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BRITISH CAMPAIGN MEDALS

1. **Carib War Medal, 1773**, in silver, by George Michael Moser, 55 mm., cast and chased, suspension broken, otherwise very fine £400-600

2. **Defence of Gibraltar, 1779-83, General Elliot’s Medal**, in silver, as awarded to Hanoverian troops, 49 mm., a few scuffs, better than very fine £400-600

3. **Davison’s Medal for the Battle of the Nile, 1798**, in bronze-gilt, as awarded to petty officers, gilding faded and worn, fine £200-300

4. **Davison’s Medal for the Battle of the Nile, 1798**, in bronze-gilt, as awarded to petty officers, gilding worn away on high points and scratched on reverse horizon, fine £200-300

5. **Davison’s Medal for the Battle of the Nile, 1798**, in bronze, as awarded to ratings, reverse engraved **M. Kirby The Theseus**, with later suspension attached, good fine £350-400

6. **Seringapatam Medal, 1799**, an original English striking in silver, as awarded to captains and subalterns, 48 mm., with loop suspension, extremely fine £600-800
7 Seringapatam Medal, 1799, another original English striking in silver, 48.5 mm. [including mount], neatly ring-mounted in a gold band with suspension loop, almost extremely fine, lightly toned
£700-900
See colour illustration on inside front cover.

8 Seringapatam Medal, 1799, an original English striking in bronze, as awarded to non-commissioned officers, 48 mm., a few scuffs and bruises, good very fine
£200-300

9 Earl St Vincent's Medal of Approbation, a specimen in bronze gilt, edge impressed, *(SOHO)* STRUCK IN THE MINT OF M. BOULTON, 48 mm., about extremely fine
£300-400
A specimen in gold with a similar edge inscription is recorded in the National Maritime Museum. For further information see Laurence Brown, British Historical Medals, London, 1980, vol. 1, p. 130, no. 489.

10 Boulton's Trafalgar Medal, 1805, in white metal, as awarded to personnel who took part in the action, reverse engraved in italics J. M. Hancock, in a simple silken wire ring-mount twisted at the top to provide a suspension loop, somewhat corroded, fair
£250-300
A John Hancock of H.M.S. Naïad is listed in the Naval General Service Roll for Trafalgar.

11 Boulton's Trafalgar Medal, 1805, in bronze, edge plain, a late Soho restrike, contact wear, good fine, with later suspension loop and fitted suspension
£200-300

12 Nelson Memorial, 1805, a cameo badge in gold and enamels, by William Tassie; the quatrefoil-shaped badge with central cameo portrait of Nelson, the truncation engraved TASSIE F 1805, set on an oval amber background with gold rope-work surround, each leaf of the quatrefoil in blue enamel, with the inscription, in gold lettering, NELSON. DIED. FOR / HIS. COUNTRY / AT .TRAFALGAR / OCT. 21.1805; rev., enamelled central medallion with fouled anchor over the British flag, the flags of France and Spain below, all on a pink ground, the leaves of the quatrefoil similar to the obverse but with the inscription, in gold lettering GLORY. TO / THE. SOULS / OF / THE. BRAVE, 37 x 32 mm., with integral loop for suspension, the cameo unfortunately with some loss at Nelson’s chin, otherwise very fine and very rare
£1,500-2,000

13 The Honourable East India Company's Medal for Java, 1811, in silver, 55 mm., a Calcutta mint restrike with pronounced die break on obverse, loop suspension, good very fine
£200-300
14 The Honourable East India Company’s Medal for Nepaul, 1814-16, in silver, 52.2 mm., an early Calcutta mint restrike, the reverse die showing first signs of deterioration, with riveted loop suspension, extremely fine £300-500

15 Peninsular Campaign: An Engraved Gold British / Hanoverian badge in the form of a cross, crowned royal monogram at centre, crossed laurel branches below, on the arms PEN-IN / SU / LA / 1813, plain reverse, suspended from a contemporary wide black, white, red and blue riband, good very fine and interesting £400-500

16 Military General Service 1793-1814, 1 clasp, Egypt, T. Weatherall, Serjt. 88th Foot, edge bruised and with contact wear, about very fine £800-1,000

Roll confirms; 22 Egypt clasps to the regiment.

17 Military General Service 1793-1814, 2 clasps, Martinique, Guadaloupe, George Reid, 15th Foot, very fine, riband with mourning band £700-900

Roll confirms. Only Martinique and Guadeloupe clasps were awarded to the regiment, 23 of whom received both clasps.
18
A Military General Service, First Afghan War and Sutlej Trio: Paymaster E. Cormick, 3rd Lt. Dragns., late 20th Dgns., Military General Service 1793-1814, 2 clasps, Roleia, Vimiera (Lieut. 20th Lt. Dgns.), Afghanistan 1841-42, reverse Cabul (unnamed as issued), Sutlej 1845-46, reverse Moodkee, 2 clasps, Feruzeshhuur, Sobraon, the second with steel clip, pin and straight bar suspension, last with officially corrected naming and with some tooling above bust (probably as a result of refixed suspension), generally very fine or better, a very rare combination of awards (3) £4,000-4,500

Military General Service: Roll confirms; 17 Roleia, Vimiera clasps to the regiment, 3 to officers. Entitlement to the Cabul and Sutlej also confirmed.

19
British Victories in the Peninsular, 1815, a circular brass box, BRITISH VICTORIES IN THE PENINSULAR inscribed around the side in two lines in running script, the lid with bust of Wellington left, MARQUIS OF WELLINGTON around, on the reverse of the lid MANUFACTURED BY THOMASON AND JONES, the base of the box with inscription FIRST BATTLE PORTUGAL AUG. 17. 1808 LAST BATTLE, FRANCE, APR. 10.1814, containing 26 bronze medalets, all with a common obverse of Victory left, reverses inscribed as follows (a) Aug. 17 & 21 Roliera & Vimiera 1808 (b) May 12 Oporto 1809 (c) July 27 Talavera 1809 (d) January 16 Corunna 1809 (e) Sep. 27 Buzaco 1810 (f) Oct. 7 Coimbra 1810 (g) March 5 Barrasa 1811 (h) May 3 Fuente de Onoro 1811 (i) May 11 Almeida 1811 (j) May 16 Albuhera 1811 (k) Oct. 28 Arroyo del Molino 1811 (l) Jan. 19 Ciudad Rodrigo 1812 (m) April 6 Badajoz 1812 (n) May 19 Almaraz 1812 (o) July 22 Salamanca 1812 (p) Aug. 14 Madrid 1812 (q) May 12 Castalla 1813 (r) June 21 Vitoria 1813 (s) July 25.26.27.28 Pyrenees 1813 (t) Sep. 9 St. Sebastian (u) Oct. 9 Biddassoa 1813 (v) Oct. 31 Pampeluna 1813 (w) Dec. 9.10.11.12.13. Nive 1813 (x) Feb.27 Orthes 1814 (y) April 10 Toulouse 1814 (z) June 18 Waterloo (cf. B.H.M. 888, Eimer (Wellington) 84), good very fine, obverse legend on lid apparently unrecorded (lot) £200-300

Wellington was raised to Dukedom on 3 May 1814, shortly after the Battle of Toulouse. Presumably the obverse design was taken from an earlier medal and was withdrawn as soon as the error in the inscription was realised.

20
British Victories in the Peninsular, 1815, a circular brass box, similar to the last but the lid with the inscription DUKE OF WELLINGTON, containing 26 medalets as before (B.H.M. 888; Eimer (Wellington) 84), good very fine or better (lot) £150-200

21
British Victories in the Peninsular, 1815, a circular brass box similar to the last but the box with BRITISH VICTORIES in one line and containing only 16 of the 26 medalets (B.H.M. 888; Eimer (Wellington) 84), good very fine (lot) £80-100

22
Naval Victories, 1816, a circular brass box with filigree lid containing 6 gilt-bronze medalets depicting the admirals Earl Howe, Earl St Vincent, Duncan, Sir Sidney Smith, Nelson and Lord Exmouth, 24 mm. (B.H.M. 925), last slightly discoloured, good very fine or better (7) £250-300

23
St. Jean d’Acre Medal, 1840, in silver, rim engraved in serif capitals JOHN THAYER, H.M.S. ‘STROMBOLI’, with contemporary straight bar suspension, heavy contact wear, fine

JOHN THAYER appears on the Naval General Service roll for the Syria clasp (Private, R.M.).

£300-400
24
**Army of India 1799-1826,** short hyphen type, 1 clasp, Ava, impressed Richard Keen, Q’ master, a few marks but extremely fine, rare to the Navy

Roll confirms: Quartermaster, H.M.S. Boudicea [17/43 to the ship].

**Richard Keen** was born in London on 10 November 1799. He joined H.M.S. Boudicea as an AB, 15 February 1825, becoming Captain Forecastle, 12 March 1825, and Quartermaster, 10 June 1826. He was transferred to H.M.S. Warwick, captained by Sir James Brisbane on 7 August 1826; discharged 2 December 1829, returning to England on the Packet Elizabeth [sold with photocopied research].

25
**China 1842, John Hancock, Mate, H.M.S. Druid,** with soldered straight nickel suspension, fine or slightly better

Roll confirms; sold with photocopy of entry.

26
**China 1842 and Punjab Pair: Surg Chas Cowen, 98th Foot, late 18th Foot,** China 1842 (Assist Surg.18th R. Irish Reg. Infantry), Punjab 1848-49, no clasp, first with contemporary ribbon buckle and clip, good very fine (2)

These form part of a family group; see also lot 57.

**Charles Cowen** was appointed to the A.S. Staff, March 1835, and joined 18th Foot in October 1835. During the China War he was present during the operations against Canton, at the attack and capture of Chapoo, Shanghai, Woosung and Chin Kiang Foo. Transferred to the 98th foot and was promoted to Surgeon, February 1844, Surgeon Major, June 1855, retired with the honorary rank of Deputy Inspector General May 1862. He died 3 January 1891.

27
**South Africa 1853, C. Savage A.B.,** some contact marks, almost extremely fine

Roll confirms: H.M.S. Castor (medal sent to H.M.S. Vulcan, 21 February 1856). Sold with photocopy of entry.

28
**India General Service 1854-95,** 1 clasp, Pegu, Geo. Hobday, A.B., ”Bittern”, scratch beneath bust and contact marks, very fine

136 clasps to the ship.

29
**India General Service 1854-95,** 1 clasp, Perak, J. Sullivan, Lg. Sean, H.M.S. ”Philomel,” good very fine

87 clasps to the ship.

30
**India General Service 1854-95,** 1 clasp, Burma 1885-7, J. Parsons, A.B. H.M.S. Mariner, good very fine

79 clasps to the ship.

31
**Burma, Relief of Chitral Pair: Lieut Col. W.C.H. Mackintosh, Comst Transpt Dept. Bl.,** India General Service 1854-95, 1 clasp, Burma 1885-7 (Lieut. M.S.C.), India General Service 1895-1902, 1 clasp, Relief of Chitral (Capt.), possible correction to rank on first, very fine or better (2)

**Lieut. Col. William Charles Henry Mackintosh** was commissioned as a Lieutenant in 2nd Battalion West India Regiment on 30 November 1877 and transferred to the Madras Staff Corps on 6 January 1880. He served during the Burma campaign of 1885-7 as Sub-assistant Commissary General 4th class and took part in the taking of Minhla and the occupation of Mandalay. On 30 November 1888 he was promoted to Captain and was part of the Chitral relief force. Promoted to Major on 30 November 1897 and Lt.-Colonel on 30 November 1903. He finally retired on New Year’s Day 1910 after almost 30 years service in the Indian Army. Sold with research.

33. India General Service 1854-95, 1 clasp, Burma 1887-89, M.F 2275 Drummer Michael Leary, 2nd Rl. Munster Fuslrs., suspension slack and with numerous contact marks, good fine £120-150

34. India General Service 1854-95, 2 clasps, Burma 1885-7, Burma 1887-89, 2547 Pte. J Barry, 2nd Bn. R. Muns. Fus., minor edge bruise, good very fine £180-220

35. Baltic 1854-55, unnamed as issued, suspension bar slightly slack, contact marks, otherwise very fine £80-120

36. Baltic 1854-55, engraved in large upright capitals J. F. Beckett, H.M.S. Vulture, a few light marks, about extremely fine £120-150

37. Crimea 1854-56, no clasp, unnamed as issued to Naval recipients, a few contact marks, good very fine £60-80

38. Crimea 1854-56, no clasp, engraved in running script James Dixon, H.M.S. Inflexible, a few contact marks, good very fine £100-120

39. Crimea Pair: Jas. Robinson, Midshn. H.M.S. Queen, 110 Guns, Crimea, 1854-56, 1 clasp, Sebastopol, and Turkish Crimea, Sardinian issue (both engraved in upright capitals), former with edge bruises and contact marks, about very fine (2) £280-320

40. Crimea 1854-56, 2 clasps, Sebastopol, Azoff, engraved in upright capitals F. Hill, A.B. H.M.S. Lynx, very fine £280-320

41. Crimea 1854-56, 2 clasps, Inkermann, Sebastopol, engraved in upright capitals W. Glass, A.B., H.M.S. Albion, edge bruise and with contact marks on obverse, very fine £280-320

WILLIAM GLASS was part of the Naval Brigade. He was slightly wounded on 24 July 1855 (London Gazette, 10 August 1855).

42. Crimea 1854-56, 3 clasps, Azoff, Balaklava, Sebastopol, engraved in slightly later style upright capitals G. C. Henderson, H.M.S. Dauntless, better than very fine £250-300

The Ramsden Family Medals

43. Crimea 1854-56, 4 clasps, Alma, Balaklava, Inkermann and Sebastopol, engraved in upright serif capitals Captn F.H. Ramsden Cold's Gd, fitted with a laurel wreath riband bar by Bailey of Coventry, slight marks from past cleaning, good very fine £800-1,000

CAPTAIN FREDERICK HENRY RAMSDEN was the eldest son of Henry James Ramsden, third son of Sir John Ramsden, 4th Baronet, of Oxton Hall, Yorkshire. Born in 1830, he purchased a commission in the Rifle Brigade as 2nd Lieutenant on 14 July 1847, transferring to the Coldstream Guards as an Ensign on 11 January 1851.

On 22 February 1854 the battalion embarked for Malta aboard the steamship Orinoco, arriving the following month. On 28 June Ramsden was appointed Lieutenant and Captain and around the same time embarked on H.M.S. Vulcan for Aladyn. Posted to No. 1 Company with Captains Jolliffe and Baring, he arrived at the Old Fort (about thirty miles north of Balaklava) in the middle of September, and participated in the Battles of Alma and Balaklava.

On the morning of 5 November Captain Ramsden was mortally wounded at the Battle of Inkermann. Following heavy rain the previous day the area was very misty and, with visibility only a few yards in places, the losses were heavy on both sides. An account of his death was given by Sergeant Wilden, also of No. 1 Company.

“...Suddenly the alarm came, 'fall in,' every man rushed for his rifle and ammunition; the order was so sudden many had not turned out, and several took their places in the ranks only partly dressed; poor Captain Ramsden was killed in his brown shooting-suit...”

