Sold with copy MIC, CWGC casualty report, and extracts from the 10th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers War Diary concerning the attack in which Private Danksin was awarded the MM and also concerning the later attack in which he was killed. He is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial.

2031 Great War MM Group of 4 awarded to Sergeant Frederick Alfred Goring, 1st / 5th (City of London) Battalion London Regiment (London Rifle Brigade), late 6th (City of London) Battalion, London Regiment (City of London Rifles), awarded for bravery shown 26 April 1918 during the German Spring Offensive at Arras, Military Medal, GVR (320875 Sjt: F.A.Goring. 1/5 Lond.:R.), 1914-15 Star (255. Pte. F. A. Goring, 6-Lond.:R.), British War & Victory Medals (Sjt); officially impressed, group court-mounted on board for display. Toned, nearly extremely fine. (4) £700-900

The 1st/6th Londons were disbanded at the end of July 1918 when its infantry brigades were reduced to three battalions, hence his move to the 1st / 5th Londons. This MM was awarded to 320873 Sergeant F A Goring for his part in the action 26 April 1918, during the Battle of Arras. The 1901 Census shows Frederick Alfred Goring as having been born 10 September 1895 in Bloomsbury, London, the son of a Portmanteau Maker, at 53 Burton Crescent, St Pancras. Genealogical research suggests that he married one Anne Bowie in 1923, and that he died in 1975 at Canterbury, aged of 80. Sold with copy MIC, MM Card, London Gazette mention and some genealogical research.

ex DNW, 5 March 1996, lot 543
2032 A WWII & Queen’s Commendation Police Group of 4 awarded to Constable Peter Halliwell, Blackburn Police Force, late Royal Air Force, who awarded the Queen’s Commendation for Brave Conduct shown during the ‘Brewery Street Siege’ in Blackburn, 1958, 1939-1945 Star, Burma Star, Defence and War Medals, 1939-1945, Queen’s Commendation for Brave Conduct spray of silver laurel leaves and box of issue; medals unnamed as issued, medals loose, sold with relevant miniatures with reverse pin for wear. Extremely fine. (9)

Queen’s Commendation, London Gazette 14.08.1959

Peter Halliwell was one of three police officers initially called to the scene of a tense hostage situation at No.8 Brewery Street, Blackburn, on the night of 12 December 1958. Mr King, an estranged husband, had forced entry into the home of his wife’s parents, armed with a Browning five-shot shotgun, holding this wife & children hostage within the house. Mr King asked his wife Sheila: “Do you love me? Will you kiss me? Because you have got to die tonight!” Mrs King had attempted to make noise and call for help unsuccessfully, but her next door neighbour Ms Cowell succeeded in taking a short taxi ride to the police station, returning with police officers Cavill, Riley and Halliwell.

Entering the house to confront Mr King, DC Cavill ran straight into the room demanding the gun, to which Mr King returned a shot, leaving DC Cavill severely wounded, and immediately shot his wife in the back. King demanded them all to leave, and DCs Riley and Halliwell extricated DC Cavill from the scene for treatment. Another three police officers soon arrived in support, one of whom, Inspector O’Donnell, attempted to negotiate with the gunman but received a shotgun wound to the chest, but threw a chair at the gunman and escaped through a window.

In response to the severity of the situation and mounting casualties, the decision was made for armed police to make their move, and also to fire tear gas into the building, followed by police dogs. In the ensuing chaos, a shot was heard fired inside the building, as Mr King shot and wounded himself. Taken to hospital, he recovered to stand trial accused of the murder of his wife and also Inspector O’Donnell, who died from his wounds. He was eventually convicted only of manslaughter on both counts, due to a successful defence case made on the grounds of mental instability.

Police Constable Halliwell received his Queen’s Commendation for Brave Conduct Silver laurel leaves from Lord Derby at Knowsley Hall 21 October 1959. Sold with original awards with box of issue, numerous attractive portrait pictures, newspaper clippings and correspondence.

Campaign Groups

2033 WWII Group of 6 awarded to Bombardier Thomas Dack, Royal Artillery, 1939-1945 Star, Atlantic Star, Africa Star, Italy Star, War Medal, 1939-1945, Efficiency Medal, G VI R, Territorial (1432304 Gnr. T. Dack. Royal Artillery); the first five unnamed as issued, the latter officially impressed, medals loose. Extremely fine. (6)

Sold with original copy Certificate of Service, showing his discharge from the Territorials 9 November 1964, showing his address as 1 Back Street, Church, Lancashire.
2034  **WWII Group of 5 awarded to Gunner Arthur H Thompson, 52nd ‘The Burnley Boys’ Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery, 1939-1945 Star, Africa Star, Defence and War Medals, 1939-1945, Efficiency Medal, G VI R, Territorial (1444191 Gnr. A. H. Thompson. R.A.); the last officially impressed, the remainder unnamed as issued, group court mounted on board for display. Toned, the last a little polished, group generally good very fine. (5) £100-150**

Gunner Arthur Thompson served with the 52nd Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery, during WWII. Most likely having joined this Territorial unit just prior to the outbreak of war in 1939, he would have been present with this unit as they disembarked 20 September 1939, the first Territorial Regiment to do so. The 52nd LAA were involved in the fighting of May 1940, and were eventually evacuated at Dunkirk 29 May 1940. By the time of their evacuation the 52nd LAA were believed to shot down as many as 102 German aircraft. Following this evacuation the 52nd LAA also saw active service in Greece, Crete and North Africa. Sold with several pages of research regarding the 52nd LAA.


Michael Newman was born in Kinsale, County Cork, Ireland, and enlisted for service in the Royal Naval Reserve 30 October 1894 at Milford Haven. In the years prior to the outbreak of war in 1914 he had served as Mate aboard various fishing and trawler vessels operating out of Milford Haven, but was called aboard HMS Jupiter in August 1914, serving aboard that ship until May 1915.

The Tyne Guard Ship HMS Jupiter, a Majestic-class battleship, was sent out in response to a Russian request for assistance in performing ice-breaking duties in the White Sea passage towards the city of Archangel. It was of key importance to keep this passage free from constricting ice to maintain this shipping lane, since the Russian vessel responsible for these duties had broken down. This was a key route for the movement of war materials and munitions.

Departing in February 1915, HMS Jupiter freed numerous vessels (including SS Thracia) from the crushing sea ice, on occasion using explosive charges to do so. This challenging task, which regularly involved working in temperatures as low as -20ºC, ended successfully in May 1915, and the sailors and crew aboard HMS Jupiter were rewarded by Tsar Nicholas II with various Honours and Awards.

Petty Officer Newman continued to serve aboard various other vessels until his eventual discharge 26 February 1919 – having served some 25 years service with the Royal Naval Reserve. Sold with copy service papers. (NB - The replacement Victory Medal is correctly named to 9523 Pte D Murphy, Royal Munster Fusiliers).

ex Glendinings, 18 February 1987, sold with lot ticket number
2036 **Great War Naval LSGC Group of 4 awarded to Leading Stoker T W Bryant, HMS Walrus, 1914-1915 Star, France and Germany Star, Defence and War Medals, 1914-1918.**

That man wore his medals

£100-120


Flight Sergeant S B Billing was initially recorded as missing in action during operations in the Near East during the night of the 12-13 August 1943. Based with 70 Squadron at the time in Kairouan-Temmar in Tunisia, this squadron was well-placed to bomb strategic targets in Italy. The Squadron diary states they had been involved in bombings in the area of Cape Peloro & Messina, and mentions Flight Sergeant Billing as 2nd Pilot of Aircraft ‘A’ HZ.427 Wellington X, and it states: ‘This aircraft which is missing after operations on the night of 12th/13th August, was reported to have been shot down over target by 4 other aircraft. No other details.’ Another report states: ‘…probably hit by flak in target area, as 3 aircraft reported seeing an aircraft exploding and falling to the ground.’ He is commemorated at the Syracuse War Cemetery, Sicily. Lot sold with a quantity of useful research and photographs.

2038 **WWII Group of 4 awarded to Honorary Captain Robert Chadwick, East Lancashire Regiment, late Royal Artillery, 1939-1945 Star, France and Germany Star, Defence and War Medals, 1939-1945; medals unnamed as issued, loose, with four ‘dog tags’ (170500 C-E Chadwick R). Toned, good very fine. (8) £80-100

Robert Chadwick enlisted for service initially with the Manchester Regiment on Friday, 15 December 1939. After a short period of training he received a commission as 2nd Lieutenant in the Royal Artillery. He was later transferred to the 1st Battalion East Lancashire Regiment, and saw action in France with the 158th Infantry Brigade until 31 August 1945, where it is believed he was sent for further service in the Middle East. He was released to class A reserve as an Honorary Captain 31 July 1946.

Sold with original National Service Act 1939 Enlistment notice paper, later release certificates and a Royal Aero Club log book from 1957.