Of the 2,357 casualties of all ranks suffered by the British, 84 were officers and men of the Coldstream Guards. Seven of the officers were laid to rest in one grave in a rocky ravine near the windmill. During the winter of 1855 the bodies were exhumed and re-interred on a site selected on Cathcart's Hill. His family placed a memorial in the Guards' Chapel, London (which was to be destroyed by German action in June 1944), and he was also commemorated on panel IX of the main memorial.

Sold with a considerable amount of photocopied documents, also including a photograph of the grave at Cathcart's Hill.
A Crimea and Mutiny Trio: Crimea 1854-56, 1 clasp, Sebastopol, engraved in upright serif capitals John C.F. Ramsden Royal Artillery, Indian Mutiny, 1 clasp, Lucknow (Lieut.) and Turkish Crimea, Sardinian issue (unnamed as issued), very fine or better (3) £800-1,000

CAPTAIN JOHN CHARLES FRANCIS RAMSDEN, the second son of Henry James Ramsden, was born in December 1835. In October 1854 he joined the Royal Artillery, serving as a cadet at the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, with the rank of 2nd Lieutenant. Less than two months later he was promoted to 1st Lieutenant. On 18 February 1855 he was posted to the Crimea, serving with the Royal Horse Artillery from 20 March 1856 until July. He was present at the siege and fall of Sebastopol as well as taking part in the expedition to Kerch.

Following the Crimean War Lieutenant Ramsden sailed to India where the Mutiny had broken out, arriving there in August 1857. He served with E troop R.H.A. and served at the action at Secundra Gunge on 5 January 1858, where the Horse Artillery served as cavalry, defeated a large force of rebel sepoys and was mentioned in Sir David Wood’s despatches the following day. He participated in several other actions, including the siege and relief of Lucknow, serving in India until October 1858.

In September 1861 he was promoted Captain but resigned his commission on 17 December 1862, shortly after the death of his younger brother, the Reverend Henry Ramsden. He married in April 1863 and the same year he was made Justice of the Peace and Deputy Lieutenant for the West Riding of Yorkshire.

Shortly after his marriage he moved to Surrey, where he involved himself heavily in local politics and in 1876 occupied the same position he had held in the West Riding, as well as serving as Chairman of Guildford Board of Guardians, 1885 - 89, and Alderman of Surrey County Council, 1889 - 1904. He died on 7 September 1910 and is buried next to his wife at Christ Church, Shamley Green, where there are memorial windows to them both.

Sold with a considerable amount of photocopied documentation and a framed and glazed contemporary print of the action at Secundra Gunge, in which Captain Ramsden is portrayed (detail illustrated).

An Egypt Pair: Lt. Col. W.J.F. Ramsden 2 Cdm Gds, Egypt 1882-89, 1 clasp, Tel-el-Kebir, Khedive’s Star, 1882, unnamed as issued, some contact marks on obverse of Egypt medal, otherwise good very fine, contained in fitted Collingwood case (2) £600-800

LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM JOHN FRESCHELLE RAMSDEN, the fourth and youngest son of Henry James Ramsden, was born in May 1845. He purchased a commission in the Coldstream Guards in October 1864 and promotion to Lieutenant and Captain in May 1867. In September 1875 he was promoted to Captain and Lieutenant-Colonel.

In 1880 he placed a memorial in the Guards’ Chapel to his ancestor Butler Ramsden who was killed during the capture of Vigo Bay in 1702.

In 1882 he joined the 2nd Battalion in Egypt and was promoted to Major and Lieutenant-Colonel. He was present at the action of Tel-el-Mahuta on 25 August and the Battle of Tel-el-Kebir on 13 September.

He resigned his commission in May 1883 and in October 1889 joined the Yorkshire Dragoons, serving as a Captain until he retired in 1892. In May 1875 he was appointed a Magistrate for the West Riding, a post which he held until his death almost fifty years later.

During the First World War he was Honorary Major in 3rd Volunteer Battalion, Yorkshire Light Infantry. He died on 8 January 1927 and is buried at St Mary the Virgin, Badsworth.

Sold with a considerable amount of photocopied documentation and two photographs of the recipient.
Other Properties

46
Afghanistan 1878-80, no clasp, 698/1026 Pte. M. Day 1/18th Regt., good fine, reverse somewhat better £100-120

47
An Afghanistan Pair: 588/736 Drumr. C. Millar, 72nd Highlanders, Afghanistan 1878-80, 3 clasps, Charasia, Kabul, Kandahar, Kabul to Kandahar star (name spelled ‘Miller’), first with heavy contact wear, only fair, reverse fine, the star with slight damage to the lower left point, good fine (2) £450-500

DRUMMER CHARLES MILLAR was born in St Giles, Edinburgh in 1855. He worked as a labourer before enlisting in the Army on 9 August 1876. In October he was posted to the 91st Regiment as a Private and in December he joined the 72nd Regiment, which embarked for India on the 16th of the same month. During the 2nd Afghan War he succumbed to dysentery and was hospitalised for about 8 months. In June 1880 he was appointed Drummer and returned home in May 1881. His service sheet confirms his entitlement to the medal with 3 clasps, and to the Kabul to Kandahar Star.

Although he was in Egypt with his regiment between August - December 1882, Millar's entitlement to the Egypt Medal and Khedive's Star was deleted in his service sheet. This may have been because, as was the case with many soldiers at this period, Millar was partial to a drink. The regimental defaulter's book lists no less than seven occasions when drunkenness was to get him into trouble, most notably in Cairo on 30 October 1882 when he was charged with 'Overstaying his pass from 10 p.m., taken up in town 10.30 p.m. Drunk and deficient of his forage cap'. He was sentenced to eight days confined to barracks and ordered to pay for a new forage cap. Surprisingly perhaps, in his medical history his general habits are described as 'Good, regular and temperate.'

From December 1882 till the completion of his service in August 1897 he remained on home duty. In November 1887 he married Marion Mansfield Douglas and was placed on the married establishment in May 1889. Sold with a considerable amount of photocopied service papers.

48
Egypt, India General Service Trio: Asst Dist. Suptd. of Police A.H. Faithful (formerly Royal Navy) Egypt 1882-89, 1 clasp, Alexandria 11 July (Midn. H.M.S. Sultan), India General Service 1854-95, 1 clasp, Burma 1885-7, Khedive's Star 1882, very fine (3) £500-600

658 Alexandria clasps to H.M.S. Sultan.

ALBERT HERBERT FAITHFUL joined the Navy in July 1875 and served as a Midshipman aboard H.M.S. Sultan at the bombardment of Alexandria. He was discharged from the Navy in March 1885 as a consequence of failing his Navigation examination for the second time. Sold with research.

49
Egypt 1882-89, reverse 1882, 1 clasp, Tel-El-Kebir, T Bradels, Pte. R.M., name worn due to contact with star, very fine £150-200

50
Egypt 1882-89, reverse 1882, 5 clasps, Tel-El-Kebir, Suakin 1884, El-Teb-Tamaai, The Nile 1884-85, Kirbekan, 2111 Pte. M. O'Meara, 19th Hussars, suspension slack, very fine, sold with photocopy of roll confirming clasps £700-800

51
East and West Africa 1887-1900, 1 clasp, Sierra Leone 1898-99, Capt. C. K. Dawson S. Leone F.P.C., good very fine £400-600
A Relief of Chitral and Relief of Kimberley Pair: 2598 Sgt. H.A. Ellis, 1st Btn. East Kent Regt., India General Service 1895-1902, 1 clasp, Relief of Chitral (Corpl.), Queen’s South Africa 1899-1902, 2 clasps, Relief of Kimberley, Paardeberg, good very fine (2) £180-220

India General Service 1895-1902, 1 clasp, Punjab Frontier 1897-98, 5369 Pte. J. Mc Cabe, 1st Bn Gord Hrs., good very fine £100-120

An Indian General Service, China Group: Five, Faqir Hussain, Postal Dept., India General Service 1895-1902, 1 clasp, Relief of Chitral (Clerk), China 1900, no clasp, British War Medal (Fakir), India General Service 1908-35, 4 clasps, Afghanistan N.W.F. 1919, Mahsud 1919-20, Waziristan 1919-21, Waziristan 1921-24, Khan Sahib badge (3 June 1919), fourth officially renamed, generally very fine; together with Indian General Service 1908-35, 1 clasp, Afghanistan N.W.F. 1919, Draftsman Ghulam Hussain, M.W.S., very fine (6) £350-400

An Omdurman Charger’s Group: Six, 3840 Sgt. W.H. Warner, 21st and 9th Lancers, Queen’s Sudan 1896-98 (Pte. 21/Lancers), 1914 Star (3804 [sic] Sjt. 9/Lcrs.), War and Victory medals (Sjt. 9/Lcrs.), Long Service and Good Conduct, George V (Sjt. 21/Lcrs.), Khedive’s Sudan 1896-1908, 1 clasp, Khartoum (Pte. 21st Lcrs.), mounted for wearing, very fine or better (6) £1,500-2,000

SGT. WARNER served in D Squadron at Omdurman. Roll confirms his entitlement to the Khartoum clasp on the Khedive’s Sudan Medal.

An Omdurman Charger’s Khedive’s Sudan and South Africa Group (incomplete): Three, 3861 Pte. B. Stace, 21st Lancers, Queen’s South Africa 1899-1902, 2 clasps, Cape Colony, Orange Free State (Tpr.), King’s South Africa 1901-02, 2 clasps, Khedive’s Sudan 1896-1908, 1 clasp, Khartoum, good very fine (3) £600-800

PRIVATE STACE served in ‘A’ Squadron at Omdurman. Roll confirms his entitlement to the Khartoum clasp on the Khedive’s Sudan. He served during the South African War and was part of a special draft of signallers. On 4 January 1902 he was present at the last major action of the War, the battle of Onverwacht, where he was severely wounded.

Sudan Pair: Major W. A. Cowen, R.A.M.C., Queen’s Sudan 1896-1908, Khedive’s Sudan 1896-1908, no clasp (this unnamed as issued), extremely fine (2) £600-800

These form part of a family group; see also lot 26.

WILLIAM DANIEL AMHERST COWEN was commissioned Surgeon in 1888 and promoted to Surgeon Major in 1892. In March 1896 he was commissioned as a Major in the R.A.M.C. and was promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel, March 1900.
58  **Khedive's Sudan 1896-1908**, 9 clasps, Firket, Hafir, The Atbara, Khartoum, Gedaref, Gedid, Sudan 1899, Sudan 1897, Talodi, edge engraved (in Arabic)  **1145**, left rivet between the two Sudan clasps lacking, otherwise very fine £280-320

59  **Queen's South Africa 1899-1902**, 1 clasp, Transvaal, **1725 Pte. B. Dineen, Munster Fus.**, good extremely fine £60-80

60  **Queen's South Africa 1899-1902**, 3 clasps, Natal, Transvaal, South Africa 1901, engraved in italics, **3945 R. Harling, 18/Hsrs**, with ghost dates on reverse, almost extremely fine, sold with photocopied service papers and Q.S.A. roll £100-120

61  **Queen's South Africa 1899-1902**, 3 clasps, Cape Colony, Orange Free State, Transvaal, engraved in italics, **2148 Sdr Sjt. H. Nutt, 6 Drgsn**, with 'ghost' dates on reverse, very fine £180-220

59  **Queen's South Africa 1899-1902**, 1 clasp, Transvaal, **1725 Pte. B. Dineen, Munster Fus.**, good extremely fine £60-80

61  **Queen's South Africa 1899-1902**, 3 clasps, Cape Colony, Orange Free State, Transvaal, engraved in italics, **2148 Sdr Sjt. H. Nutt, 6 Drgsn**, with 'ghost' dates on reverse, very fine £180-220

SADDLER SARGENT HENRY NUTT joined the 21st Hussars as a Private in October 1879. He transferred to the 6th Dragoons in 1880 and was promoted to Saddler Sarjeant, Jan. 1881; served in the Bechuanaland Campaign in 1885. In 1898 he was awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. In 1900, after arriving in South Africa, he fractured his right leg and was discharged as medically unfit 15 February 1901. Sold with photocopied research.

62  **Queen's South Africa 1899-1902**, 3 clasps, Cape Colony, Orange Free State, Transvaal, **83563 Gnr. A. Thomas, 66th Bty. R.F.A.**, good fine £50-70

63  **Queen's South Africa 1899-1902**, 5 clasps, Cape Colony, Orange Free State, Transvaal, South Africa 1901, South Africa 1902, **Shg. Sth. W. Cooper, 1st Dgn: Gds;**, a few contact marks, otherwise extremely fine and toned, sold with photocopy of Q.S.A. roll £120-150

64  **Queen's South Africa 1899-1902**, 5 clasps, Cape Colony, Orange Free State, Transvaal, South Africa 1901, South Africa 1902, **4447 Pte. E. Baxter, 3rd Dgn: Gds;**, fine, reverse somewhat better, with photocopied service papers £140-160


65  **South Africa Pair: 4777 Pte. J.W.J. Henden, North'd Fus.**, Queen's South Africa 1899-1902, 6 clasps, Belmont, Modder River, Relief of Kimberley, Paardeberg, Driefontein, Transvaal, King's South Africa, 1901-02, 2 clasps, first with slack suspension and considerable contact wear, good fine, second better (2) £150-200

66  **South Africa 1899-1902**, 8 clasps, Belmont, Modder River, Paardeberg, Driefontein, Johannesburg, Diamond Hill, Belfast, South Africa 1901, **2643 Pte. J. Gorman, Scots Guards, with 'ghost dates', unofficial rivets on the SA01 bar, almost extremely fine and very rare to the regiment £600-800

PRIVATE JAMES GORMAN arrived in South Africa on 14 November 1899. He served with the Left Flank Company under Colonel William Pulteney and continued with the 1st Battalion until 1901 before transferring to the 3rd. He was invalided home on 26 October 1901. Sold with photocopy of medal roll confirming entitlement.

67  **South Africa, Great War Group:** Four, **4315 Pte. G. Barker, 20th Hussars**, Queen's South Africa 1899-1902, 4 clasps, Orange Free State, Transvaal, South Africa 1901, South Africa 1902, 1914 Star (47403), War and Victory Medals, very fine or better (4) £320-350

Also entitled to clasp on 1914 Star; sold with confirmation.

68  **South Africa, Great War Group:** Five, **4495 Sgt. J. Hunt, 18th Hussars, late Northampton Regiment**, Queen's South Africa 1899-1902, 5 clasps, Cape Colony, Orange Free State, Transvaal, South Africa 1901, South Africa 1902 (6114 Pte. Nthptn Regt.), 1914 Star, with copy clasp (Pte.), War and Victory Medals, Army Long Service and Good Conduct, George V (H-47109 T.S.Q.M.S.), Q.S.A. with unofficial rivets on first three bars, generally very fine; with an 'Old Contemptibles' badge (2962B) (6) £320-350

69  **South Africa, Great War Group:** Five, **2537 Pte. J. Hill, 1/K.R. Rif: C.**, Queen's South Africa 1899-1902, three clasps, Cape Colony, Transvaal, Wittebergen, King's South Africa 1901-02, 2 clasps, **these both with naming erased,** 1914 Star, War and Victory medals, fine to very fine (5) £80-120
70 South Africa, Great War Trio: Lieut. C. R. Ronaldson, 16th (St. Pancras) Battalion Rifle Brigade, late Imperial Yeomanry, Queen's South Africa 1899-1902, 4 clasps, Cape Colony, Transvaal, Wittebergen, South Africa 1901 (2222 Pte. 7th Coy. 4th Imp. Yeo), British War and Victory Medals, about extremely fine (3) £150-200

These form part of a family group; see also lots 100, 104 and 279.