Corporal James William Rivers, the son of Isaac and Mary Jane Rivers, of North Shields, Northumberland, was killed in action 25 July 1941, and is buried at Tobruk War Cemetery, Libya. As part of the 1st Battalion, Royal Northumberland Fusiliers, he would have been part of one of the Heavy Machine Gun sections that were involved in the Defence of Tobruk, fighting alongside the Australian forces who successfully held the city for over 8 months against Rommel’s German desert forces. Sold with copy CWGC casualty sheet.


Private Edward Pinkney, the son of Matthew and Alice Pinkney of Balby, Yorkshire, was killed in action 9 June 1942, at the age of 32, whilst taking part in desert combat near the Egyptian/Libyan border. Sold with copy CWGC casualty sheet.

2041 **WWII ‘Chindit’ Group of 4 awarded to R Leigh, Lancashire Fusiliers, 19139-1945 Star, Burma Star, Defence and War Medals, 1939-1945; medals unnamed as issued, loose, sold with original OHMS box of issue and receipt. Extremely fine. (4) £20-40

OHMS Box addressed to Mr R Leigh, 1 Marsden Street, Accrington, Lancs. Purchased from the family, who stated that he had served with the Lancashire Fusiliers.
An India Mutiny and Ashantee Campaign LSGC Group of 3 awarded to Sergeant Charles Pickett, 2nd Battalion Rifle Brigade, Indian Mutiny Medal, 1857-58, no clasp (C. Pickett, 2nd Bn Rifle Bde), Ashantee Medal, 1873-74, single clasp, Coomasie (297 Pte C. Pickett. 2 Bn Rifle Bde. 1873-4), Army Long Service & Good Conduct Medal, VR, 3rd type reverse with small letters (297. Corpl. C. Pickett. 2nd Rifle Bde); medals officially impressed, group mounted on board for display. Group toned, a few light contact marks & minor edge bruises in places, otherwise about good very fine. (3) £800-900

Charles Pickett served with the 2nd Battalion Rifle Brigade during the Indian Mutiny, and arriving at Lucknow 31 July 1858, and remaining until late 1860. In early 1861 he moved to Umbala where he served for seven years until returning home in 1868 as a Sergeant. During home service he married his wife Elizabeth 4 March 1869, with whom he would have two children.

He remained in Aldershot until mid 1871 whereupon he was reduced to Private for reasons unknown, presumed disciplinary. He was soon after sent to serve in the Gold Coast of Africa in late 1872 as part of the Allied Forces sent to face the army of Ashantee King Koffee Killkalli. Following the battle at Amoaful, the key city of Coomasie was taken and raised to the ground in swift retribution. Peace was then secured 13 February 1874 at the Treaty of Fommanah, amongst which the terms included paying the British 50,000 ounces of gold and discontinuing the practice of human sacrifice.

Upon his return home, Charles Pickett was promoted once again to the rank of Corporal and soon after received his LSGC medal in 1876. Having reached the rank of Sergeant, Charles Pickett died 6 February 1881.

Great War Group of 3 awarded to Major Alexander Rayner OBE, MD, Royal Army Medical Corps, mentioned in despatches, an eminent Radiologist who established the very first X-Ray department in Great Britain, and brother to the famous Suffragette Edith Rigby (née Rayner), The Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, OBE (Civil) 1st type, British War and Victory Medals (Major A. E. Rayner.) with MID bronze oak leaves; medal pair officially impressed, group swing-mounted with reverse pin for wear, set within an initialled ‘AER’ brown leather case, by Spink & Son Ltd, sold with two large engraved bronze medical medals. (5) £250-300

Arthur Ernest Rayner was born c.1878 in Preston. Himself the son of a General Practitioner, he went into Medical Practice and rose to some eminence in his career as a Radiologist, establishing the very first X-Ray Department at the Preston Royal Infirmary in 1904 and was later appointed Honorary Physician & Radiologist. During the Great War, he became a Lieutenant in the RAMC, being swiftly promoted to the rank of Temporary Captain. It was in this same year, in May, that he entered active service in Mesopotamia (MIC confirms). He was awarded the OBE in 1919 and given the rank of Major in June 1919 and went on to serve some 42 years in Medicine.

An interesting historical connection to this medal group is the one shared with his sister, the famous Suffragette Edith Rigby (née Rayner), who was incarcerated numerous times for various activist crimes. In 1907 she formed the Preston Branch of the Women’s Social and Political Union, and also famously took part in a march to the Houses of Parliament with Christabel and Sylvia Pankhurst.

Sold with copy MIC, handwritten notes written by a relative (‘My uncle etc’), and copy London Gazette mentions.

A fine Great War 1914 Trio awarded to Private Joseph L Hartley, 1st Battalion East Lancashire Regiment, severely wounded at Mouse Trap Farm 13 May 1915, 1914 Star & Clasp ‘5th Aug – 22nd Nov 1914’ (9767 Pte J. L. Hartley, 1/E.Lan.:R.), British War and Victory Medals (Pte.); officially impressed, group court mounted on board for display. Toned, a little polished, otherwise good very fine. (3) £180-220

Private Joseph Hartley suffered a severe gunshot to the right leg 13 Ma, 1915, at Mouse Trap Farm.

Sold with a quantity of research, copy MFC, contemporary reports, sketched maps, as well as a contemporary newspaper article from the ‘Blackburn Times’ 22/5/15, showing a portrait of Private Hartley, and an excerpt from a letter written to his sister whilst recovering from his wounds in Nottingham:

“You see that have got me at last, but I have been very lucky to get away from Ypres with this wound. There are lots worse wounded than I am... The Germans, knowing that they cannot possibly, by fair or foul, gain any ground in front of the British, much less Ypres, which is now a mess of ruins, have concentrated all their big guns along the British front and are constantly shelling and trying to smash as many of our troops as they can before giving way. Our brigade has suffered terribly through this during the last five days, whilst the French to our left have been left almost alone.”

George McPherson was born in Longtown, Cumberland, and served with the 15th Battalion Durham LI Fusiliers during the Great War. Reaching the rank of Sergeant, he was killed in action in France & Flanders 16 September 1916. His grave is to be found at the AIF Burial Ground in Flers, France.


Great War 1914-15 Trio awarded to Private Thomas Gaynor, 1st Battalion East Lancashire Regiment, who received multiple wounds on the 1st Day of The Somme, 1914-15 Star (19232 Pte. T. Gaynor. E. Lan. R.), British War and Victory Medals (Pte.); officially impressed, group court mounted on board for display. *Toned, a little polished, pleasing very fine.* (3)


Great War 1914-15 Trio awarded to Private Thomas Mann, 8th Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, severely wounded at the Somme 10 July 1916, 1914-15 Star (16742 Pte. T. Mann. L.N.Lan:R.), British War and Victory Medals (Pte.); officially impressed, group loose. *Toned, very fine.* (3) £80-100

Thomas Mann was born in Bolton 10 March 1882. Resident at 58 Little Street, Great Lever he enlisted at the age of 33 at Bolton, 5 September 1914, to serve with the 8th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.

On the night of 10 July Private Mann was severely wounded in action, receiving gunshot wounds to the eye (lost), chest and shoulder. He was admitted two days later to the 1st State Hospital at Rouen. He was discharged from further service 1 January 1917 as being no longer physically fit to serve. Sold with ‘Comrades of the Great War’ certificate and badge by J R Gaunt, numbered 123177, photograph believed to be of the recipient and his wife in later life, and small document wallet.
2051  WWII Group of 3 awarded to Private Robert Wignall, East Lancashire Regiment, wounded in action in Burma 9 May 1944, 1939-1945 Star, Burma Star, War Medal, 1939-1945; medals unnamed as issued, group court mounted on board for display. Toned extremely fine. (3) £50-70

Sold with original soldiers’ pay book, original OHMS box of issue, his personal pocket diaries for 1944 and 1945 detailing his wound (shrapnel wound abdomen) received on his birthday at the hands of the Japanese and other paperwork.