71 South Africa, Great War Group: Five, 6683 Pte. G.H. Thompson, 3/Hrs., Late K.R.R.C., Queen's South Africa 1899-1902, 1 clasp, Transvaal, King's South Africa 1901-02, 2 clasps (both 5639 Pte., Q.S.A. 2 R.S.F.), 1914-15 Star (Sjt.), War and Victory Medals, mounted for wearing, generally very fine (5) £300-350

PRIVATE GEORGE HENRY THOMPSON was discharged sick 12 July 1917, due to tuberculosis contracted in the trenches at Loos in 1915. He died at the Derby Isolation Hospital, 16 October 1917. Sold with Honourable Discharge Scroll (this framed and glazed), copy death certificate, and photocopied research including Q.S.A. and K.S.A. rolls, discharge papers, war badge roll (this confirming number) and two copy cuttings from the Derby Mercury, July and September 1915.

72 South Africa, Great War Group: Five, 12989 W.O. CL 2 W. Brownlee, R. S. Fus., Queen's South Africa 1899-1902, 4 clasps, Cape Colony, Orange Free State, Relief of Ladysmith, Transvaal, King's South Africa, 1901-02, 2 clasps (both 5639 Pte., Q.S.A. 2 R.S.F.), 1914-15 Star (Sjt.), War and Victory Medals, mounted for wearing, generally very fine (5) £300-350

WARRANT OFFICER WILLIAM BROWNLEE was wounded at Colenso 15 December 1899. He was discharged sick in 1917. Sold with photocopy of Q.S.A. medal roll and War Badge roll.

73 King's South Africa 1901-02, 2 clasps, Cpl. H. Hughes, Bech: Rifles, who participated in the Defence of Mafeking, good very fine £120-150

CORPORAL HUGHES was also entitled to a 3 clasp Queen's South Africa, with clasps Defence of Mafeking, Orange Free State, Transvaal. Sold with confirmation of entitlement.

74 China 1900, no clasp, E. Bullbrook, A.B. H.M.S. Isis, minor edge bruise and official correction to first four letters of surname, better than very fine £120-150

Roll confirms; 432 no clasp medals to the ship. Sold with photocopied record of service, listing occupation as Post Boy.

75 China 1900, 1 clasp, Taku Forts, H. Darlington, Boy 1 cl., H.M.S. Algerine, contact marks on obverse, good very fine £380-420

Roll confirms; 94 Taku Forts clasps issued to the ship. Sold with photocopied record of service, noting his complexion as sallow.

76 China 1900, 1 clasp, Relief of Pekin, E.J. Ward, A.B. H.M.S. Barfleur, good very fine £280-320

Roll confirms; 282 Relief of Pekin clasps awarded to ship. Sold with photocopied record of service.

77 China 1900, 2 clasps, Taku Forts, Relief of Pekin, J. W. Hudson, Sto., H.M.S. Endymion, very fine £400-500

Roll confirms; 25 2 clasp medals issued to ship and lists a duplicate issue. Sold with photocopied record of service.

78 1914 Star and Clasp Trio: 32374 Cpl. W. J. Crowne, R.A., 1914 Star with clasp and rosette (Gnr.), War and Victory medals; with London County Council School Attendance Medal, with clasp 1913-14, K. Crowne, a Mercantile Marine pair to George W. J. Collis and a Defence Medal, all extremely fine, the Mercantile Marine Medal with original paper envelope (7) £140-160

Mention in Despatches: London Gazette, 10 July 1919 (Mech. S/Sjt., attd. 4th Army Siege Pk.).

79 1914 Star Trio: CMT-2183 A. S. Sgt R. J. B. Vincent, A.S.C., 1914 Star (Pte.), War and Victory medals, the last with replacement oak leaf for Mention in Despatches, extremely fine £120-150

1914 Star Trio: Art. Eng. E. Taylor R.N.; together with a 1914-15 Star and Victory medal pair to 20347 Pte. C. Keep, G. Gds. and a British War Medal, 183859 Gnr. F. Keep, R. A.; also Princess Mary's Gift Tin, extremely fine or better (7) £80-120
A Great War O.B.E. Group: Four, Major W. L. Wood, R.E., Order of the British Empire, Military Division, type 1, Officer's breast badge, 1914-15 Star (2 Lieut.), War and Victory Medal, first in case of issue, extremely fine, with related cased miniatures and two ribbon bars (these both with oak leaf for mention in despatches) (8) £200-250

Sold with original warrant for the O.B.E., 3 June 1919 and original warrant for Temporary 2nd Lieutenant 9 January 1915.


Lieutenant George Donald Currie was born in Manitoba, Canada and educated in New Zealand and Switzerland. He enlisted on the outbreak of war and was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in the East Surrey Regiment on 12 May 1915. He was wounded beneath the right eye on 22 February 1916 while serving with the 99th Trench Mortar Battery. In March he returned to active service with the 51/2 Trench Mortar Battery but was buried by an explosion on 4 May and invalided to England in June, suffering from shell shock. He was placed on retired pay in April 1917. Sold with a quantity of photocopied service papers.


Lieutenant Walter William Crowe served with King Edward's Horse in France from 22 April 1915. Commissioned as a 2nd Lieut in the East Yorkshire Regiment on 21 January 1916, he was promoted to full Lieutenant on 22 July 1917 but by 21 August 1919 he had been placed on the retired list "...on account of ill-health caused by wounds." Sold with photocopied research.

1914-15 Star Trio and Defence Medal: Lieut. J. Hunter, 7 Battalion Border Regt., late Royal Scots, 1914-15 Star (2171 Cpl. R. Scots), War and Victory Medals, Defence Medal, good very fine; together with a Royal Scots cap badge (5) £120-150

Lieutenant John Hunter joined the 6th Battalion Royal Scots in September 1915 in the Egyptian theatre of war. From November 1915 until February 1916 he participated in the campaign against the Libyan Senussi tribe’s incursions into Egypt. In May the battalion left for France amalgamating with the 1/5th to become 5/6th Royal Scots. On 30 March 1917 he was commissioned into the 7th Battalion Border Regiment.


Lieutenant Robert Murray Nassau Molesworth was commissioned in the Gordon Highlanders, arriving in France in March 1915. He was severely wounded in early 1917 and invalided home. Following his recovery he was employed as a Cipher Officer on the Italian Front and following the war, when he was placed on the Reserve of Cipher Officers, he was asked to join General Gorton’s Budapest mission of 1919.

Molesworth is mentioned in Compton Mackenzie’s autobiography My Life and Times, pp. 103-108.


Captain William Fox was commissioned as a temporary 2nd Lieutenant on 15 December 1916, and promoted to acting Captain on 5 October 1917. He served in Egypt with 82nd Auxiliary Petrol Company and 956th Motor Transport Company. His medals were despatched to 14 Chenif Pacha, Alexandria, P.O. Box 1855, Egypt, in May 1927.

1914-15 Star Trio: Capt. D. W. Ostle, A.S.C., 1914-15 Star (Lt.), War and Victory medals, contained in fitted case, with related miniatures (6) £80-120

Sold on behalf of Friends of the Earth.


Lieutenant Chisnell was commissioned into 8th Battalion on 25 September 1917.

1914-15 Star Trio to a Casualty: 17728 Pte. J. Hancock, 20th Hrs., 1914-15 Star, War and Victory medals, about extremely fine (3) £250-280

Private John Hancock was killed in action at the Battle of Cambrai, 30 November 1917 and is commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Louverval.

1914-15 Star Trio: L-100800 Pte. W. O. Williams 17-Lrs, 1914-15 Star (10223), War and Victory Medals, good very fine (3) £100-120

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PRIVATE TOM PERCY GREEN died on 13 November 1918 and is buried at Solesmes British Cemetery.

97 1914-15 Star and Victory Medal Pair: Capt. F.H.A. Oldacre, R. Berks. R., 1914-15 Star (2 Lieut.), Victory Medal, extremely fine, with related miniatures (including War Medal); War and Victory pair, 114300 Pte. A. Dibben, L’pool R., very fine (7) £60-80

CAPTAIN OLDACRE was commissioned into the 4th Battalion Royal Berkshires from the Inns of Court Officer's Training Corps.


99 A Great War Territorial Group: Four, Lieut. J. V. Hewer, A.S.C., formerly City of London Yeomany, British War and Victory Medals, Territorial Force War Medal, Territorial Force Efficiency Medal, George V (1231 L/Cpl. City of Lond. Yeo.), mounted as worn, good very fine or better (4) £350-400

LIEUTENANT JOHN VALENTINE HEWER commenced the War as a Sergeant in the City of London Yeomanry ('The Roughriders'). He volunteered for overseas service and was commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant in the Home Counties Divisional Train on 7 August 1915. He was promoted to full Lieutenant shortly before departing for France in October 1915.

100 M.B.E., type 1, hallmarked 1919, Thomas Percy Ronaldson, in case of issue, extremely fine, with original warrant dated 1 January 1920 and forwarding envelope; also a 1939 'service rendered' certificate presented to Mrs Ronaldson £80-100

THOMAS RONALDSON was engaged in the shipping business in London and Antwerp and was in Antwerp at the outbreak of World War I. He served with the War Trade Intelligence Department, February 1915 to April 1916, at Censorship (War Office), April 1916 to August 1919 (as Censor, then Assistant Chief Censor).

This lot forms part of a family group; see also lots 70, 104 and 279.

101 A Great War, Palestine and Second World War Group: Six, Lieutenant-Colonel Walter Maynard Syfret, Royal Scots Fusiliers, 1914-15 Star (2 Lieut) War and Victory Medals, General Service Medal 1918-62, 1 clasp, Palestine (these three all Capt.), Defence and War Medals, good very fine or better (6) £300-400

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL SYFRET was born in South Africa in October 1896 and was educated at the Diocesan College, Cape Town. As soon as he had attained the minimum age for enlistment he left South Africa with his two older brothers. In June 1915 he was gazetted to the Royal Scots Fusiliers and joined the 2nd Battalion in France. Because of his South African nationality he acquired the nick-name 'Tickey' (a South African threepenny bit) amongst his comrades.

On 12 October 1916 he was wounded in a battalion attack near Flers, on the Somme. At the field hospital he was to be reunited with his two brothers who, although in different regiments, had also been wounded. Following his recovery he served in East and Central Africa from May-October 1918. From then until March 1919 he was Adjutant and Acting Captain, West India Regiment.

After the war the 2nd Battalion was sent to Constantinople and thence to India, where he was to captain the regimental polo team and on to China where he remained until the late 1920's when the battalion returned to the Regimental Depot in Ayr. In 1932 he transferred to the 1st Battalion and served with them in Haifa, where he was again a prime mover in promoting the game of polo. He went to Egypt before returning to Palestine in the mid 1930's for the 'troubles', and then on to India where the battalion remained until returning to the United Kingdom shortly following the outbreak of World War II. In 1940 Syfret was chosen to raise and command the 11th Battalion of the Regiment. In June 1942 he was appointed to command 20 Primary Training Centre, which prepared recruits for active service. His final appointment, which he held until his retirement in 1947, was that of Garrison Commander, Trinidad. On his retirement he returned to South Africa where he died in June 1982.

Sold with a photocopy of his obituary by Brigadier Ian Buchanan-Dunlop and a copy of a photograph of the Prince of Wales' visit to Government House, Calcutta during his visit in 1921-22; Syfret is seated, second from the right, in the central row.
A Great War Casualty Group: Three, M.25166, R.W. Davis, Ck. Mte., R.N, British War and Victory Medals and Memorial Plaque, the pair in original box and envelopes of issue, with forwarding slip and Admiralty registered envelope, the plaque contained in circular wooden frame, mint state, sold with original photograph and newspaper cutting announcing his death (3) £200-300

Cook’s Mate Reginald Walter Davis was killed when serving aboard the paddle minesweeper Penarth when she was mined and sunk off the Yorkshire coast in the course of her duties on 4 February 1919. He is commemorated on the Portsmouth memorial.


Lieutenant-Colonel John Joseph Rooney was born in Co. Cork in 1890. He studied medicine and in March 1915 he was commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant and served in the 4th and 10th Battalions, Lancashire Fusiliers. He went to France in March 1916 and served with D Company, 10th Battalion; on 5 July he was wounded. After recovering he rejoined the 4th Battalion in England, returned to France in September 1917, was invalided home for a second time, but joined his battalion yet again in July 1918.

Resuming his studies he qualified as a doctor in December 1920 and, in February of the following year was commissioned as a Captain in the Indian Medical Service. Between 1923 and 1925 he served in Persia, initially in the Gulf ports and finally as Residency Surgeon, Bushire. He then served in Karachi 1926-27, was Officer Commanding the Military Hospital at Ahmedabad 1927-29, Bangalore 1929 and, after Ramzak in 1930, he became Agency Surgeon in South Waziristan and Medical Officer to the South Waziristan Scouts. In 1931 he returned to Bushire initially as Residency Surgeon and from April 1932 ex-officio Vice-Consul. He died at the residency on 5 April 1941 and is commemorated on column 237 of the Alamein Memorial.

Sold with a quantity of mainly photocopied documentation.

Great War Group: Five, 2.Lieut. H.R.M. Ronaldson, Royal Artillery, late H.A.C., War and Victory Medals, Defence Medal, Territorial Force Efficiency Medal (61 Gnr. H.A.C.), Special Constabulary Long Service, George VI, with Long Service 1944 clasps and silver rosette, very fine or better, first two and fourth mounted for wearing, the Efficiency Medal with original H.A.C. riband, sold with red rank stripes (5) £250-300

These form part of a family group; see also lots 70, 100 and 279.

Private James Brown, 7th Battalion, was killed in action during the 3rd Battle of Ypres on 12 October 1917 and is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial.

Great War Pair: 2248 Pte. F.W. Roberts, R.A.M.C., British War and Victory Medals; and a 1914-15 Star to 1745 Pte. W. J. Roberts, R.A.M.C., together with 1939-45, Africa, Italy and Burma Stars, War and Defence Medals, extremely fine or better (9) £60-80

A Great War Meritorious Service Medal Pair: T-4-Sjt. E. Faulkner 34/DT A.S.C., Meritorious Service Medal, George V, British War Medal, good very fine (2) £80-120

Meritorious Service Medal: London Gazette, 4th June 1917: ‘For valuable services rendered with the Armies in the Field’.

Sold on behalf of Friends of the Earth.