2052  WWII ‘Salerno Landings’ Group of 3 awarded to Able Seaman Alan Wood, crew member aboard HMLCG (L) 12, killed in action 8 September 1943 – the date of the Italian surrender, 1939-1945 Star, Italy Star, War Medal, 1939-1945; medals unnamed as issued, group loose, sold with original OHMS box of issue. Toned, good very fine. (3) £100-150

Able Seaman Alan Wood was killed in action aboard one of the Allied landing craft (Landing Craft Gun [large]) on the day before and possibly en route to the main landings at Salerno and Tarento in Operations ‘Slapstick’ and ‘Avalanche’. Sold with copy CWGC casualty report – and worthy of further research to pinpoint the specific details concerning this casualty.


ex B A Seaby Ltd, sold with branded plastic medal holders

2054  WWII Royal Naval ‘Minesweeping’ Group of 3 awarded to Ordinary Signalman Peter E Meadows, Royal Naval Patrol Service, who served aboard HM Trawler Rifsnes, and was killed in action 20 May 1940 during this vessel’s sinking by German aircraft near Ostend during the evacuation of troops, 1939-1945 Star, Atlantic Star, War Medal, 1939-1945; medals unnamed as issued, group mounted on board for display, sold with silver ‘Mine-Sweeper’ badge. (4) £120-150

Peter Eric Meadows was born in Bletchley, Buckinghamshire in c.1928. He served aboard HM Trawler Rifsnes during the Great War, under the command of Lieutenant Lawrence Thornton, RNR, which was largely used for minesweeping duties before being more actively used to assist with the evacuation of troops in May 1940. It was near Ostend that O/S Peter Meadows was killed in action, as his vessel was sunk by a German aircraft on 20 May 1940. He is commemorated at the naval memorial in Lowestoft, Suffolk. Sold with copy CWGC casualty report, a superb framed portrait and a similarly framed memorial scroll from the General Post Office, London, stating: ‘I desire to express my deep regret at the death of P E Meadow, who, after 6 years faithful service to the State as an Officer of the Post Office, has lost his life while serving his Country in War. Signed Postmaster General’

2055  WWII Burma Campaign Casualty Group of 3 awarded to Private Joseph A McCormack, 1st Battalion Suffolk Regiment, 1939-49 Star, Burma Star, War Medal, 1939-1945; medals unnamed as issued, group loose, sold with original OHMS box of issue. Toned, about extremely fine. (3) £140-180

The son of Joseph and Elizabeth McCormack, of Coventry, Joseph Allan McCormack was killed in action 25 July, 1944 whilst serving in Burma with the 1st Battalion Suffolk Regiment. He is commemorated at the Rangoon Memorial. Sold with framed memorial scroll, two official Rangoon Memorial booklets, numerous handwritten letters which appear to be written to his brother, and CWGC casualty report.
2056 Peninsular War and Waterloo Pair awarded to Sergeant John Hamilton, 91st (Argyllshire) Foot, Military General Service Medal, 1793-1814, 4 clasps, Pyrenees, Nive, Orthes, Toulouse (John Hamilton, 91st Foot.), Waterloo Medal, 1815 (Serj. John Hamilton, 1st Batt. 91st Reg. Foot.); pair officially impressed, medals loose. Pair toned, one or two light edge bruises and scuffs in places, a few light marks, bold very fine, with a fine provenance. (2) £2500-3000

ex Colonel Murray collection, 1908 (as pair)
ex Glendinings, May 1926
ex Glendinings, June 1941
ex A H Baldwin & Sons Ltd, 1942

John Hamilton of Beith, Ayrshire, served as a Sergeant in the latter stages of the Peninsular Wars in Southern France with the 91st (Argyllshire) Regiment of Foot, in Captain Dugald Campbell’s Company. The 91st Foot served later at Bergen-op-Zoom, and also distinguished themselves at Quatre Bras, whilst at the Battle of Waterloo they served as part of Sir Charles Colville’s Division, being stationed at Hal to protect the road to Genappes and Wellinton’s right flank, which had been threatened by a French column. They also took part in the storming of Cambray.

John Hamilton was discharged from service 24 April 1916, at the age of 44, as a consequence of being worn out from over 22 years of ‘excellent’ service with the 91st Foot. He is confirmed on the MGS roll as being entitled to a 3 clasp medal, but the additional clasp Nive has been present on the medal since at least 1908. Sold with copy roll mentions confirming both awards, and copy discharge papers.

2057 Egypt Campaign Pair awarded to Trumpeter Charles Roach, 20th Hussars, Egypt Medal, 1882-1889, undated reverse, single clasp, The Nile 1884-85 (1240 Trumpr C. Roach. 20th Husrs.), Khedive’s Star 1882-91, dated 1884-6; the first officially engraved in sloping capitals, the second unnamed, pair loose. Toned, a little pitting from star, a pleasing very fine. (2) £400-500

ex Roderick Cassidy collection, Trumpeters’ Medals, DNW, 1 December 2004

Charles Roach was born in London and he enlisted for service with the 20th Hussars in November 1874, at the age of only 14. He was appointed Trumpeter in December 1877 and served in Egypt and the Sudan from September 1884 until March 1887 – taking part in the Gordon Relief Expedition and the Battle of Ginnis. He was discharged in August 1888, shortly after his return to Britain.
2058 Egypt Campaign Pair awarded to Private G. H. Day, 1st Battalion Cameron Highlanders, Egypt Medal, 1882-1889, undated reverse, no clasp (1580. Pte G. H. Day. 1/Cam’n. Highrs), Khedive’s Star 1882-91, dated 1884; the first officially engraved in sloping capitals, the second unnamed, pair loose. Toned, one or two light contact marks, about extremely fine. (2) £300-350

2059 Egypt Campaign Pair awarded to Private Adam Whitehouse, 2nd Battalion Highland Light Infantry, dangerously wounded at Tel-El-Kebir, and later died of his wounds, Egypt Medal, 1882-1889, dated reverse, no clasp (522. Pte A. Whitehouse. 2/High: L.I.), Khedive’s Star 1882-91, dated 1882; the first officially engraved in sloping capitals, the second unnamed, pair mounted on board for display, label beneath marked ‘DOW’. Attractive dark tone, just one or two contact marks from star, extremely fine. (2) £500-700

Sold with copy roll mentions, confirming the recipient as being severely wounded at the battle of Tel-El-Kebir 13 September 1882. His is noted as having returned home on the ship Courland and is believed to have subsequently died of his wounds.

2060 Afghanistan and Burma Campaigns Pair awarded to Sepoy Sarabdawan Singh, 16th Battalion Bengal Native Infantry, Afghanistan Medal, 1878-1880, no clasp (- - - Sarbdawan Sing 16th Regt N.I.); India General Service Medal, 1854-1895, single clasp, Burma 1885-7 (1621 Sepoy Sarabdawan Singh 16th Bl Infy); pair officially engraved in running script; pair swing mounted with reverse pin for wear. Toned, well worn and polished, number and rank partly obscured on first from contact with second, nearly very fine. (2) £350-450
2061  **Boer War Pair awarded to Corporal Thomas Hayhurst, East Lancashire Regiment**, Queen’s South Africa Medal, 1899-1902, third type reverse, single clasp, Cape Colony (1379 Cpl T. Hayhurst, E: Lanc: Regt), King’s South Africa Medal, 1901-2, 2 clasps, South Africa 1901, South Africa 1902 (1379 Corpl: J. Hayhurst, E. Lanc: Regt); pair officially impressed, pair mounted on card for display. *Lightly toned, a little polished with small obverse edge bruise to KSA, pair generally good very fine.* (2) **£120-150**

Thomas Hayhurst was born in the Parish of St Joseph’s, Blackburn, Lancashire, in 1867. Having previously worked as a Labourer, he joined the East Lancashire Regiment 23 July 1885 at Burnley. After a year and a half’s Home Service he travelled with his Regiment to India in January 1887, spending some six years there - being stationed at Lucknow and numerous other outposts.

Returning home in 1893, he continued to serve with the Reserve, reaching the rank of Lance Sergeant. He was recalled to active service during the Boer war, spending two and a half years in South Africa between the 13 January 1900 and 21 June 1902. He returned home 22 July 1902, being discharged at Preston, having spent a total of 17 years with his Regiment. He returned to Blackburn, with his address noted as No. 84 Thomas Street.

Sold with copy service papers, confirming the nature of the above awards.

2062  **Boer War and Metropolitan Police Pair awarded to Station Sergeant Herbert Searle, Metropolitan Police, who previously served as a Private with the 1st Battalion Oxfordshire Light Infantry**, Queen’s South Africa Medal, 1899-1902, 3rd type reverse, 3 clasps, Cape Colony, Orange Free State, South Africa 1902 (6563 Pte H. Searle. Oxford: L.I.), Coronation Medal, 1911, Metropolitan Police (P.C. H. Searle.); the first officially impressed, the second officially engraved, pair court mounted on board for wear. *Lightly toned, a few light marks and tiny edge nicks, otherwise nearly extremely fine.* (2) **£200-250**

Herbert Thomas Henry Searle was born in Heyford, near Banbury, Oxfordshire. He attested for service with the Oxfordshire Light Infantry (having previous Militia experience with the 4th Bn Royal Fusiliers) on the 14th of November 1900, he served in at Home and in South Africa, returning 5 October 1902. After a year’s further home service he was sent to India for over five years. He was transferred to the Army Reserve 24 December 1908 and was discharged 13 November 1912.

Once in the Army Reserve, he was appointed as Police Constable in the Metropolitan Police in 1909, in D division where he served for eleven years, transferring to A Division and being promoted to Sergeant in late 1920, as Station Sergeant in X Division in 1925, finally retiring from T Division (Ealing) as Station Sergeant in 1934. Sold with copy attestation papers and Metropolitan police service papers.