Great War, I.G.S. Pair: Capt. E. P. Irvine, R.A.M.C., British War Medal, India General Service 1908-35, 1 clasp, Afghanistan N.W.F. 1919, almost extremely fine (2) £120-150

Captain Irvine was commissioned in the Royal Army Medical Corps (Special Reserve) on 9 August 1917 and was promoted to Captain on the same day in 1918. In the 1919 Indian Army list he was based at Abbottabad.
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Mention in Despatches: London Gazette, 1 January 1943; Long Service and Good Conduct Medal awarded 14 September 1935. Sold with Certificate of Service and Discharge.

THOMAS WILLIAM PATRICK DIXON joined the army in October 1916, transferring to the R.F.C. a year later, being one of the founding members of the R.A.F. In April 1918. In September 1922 he was transferred to Iraq Command, returning to Uxbridge in October 1924 and from April 1934 - April 1938 he served in Egypt. He was promoted to Leading Aircraftsman, May 1924, Fitter Armourier, January 1925, Corporal, February 1928, Sergeant, September 1935, Flight-Sergeant, September 1937, Temporary Warrant Officer, February 1940, and Substantive Warrant Officer, July 1946. He retired on 5 November 1948 after just over 32 years' service.

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British War Medal, 2. Lieut. R.B. Abrahams, 4th Yorks Regt., extremely fine £150-200

2nd LIEUTENANT ROBERT BERNARD ABRAHAMS was killed in action at High Wood on 14 September 1916 during the Battle of the Somme. He was a member of the Officer's Training Corps at the University of London, commissioned into the 4th (Territorial) Battalion Yorkshire Regiment and joining them in France in July 1916. He is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial and also in The British Jewry Book of Honour.

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PRIVATE WILFRED SCOTT was killed in action on 24 August 1916 and is buried in the Corbie Communal Cemetery Extension.

Sold on behalf of Friends of the Earth.

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A Pair of Great War R.N.A.S. Memorial Plaques: David Keith-Johnston / Macfie Keith-Johnston, both mounted in wooden frames, with reverse screw fitments and with gilt R.N.A.S. badges, very fine (2) £1,000-1,500

FLIGHT-LIEUTENANT DAVID KEITH-JOHNSTON was killed in action off Ostend, Belgium on 10 August 1915, aged 20. He was shot down whilst attacking a crippled Zeppelin under tow by German destroyers and is buried in the Ramscapelle Road Military Cemetery.

His brother FLIGHT-SUB-LIEUTENANT MACFIE (MAX) KEITH-JOHNSTON was killed at Eastchurch on 12 September 1915, aged 17, and is buried at Sheerness Cemetery.

Their brother 2nd LIEUTENANT COLIN KEITH-JOHNSTON, R.A.F., became an actor and played the rôle of Captain Stanhope in Journey's End (see below).

Sold with the following documents and artefacts:

David Keith-Johnston's Pilot's flying log book, with entries from 15 September 1914 - 25 July 1915, from which the following extracts are taken:

12 October 1914: Throttle wire broke, made forced landing in stubble field, bent axle (sic) slightly. Flew back as passenger with Serg. Turner.

28 October 1914: In clouds most of time 1500-3000 ft. Stopped engine on V.P. Very bad landing breaking wings.

30 October 1914: The Blue-nose Maurice is a very nice M/C to fly, very comfortable, easy to fly and land, quite good in a wind, very good view.

14 December 1914: I found the BE 2A easy to fly and land and extremely easy on the ground, not quite so nice on turns as Avro, requiring a lot of warps, the "self warp" is nice except in very bad bumps when it is rather annoying; very good view.

6 January 1915: Very strong wind and bumpy, M/C behaved quite well. Taxied in too fast owing to side wind and buckled one wheel also broke tail skid.

15 January 1915: Submarine "scare" flew to Grain for orders, could not find landing ground owing to being half under water so landed in field near it. Started up again and got into aerodrome, waited about 10 mins. Then ordered to return. M/C quite nice in wind...

11 February 1915: Dover-Calais-Ostend-Dunkirk non stop. Landed at Dunkirk on way out owing to clouds ahead and M/C not climbing well. 3 ply wind screen fitted at Dover not high enough, so could not use goggles.

5 March 1915: Started for Calais but saw Fowler land with broken inlet valve and returned to report. In landing hit water and turned over smashing M/C rather badly.

June 1915: Returning for Eastchurch, engine gave out over Southend, misjudged landing at Rochford hitting bridge with skid and smashing M/C rather badly.

2 July 1915: Firing at five balloons, hit one only, gun jamming badly.

3 July 1915: Parachute-engine stopped owing to choked petrol pipe, speed indicator not working.

24 July 1915: Cloud chasing, petrol filler-cap came off, nearly blinded and poisoned.

David Keith-Johnston's binoculars, engraved with his name; R.N.A.S. cloth cap badge; A photograph album containing photographs of David and Colin Keith-Johnston and of early aircraft; also photographs of a memorial tablet placed by the Germans on David's grave [later removed to Felsted School] and of a memorial stained glass window at Bushey Heath, Herts.; Copy of family tree; Colin Keith-Johnston's commission as a 2nd Lieutenant, R.A.F., 29 October 1918; First Edition of Journey's End, by R. C. Sherriff, New York 1929, signed and dedicated to Colin Keith-Johnston by the author [Colin Keith-Johnston became an actor after the War and played Captain Stanhope in New York on two occasions, the part being underlined in pencil in this volume]; A newspaper review of Journey's End. 
India General Service, General Service Medal Group: Seven, 361965 Flight Lieutenant Ernest James Freathy, India General Service 1908-35, 1 clasp, Northwest Frontier 1930-31 (L.A.C.), General Service Medal 1918-62, 2 clasps, Palestine, Malaya (Sgt.), Defence and War Medals, Coronations 1937 and 1953, R.A.F. Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, George VI type 1 (F/Sgt.), with related miniatures and two Order of Buffaloes badges, Peshawar and Trans-Indus Lodge, in gilt and enamels, and Brabazon Rees Lodge in 9 carat gold, second Buffaloes badge in case of issue, good very fine or better, with warrant and envelope for the 1953 Coronation medal and an additional forwarding envelope dated 1/2/50 (16) £300-400

Palestine, Second World War Trio: 513358 Cpl. H. Old, R.A.F., General Service Medal, 1918-62, 1 clasp, Palestine, Defence and War Medals, mounted as worn, good very fine, with photograph of recipient (3) £120-150

Order of St. John Group: Four, 17444 D/Supt. A.I. Cresswell, Alex. Docks Div. Priory for Wales, S.J.A.B., Order of St. John, Serving Brother's breast badge, in silvered bronze and enamels, Defence Medal, Civil Defence Long Service, Service Medal of the Order of St. John (engraved 1937), with five additional 5 year bars, first severely chipped, thus fine, others very fine (4) £100-150

Sold on behalf of Friends of the Earth.

Military General Service 1918-62, 1 clasp, Palestine 1945-48, 19151256 Sigmn. E. R. Cresswell, R. Sigs., very fine; Queen's South Africa 1899-1902, 5 clasps, Tugela Heights, Orange Free State, Relief of Ladysmith, Transvaal, Laing's Nek, 2488 Pte. H. Rowbottom, 2nd Batt. R. Scots Fus., renamed Crimea 1854-56, no clasp, unnamed, heavy contact wear, fine; Jubilee and Coronation medals (4), 1935 (2), 1937, 1953; I.S.M.'s. (2), George VI type 1, William Frank Minton Beetlestone, George VI type 2, John Lesley Fisher, both cased; Africa Star, Defence Medals (3), War Medal, three contained in forwarding box to C.J. Challiner, with a group of four WWII miniatures; Masonic Peace Medal 1919, very fine or better £150-200

Sold on behalf of Friends of the Earth.


SQUADRON LEADER HAROLD ROTHWELL was commissioned as a Probationary Pilot Officer, Equipment Branch 29 July 1940, promoted to Flying Officer the following year and Flight Lieutenant, September 1942. It is probable that the rank of Squadron Leader was honorarily granted on his discharge in 1946. Sold with brief service details.
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Second World War Group: Four, **351165 F/Sjt. J. W. Hodds, R.A.F.**, 1939-45 Star, Burma Star, Defence Medal, War medal with oak leaf for Mention in Despatches, extremely fine, sold with original Mention in Despatches certificate and original Certificate of Service and Discharge (4) £100-120

Mention in Despatches: *London Gazette*, 8 June 1944.

**FLIGHT SERGEANT JAMES WILLIAM HODDS** served in the R.A.F. from 1 February 1922 - 31 January 1934 and 14 August 1939 - 5 March 1948. During the war he served in 49 Squadron, 333 Group and 328 Wing.

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Sold with the following:

Royal Air Force Service and Release Book, which gives her trade as Clerk / Special Duties, and states: *This airwoman has been employed on special duties and work of a highly confidential nature*. She served from 23 September 1941 - 4 December 1945, and with S.E.A.C. 18 February to 15 November 1945. [The book confirms her Defence Medal only].

A gift R.A.F. presentation cigarette case from Air Marshal Sholto Douglas, clip engraved *Alice, best wishes Sholto Douglas* (with signed visiting card), and a R.A.F. Tangmere Christmas menu card for 1943, signed by all the W.R.A.F.'s present.

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A Second World War Royal New Zealand Air Force Casualty Group: Six, **40729 W/O Roy Maurice Tarrant**, 1939-45, Air Crew Europe and Africa Stars, Defence and War Medals, New Zealand War Medal, extremely fine (6) £500-700

**WARRANT OFFICER ROY MAURICE TARRANT** was killed when the Ventura in which he was flying crashed on landing on the Pallikule landing ground, Espiritu Santo, New Caledonia, 9 July 1944.

Tarrant was born at Hamilton, New Zealand 12 November 1915. He enlisted in the R.N.Z.A.F. 12 March 1940, on being selected as an Air Gunner he completed three months' training at No. 12 Operational Training Unit, Ohakea, receiving his Air Gunner's Badge and promotion to Sergeant.

He was sent overseas to Great Britain for training at no 15 Operational Training Unit, R.A.F. Hanwell. In August he joined 38 Squadron at Marham, Norfolk, serving in Wellingtons as an Air Gunner. From September until November he flew on missions over Germany, Belgium and Northern France. In November 1940 he transferred to 15 Squadron, Wyton, where he completed a further five months of operations. On 13th April 1941 he was sent to Shallufa, Egypt, where, on arrival, he was attached to 38 Squadron. He participated in raids on North Africa, Crete and the Ionian Islands. In August his Flight moved to Malta, carrying out operations on Tripoli, returning to Shallufa early in September, in February 1942 he returned to England, taking up duties as an instructor at No. 7 Air Gunner’s School, Wales, having completed 39 operations.

In April 1943 Tarrant was promoted to Warrant Officer and posted to No. 9 Air Observers School. Five months later he returned to New Zealand following almost three and a half years absence and, on completing a period of leave, was posted to No. 3 General Reconnaissance Squadron, Ohakea for duty as an Air Gunner in Venturas. On 22 May 1944 he was posted to Espiritu Sante, participating in routine patrols. At the time of his death he had served 640 hours as an Air Gunner.

The medals are contained in a glazed display frame with two photographs (one of his Wellington bomber and one with his crew), four flashes (comprising Royal arms, Air Gunner and two New Zealand), R.N.Z.A.F. cap badge, three R.N.Z.A.F. buttons, and gilt eagle and crown badges; with a second glazed frame containing an original telegram dated 12 June 1944, to Warrant Officer Tarrant’s wife from R.N.Z.A.F. Headquarters in London, announcing his death, an original letter (dated the same day), confirming the telegram, signed by P.O. A.H.A. McLean; also a letter from the Air Department, Wellington, enclosing a photograph of his grave at the New Zealand Military Cemetery, Bourail, and a newspaper cutting with photograph announcing his death.

The Group is also offered with a binder containing a considerable amount of photocopied documentation, including many entries from 38 and 15 Squadron Operation Record Books.

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Second World War Group: Four, **Captain R. G. Cromarty, Royal Artillery**, 1939-45 Star, Burma Star, Defence and War Medals, a late claim, in late forwarding box of issue and with modern, official, forwarding slip, extremely fine; and a silver-plated identification bracelet engraved ‘240573 R. G. Cromarty’ (5) £40-60

**CAPTAIN CROMARTY** was commissioned into the Royal Artillery on 31 July 1942.

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Second World War Casualty Trio: **2724407 Gdsn. L.L Albutt, 3rd Bn. Irish Gds.**, 1939-45 Star, France and Germany Star, War Medal, good very fine, with late claim official condolence slip (3) £150-200

**GORDONSMAN LESLIE LEONARD ALBUTT** enlisted into the Irish Guards at Caterham, Surrey in March 1944. He joined the 3rd Battalion in North West Europe in September 1944 and died of wounds received in action on 21 February 1945. He is buried at Milsebeck War Cemetery near Nijmegen.

123

Second World War Trio: **Spr. A. L. Thomas, R.E.**, 1939-45 Star, Pacific Star, War Medal, all privately named, the reverse of the Pacific Star burnished, otherwise extremely fine, a late claim accompanied by modern official condolence slip (3) £100-150

**SAPPER ALFRED THOMAS** was born at Cwm, Ebbw Vale. He was taken Prisoner of War at the fall of Hong Kong on Christmas Day, 1941 and was killed on 21 October 1942, when the Japanese liner *Lisbon Maru*, which was being used as a P.O.W. transport, was sunk by the American submarine Grouper 100 miles off Ningso. 843 British and Commonwealth prisoners were lost. Thomas is commemorated at the Sai Wan Bay War Cemetery, Hong Kong. Sold with a considerable amount of mainly photocopied documentation.
**124**

**Second World War Territorial Pair: 770341 Bdr. F.C.F. Faith, R.A.,** War Medal, Territorial Efficiency Medal, George VI type 2, mounted for wearing, very fine or better (2) £40-50

**125**

**A Second World War New Zealand Defence of Crete Group:** Four, **Pte. A. R. Lorimer, N.Z.E.F.,** 1939-45 Star, Africa Star, War Medal, New Zealand War Service Medal, almost extremely fine (4) £120-150

PRIVATE ALFRED REGINALD LORIMER volunteered for service in April 1940, landing on Crete on 18 May 1941. Two days later, the Germans invaded with the first major paratroop assault of the War. After initial allied successes the Germans captured the island, with those unable to be evacuated by the Royal Navy being taken prisoners-of-war. Lorimer was subsequently imprisoned in Stalag VIII B at Lansdorf, Germany. He was repatriated in December, 1943.

Sold with original Soldier's Active Service Book, Soldier's Paybook Part 2, New Zealand Rail Warrant dated 23 March 1944 and various photocopied research.

**126**

**A Second World War Polish Army Group: Tadeuz Jakimov,** comprising: 1939-45 Star, Italy Star, Defence Medal; POLAND, Cross of Merit with Swords (2), Army Medal (London issue), 2nd Polish Corps badge (rev. no. 01999), 6th Lwow Infantry badge, 6th Children of Lwow Armoured Regiment badge (by Gaunt and Son, rev. no. 98, with related numbered miniature), 2nd Polish Corps patch, 8th British Army patch, 6th Armoured Regiment patch with gilt lion, Polish army patch, riband for the Monte Cassino Cross; and VATICAN, silver Jerusalem Cross, the last in case of issue, good very fine or better, with forwarding slip for the British medals (15) £200-300

**127**

**South East Asia Trio: 1594463 Sgt. W. Foster, R.A.F.,** Defence Medal, War Medal, General Service Medal 1918-62, 1 clasp, South East Asia, mounted for wearing, very fine (3) £180-220

SERGEANT W. FOSTER qualified as an Air Gunner in early 1945, was posted to the Middle East, and returned to the United Kingdom to train for Operation Tiger (the proposed invasion of Japan).