2063  **Great War Pair awarded to Private Christopher Marsden, 2nd Battalion Royal Scots Fusiliers, killed in action, 1914-15 Star (15691 Pte. C. Marsden. R. Sc: Fus:), Victory Medal, 1914-19 (Pte); pair officially impressed, British War Medal lacking, group loose. *Old uneven tone, very fine.* (2) **£40-60**

Christopher Marsden was born in Darwen, Lancashire, the son of Christopher and Margaret Marsden. He enlisted in the same town to serve with the 2nd Battalion Royal Scots Fusiliers during the Great War. He was killed in action in France and Flanders 17 May 1915. He is listed as having previously been resident at Oswaldtwistle, Lancs, living with his wife Catherine. His name is recorded at the Le Touret Memorial, France.

2064  **Great War Pair awarded to Private John R Pollard, 2nd/4th Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, gassed and severely wounded whilst serving on the Western Front, British War and Victory Medals, 1914-19 (6967 Pte. J. R.Pollard. L. N. Lan. R.); officially impressed, pair court mounted on board for display. *Lightly toned, about extremely fine.* (2) **£60-80**

Sold with copy MIC card confirming this entitlement, and comprehensive discharge documentation and casualty forms detailing the nature of his injuries – having been once gassed and having received two gun shot wounds to his left calf. His address is noted as 1 Wrigley Street, Blackburn, Lancs.
Great War Pair awarded to Corporal Albert Gregson, 1st/4th Battalion (TF) East Lancashire Regiment, present at the ‘Lancashire Landings’, severely wounded in action at Rouen, and later died as a result of these wounds, 1914-15 Star (1287 Cpl. A. Gregson. E. Lan. R.), Victory Medal, 1914-1919 (Cpl.); pair officially impressed, medals loose, BWM lacking. Pair toned about very fine. (2) £40-60

Albert Gregson, of Blackburn, Lancashire, attested for service with the 1st/4th East Lancashire Regiment, having previously worked as a Weaver with Gordon & Co Ltd. During the Great War he travelled first to Egypt, where he suffered from Jaundice (often caused by Malaria or parasitic infection), and then a month later having recovered, he rejoined his battalion to fight at Gallipoli in late October 1915. Having been a Corporal prior to illness but having reverted at his own request, he was once again promoted to Corporal 11 February 1916 and then was evacuated from Gallipoli, arriving at Marseille 2 March 1917 to fight on the Western Front. It was here that Corporal Gregson was wounded in action 24 April 1917, receiving gunshot wounds to both legs, a compound fracture in the right leg and an amputation of the left. After receiving treatment he returned home to England, having been discharged as unfit for further service owing to the severity of his wounds. He died 7 December 1918 at the age of 24, and was buried at the New Row Methodist Burial Ground, Blackburn. Sold with a file containing a quantity of copied original ‘burnt’ service records, CWGC casualty report, MIC, grave photographs, medical reports and other correspondence.


Eli Leonard Leopold Willcox was born in Southampton. He enlisted in the same city for service with the 1st Battalion Hampshire regiment, and was killed in action whilst serving in France and Flanders 2 September 1918. His name is recorded at the Vis-en-Artois memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

Great War Pair awarded to Lance-Corporal Arthur Wilson, 12th Battalion Manchester Regiment, killed in action 7 September 1917, British War and Victory Medals, 1914-19 (24709 Pte. A. Wilson. E. Lan. R.); officially impressed, group court mounted on board for display. Polished, very fine. (2) £60-80

Lance-Corporal Arthur Wilson is buried in Bagneux British Cemetery, Gezaincourt, France.

Great War Pair awarded to Private John Wolstenholme, 20th (Service) (5th City Pals) Battalion Manchester Regiment, late East Lancashire Regiment, died of wounds, British War and Victory Medals, 1914-19 (40268 Pte. J. Wolstenholme. Manch. R.); officially impressed, pair court mounted on board for display, with original box of issue. Dark and somewhat uneven tone, Victory medal just a touch corroded, otherwise good very fine. (2) £60-80

Private John Wolstenholme was wounded in action with the 20th Battalion Manchester Regiment and later died as a result of these wounds at home in England 10 February 1917, at the age of 28. His CWGC casualty record shows him as the son of Robert and Sarah Jane Wolstenholme, of 23 Jessel Street, Mill Hill, Blackburn, and his grave is located at the New Row Methodist Burial Ground, Blackburn.

A Scarce Great War Pair awarded to Pte P. Jones, Montgomeryshire Yeomanry, British War and Victory Medals, 1914-19 (66966 Pte. P. Jones. Montgom. Yeo.) officially impressed. Toned, very fine. (2) £80-100


A Great War pair awarded to Second Lieutenant J L Carter, British War and Victory Medals, 1914-1919 (2/Lt J L Carter – error 8 for 2 on 1st), very fine; WW II, Defence Medal, boxed, extremely fine. (3) £40-60

Great War Pair awarded to Able Seaman F J Brown, HMS Vivid, Royal Navy, who died 17 April 1920, British War and Victory Medals, 1914-19 (218054 F.J. Brown . A.B. R.N.); officially impressed, medals mounted in frame beside large portrait of the recipient. Well toned, the first extremely fine, the latter good very fine with a few contact marks. (2) £30-50

Sold with copy CWGC casualty report, showing AS Brown to be the son of Elizabeth Emma Brown, of 41 Charles Street, Truro. He is buried at the Kenwyn Churchyard.
2073  

Air Mechanic 1st Class Edward Allen died 26 November 1917, at the age of 25, whilst serving at the shore establishment HMS President II. He was the son of Arthur & Emma Allen, of Stalybridge, Cheshire, and his grave located at Ashton-Under-Lyme (Hurst) Cemetery. This believed to be his full entitlement – worthy of further research.

2074  
**WWII Pair awarded to Platoon Sergeant William James Percival, 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards, killed in action at Dunkirk 31 May 1940, 1939-45 Star (2614470 Sgt W. J. Percival Gren Gds), War Medal, 1939-1945 (2614470 W. J. Percival Gren Gds); medals privately named in a modern style; pair court mounted for display. Good extremely fine. (2)**

Platoon Sergeant William James Percival, the son of William and Alice Percival, of Faversham Kent, enlisted for service with the 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards in 1936. Having also served with the 2nd Battalion prior to mobilisation, he was sent on active service with the 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards as part of the BEF. He served in a Bren Gun Carrier Platoon, comprised largely of Vickers-Armstrong ‘Universal Carrier’ tankettes, armoured with Bren Guns and Anti-Tank Guns. Platoon Sergeant Percival was killed in action at Dunkirk 31 May – 1 June 1940. Sold with useful documentation and several original photographs, one in full parade dress, another showing him alongside the ‘Universal Carrier’ armoured tankettes.
WWII Pair awarded to Driver George E Putnam, Royal Army Service Corps, killed in action near St Valery 22 May 1940, 1939-1945 Star, War Medal, 1939-1945, pair unnamed as issued, medals loose, with original OHMS box of issue. *Lightly toned, extremely fine.* (2) £30-40

Sold with copy CWGC casualty record, showing his birth place as Southwest London. The OHMS box is addressed to Mrs M B Putnam, 52 Stirling Place, Hove, Sussex.

WWII Pair awarded to Private Harold F Clark, Royal Pioneer Corps, late Royal Sussex Regiment, who died 2 March 1946, 1939-1945 Star, War Medal, 1939-1945; pair unnamed as issued, group loose, sold with original named memorial scroll and Pioneer Corps cloth shoulder badge. *Toned, practically as struck.* (4) £30-40

Private Harold Frederick Clark is listed as having died whilst serving with the Royal Pioneer Corps 2 March 1946, at the age of 39. He is noted as being the son William and Florence Clark, of Whitesmith, East Sussex, and is remembered at Hellingly Cemetery.

WWII Pair awarded to Private Ernest H Cobley, Northamptonshire Regiment, killed in action 22 May 1940, 1939-1945 Star, War Medal, 1939-1945; medals unnamed as issued, and court mounted in a frame, below his official named memorial scroll. *Toned extremely fine.* (2) £30-40

Sold with copy CWGC casualty report, showing Private Cobley to be the son of Mary Cobley, of Newborough, Northamptonshire, and that he was killed in action 22 May 1940. He is buried in the Esquelmes War Cemetery.

**Family Groups**


The two men were brothers – the sons of Thomas and Elizabeth Cooke, of Preston, Lancashire. Private E Cooke was killed in action 31 August 1918, his grave located at Blackburn Cemetery. His Brother John William Cooke served as Sub Lieutenant aboard HMS *Pekin* performing Mine-Sweeping duties 16 September 1916, and later as Lieutenant aboard HMS *Halcyon* whilst commanding a group of trawlers.

Sold with a quantity of documentation confirming the above awards, and ephemera, mostly relating the Lieutenant J W Cooke, including: Passport, small pocket diary, portraits and some photographs / postcards of his crew etc.