Sold with his original Air Gunner's Flying Log Book, covering late 1944 to June 1945, and an R.A.F. cap badge.

**128**

**A Second World War and Post-War Group:** Five, **Major R. G. Thomas [later Twiss], R.A.S.C.,** who commanded a detachment on Christmas Island during the 1950's Atomic Bomb Tests, 1939-45 Star, France and Germany Star, Defence and War Medals, General Service Medal 1918-62, 2 clasps, Palestine 1945-48, Malaya (this named to 'Twiss'), good very fine (5) £250-300

MAJOR ROBERT GEORGE THOMAS was the son of Captain R.A.H. Thomas, M.C., R.A.S.C.. He was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the same corps in July 1939. He finished the war as Temporary Captain and was promoted to temporary Major in Palestine. In 1948 he changed his surname to Twiss.

In 1956-57 he commanded the Supplies and P.O.L. detachment on Christmas Island and witnessed at first hand the atomic explosions on Malden Island. He retired on 29 July 1960.

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CAPTAIN ADAMS was commissioned into the King's Royal Rifle Corps in March 1943. The Kenya regiment was formed mainly from British settlers in response to the Mau Mau emergency.

**130**

**A Zimbabwe Independence Pair: 110706 P/O K.H.J. Rowe,** Zimbabwe Independence Medal 1980 (15097), Southern Rhodesia General Service Medal, mounted for wearing, very fine (2) £40-60
**C.B.E. Trio: George Vincer Hole**, C.B.E., Civil Division, type 2, by Toye, Kenning & Spencer Ltd., Coronation 1953, NETHERLANDS, Order of Orange-Nassau, Officer's breast badge; together with King's Medal, 1919-20 (*G. Hole*), Camberwell Grammar School bronze prize medal (*Boxing 1926 G. Hole, 9st. 9*), bronze medals (3), Inauguration of Schiphol Airport, 28 April 1967, Opening of Orly Airport, 26 February 1971, Inauguration of the Grand Hotel, Santa Christiana, 8 May 1967, Arthur Peachy Trophy, 1965 (*G.V. Hole*), Caravan Club Honorary Life Member Card, 1966 (no. 20 *G.V. Hole*), C.B.E. cased, the boxing medal and Orly medals also cased, good very fine or better, with related miniatures (including Defence Medal and Belgian Order of the Crown, officer's badge and related fitments) £200-250

GEORGE HOLE was Chief Executive of the British Airports Authority, 1966-72, and was created a C.B.E in 1969. He had previously, in 1946, been created an Officer of both the Belgian Order of the Crown and The Netherlands Order of Orange-Nassau. He was Honorary Treasurer of the Caravan Club 1960-66. In *Who’s Who* his recreation was listed as ‘pottering’.

**Miscellaneous:** Defence Medals (2), WW2 War Medals (3), Campaign Service Medal 1962, 1 clasp, Northern Ireland, *last with naming erased*; Great War / 2nd World War group of miniatures (6), comprising 1914-15 Star, War and Victory Medals, Defence and War Medals and Belgian Croix de Guerre; Oxford vs Cambridge Military Tournament, 1922, two engraved silver medals, for tent pegging and for dummy thrusting, and Diamond Jubilee, 1897, official bronze medal, *last three cased, generally good very fine or better* (15) £70-90

**OTHER MEDALS AND MEMORABILIA**

**Kaisar-I-Hind**, George V type 1, silver, reverse of top clasp engraved *Nell F. Naylor 1925*, in case of issue, very fine £120-150

**Royal Naval Long Service and Good Conduct**, Anchor type, *Charles Hughes, Boatsn. Mates, H.M.S. Castor, 21 Years*, with clip and straight bar suspension, reverse centre with considerable contact wear, fine, obverse somewhat better £480-520

Roll confirms; medal approved 16 November 1847. Sold with photocopies of roll and service details.

**Royal Naval Long Service and Good Conduct**, *Jn. Bidwill Lg. Seamm. H.M.S Vanguard 20 Yrs.*, carefully plugged and with unofficial replacement (wide) suspension, very fine £90-110

**Army Long Service and Good Conduct**, Victoria, 3rd reverse type, impressed *1421 Pte. R. Sullivan 10th Hussars*, a few minor edge nicks, otherwise good very fine £140-160

Issued 1 July 1878. Enlisted 22 May 1860, entitled to Afghanistan Medal, 1 clasp Ali Musjid; appointed Lance Corporal 1879, discharged 3 April 1883. Sold with photocopied service papers.

**Army Long Service and Good Conduct**, Victoria, 3rd reverse type, impressed *Pte. S. Marston, 13th Hussars*, two edge bruises, better than very fine £120-150
138 Army Long Service and Good Conduct, Victoria, 3rd reverse type, impressed 287 Arm. Serjt. E. Morton, 2-22nd Foot, very fine £120-150

Recommended 19 January 1876. Sold with photocopy of roll.

139 Army Long Service and Good Conduct, Edward VII, 23839 Mchnst. Q.M. Sjt. R. C. Duke, R.E., good very fine and toned £50-60

140 Army Long Service and Good Conduct, George V, 534210 Pte. L. Cpl. C. J. Woods, 10 Hrs., good very fine £100-120

A Corporal C.J. Wood of the 10th Hussars, with a different number, is listed as being wounded in the Boer War, 16 December 1901.

141 Efficiency Medal, George VI type 2, with Militia clasp, 1855448 Pte. C. Heasman R.M.P., good very fine; with Territorial Efficiency Medal, naming erased and crudely engraved Pte. W. B. Barton 3rd London Regt. (2) £60-80

142 Royal Victorian Medal Pair: Anthony Heiler, A.B. H.M.S. Excellent, Royal Victorian Medal, bronze Queen Victoria issue (A. Heiler A.B. Presented by King Edward VII, 1901), Coronation Medal 1902, London County Council Metropolitan Fire Brigade bronze issue (Anthony Heiler), both with considerable wear due to cleaning, fine or slightly better (2) £150-200

Royal Victorian Medal: Awarded for the Funeral of Queen Victoria, February 1901.

143 Queen's Westminster Volunteers K Company Efficiency Medal, 1905, in 9 carat gold, hallmarked Birmingham, 1905, the reverse engraved S. Riches, with integral loop for suspension, very fine and rare £80-120

144 Worcestershire Regiment Sweetheart's Brooch, in gold and enamels, the star around the central badge set with rose diamonds, enamels of scroll chipped and WO of WORCESTERSHIRE lacking, very fine £250-350

Apparently given by Major George Harry Green, 7th (Territorial) Battalion, to his wife.

145 Death of the Duke of Wellington, 1852, bronze medal, by T. R. Pinches, uniformed bust left, rev., inscription within wreath (Eimer (Wellington) 140), in case of issue, extremely fine; together with Army Temperance medals (7), comprising India, 1, 4, 6 and 8 year, Queen Victoria Commemorative medal, Royal Army Temperance Association 6 year medal and with an Edward VII Memorial medal; with a Church of England Temperance Society bronze medal and a German Mother’s Cross, 1st class, very fine or better (10) £100-150

146 Royal Artillery Golfing Society, a pair of silver presentation ashtrays, by Goldsmiths and Silversmiths Co. Ltd., hallmarked Birmingham 1932 and 1933, both with central Royal Artillery badge and the inscription ROYAL ARTILLERY GOLFING around, the first engraved SPRING SCRATCH MEDAL, RYE GOLF CLUB, APRIL 8 & 9 1933, WON BY CAPTAIN G. A. MOXON, 73 + 85=158, in good condition £150-200

CAPTAIN G. A. MOXON served in Greek Macedonia, Serbia, Bulgaria and the Aegean Islands from 1916-18. He mentioned in despatches on 3 occasions and was also wounded.
R.F.C. / R.A.F. Memorabilia related to Frank William Smurthwaite, comprising a portrait postcard in R.F.C. uniform, inscribed Love from F.S. 28.4.18, a signed pencil drawing of Frank Smurthwaite in R.A.F. uniform holding a cane and gloves, a bamboo cane with brass bottom, identical to the one illustrated in the drawing, a postcard of a Handley Page Heracles (posted from France 13 May 1935 to his wife inscribed “Just arrived here O.K. Pleasant crossing but misty. What a change after the rattle boxes I used to fly! Don’t know how long I am staying. My friend not turned up so, so am lost at Le Bourget.”), two visiting cards (one as an employee of the Phoenix Works, Manchester) and a portrait postcard of his father, Sergeant Major W.J. Smurthwaite, 29 May 1915 (lot) £50-70

London Hangar Q.B. Guest Book, with signed entries from the first meeting on 9 April 1942 to 29 September 1944, including ‘Battle of Britain Boys’ Party, Savoy Hotel, 24 September 1942, with signatures of Max Aitken, Adolph Malan, Anthony Bartley, William Clyde, Alan Deere, Air Marshal Hugh Dowding, Hugh Dundas, Ian Gleed, Kenneth Holden, John Kent, Charles Kingcombe, Trafford Leigh-Mallory, John Peel, John Simpson, Eric Thomas, Douglas Watkins, also many signatures of U.S. and other Allied pilots, a few later pencil annotations, in green and gold morocco binding, in fine condition; together with the menu for the ‘Battle of Britain Boys’ Party, signed by various people present, including Air Marshal Hugh Dowding, Anthony Bartley, Alan Deere, John Kent, slight damage on reverse due to removal from scrap book [this illustrated] (2) £1,000-1,500
149  
Afghanistan, Izzat-I-Afghania, 1885, in gold, as given by Abdur Rahman to members of the Russo-Afghan Boundary Commission, uniface, 11.50 g., of good quality gold, extremely fine and extremely rare  
£120-150

150  
Austria, miscellaneous orders, medals and decorations (12), comprising Order of Leopold, Order of the Iron Crown, Honour Decoration of the Red Cross, 2nd class breast badge and 1st class Merit Medal, Golden Merit Cross for Military Chaplains, with Peace Time ribbon, Bronze Military Merit Medal, War Cross for Civil Merit, Jubilee Cross 1908, Balkan War Mobilisation Cross 1912-13, Wound Medal with two stripes, Order of Merit of the Republic, 7th class breast badge, Great War Commemorative, generally good very fine or better (12)  
£150-200

151  
Belgium, miscellaneous orders, medals and decorations (26), comprising Order of Leopold, Military Division, Order of Crown (4), Order of Leopold II, Congolese Order of the Lion, Croix de Guerre (2), Albert I and Leopold III issues, Civic Decoration 1914-1918, Medal of Albert I 1914-16, Medal of Queen Elizabeth with Red Cross 1914-16, War Commemorative 1914-18, Victory Medal, Political Prisoner's Cross 1940-45, Resistance Medal 1940-45, Escapee's Cross 1940-45, Leopold II Jubilee 1905, Military Cross, Veteran's Cross, Military Decorations (3), Industrial Decorations (3), mostly good very fine (lot)  
£250-300

152  
Brazil, Order of the Rose, in gold and enamels, extremely fine, a good quality 19th century miniature, with contemporary ribbon, rare  
£100-150

153  
China, Order of the Double Dragon, type 2, with central and upper sapphires, with gold dragons on a green enamelled background; together with silver medal, dragon either side of central rectangle, rev., Chinese characters around central rectangle, this with 2nd China War style suspension, both extremely fine, second toned, rare (2)  
£120-150

154  
China, miscellaneous orders and medals (12), comprising Order of the Striped Tiger, with 3rd class ribbon, Order of the Precious Golden Grain, with 4th class ribbon, Order of the Golden Grain (2) with 3rd and 7th class ribbons, Order of the Brilliant Star, Order of the Globe and Compass (?), Order of the Rhinoceros, Order of the Two Boars, Army Medal of the Golden Goblet 1st class, Army Medal of Shining Brightness, 1st class, Army Medal of Glory, 1st class, Army Medal of Shining Deportment, 1st class, many good very fine or better, some scarce or rare (12)  
£250-300

155  
Egypt, Order of Mohammed Ali, Order of Ismail and Order of the Military Star of Fuad I, all in silver-gilt and enamels, first with solder attached to reverse of suspension and one point of star bent, otherwise good very fine, first and third rare; together with a British / Egypt Lady's group of three, comprising Order of St. John, in silver and enamels, Delhi Durbar 1911 and Egyptian Order of al-Kemal, extremely fine (6)  
£150-200

156  
Ephemeral, miscellaneous orders and decorations (33), some in gilt and enamels, including a mounted group of nine, very fine and better (33)  
£150-200

157  
Ethiopia, a group of orders and decorations awarded to one of fourteen Ethiopians who were decorated with the C.V.O. during Her Majesty the Queen's visit, February 1965: Twelve, ETHIOPIA, Order of the Crown, Order of Menilik II, Silver Jubilee 1955; GREAT BRITAIN, Royal Victorian Order; JAPAN, Order of the Rising Sun; WEST GERMANY, Order of Merit; SUDAN, Order of the Republic; BRAZIL, Order of the Southern Cross; GREECE, Order of George I; YUGOSLAVIA, Order of the Yugoslavian Flag; JORDAN, Order of al Nahda; CZECHOSLOVAKIA, Order of the White Lion, post 1945 issue, in Arthus Bertrand case, mounted on triple gold chain, many in silver gilt and enamels, extremely fine (12)  
£300-350

158  
Finland, miscellaneous orders medals and decorations (8), comprising Mannerheim Crosses (3), Cross of Liberty 2nd Class with Oak Leaf, Order of the Lion, Civil Division, in gold, Silver Cross of Merit of the National Guard, Air Force Cross, 1 clasp, Ilmatorjunta, Medal of Merit of the Helsinki Olympics 1952; together with Latvia, Order of the Three Stars, generally extremely fine (9)  
£150-200

159  
France, Order of the Holy Ghost, badge in silver, with pendant dove; Order of St. Hubert, in silver-gilt and enamels, good very fine; together with full-sized examples of the Restoration decorations of the Lis, in silver and enamels, and the Cross of Fidelity, in silver, this with gilt and enamel centre, both chipped, otherwise very fine (4)  
£150-200
160 France, Légion d’Honneur (4), 2nd Empire (2), 3rd Republic (2), one 2nd Empire 28 mm., this chipped, very fine; Médaille Militaire, Napoleon III issue, St. Helena medal, 1857; Colonial orders (3), comprising Dragon of Annam, Star of Anjouan and Star of Comoro; together with Monaco, Order of St. Charles, very fine or better (10) £150-200

161 France, miscellaneous orders, medals and decorations (41), including Order of National Merit, Médaille Militaire (3-all 3rd Republic), Croix de Guerre (3), 1914-1918 (2), 1939-45, Order of Agricultural Merit (one centre lacking), Palmes Académiques (2-one in gold); Order of the Liberation (2), Order of Commercial Merit, Order of Arts and Letters, Medal of Honour of Mutual Help Societies (this in gold), many very fine or better (41) £250-350