Private Whalley Jameson, of 4 Newark Street, Accrington, had previously worked as a Miner before attesting for Great War service with the East Lancashire Regiment. Having returned home after the war, he later died whilst working as a Coal-Getter at Scalfcliffe Colliery, where he collapsed at the coal-face, aged 52.

His Son, OS Joseph Jameson, was first considered missing and later killed in action, when HMS *Egret* was sunk by a glider bomb off the coast of North-West Spain. Sold with OHMS box of issue addressed to W Jameson, 162 Wellington Street, Accrington, Lancs, and copy local newspapers clippings relating to both recipients.

**Family Group to ‘Livesay’:** Great War Pair awarded to Gunner T. Livesay, Royal Artillery, British War and Victory Medals, 1914-19 (171227 Gnr. T. Livesay, R.A.); officially impressed, medals loose, sold with Silver War Badge (B166346), *good very fine*; WWII Group of 4 awarded to T Livesay, Royal Air Force, 19139-1945 Star, Africa Star, Defence and War Medals, 1939-1945; medals unnamed as issued, loose, sold with original OHMS box of issue and receipt, *toned extremely fine.* (7) £50-70

Sold with copy OHMS box of issue and official named memorial scroll. His Son, OS Joseph Jameson, was first considered missing and later killed in action, when HMS *Egret* was sunk by a glider bomb off the coast of North-West Spain. Sold with OHMS box of issue addressed to W Jameson, 162 Wellington Street, Accrington, Lancs, and copy local newspapers clippings relating to both recipients.


John and Samuel Ramsbottom, brothers from Darwen, Lancashire, enlisted for Great War Service in the Rifle Brigade, joining up at Blackburn. John Ramsbottom was killed whilst serving in the 2nd Battalion 9 May 1915, and is commemorated at the Ploegsteert Memorial. His brother, Samuel Ramsbottom, was killed whilst serving in the 1st Battalion 12 April 1917. He is remembered at the Sunken Road Cemetery, Fampoux.

**Campaign Singles**

2083 **HONOURABLE EAST INDIA COMPANY MEDAL FOR SERINGAPATAM, 1799, Soho Mint, restrike in bronze, unmounted, 48mm, 43.25g (Eimer 903). A lovely example of this medal, toned as struck, with plenty of mint lustre.** £200-250

2084 **MILITARY GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL, 1793-1814, 4 clasps, Vittoria, Nivelle, Orthes, Toulouse (A. Cooper, 39th Foot); officially impressed. Attractively toned, a few light edge bumps and nicks, very fine.** £1500-2000

His name is confirmed on the Military General Service Medal Roll as one Abraham Cooper, serving with the 39th (Dorsetshire) Regiment. His notes on the roll state that he is entitled to a 5 clasp medal (with the additional clasp Nive), and was twice wounded in action, with the comment ‘Late Pension WO 116/61 – Wounded Vittoria & Toulouse’. Sold with copy original roll mention, showing his entitlement to this award, with 5 clasps.
2085 WATERLOO MEDAL, 1815, with replacement silver straight bar suspension & claw (Thomas Haddon, 1st Batt. 40th Reg. Foot.); officially impressed. *Old cabinet tone, edge bruises in places, otherwise a pleasing very fine.*

Sold with copy roll mention confirming this award. £2000-2500

2086 WATERLOO MEDAL, 1815, with replacement silver straight bar (Daniel McVey, 1st Batt. 71st Reg. Foot.); renamed in a smart and contemporary engraved style using upright capitals. *Toned, nearly extremely fine.*

ex B A Seaby Ltd, sold with branded plastic medal holder
Sold with copy roll mention, confirming Private Daniel McVey as having been present at Waterloo as part of Captain W A Grant’s Company, 71st (Highland Light Infantry) Foot. £300-400

2087 ARMY OF INDIA MEDAL, 1799-1826, single clasp, Nagpore (Vellien 26th Native Infy); officially impressed, but with only one name given. *Obverse unevenly toned and roughly polished with one or two very light marks, otherwise good very fine, reverse somewhat better, and very rare. Worthy of further research.*

ex B A Seaby Ltd, sold with branded plastic medal holder
The name ‘Vellien’ is not present on the Army of India medal roll, however the impressed naming is absolutely correct. Only 155 medals bearing this clasp are believed to have been issued. £800-1000
2088  CANDAHAR MEDAL, 1842, trial strike in Bronze, unnamed. *Attractively toned, a few light obverse contact marks and short scratches, otherwise good very fine.*

ex B A Seaby Ltd, sold with original paper envelope

£150-200

2089  SOUTH AFRICA MEDAL, 1834-53 (S. Turner, 91st Regt.); officially impressed. *Attractively toned, one or two tiny marks & nicks, otherwise extremely fine.*

Samuel Turner, of Kilkenny, Ireland is confirmed in Everson’s ‘South Africa 1853’ Medal Roll as having served with the 91st Foot during the 2nd Kaffir War. Sold with copy discharge papers and service record, which show him enlisting as a ‘Boy’ on the 5 December 1821, at the age of only 12 years old. He is shown as serving as an underage boy until the 5 December 1827, upon which he is promoted to Private. Private Samuel Turner is thereafter noted as serving until the 27 December 1851, having completed 24 years official service at that rank (showing 6 years additional ‘unofficial’ service). He was discharged from further service (owing to Chronic Rheumatism) at Belfast, showing his intended place of residence as Edinburgh, Scotland.

£350-400

2090  INDIA GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL, 1854-95, 5 clasps, Pegu, Persia, Northwest Frontier, Umbeyla, Bhootan (Alfd Fulcher, 80th Regt.); machine impressed in small upright capitals, perhaps a late issue, with silver clasp and pin for wear. *Toned, nearly extremely fine.*

Sold with copy roll mention confirming the clasp awarded to 2879 Private Alfred Fulcher for Pegu, all other clasps at this point assumed as incorrect later additions. The work on the rivets is however very even and clean.

£250-300
2091 INDIA GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL, 1854-1895, single clasp, Pegu (Willm Westbury, 51st K.O.Lt. Infy.); officially impressed in small upright capitals. Sold with copy original roll mention confirming this award. £300-350

2092 INDIA GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL, 1854-95, single clasp, Umbeyla (3180. P Mc.Kay H.M. 93rd Highrs); officially impressed. Toned, a few light hairlines, otherwise extremely fine. £180-220

Sold with copy discharge papers, showing him as one Peter McKay, born Belfast, who attested for service with the 93d Highlanders at Belfast, 8 April 1854. His papers show him as having served in the Crimea, being entitled to the Crimea Medal with clasps Alma, Balaklava & Sebastopol (suggesting his presence as part of the famous 'Thin Red Line'). His papers also show his entitlement to the Turkish Crimea Medal, the India Mutiny Medal with clasps Relief of Lucknow & Lucknow, and the above IGS Medal and clasp for Umbeyla. He is noted as having appeared in the Regimental Defaulters book no less than forty-eight times.

2093 BALTIC MEDAL, 1854-1855 (Mr James Ross, Assistant Engineer, R.N.); engraved in a contemporary style, using upright capitals. Dark, somewhat uneven tone, lightly polished, nearly extremely fine. £150-200

Mr James Ross is listed on the Baltic Medal Roll as an Assistant Engineer 1st Class aboard HMS Arrogant.

2094 CRIMEA MEDAL, 1854-1856, 4 clasps, Alma, Balaklava, Inkermann, Sebastopol (John Fleming Hms 11th Hussars); erased & renamed in a contemporary engraved style. Medal generally reconstituted, possibly from a previous mount, well polished with contact marks and a few edge bruises, a bold fine – and in all likelihood the medal worn by a confirmed Light Brigade charger, wounded in action. £400-600

As outlined in Roy Dutton’s ‘Forgotten Heroes: The Charge of the Light Brigade’ - Private John Fleming is noted by all four major recognised sources as being a confirmed charger, having also been wounded in the thigh during the famous charge (despite his name not being included on the list of casualties in the London Gazette). He had been promoted to Corporal 27 November 1854, but later placed in confinement 22-25 April 1855. He was then reverted to Private 26 April 1855.

Considering the dates of his confinement, John Fleming may not have been issued a medal as a direct result of the timing of his court martial and subsequent confinement. As such, it is plausible to say that he may have bought this medal, erased the previous naming and had his own name put on in a contemporary engraved style feeling himself entitled to wear one – having ridden in the charge and also been wounded. His discharge papers note that he was born in late 1820, near Bishop Hill, York, and that he attested for service with the 11th Hussars at Sheffield 16 May 1843, at the age of 22 years and six months, and that he was discharged at Canterbury 26 August 1867. He is noted as having died in 1890 at Aldershot, at the age of 70.