162 France, Napoleon III campaign medals (3), comprising Italy Campaign 1859, China Campaign 1860 and Mexico Campaign 1862-63, all contemporary, with original ribands, extremely fine and toned, rare (3) £150-200

163 Imperial Germany, Orders and Decorations (11), comprising BAVARIA, Order of St. Michael, 4th class badge with crown, with ornate silver-gilt chain suspension; BRUSSELS, 4th class breast badge, post 1908 issue; HESSE-DARMSTADT (3), Silver Bravery Medal, Ernst Ludwig issue, Bronze Alice Medals (2); LIFFE-DETMOLD, Order of the Cross of Honour, Military Division, 4th class breast badge; SAXONY (3), Military Order of St. Henry (2), breast badge and silver medal, type 2 1806-40, Order of Albert, Knight’s cross with crown; SAXON DUCHIES, Order of Ernestine; SCHWARZBURG-SONDERHAUSEN, 3rd class Honour Cross, by Godet, very fine or better (11) £250-350

164 Germany, Prussia, Pour Le Mérite, Civil Division, small-sized (11 mm.) neck badge, in gold and enamels, with French eagle’s head, post-1847 guarantee mark on suspension ring, extremely fine and very rare £100-150

165 Germany, Prussia, Order of the Red Eagle, 3rd class badge, in silver-gilt and enamels, 4th class badges (3 - one by Godet), in silver, with enamel centre; Iron Cross 1870, War Merit Cross, Red Cross Decoration 3rd class, Franco-Prussian War Medal 1870-71; together with Honour Cross 1914-18, Combatant issue, Mother’s Gold Cross, type 2, Order of Merit of the Federal Republic, very fine or better (11) £100-120

166 Germany, mounted groups and pairs (5), comprising: Pair, Königgrätz Cross 1866 and Franco-Prussian War 1870-71, mounted on riband bar; Seven, PRUSSIA, Iron Cross 1914, War Merit Cross, Red Cross Medal in gilt metal; BADEN, Friedrich Cross; IMPERIAL RUSSIA, Reserve Decoration 2nd class; AUSTRIA, Military Merit Cross with War Decoration; DENMARK, Red Cross Medal for Danish Prisoners Aid 1914-19, mounted on triple gilt chain with pin suspension, last rare, only 566 awarded; Five, PRUSSIA, Iron Cross 1914; HAMBURG, Hansa Cross 1914; WEIMAR REPUBLIC, Honour Cross 1914-18, with swords; AUSTRIA, Republic War Commemorative; HUNGARY, Regency War Commemorative, mounted on triple gilt chain, with pin suspension; Trio, PRUSSIA, Iron Cross 1914 (2), one with 1939 2nd class bar; THIRD REICH, Silver Wound Badge (in zinc); Pair, Iron Cross 1939 and Black Wound Badge, this and the group of three mounted on stick-pins: single miniatures (3), comprising: WEIMAR REPUBLIC, lapel badge with swords from the Honour Cross 1914-18; THIRD REICH, Silver Wound Badge (in zinc), on stick pin; N.D.S.A.P, Long Service Cross for 10 years (in bronze); together with Austria, mounted group: Ten, Bravery medals (3), Franz Joseph large silver, Karl small silver and bronze, Iron Merit Cross with crown, Troop Cross 1916, Wound Medal, Republic War Commemorative, Tyrol War Commemorative, Hungarian War Commemorative and General Campaign medal, mounted on gilt chain with clip suspension and with ring for an additional award, many very fine or better (32) £150-200

167 Greece, miscellaneous orders, medals and decorations (22), comprising Order of George I (3), Military Division, Civil Division (2), Order of the Phoenix (2) pre- and post-1936 types, Royal Family Order of St. Olga and St. Sophia, Order of Welfare, Gold Cross of the Cross of Valour, Greco-Bulgarian War Medal 1913, 1916-17 War Cross 3rd class, Medal of Military Merit (3), 3rd class, 4th class (2), Distinguished Conduct Medal 1940, Distinguished Conduct Medal 1950, Air Force Flying Cross (2), Air Force Cross, War of 1940-41 Medal for Land Operations, Royal Household Gold Medal, George I, 1st issue, Gold Cross of the Hellenic Red Cross, 4th Class medal of the Hellenic Red Cross, many extremely fine (22) £150-200

168 Hungary, Regency, Order of Merit, Grand Cross insignia, comprising badge with crown and breast star; Republic (1946-49), Order of Merit, Grand Cross insignia comprising sash badge and breast star, very fine or better (4) £150-200

169 India, Bahawalpur, Imitiaz-I-Haroonia, 1st or 2nd class badge, in silver-gilt and enamels, with type 2 riband; together various medals (7), comprising Military General Service (2), both 2nd issue, Civil General Service, 2nd issue, Military Long Service, Civil Long Service, 2nd issue, Army Good Conduct, 2nd issue, Police Medal, generally extremely fine, all rare (8) £180-220
India, Bikaner, Order of the Star of Honour, 3rd class badge, in silver-gilt and enamels, slight damage to the central blue enamels, otherwise about extremely fine and very rare; together with Golden Jubilee of Ganga Singh Medal 1937, extremely fine (2) £70-90

India, Dungarpur, a group of orders and decorations as worn by His Highness Rai-i-Rayan Maharwal Sri Sir Lakshman Singh Bahadur (ruled 1918-48; died 1988), Thirteen, GREAT BRITAIN, Silver Jubilee 1935, Coronation 1937; DUNGARPUR, Silver Jubilee, 1943; BELGIUM, Order of the Crown; FRANCE, Légion d’Honneur; MONTENEGRO, Order of Danilo; GREEK ORTHODOX, Order of the Orthodox Crusaders of the Patriarchy of Jerusalem; NETHERLANDS, Order of Orange Nassau; IMPERIAL RUSSIA, Order of St. Anne, Civil Division; GREEK ORTHODOX, Order of the Patriarchy of Athens, Order of the Orthodox Crusaders; FRANCE, Palmes Académiques; IMPERIAL RUSSIA, Order of St. Stanislaus, Civil Division, mounted court style, the first three in silver, tenth and twelfth, in silver gilt, others in silver gilt and enamels, extremely fine (13) £300-400

See colour illustration on inside front cover.

Italy, miscellaneous orders (21), comprising: Order of St. Maurice and St. Lazarus, Military Order of Savoy (5 - one gold), two with trophy of arms and one with crown suspension; Order of the Crown (6 - two gold, one with reverse monogram instead of eagle), one badge with crown suspension; Order of Colonial Merit (2), 1st or 2nd class badge and breast star; Order of the Roman Eagle, breast star; Order of Merit of the Italian Republic, badges (3), two with crown suspensions, the other with an additional representation of the order on the rosette; Order of the Star of Italian Solidarity (2); and the Dynastic Order of St. Constantine of St. George, breast badge, generally very fine or better (21) £250-300

Italy, miscellaneous medals, decorations and regimental awards (39), mostly 20th century but including silver Al Valore Militare for the war against Austria, 1859, and Messina Earthquake, 1908, many very fine or better (39) £180-220

Italy, Mantua, Order of Alexander and of Merit, issued by Alexander, Prince Pretendant of Gonzaga-Castiglione, in gold and enamels, a superb quality mid-19th century piece, reverse and crown slightly chipped, otherwise good very fine and extremely rare £120-150

Madagascar, Order of Merit, badge in gold and enamels, extremely fine and very rare £100-150

Netherlands, Order of William and Order of the Netherlands Lion, badges (2), in gold and enamels, second with minor reverse chips, good very fine or better and of superb quality 19th century manufacture (2) £100-150

Netherlands, miscellaneous orders, medals and decorations (13), comprising Order of William, in silver-gilt and enamels, this severely chipped, Order of Orange Nassau (3), badge and silver and bronze medals, Expedition Cross 1869, 2 clasps, Atjeh 1873-96, Atjeh 1896-1900, Lombok Cross 1894, Bronze Lion Decoration 1944, Bronze Gallantry Cross 1940, Flying Cross 1941, Cross for Right and Freedom, 1 clasp, Korea 1950, Red Cross Medal, Officer’s Long Service Cross for 30 Years, 2nd Hague Peace Conference 1907 Delegates badge; together with LUXEMBURG (4), Order of Adolph (2), Commander’s and Officer’s badge, Order of the Oaken Crown and Croix de Guerre 1940, mostly very fine or better (17) £180-220

Norway, miscellaneous orders, medals and decorations (12), comprising Order of St. Olav (2), War Cross 1940-45 without swords, King Haakon VII’s Liberty Cross (3 - one in gold), King Haakon VII’s Liberty Medal (2), Coronation 1906, together with an unofficial medal with rev, Trondheim Cathedral, Court Servant’s Medal 1906, silver without crown, and Red Cross Decoration, 1st class; together with Denmark (3), War Commemorative 1864, Pro Dania Medal and Red Cross Decoration, generally very fine or better (15) £150-200

Poland, miscellaneous orders, medals and decorations (29), comprising: Order of Virtuti Militari (2), Order of Polonia Restituta (3), Independence Cross without swords, Valour Cross 1920 (3), Cross of Merit (3), silver and enamels and bronze (2 - one with enamelled ribbon), 1918-21 War Commemorative (with enamelled ribbon), Monte Cassino Cross, Army Medal, Air Force Medal, Medal of Merit on the Field of Glory (2), 2nd and 3rd class, Order of Grunwald, Cross of Valour 1944 (3), Warsaw Medal (2), Oder-Neisse-Baltic Medal (2), Medal for Victory and Freedom, 30th Anniversary of the People’s Republic 1974 (2), many extremely fine (29) £100-150

Portugal, Order of Aviz, in silver-gilt and enamels, Order of the Tower and Sword (3 - one in gold and enamels), Order of St. James of the Sword, in gold and enamels, Order of Villa Viçosa, in silver-gilt and enamels, and War Cross, 1917, very fine and better, the gold pieces of good quality workmanship (7) £100-150
Roumania, miscellaneous orders, medals and decorations (14), comprising: Order of Michael the Brave (2), 1916 and 1941 issues, Order of the Star (2), Civil and Military Division, both post-1932 issue, Order of the Crown (3), all post-1932 Military Division, Military Bravery Decoration, Faithful Service Medal in silver-gilt, War Cross 1916-18, mounted group of Four, 40th Jubilee 1906, with Medal for Steadfastness and Loyalty, Balkan War Commemorative 1913, 40th Jubilee 1906, Victory medal 1921; together with Bulgaria (5), Order of St. Alexander, Civil Division, Order of Military Merit, Order of Civil Merit, Order of Civil Merit 4th class silver cross and Bronze Merit Medal and Czechoslovakia (4), Bravery Medal 1939, Bronze Military Merit Medal, Naval Commemorative 1914-18, Volunteer’s Commemorative Cross 1918-19, good very fine or better (23) £120-150

Imperial Russia, miscellaneous orders (9), mostly in silver-gilt and enamels, comprising: Order of St. George, Order of St. Vladimir, Military Division (2), Order of St. Anne, Military Division (2), Order of St. Anne, Civil Division (this in gold but with obverse centre lacking), Order of St. Stanislaus, Military Division (3), one St. Anne (Military) severely chipped, otherwise generally very fine or better (9) £180-220

Imperial Russia, Order of St. Anne, Insignia of the Chancellery of the Order, in silver-gilt and enamels, good very fine and very rare £150-200

Imperial Russia, miscellaneous medals and decorations (10), comprising St. George Cross 4th class, silver St. George Medal for Bravery (2), silver Zeal medals (4), Alexander I, Nicholas II (3 - 1 uniface), Endeavours in Liberation of the Serfs, 1861, Alexander III Memorial 1894, Bicentenary of the Battle of Poltava 1909, mainly extremely fine (10) £100-150

Soviet Union, Order of Suvarov, 1st, 2nd and 3rd class breast badges, extremely fine, all rare; together with Order of the Red Banner and Order of the Red Banner of Labour, extremely fine (5) £200-300

Serbia, miscellaneous orders, medals and decorations (7), comprising: Order of Takowo, Michael III issue, Officer’s breast badge, in gold and enamels, Order of the White Eagle, Karageorgevich issue, Order of St. Sava, Karageorgevich issue 1903-14, Order of Karageorge, Military Division, Officer’s breast badge, Gold Cross of Charity 1912, Mikosh Obilich Silver Medal for Bravery, Albanian Retreat Medal 1915; Montenegro, Silver Medal for Zeal; and Yugoslavia (3), Order of the Grand Star of Yugoslavia, Order of the Yugoslav Flag, Order of the Partisan Star, generally good very fine or better (11) £150-200

Spain, Order of Charles III (2) and Order of Isabella the Catholic, all in gold and enamels, extremely fine (3) £120-150

Spain, miscellaneous orders, medals and decorations comprising: Order of Hermenegildo, badge and star, Order of St. Ferdinand, Order of Isabella the Catholic, silver medal, Order of Isabella II, silver-gilt cross, Order of Military Merit combatant’s cross, non-combatant’s badge and star, Order of Naval Merit, combatant’s cross, non-combatant’s badge and star, Order of Alfonso XII, Order of Maria Christina (2), Order of Maria Christina group of three, with order of St. Hermenegildo and Wound Badge, Order of Cisneros, Order of Public Health, National Militia Cross 1823, medal of Alfonso XIII and Royal Wedding pair, Medal of Melilla 1909-12, with three Moroccan campaign clasps and an uncertain order similar to the Order of Military Merit but with the centre of the Order of St. James of the Sword on a blue background, good very fine or better (lot) £200-300

Spain, Cross of July 1843, in silver-gilt and blue enamels, the central gilt castle on red background with white border, the reverse white enamel centre bearing the gilt inscription, 21.6 mm. [excluding crown suspension], good very fine and very rare £100-150

Sold with a copy of Harold E. Gillingham, Spanish Orders of Chivalry and Decorations of Honour, which mentions this decoration (see p. 122).
189 Sweden, miscellaneous orders, medals and decorations (10), comprising Order of the Sword, Knight 2nd class badge, in silver, with gold and enamel centre, Order of the North Star, badge in gold and enamels, Order of Vasa, Gustav V Faithful Service Medal pair (badge in gold and enamels), Order of Vasa badges (2), one by Carlman in gold, with gilt fitment, the other in silver-gilt, and a silver breast star, Gustav V’s 70th Birthday, 1928, National Guard Medal, Gustav VI Adolf issue, in silver-gilt, hallmarked Stockholm, 1952; Society for Defenceless Animals silver medal, good very fine or better (10) £140-160

190 Turkey, Order of Nishani Iftihar, diamond-set badge, the gold centre formed from an Egyptian 5 qirsh of Abdul Mejid (1839-61), one stone lacking from the suspension, good very fine and very rare; together with Order of the Medjidjie, in silver, with gold and enamel centre and suspension and gold riband bar, central enamels chipped, very fine, a good quality mid 19th century piece (2) £350-400