Sold with copy mention in ‘Forgotten Heroes: The Charge of the Light Brigade’, copy original nominal roll mention, and copy original discharge papers.
CRIMEA MEDAL, 1854-1856, 3 clasps, Alma, Balaklava, Sebastopol (1277. Robert. Cairns. 93. Sutherland. Highlanders); regimentally impressed in upright capitals. Toned, one or two light marks, nearly extremely fine, and rare. £800-1200

Robert Cairns was serving with the 93rd (Argyll & Sutherland) Highlanders on the day of the Battle of Balaklava 25 October 1854, where the 93rd Highlanders famously formed a line two men deep to face an oncoming Russian cavalry charge, numbering some 2500 men. Sir Colin Campbell, their Officer in Command, is reputed to have said: “There is no retreat from here, men. You must die where you stand.” His aide, John Scott, replied: “Aye Sir Colin. If needs be, we’ll do that.” The bold tactic was a great success, routing the Russian cavalry with three volleys at close range, with minimal British casualties. This moment was immortalised by the Times correspondent William H Russell, who witnessed the “thin red streak tipped with a line of steel”, later condensed into the familiar term ‘the thin red line’. Sold with copy roll mentions confirming the award of a Crimea Medal to one 1277 Private Robert Cairns, who served with the 93rd Foot during the Crimean campaign. The roll mentions (which are notoriously difficult to decipher) appear to confirm the above clasps and place him as concretely as presently possible in the ‘line’.

Private William Baker (749) enlisted for service with the 17th Lancers in 1842, and was killed in the Charge of the Light Brigade 25 October 1854. As stated in ‘Forgotten Heroes: The Charge of the Light Brigade’ (p.274) he is confirmed by all four major sources as having charged and been killed on that day. The footnote to his entry states ‘Two years after William died his wife Anna passed away leaving two children, Joseph aged 7 and William aged 9. Joseph was placed in the care of his uncle whilst William was admitted to the Birmingham Free Industrial School, and was subsequently maintained by the Royal Patriotic Fund, as of the 31 December 1859.

Sold with research pages, taken from the aforementioned publication, as well as ‘Honour the Light Brigade’ by Lummis & Wynn. Worthy of further research.
2097  CRIMEA MEDAL, 1854-1856, 2 clasps, Alma, Balaklava (James Watson. 13th Lt Drags); officially impressed. Toned, a pleasing good very fine.  
£12,000-15,000  
ex Gordon Everson collection, DNW, 28 March 2002

James Watson, of Falkirk, Stirlingshire, was born c.1833 and is known to have been serving with the 13th Light Dragoons in 1851 at the time of the National Census, where he is shown as serving with this Regiment (and other troopers who would later charge) at the age of 19, located at the Piershill Barracks, Leith, Edinburgh. He also appears earlier in the 1841 Census, which shows an individual of this name, aged 8, living in St Ninians, Stirlingshire.

Private James Watson (1413) enlisted for service in the 13th Light Dragoons in December 1850 and was killed in the Charge of the Light Brigade 25 October 1854. As stated in ‘Forgotten Heroes: The Charge of the Light Brigade’ (p.274) he is confirmed by all four major sources as having charged and been killed on that day. He is entitled to a 3-clasp medal, including the Sebastopol clasp, which was issued separately at a later date, but this medal is sold as originally worn – a 2 clasp medal.

Sold with research pages, taken from the aforementioned publication, as well as ‘Honour the Light Brigade’ by Lummis & Wynn, and a quantity of genealogical research.

2098  TURKISH CRIMEA MEDAL, 1855, British Issue (No. 3271. H. Winters. 93. Regt); regimentally impressed in upright capitals. Toned, one or two apparent edge bumps – these induced by the impressed naming, otherwise good very fine.  
£100-150  

Private Hugh Winters, 93rd Highlanders, is noted in Cook’s ‘Casualty Roll for the Crimea 1854-56’ as having been wounded in action 8 July 1855. Sold with copy Crimea Roll mentions confirming the service of one 3271 Private Hugh Winters with the 93rd (Argyll & Sutherland) Highlanders.
INDIAN MUTINY MEDAL, 1857-59, 2 clasps, Relief of Lucknow, Lucknow (Wm McKenzie, 93rd Highlanders); officially impressed. Old cabinet tone, reverse tone a little uneven, one or two light marks to neck of portrait, otherwise extremely fine. £500-700

Private William McKenzie is confirmed in Tavender’s ‘Casualty Roll for the Indian Mutiny’ as having been wounded in action at Lucknow 15 November 1857.

Interestingly, the ‘Thin Red Line Almanac’ 1908, mentions a 2073 Lance-Corporal William McKenzie as having been ‘the first man to step out when volunteers were called for from the Light Company to enter the Redan on the night of the Fall of Sevastopol’, later reaching the rank of Colour-Sergeant and being entitled to Crimea Medal, Turkish Crimea Medal, Indian Mutiny Medal and IGS Umbeyla. Sold with copy roll mention confirming the above award and clasps.

SECOND CHINA WAR MEDAL, 1857-60, single clasp, Taku Forts 1860 (Andw Benham, 1st Bn 3rd Regt); officially impressed. Toned, previously well polished and one or two light hairline scratches, generally about very fine. £150-200

Private Andrew Benham is confirmed on the China Medal Roll 1856-1860 as being entitled to the above single clasp medal. Sold with copy discharge papers, showing him as originating from Alton Hants, who attested for service at Winchester 22 December 1855, aged only 15 years old. These papers also confirm his entitlement to the above medal and clasp.

CANADA GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL, 1866-70, 2 clasps, Fenian Raid 1866, Red River 1870 (1742 Pte A. Appleford, 4/60 K.R.R.C); officially engraved in sloping capitals. Attractive dark tone, one or two light marks, otherwise extremely fine and rare to this battalion. £1200-1600

Sold with copy roll mention confirming the nature of this 2-clasp award, to 1742 Private Alfred Appleford, 4th Battalion KRRC (with annotation ‘1/60th Regt, RR70’ – possibly meaning he had been transferred between battalions). Only 174 Red River 1870 clasps are believed to have been awarded to British units and of these, only 6 were believed awarded to soldiers of the 4/60th Rifles.
ARCTIC MEDAL, 1876 (A. J. W. Norris, Car: Crew. H.M.S. Alert); officially engraved in upright capitals. Attractively toned, a few light marks in places, otherwise nearly extremely fine and rare. £2200-2800

ex Sothebys, 21 March 1979, lot 151

Arthur Joseph William Norris, of St Helliers, Jersey, was born c.1846, and is confirmed as having served aboard HMS Alert as Carpenter’s Crew during the Arctic Expedition of 1875. Enlisting for service with the Royal Navy 12 September 1870, he served aboard HMS Alert during this expedition, which also included HMS Discovery, coming aboard on the former vessel 23 May 1875.

The Arctic Expedition of 1875-1876, led by the intrepid navigator Sir George Strong Nares, was sent by the Admiralty with the principal aim of reaching the North Pole, travelling via the Smith Sound (between Greenland and Ellesmere Island). The ships battled through heavy sea ice during their voyages and the crews (particularly of HMS Alert) were ravaged by scurvy as they each passed an Arctic winter caught in the pack ice in separate locations. From their base at Floeberg Beach, the crew of HMS Alert launched ambitious sledging expeditions with the aim of seeing how far the Greenland land mass extended north, to see if they could reach the North Pole, as well as taking the opportunity of mapping the coast lines. Both expeditions resulted in near disaster, in which the teams suffered heavily from further scurvy and required relief parties for their rescue. In light of the state of his returning men, Nares saw to it that the Expedition should return home rather than face another Arctic winter, from which they might not in fact return. Escaping the pack ice in a storm in August 1876, they returned to England. Despite having failed to reach the North Pole, the expedition succeeded in returning with a large amount of scientific and cartographic information, and HMS Alert had in fact sailed further north than any other vessel on record at the time.

Serving on numerous vessels in his career, Arthur Norris was present in port aboard HMS Asia at the time of the 1881 Census (from which we derive the above biographical information), and was later promoted to Carpenter’s Mate in early 1884. He was discharged from further service 14 September 1890, after a career of 20 years with the Royal Navy. He was sent his medal 26 May 1877. He is shown on the 1891 and 1901 Censuses as living in Portsmouth as a Seaman Pensioner, and interestingly, his son Arthur J F Norris is shown as Able Seaman, RN. Genealogical research appears to show that the recipient of this medal, A J W Norris, died in 1911 at Portsmouth.

A total of 155 medals were awarded for the Expeditions of 1875-1876, 62 to HM Ships Alert, 60 to Discovery, and 33 to Pandora. Sold with copy service papers, and other useful research.

SOUTH AFRICA MEDAL, 1877-79, single clasp, 1879 (2315 Pte R. Murray, 91st Foot) officially engraved in large upright capitals. Toned, pleasing extremely fine. £350-400

Private R Murray’s name is presently unconfirmed on the South Africa 1879 Roll, but his regimental number is appropriate for a man serving in this Regiment at the time. At present unconfirmed, but worthy of further research. The naming is engraved in precisely the same regimental style as in the example shown for the 91st Foot in British Battles & Medals (7th Ed).
2104 AFGHANISTAN MEDAL, 1878-80, single clasp, Kabul (Sowar Dewa Singh 5th Punjab Cavy); officially engraved in a running script. *Toned, good very fine.* £150-200


William Manley Lory was born 25 March 1854, and joined the Royal Navy as a Surgeon 31 March 1880, stationed at Netley Hospital. He was posted aboard HMS *Agincourt* 2 August 1880 and served aboard this vessel as a Surgeon until 29 July 1883. He was promoted to Staff Surgeon 31 March 1892, and Fleet Surgeon 31 March 1896. He continued to serve aboard various vessels until his retirement at the rank of Deputy Inspector General 23 September 1905, and died 27 February 1933.

2106 INDIA MEDAL, 1895-1902, 2 clasps, Punjab Frontier 1897-98, Tirah 1897-98 (3628 Pte. F. Stockwell 1st Bn Ryl. W. Surr. Regt); officially engraved in a running script, coiled steel wire attached to uppermost clasp reverse. *Toned, minor obverse edge bruise at 6 o’clock, suspension a little loose, otherwise good very fine.* £100-150

Sold with copy roll mention, confirming the above 2-clasp award.

2107 QUEEN’S SOUTH AFRICA MEDAL, 1899-1902, 3rd type reverse, 4 clasps, Orange Free State, Transvaal, SA1901 & SA1902 (788 Tpr: C. M. Kingwill. Driscoll’s Scts.); officially impressed. *Toned, reverse edge knock, otherwise good very fine.* £150-200

2108 QUEEN’S SOUTH AFRICA MEDAL, 1899-1902, 2nd type reverse with ghosted dates, 4 clasps, Modder River, Paardeberg, Driefontein, Transvaal (3759 Pte A. Pearce, A. & S. Highrs); officially impressed. *Old cabinet tone, one or two light contact marks and nicks, otherwise good very fine.* £120-150

Private A Pearce is as yet unconfirmed on the QSA medal roll, and is perhaps a late issue.
2109  CHINA MEDAL, 1900, single clasp, Relief of Pekin (Captain H. G. Pringle. R.F.A.); officially impressed.
Light tone, a few light contact marks and scratches, nearly extremely fine.  £150-200

An official duplicate of this China Medal 1900 is recorded as having been issued 26 October 1902. The recipient, Brigadier H G Pringle DSO, was additionally entitled to the Distinguished Service Order, Africa General Service Medal, clasp S Nigeria 1902, and Great War Trio. These medals are believed to be in private hands, but whether this China Medal 1900 is the true original or the duplicate/replacement is currently unconfirmed. Brigadier H G Pringle served with the 131st Battalion, RFA, at the Relief of Peking and at the actions of Peitsang and Yangtsun.

Sold with two pages of copied research comprising a summary of his services and a small typed letter concerning the issue of his official duplicate.

2110  AFRICA GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL, 1902-1956, 7 clasps, Jubaland, Somaliland 1902-04, Jidballi, Somaliland 1908-1910, Nandi 1905-1906, East Africa 1905, East Africa 1906 (1146 Pte. Moorajab. Moosa); officially impressed in a crude local style. Old cabinet tone, medal clasps as originally fitted and with original ribbon, one or two very light edge bruises, suspension a touch loose, otherwise a pleasing very fine, and a desirable multi-clasp AGSM.  £250-300

ex B A Seaby Ltd, sold with branded plastic medal holder
Sold with copy original roll mentions, so far confirming Private Marjab Moosa, of the 3rd Battalion East Africa Rifles and later King's African Rifles, as entitled to the clasps: Jubaland, Somaliland 1902-1904, Jidballi, Nandi 1905-1906, East Africa 1905, and East Africa 1906. All other clasps as yet unconfirmed.

2111  AFRICA GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL, 1902-56, single clasp, Nandi 1905-06 (2111. Mari Bukhet); officially impressed in a crude local style. Lightly toned with a few light obverse scratches and a small area of light pitting, suspension a little off-centre, generally very fine.  £120-150

ex B A Seaby Ltd, sold with branded plastic medal holder
Sold with copy original roll mentions confirming this award to Private Marie Bukheit, 3rd Battalion KAR, with the following clasps so far confirmed: East Africa 1905, Nandi 1905-1906 Somaliland 1909-1910.
**2112** CORONATION MEDAL, 1902, E VII R, bronze, St John’s Ambulance Brigade reverse (W. Rapley, Pte.); officially engraved, medal mounted on board with associated railway ephemera including 3 small LB & SCR (London, Brighton & South Coast Railway) badges in copper and brass, two collar dogs in white metal, and a shilling-sized engraved silver prize medal. Good very fine. (8) £40-60

**2113** CORONATION MEDAL, 1911, G V R, silver, County & Borough Police (Constable J. R. Francis); officially engraved in sloping capitals. Lightly toned, a well-polished but otherwise sound nearly very fine. £40-60

**2114** INDIA GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL, 1908-1935, single clasp, North West Frontier 1930-31 (788482 Gnr. T. Case. R.A.); officially impressed. Attractively toned, practically as struck. £80-100

**2115** 1914 STAR (L-7863 Pte H. C. War 1/Middx:R); officially impressed. Toned, upper section of crown and loop with heavy verdigris, fine. £60-80

ex B A Seaby Ltd, sold with original paper envelope and ticket

**2116** 1914 STAR (6158 Pte J. Caffrey. R. Innis; Fus.); officially impressed. Lustrous nearly extremely fine, with a little verdigris in places. £80-100

ex B A Seaby Ltd, sold with original paper envelope and ticket

**2117** CEYLON VOLUNTEER SERVICE MEDAL, 1914-1919, bronze (C. A. Copland.); officially named. Toned, good extremely fine. £100-120

Charles Augustus Copland was born 8 March 1887 at 17 North Terrace, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne. Having been part of the Durham University OTC, he initially served as a Rifleman with the Ceylon Planters Rifle Corps at Cairo, before receiving a commission as 2nd Lieutenant in the 1st Battalion Royal Dublin Fusiliers. It was during this period in later 1915 that he fought at Suvla Bay, Gallipoli. He is noted as returning from hospital 12 November 1915 (presumed wounded) in the War Diary of the 1st RDF. He spent some six weeks on sick leave, between 19 June 1916 and 31 July 1916, suffering from Neurasthenia (the term commonly associated with shell shock), and later joined the 3rd Field Survey Battalion, Royal Engineers, reaching the rank of Acting Major. Sold with a large quantity of copy service papers, copy MIC showing his entitlement to an addition 1914-15 Trio, and a copy of his mention in the 1st RDF War Diary.
2118  GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL, 1962, single clasp, South Arabia (24042000 Tpr. A. Coles 4/7 LG); officially impressed. Attractive cabinet tone, pleasing extremely fine. £60-80

This is surely an error in the naming, which should read 4/7 DG, for the Queen’s Dragoon Guards.

2119  GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL, 1962, single clasp, Northern Ireland (245522 Rgr E Acheson. R. Irish); officially impressed. Toned, one or two light scratches, otherwise extremely fine. £80-100

Sold with copy extracts from ‘Blackthorn’ Regimental Journal, showing pictures of Ranger Eddie Acheson, that he won the prize of ‘Champion Recruit’ in 1978, and that he appears to have received his Long-Service & Good Conduct Medal from Colonel Clarke in 1993-1994.


(3) £60-80


2124 A Selection of Miscellaneous Militaria, including: the personal letters home written by Corporal G Barnes, 1/5th Manchester Regiment, a DCM winner, many written detailing his experiences at Gallipoli; Silver War Badge (B238542) awarded to A/Sgt J W Tomlinson, Lancashire Fusiliers, an MM winner; letters & photographs relating to Lance-Corporal J A Burns, 16th Battalion (Pals) Manchester Regiment, KIA at Manchester Hill near St. Quentin; photographs and research relating to Battery Sergeant Major George Cagill, 133rd (County Palatine) Heavy Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery, an MM Winner; mounted memorial scroll awarded to Sergeant Herbert Harper, W. Yorks Regt (damaged); silk Memorial to Private Cyril Sephton, 9th Bn Loyal North Lancashire Regiment; framed print 'The Defence of Rorke's Drift 22-23 January 1879' artist unknown, and an attractively framed '166 Squadron' memorial plaque & bomber painting to Sgt J Robinson WO/AG 166 Squadron, RAF, KIA 22.04.1944, Christmas 1914 brass tin. A varied lot, viewing advised, and collection strongly recommended. (10) £80-100

2125 A superb group of early military documents, handwritten in ink and apparently contemporary, formed of rolls / casualty lists relating the naval action at St. Domingo, 1806, pertaining to the vessels HMS Northumberland, HMS Superb, HMS Donegal, HMS Spencer, HMS Atlas, HMS Agamemnon, HMS Canopus. Some pages a little irregular but in surprisingly good condition, a very rare group. (lot) £150-200