192 U.S.A., Military Order of the Dragon, in gilt bronze, extremely fine and very rare £100-150


194 Vatican, miscellaneous orders, medals and decorations (6), comprising: Order of St. Sylvester, Order of St. Gregory, Lateran Cross, Pro Ecclesia Et Pontifice (2 - both types), Pro Deo et Pontifice Cross; together with two unofficial medals of Pius XII and John Paul II and San Marino, Order of St. Agatha, generally good very fine or better (9) £80-100

195 Range of African Orders, Medals and Decorations (21), the orders mainly in silver-gilt and enamels, the medals in silver, comprising: CHAD, National Order; ETHIOPIA (4), Order of the Trinity, in silver gilt and enamels; Order of the Star of Ethiopia, 1st and 3rd class badges, both in silver-gilt, and Military Merit Medal of St. George; GHANA (8), Distinguished Flying Medal, Distinguished Service Medal, Efficiency Decoration, Police Distinguished Service Order, Police Officer’s Long Service and Efficiency Medal, Police Long Service and Good Conduct, Prison Service Distinguished Service Order, Revolution Day Medal; LIBERIA, Order of African Redemption; LBYA, Order of Merit; MOROCCO, Order of the Throne; SUDAN (2), Order of the Republic (with additional suspension ring), Sudan Defence Force Distinguished Service Medal; TOGO, Order of Mono; UGANDA, Distinguished Service Order; ZANZIBAR, Order of the Brilliant Star, many extremely fine, the Sudan Defence Force D.S.M. and Zanzibar Order both rare (21) £250-350
Range of Asian Orders, Medals and Decorations (18), comprising: AFGHANISTAN, Order of Independence, Habibullah issue; BRUNEI, General Service Medal; INDIA, India-Pakistan War 1965; JAPAN (3), Order of the Rising Sun (2), 5th and 7th class, Order of the Sacred Treasure, 5th class; NEPAL (6), Order of Trishakti-Patta (2), in silver and enamels and in silver, Order of Gorkha-Dakshina-Bahu (4), in silver-gilt (2), in silver and gilt and in silver; PAKISTAN, Independence Medal 1948; THAILAND (5), Order of the White Elephant (3), type 1 and 2 badges and medal of the Order, Order of the Crown (2), type 1 badge and medal of the Order, many extremely fine (18) £200-250

Range of Middle Eastern Orders and Decorations (17), comprising: ABU DHABI (2), Defence Force Service Medal, Defence Force Medal, with clasp 1971-1976; IRAN, Order of Pahlavi, 2nd class; IRAQ (4), Order of al-Rafidain (2), Military Division, in silver-gilt and enamels, Civil Division, in gold and enamels, King Feisal War Medal, 1939-45 General Service Medal; JORDAN (4), Order of al-Nahda, Order of al-Kawakib, Order of al-Istiklal (2); LEBANON, Order of the Cedars, type 2; OMAN (2) General Service Medal, 1 clasp, Khunjar, Accession Medal AH 1390 (1970) and a riband for 15th Anniversary of Reign Medal; SYRIA (2), Order of Civil Merit (2 - one in gold and enamels); TURKEY, First World War Campaign Star, many very fine or better (17) £200-250

Range of South and Central American Orders, Medals and Decorations (20), comprising: ARGENTINA, Order of Merit, type 2; BOLIVIA (2), National Order of the Condor of the Andes, Order of Military Merit; BRAZIL (2), Order of the Southern Cross, type 2, Wound Medal; COLOMBIA, Order of Admiral Padilla; ECUADOR, Order of National Merit; EL SALVADOR, Order of José Matias Delgado; MEXICO (9), Order of the Aztec Eagle, War Crosses (3 - various grades), Red Cross Merit Decoration (3 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd classes), Naval Merit Medal, Defenders of the Republic 1836-48 Medal, 1867 issue; PERU (2), Distinguished Service Order, Aviation Cross; VENEZUELA, Order of Naval Merit, last in gold and enamels, very fine or better (20) £250-300

Sold with a 1970 reprint copy of Howard E. Gillingham, South American Decorations and War Medals.

Range of West Indian Orders, Medals and Decorations (8), comprising: CUBA, Order of Carlos Manuel de Cespedes; DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (2), Order of Christopher Columbus, Order of Trujillo; HAITI (5), Order of Education, 1st class, Order of Agricultural Merit (2), Officer’s and Knight’s medals, Médaille Militaire, and Military Merit Cross for 25 years’ Service, generally extremely fine (8) £100-150

An All-World Display Collection of Miniature Orders and Decorations (66), comprising: ALBANIA (2), Order of Skanderbeg, badge and star; ARGENTINA, Order of San Martin; AUSTRIA, Golden Merit Cross with Crown; BELGIUM (3), Order of Leopold I, Order of Leopold II, Order of the African Star; BOLIVIA, Order of the Condor; BRAZIL, Order of Aeronautical Merit; CHILE, Order of Merit; CHINA (2), Order of the Golden Grain, 8th class badge, Order of the Precious Tripod, 1st class badge; COLOMBIA, Order of Boyaca; CUBA, Order of Carlos J. Finlay; CZECHOSLOVAKIA, Order of the White Lion; DENMARK, Royal Medal for Recompense; ECUADOR, Order of Abdon Calderon; EGYPT, Order of the Nile; ETHIOPIA, Order of King Solomon’s Seal; FINLAND, Order of the White Rose; FRANCE (3), Order of the Cross of Fidelity, Légion d’honneur, Third Republic, Colonial Order of the Black Star of Benin; GERMANY, PRUSSIA, Order of the Crown, 4th class; GHANA, Armed Forces Distinguished Service Order; GREECE, Order of the Redeemer, GUATEMALA, Order of the Quetzal; HAITI, Order of National Merit; IRAQ, Order of the Lion and Sun, 4th class Military; IRAQ, Order of al-Rafidain; ITALY, Order of St. Maurice and St. Lazarus; IVORY COAST, National Order; JAPAN, Order of the Sacred Treasure; JORDAN, Order of al-Nahda; SOUTH KOREA, Order of Civil Merit; LIBYA, Order of Istiklal; LUXEMBURG, Order of the Golden Lion; MALAYSIA, TRENGGANU, Meritorious Service Medal; MEXICO, Order of the Aztec Eagle; MONACO, Order of Grimaldi; MONTENEGRO, Order of Danilo; MOROCCO, Order of Mohamed; MUSCAT AND OMAN, Bravery Medal; NETHERLANDS (2), Order of Orange-Nassau, Military Division; Order of St. John; NIGERIA, Order of the Niger, 3rd class; NORWAY, Order of St. Olav, Military Division; PERU, Distinguished Service Order; POLAND, Cross of Merit, Military Division; PORTUGAL, Order of Christ; ROUMANIA, Order of the Crown, Military Division; IMPERIAL RUSSIA, Order of St. Anne; SOVIET UNION, Order of Lenin; SERBIA, Order of the White Eagle, Military Division, post-1903 issue; SPAIN, Order of the Golden Fleece; SUDAN, Order of the Two Niles; SWEDEN, Order of the Sword; SYRIA, Order of Umayyad; THAILAND, Order of the Crown, Type 2; TUNISIA, Order of Nichan Ifikhar, All Bey issue; TURKEY, Order of Medjidieh; U.S.A., Distinguished Service Cross; VATICAN (2), Order of the Holy Sepulchre, Pro Ecclesia Cross, Type 1, set with pastes; VENEZUELA, Order of the Bust of Bolivar; YUGOSLAVIA, Order of the Flag, all housed in a glazed display frame, with identifications of each Order; including many pieces of high quality workmanship, generally extremely fine (66) £1,500-2,000

Other Properties

Miniature Groups (2): Eight, IMPERIAL RUSSIA, Order of St. Stanislaus; FRANCE, Médaille Militaire, Napoleon III issue; BELGIUM, Civic Decoration; FRANCE, Palmes Académiques, Order of Cambod, Colonial Medal, Croix de Guerre 1914-18; CZECHOSLOVAKIA, War Cross, 1918, mounted on a triple gilt chain; and Four, SWEDEN, Order of Vasa; MOROCCO, Order of Ouisam Alaout Cherifien; BULGARIA, Order of Civil Merit; Tunisia, Order of Nichan Ifikhar, mounted on bar; with other miniatures (4), FRANCE, Medaille Militaire, 3rd Republic; Anglo-French Society medal; MALTA, Order of Malta; VATICAN, Order of the Holy Sepulchre; and a reduced sized badge of the Prussian Red Eagle, in silver and enamels, many very fine (17) £300-350

Miniature British Campaign and Long Service Medals (11), comprising: Crimea 1854-56, 1 clasp, Sebastopol; Ashantee 1873-74, 1 clasp, Coomassie; South Africa 1877-79, 1 clasp, 1879; Egypt 1882-89, 1 clasp, Suakin 1885; Khedive’s Star 1882; Queen’s South Africa 1899-1902 (2), 2 clasps, Cape Colony, Orange Free State and 2 clasps, Transvaal, Orange Free State; 1914-15 Star, War and Victory Medals, with oak leaf clasp; Naval Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, Victoria issue, all contemporary, many very fine (11) £200-250

See also lot 262 for a well-provenanced Victorian miniature group.
Afghanistan, Habibullah, silver medal, with accession year AH 1337 (1919), arms of Afghanistan, rev., Persian inscription, original ribbon with blue central stripe, two green outer stripes and two inner yellow stripes, very fine [illustrated]; Turkey, Silver Imtiaz medal with AH 1332 (1914) bar, unnamed as issued, very fine, silver Kanuni Esasi medal, AH 1326 (1908), and Turkiye Kizilayi badge, by Paulmann and Crone of Ludenscheid, reverse impressed ‘142’, good very fine or better; together with Italy, African Campaign Medal, 1894, very fine (5) £150-200

‡205

Andorra, Merit Cross, in gilt and enamels, and Sphinx Cross, breast star, in silver, with gilt and enamel centre, this with various related warrants; together with miscellaneous all-World unofficial orders, medals, badges etc. (27), many very fine, and warrants for unofficial awards (8) (lot) £250-300

‡206

Annam, Order of the Dragon, Commander’s neck badge, by Fayolle of Paris, in silver-gilt and enamels, in case of issue, extremely fine £250-300

‡207

Austria, Order of the Golden Fleece, a good quality collector’s copy of a neck badge, in silver-gilt and enamels, extremely fine £500-600

‡208

Belgium, Order of Leopold, Military Division, Commander’s neck badge, in gold and enamels, right hind leg of lion in central medallion lacking, otherwise good very fine; Order of the Crown, Commander’s neck badge, by Walravens of Brussels, Commander’s neck badge, in silver-gilt and enamels; Order of Leopold II, bilingual issue, Officer’s breast badge, in silver-gilt with enamel centre; Croix de Guerre, Albert I issue, with two palms and two lions on ribbon, Order of the Crown in damaged case of issue, very fine or better; with Luxembourg, Order of the Oaken Crown, Knight’s breast badge, in silver-gilt and enamels, good very fine (5) £300-350

‡209

Bulgaria, Marriage of Prince Ferdinand to Marie-Louise of Parma, 1893, Gold Medal with Crown (Romanoff 255), extremely fine and very rare £300-400
‡210
Bulgaria, Order of St. Alexander, Ferdinand I issue, Commander’s neck badge, by Kretly of Paris, in case of issue, good very fine; together with 1915-18 War Medal, with military ribbon, extremely fine (2) £200-250

211
Bulgaria, Order of Civil Merit, 3rd class neck badge, in silver-gilt and enamels, in case of issue with Boris III cipher, extremely fine £80-120

‡212
Bulgaria, Order of Madarski Konnik, 1st class neck badge, in silver-gilt and enamels, with related miniature, in [damaged] case of issue, extremely fine (2) £200-250

‡213
Finland, Order of the White Rose, Commander’s neck badge, by Tillander, in silver-gilt and enamels, in case of issue, good very fine; and Norway, Order of St. Olav, Knight’s breast badge, in gold and enamels, chipped, about very fine (2) £200-250

‡214
France, Order of St. Louis, Knight’s breast badge, 1815-30 issue, in gold and enamels, lis in angles missing, chipped, good fine £80-120

215
France, Légion d’Honneur, 5th Republic, Officer’s breast badge, by Arthus Bertrand of Paris, in silver-gilt and enamels, in case of issue, with related fitment, extremely fine £60-80

Sold with original warrant date 25 March 1963 to MANUEL DE ARAOZ, Mexican Consul.

‡216
France, miscellaneous orders (8), all Officer’s breast badges unless otherwise stated, comprising: Légion d’Honneur, 4th Republic, National Order of Merit, Order of Agricultural Merit, Order of Maritime Merit, Palmes Académiques (2), Officer’s and Knight’s, Order of Social Merit, Order of Arts and Letters, first two of unofficial manufacture, good very fine or better (8) £200-300

‡217
France, miscellaneous medals (11), comprising: Médaille Militaire, 3rd Republic (3); Revolution of 1830; St. Helena Medal; 1870 small bronze, with clasp Engagé Volontaire; 1870-71, trophy of arms commemorative; Colonial Medal, 1 clasp, Tunisie; World War II Volunteers; Prisoners-of-War; National Defence, in gilt metal; Ministry of Social Affairs, gilt medal, eng. J. Ubiali 1969, last in case of issue, very fine or better, with a warrant for the Colonial Medal dated 1896 (11) £150-200

‡218
France, Third Republic, badges for the Chamber of Deputies and the Council of State, both in silver-gilt and enamels, second slightly chipped, good very fine (2) £120-150

‡219
French Colonial, miscellaneous orders (4), all Officers’ breast badges in silver, gilt and enamels, comprising: Order of the Black Star of Benin, Order of Cambodia; Order of Nichan el-Anouar; and Federation Thai Order of Civil Merit, good very fine or better, the last rare (4) £250-300

220
Germany, Mounted Group: Eight, Iron Cross 1914, War Commemorative Cross with Swords, by N. & H., Colonial Campaign Medal, Officers Cross for 25 Years, Civil Merit Medal in silver, Centenary Medal 1897, BELGIUM, silver Veteran’s Merit Cross, TURKEY, Visit of the Kaiser to Constantinople, 1889, in bronze, mounted Prussian style, very fine (8) £200-300

221
Germany, Mounted Groups (3), comprising: Six, Iron Cross 1939, BAVARIA, Military Merit Cross, 3rd class with Swords, War Commemorative Cross with Swords, by W. & L. M., War Merit Cross 2nd Class with Swords 1939, Armed Forces Long Service medal for 4 years, Winter Campaign in Imperial Russia 1941-42; Three, BAVARIA, Military Merit Cross, 3rd class with Swords, Iron Cross 1914, BAVARIA, Long Service Medal 3rd class for 9 years; Three, War Commemorative Cross, by L.C.M., Police Long Service Cross 1938, 1st class for 25 years, AUSTRIA, War Commemorative, all mounted for wearing; and with single medals (5), comprising: Iron Cross 1939, 1st class, unmarked, this in case of issue; War Commemorative Cross with Swords, by P.L.S.; War Merit Cross 2nd class with Swords 1939; Winter Campaign in Imperial Russia 1941-42; and Cross of Honour of the German Mother, 1st class, 2nd type, many good very fine or better (17) £180-220
Germany, Saxony, Knight's breast badge in gold and enamels; Hamburg, Hansa Cross; Third Reich, Cross of Honour of the German Mother, 2nd class, 2nd type; Austria, Order of Franz Joseph, Knight's breast badge, by Mayer, with star hallmark, in gilt and enamels; Golden Cross of Merit; Signum Laudis Medal; Officer's Long Service Decoration, with silver eagle, generally good very fine (7) £250-300