2126 An assortment of various military certificates, documentation & photos, including an original Royal Humane Society award certificate (Bronze) to Police Constable Wise, no 148, D Division Metropolitan Police, Memorial certificate to 2nd Lieut. Frank Moring Corry, Notts & Derby Regiment attd. Royal Flying Corps, RAF Pathfinder Force badge certificate to 1715036 Flight Sergeant Andrew H. (DFM), a group of black & white photographs relating to Russian Orders & Decorations, and numerous others. A varied lot, the items mentioned in relatively good condition, viewing recommended. (lot) £40-60

Renamed and Defective

2127 WWII Long service Group of 4 awarded to Quarter-Master Sergeant A Smith, Royal Engineers, comprising: 1939-1945 Star (4529982 Q.M.S. Smith. A.R.E.), Defence and War Medals, 1939-1945 (4529982 Q.M.S. Smith. A.R.E.), Army Long Service & Good Conduct Medal (4529982 Q.M.S. Smith. A.R.E.); all medals privately named, the latter renamed, group mounted incorrectly as shown, with reverse pin for wear. Toned, the first extremely fine, the latter nearly very fine. (4) £20-40

2128 Boer War Pair awarded to Private S Quate, 2nd Royal Irish Rifles, comprising: Queen’s South Africa Medal, 1899-1902, 3rd type reverse, 4 clasps, Cape Colony, Orange Free State, South Africa 1901 & 1902 (2596 Pte: S. Quate. 2nd Rl: Irish Rif.), and King’s South Africa Medal, 2 clasps (2596 Pte: S. Quate. 2nd Rl: Irish Rifles); number name and rank renamed in a contemporary style, regiment officially impressed, pair loose. Pair toned, the latter with a slightly loose suspension, about very fine. (2) £60-80

2129 ARMY LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, V R, without Hanoverian Arms, 1837-55, with original ring suspension (Private William Dunn: 12th Regiment. 1853); medal renamed and engraved in upright capitals. Toned, good very fine. £60-80

William Dunn was born c.1871 in Marthan, near Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, and he attested for service with the 12th Foot at Norwich 12 March 1832, at the age of 21. His papers show that he served for a total of some 21 years, which included 10 years spent abroad in Mauritius. He appears in the Regimental Defaulters’ Book a total of 15 times, usually for having been drunk in barracks or on parade. Having worked as a Cooper prior to enlistment and subsequent service with the Colours, he was obviously a man with an insatiable thirst. Sold with copy roll mention confirming his name as a recipient of the LSGC medal and gratuity with the 12th (Suffolk) Regiment of Foot and copy discharge papers.

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2130 EGYPT MEDAL, 1882-89, dated reverse, single clasp, Tel-el-Kebir (2375 A. H. Bird, S.-M., R.E., 7Co); medal naming erased and engraved. Toned, some pitting, about very fine. £40-60

This man’s name is not shown on the Egypt Medal Roll.

2131 KING’S SOUTH AFRICA MEDAL, 1901-1902, E VII R, 2 clasps (3715 Sergt D. Boyle K.O.S.Bords.); medal erased and renamed in upright capitals. Attractively toned, light obverse scratch to portrait, nearly extremely fine. £20-30

Sold with copy attestation for militia papers, showing him as a Daniel Boyle, born Queensferry, Midlothian, Scotland, who attested for service 4 January 1881 at Lockerbie.
INDIA GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL, 1908-35, single clasp, North West Frontier 1908 (8458 Cpl J W Bells 1st Bn Northd Fus); number, rank and name renamed in a contemporary sloping script, battalion and regiment officially engraved. Toned very fine.

Sold with copy roll mention confirming his correct entitlement to the above medal.
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ROYAL NAVAL RESERVE LONG SERVICE & GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, E VII R (76206 W. Richards Sean 1Cl R.N.R.); officially impressed. Toned, naming somewhat obscured by attempted erasure, otherwise very fine.

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Toned, about very fine, potentially a useful replacement.

DRESS MINIATURES, An OBE Civil group of 4, comprising: The Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Civil Division, 2nd type, British War and Victory Medals, 1914-18, Defence Medal 1938-45, swing mounted with reverse pin for wear. Very fine, with a few tiny verdigris spots. (4)

Foreign Medals and Decorations

AFGHANISTAN, The Order of Nishan-i-Sardari [Order of the Leader], Second Class Breast Star, Civil issue, founded 1923, Silver with gilt centre, brooch pin twice stamped “925”. About very fine.

FRANCE, a small selection of gallantry campaign medals, comprising: Médaille Militaire, Napoleon III, type two; St Helena Medal, 1857; Voluntary Military Service (Air); Geneva Cross, 1870-71; Croix de Guerre, 1939, medals unnamed as issued, loose. The first with some enamel loss and therefore a bold fine, the remainder extremely fine. (5)

GERMANY, Bavaria, Order of Military Merit (Peacetime Award), 1866, 3rd Class breast badge in silver-gilt and enamels c.1890 by ‘Ad. Hausinger, Juwelier u. Goldarbeiter, München’, 55mm including suspension loop, sold with original red leather box of issue. Extremely fine.
2140  INDIA, Bahawalpur, Order of Imtiaz-i-Abbasia, First Class, Breast Badge, silver gilt and enamel, suspension loop and ring. *Very fine, central medallion and white border loose.* £400-500

2141  INDIA, Bahawalpur, Order of Imtiaz-i-Abbasia, Third Class, Neck Badge, silver gilt and enamel (no enamel on wreath), suspension loop and ring. *Very fine, central medallion with chips to enamel.* £250-300

2142  INDIA, Bahawalpur, Order of Imtiaz-i-Abbasia, Fifth Class, Breast Badge, silver gilt and enamel (no enamel on wreath), suspension loop and ring. *Good very fine.* £400-500

2143  INDIA, Bahawalpur, Order of Imtiaz-I-Haroonia, Fourth Class, first (high relief) issue, silver-gilt and enamel, suspension loop and ring. *Good very fine.* £400-500

2144  INDIA, Bahawalpur, Jan-I-Nisari Corps Medal, Bronze, bust left, *rev* star and crescent. *Extremely fine but suspender bent at slight angle.* £60-80
2145 INDIA, Bahawalpur, Pair of medals, Kot Sabzal Campaign, 1930-31, Silver, bust left, rev troops advancing on horse and camel (231 Kahn Mohd Kahn 1st Grade Sergeant); British-Bahawalpur Alliance Centenary, 1833-1934, bust left, rev shield of arms on flags (Kahn Mohd Kahn Sub Inspector Bahwlr. Police). Good fine and very fine. (2) £300-400

2146 INDIA, Bahawalpur, North West Frontier Medal, 1914-19, Bronze, bust left, rev camel corps advance left, suspension ring. Good fine. £40-60

2147 INDIA, Bahawalpur, Golden Jubilee Medal, 1955-56, Silver, bust left, rev legend and wreath, suspension ring. Very fine. £60-80

2148 INDIA, Bahawalpur, Miniature Medals (2), Military Long Service, Cu-Ni, with ribbon and clasp; Military General Service, Cu-Ni, with ribbon and clasp. Very fine. (2) £80-120

2149 INDIA, George V, Khan Sahib Medal, miniature, silver and enamel; WW I, 1914 Star, naming defaced, but to a ‘Sepoy’; Shooting, NIRA medals (2), Silver and Copper, 35mm; Iran, Muhammad Ali Shah 1324-1327 AH), Copper Medallet, 1326 AH, 28.5mm. Fine to very fine. (5) £60-80

2150 RUSSIA, 300th Anniversary of the House of Romanov, Award Cross to Clergy, 1913, Silver with white, green and blue enamel, 67mm x 41mm, flat suspension loop to reverse (Chep 1003), maker’s mark, HK within lozenge, fineness 88. Enamelling scuffed, fine and rare. £300-400

The cross was worn on the ribbon of the Order of St Vladimir on the right side of the chest.

2151 VARIOUS, Croatia, Order of King Zvonimir’s Crown, Bog i Hrvati, 1941-45, 3rd class with oak leaves, very fine; Germany, Saxony, Order of Albert, Type 2, Civil Division, Commander’s neck badge, 61mm x 54mm, lacks central Albert medallion and reverse, some damage to enamel; Portugal, Imperial Order, Commander’s neck badge, gilt-silver and enamel, extremely fine; Spain, Order of Naval Merit, Badges (2), red and white for Active Combat Duty and Non-Combatant; Order of Military Merit, 1st Class Cross for Pensioners with White Distinction, enameled both sides, lacks central roundel to reverse, otherwise these very fine and better. (6) £120-150

2152 VARIOUS, a selection of foreign campaign medals and decorations, comprising: BELGIUM, Yser Cross, 1914; ROMANIA, Carol I Jubilee Medal (Civil), 1866-1906; USA, Distinguished Service Cross, first type (1) and second type (2) – these medals believed to be later reproductions. (5) £60-80

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