Italy, Order of St. Maurice and St. Lazarus, Commander's neck badge, in gold and enamels, and Order of the Crown, Commander's neck badge, in gold and enamels, very fine and better; Order of Merit of the Italian Republic, Commander's neck badge, by Stefano Johnson, in silver-gilt and enamels and Knight's breast badge, by Gioielleria, in silver, gilt and enamels, both cased, with related fittings, extremely fine; with Order of Vittorio Veneto and 1915-18 War Medal, extremely fine (6) £300-350

Malta, Merit Order, Military Division, Commander's neck badge, by Gioielleria of Rome, in silver, gilt and enamels, in case of issue, extremely fine, with related miniature; Greece, Order of the Redeemer, type 2, Knight's breast badge, in silver-gilt and enamels, together with War Cross 1940, 3rd class and 1941-45 commemorative, good very fine (4) £180-220

Monaco, Order of St. Charles, Albert I issue (1899-1922), Officer's breast badge, by Bronfort of Monaco, in gold and enamels, in case of issue, chipped, very fine and Knight's breast badge, post-1950, by Aubert of Paris, in silver and enamels, in case of issue, good very fine (2) £180-220

Portugal, Order of the Three Bands, breast star, circa 1900, in silver, with appliqué centre in gold and enamels and with upper enamelled Sacred Heart, 71.5 mm., extremely fine and very rare £2,000-2,500

Portugal, Order of the Tower and Sword, Knight's breast badge, in gold and enamels, of English manufacture, circa 1820, with original gold swivel suspension bar and a contemporary floriate gold ribbon buckle, minor chips to green enamels on wreath, extremely fine £1,500-1,800

Portugal, Order of the Tower and Sword, Knight's breast badge, in gold and enamels, of English manufacture, circa 1820, with original swivel-ring suspension and a modern ribbon buckle, chip on reverse wreath, extremely fine £1,000-1,200

Portugal, Order of Christ, Commander's breast star, by Boulanger of Paris, in silver, with gilt and enamel centre, and Officer's breast badge, in silver and enamels; with Order of Aviz, Grand Cross breast star, in silver, with enamel centre, good very fine (3) £250-300

Persia, Order of the Lion and Sun, Civil Division, 4th class breast star, in silver, with enamel centre; Tunisia, Order of Nichan Iftikhar, Mohammed al Sadok issue (1859-82), Officer's breast badge, in silver and enamels; Lebanon, silver medal for Honour and Devotion, and Lebanese Legion, Vice-President's badge; together with 2 silver Abbasid dirhams and a Salzburg quarter-ducat, 1688, last pierced, otherwise very fine (4) £150-180
‡231
**Poland,** Order of Polonia Restituta, Grand Commander’s set of insignia, comprising neck badge, in silver-gilt and enamels, and breast star, in silver, with gilt and enamel centre, *in case of issue, with related fitments, extremely fine* (3) £250-300

‡232
**Roumania,** Order of the Star, type 1, Civil Division, by Resch of Bucharest, Grand Cross breast star, in silver, with gilt and enamel centre, *minor chips to centre, otherwise good very fine;* Order of the Crown, type 1, Military Division, Knight’s breast badge, in silver and enamels, *centre chipped, very fine* and type 2, Civil Division, Officer’s breast badge, in silver-gilt and enamels, *extremely fine* (3) £250-300

**IMPERIAL RUSSIA**

The following 16 lots all come from the collection of Russian Orders and Decorations formed by Dr. Herbert Foerster (1913-1996). The collection was sold by Sotheby’s London, 11 May 1999.

233
**Order of St. Alexander Nevsky,** sash badge, in gold and black enamels, by ЫО (?) of St. Petersburg, 53 mm., fitted with later swords and a replacement centre incorrectly showing the horseman riding right, sash loop lacking, very fine £1,000-1,500

Ex Foerster Collection, lot 18.

234
**Order of the White Eagle,** sash badge, in gold and enamels, by Eduard of St. Petersburg, 1908-17, 89 x 62 mm., suspension altered and fitted with (removable) later swords of incorrect pattern, typical restoration to the blue enamel of the scroll, about extremely fine £4,000-6,000

Ex Foerster Collection, lot 33.

235
**Order of the White Eagle,** breast star, in silver-gilt, by Keibel of St. Petersburg, with pre-1896 hallmark, the gilt and enamel centre of Provisional Government type (and therefore, presumably, an Imperial piece modified for Provisional Government issue), 88 mm., *with unofficial ‘surmounted’ crossed swords added, extremely fine* £800-1,000

Ex Foerster Collection, lot 40.

236
**Order of St. George,** 2nd class neck badge, in gold and enamels, by Rothe of Vienna, without hallmark, 43 mm., *solidly constructed, extremely fine* £400-600

Ex Foerster Collection, lot 58.
237
**Order of St. George**, 4th class neck badge, in silver-gilt and enamels, probably mid-19th century but without hallmark and not of Russian manufacture, 30 mm., **test-marked, very fine**; together with reproductions of St. George badges (3), all in gold and enamels, representing a 3rd class neck badge and 4th class breast badges (2), these for '25 Years' and for '18 Deep Sea Voyages', **about extremely fine (4)** £500-1,000

Ex Foerster Collection, lots 46, 48, 49 and 50.

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238
**Order of St. Vladimir**, 4th class breast badge, issued for 20 Naval Campaigns (with inscriptions on both sides), in gold and enamels, 1908-1917, by Eduard of St. Petersburg, 1908-17, 35 mm., **later swords added [and these not hallmarked], some chipping to enamel at reverse centre, good very fine** £800-1,200

Ex Foerster Collection, lot 80.

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239
**Order of St. Stanislaus**, Military Division, sash badge, in gold, with silver-gilt swords, by Albert Keibel of St. Petersburg, pre-1896, 64 mm, **lower left sword has been refixed, good very fine**; together with sash £1,200-1,500

Ex Foerster Collection, lot 146 (part).

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240
**Order of St. Stanislaus**, [Military Division], breast star, in silver, with gilt and enamel centre and gilt reverse, by Keibel, pre-1896, 87.5 mm., **gilt swords added at a later date, good very fine** £500-700

Ex Foerster Collection, lot 146 (part).

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241
**Order of St. Stanislaus**, Military Division, breast star, in silver, with gilt and enamel centre and gilt swords, by Keibel, late 19th century, 89 mm., **fitted with later, unofficial additional 'surmounted' swords and Imperial crown, slight chipping to green enamel, good very fine** £600-800

Ex Foerster Collection, lot 145.
242 **Order of St. Stanislaus**, Military Division, breast star, in silver, with gilt and enamel centre, gilt swords and gilt reverse, by Keibel, late 19th century, 93 mm., fitted with later, unofficial Imperial crown, extremely fine £600-800

Ex Foerster Collection, lot 144.

243 **Order of St. Stanislaus**, Military Division, breast star, by Eduard of St. Petersburg, workmaster IL, 1908-17, breast star, in silver, with gilt and enamel centre, gilt swords and gilt reverse, 89 mm., with later, unofficial 'surmounted' additional swords, extremely fine £600-800

Ex Foerster Collection, lot 148.

244 **Order of St. Stanislaus**, Military Division, an assembled or composite breast star, the silver rays of German style applied with Keibel-type silver-gilt swords, the central medallion of good quality, in silver-gilt and enamels with gold legend and wreath, silver backplate bearing the hallmark of M. Sokolov, 83 mm., good very fine £300-500

Ex Foerster Collection, lot 149.

245 **Order of St. Stanislaus**, Military Division, 2nd class neck badge, in gold and enamels (enamels on both sides), by Dmitri Osipov of St. Petersburg, circa 1900, the central medallion of unusual style with (on obverse) applied ‘ss’ monogram in gold and enamel within an enamelled silver wreath, 52 mm., minor loss to one eagle, very fine, mounted on a rosette-style ribbon for wearing from a button or stud, very fine £800-1,200

Ex Foerster Collection, lot 156.
246
**Order of St. Stanislaus**, 1st class breast star, by Keibel of St. Petersburg, mid-19th century, in silver, with gilt and enamel centre and gilt reverse, 92 mm., *fitted with later, unofficial additional 'surmounted' swords and Imperial crown, extremely fine*

£500-700

Ex Foerster Collection, lot 143.

247
**Order of St. Stanislaus**, Military Division, Non-Christian issue, 2nd class neck badge by Eduard and 3rd class neck badge by Dmitri Osipov, 1916-17, both in bronze-gilt and enamels, 48 mm. and 39.5 mm., *with replacement centres, good very fine or extremely fine (2)*

£200-300

Ex Foerster Collection, lots 158 and 160.

248
**Order of St. Stanislaus**, 1st class breast star, by Keibel of St. Petersburg, in silver, fitted with a good quality gilt and enamel centre by another maker, gilt reverse, 87.5 mm., *fitted with a later, unofficial Imperial crown, extremely fine*

£700-1,000

Ex Foerster Collection, lot 162.

+249
**Order of St. Stanislaus**, Civil Division, 2nd class neck badge, by Eduard of St. Petersburg, in gold and enamels, *good very fine*

£450-500

Other Properties

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**Imperial Russia**, Coronation of Alexander II, Moscow 1856, gold medal of 30 ducats weight, by Lialin and Kutchkin, bare-headed bust right, *rev., Imperial eagle (Smirnov 603), loosely fitted into a modern ring mount, a few surface marks, otherwise extremely fine and rare [total wt. 119.30 g all in]*

£3,500-4,500

Ex Sotheby's Russian sale, 15/16 December 1995, lot 90.
San Marino, Order of St. Agatha, Commander’s neck badge, in silver-gilt and enamels, good very fine; with Vatican, Knight’s breast badges (2). of the Order of St. Gregory and of the Order of St. Sylvester, very fine (3) £250-300

Serbia, Order of the White Eagle, Grand Cross breast star, in silver-gilt, with gilt and enamel centre; and Order of St. Sava, Knight’s breast badge, in silver-gilt and enamels, generally good very fine (2) £350-400

Spain, Order of Charles III, Commander’s breast star, in silver, with gold, silver and enamel centre; Order of Isabella the Catholic, Commander’s breast star, in silver-gilt and enamels; Order of Maria Christina, 2nd class breast star, in silver, with gilt and enamel centre, good very fine; Order of Cisneros, breast star, in silver-gilt and enamels, central eagle lacking (4) £300-350

Sweden, Order of the Sword, Knight’s breast badge, in gold and enamels; Order of the North Star, Knight’s breast badge, in gold and enamels; Order of St. Bridget, Knight’s breast badge, in silver-gilt and enamels, extremely fine (3) £300-350

Tunisia, Order of Nichan Iftikhar, Mohammed al Hadi issue (1902-06), Commander’s neck badge, in silver and enamels, good very fine £180-220

Sold with an original warrant (and translation) to Paul Chouvenal, dated 1909.

Turkey, Order of the Medjidjie, 3rd class neck badge, in silver, with gold and enamel centre, good very fine £300-350

U.S.A., Legion of Merit, Legionnaire’s breast badge, extremely fine, in case of issue, with related fitments; American Campaign Medal 1941-45; Ireland, Emergency Service Medal 1939-46, Defence Force issue, with two additional service bars; Imperial Russia, Crimea Medal 1853-56; Soviet Union, Order of the Patriotic War, 1st class badge (823592), 2nd class badge (2945714), Order of the Red Star (2545262), Order of Glory, 3rd class badge (266732), and a Soviet soldier’s beret with 36 anodized aluminium badges and 3 cloth flashes applied; with Great Britain, modern copies of C.B., D.S.O. (George V type) and Military Medal (George VI type), very fine or better (lot) £200-250

Various African Orders (11), all Knight’s breast badges unless otherwise stated, comprising: Chad, National Order; Dahomey, National Order; Ethiopia, Order of the Star; Gabon, Order of the Equatorial Star; Ivory Coast, National Order, Officer’s breast badge; Liberia (2), Order of the Star of Africa and Order of African Redemption; Malagasy, National Order; Mali, National Order; Senegal, Order of the 20th August; and Togo, National Order of Honour, generally extremely fine (11) £350-400

Various Asian Orders and Decorations (6), comprising: Cambodia, Order of Muniseraphon, Knight’s breast badge; Japan, Order of the Rising Sun, 6th class breast badge; Laos, Order of the Million Elephants and the White Parasol, Knight’s breast badge; Thailand, Order of the White Elephant, Officer’s breast badge; Vietnam, National Order, Knight’s breast badge, and Army Gallantry Cross, good very fine or better (6) £200-250

Various South American and other Orders (7), comprising: Bolivia, Order of the Condor of the Andes, breast star, by Bertrand of Paris, in silver-gilt and enamels; Brazil, Order of the Southern Cross, Officer’s Breast badge, in silver and enamels; Colombia, Order of Boyaca, Knight’s breast badge, in silver and enamels, Air Force Cross, in silver, gilt and enamels; Haiti, National Order of Honour and Merit, Knight’s breast badge, in silver and enamels; Paraguay, National Order of Merit, Knight’s breast badge in silver-gilt and enamels; and Venezuela, Order of the Bust of Bolivar, Knight’s breast badge, in silver-gilt and enamels, third, fifth and last chipped, generally good very fine (7) £350-400
A Well-Documented ‘Great Game’ Waziristan C.B. and Miranzai Expedition D.S.O. Group: Seven: Major and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel, and Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General for Intelligence, Alexander Herbert Mason R.E. [once considered a possible model for the character of Colonel Creighton in Rudyard Kipling’s "Kim"], comprising: Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Companion’s breast badge, hallmarked 1877, in gold and enamels; Distinguished Service Order, Victoria issue, in silver-gilt and enamels; Afghanistan 1878-80, no clasp (Lieut.); Egypt 1882-89, reverse undated, no clasp (Capt.); India General Service 1854-95, 4 clasps, Hazara 1888, Hazara 1891, Samana 1891, Waziristan 1894-1895 (Capt.); Khedive’s Star 1884-86; and Francis Fowke Memorial Medal (A. H. Mason, Lieutenant R.E.), C.B., D.S.O. and Fowke Medal all in cases of issue, others mounted for wearing, extremely fine (7) £6,000-8,000

C.B.: London Gazette, 2 July 1895, for Waziristan Expedition 1894-95.

D.S.O.: London Gazette, 19 November 1891, for Miranzai Expedition.

Major-General J. W. McQueen’s despatches, London Gazette, 8 December 1888: "I desire to mention Captain A. H. Mason, Deputy Assistant Quarter-Master General for Intelligence, whose exertions in collecting information regarding the countries and tribes have been of the greatest assistance to me, and under whose direction the survey works on the Black Mountain and at Machai were conducted. I have the highest opinion of him as a staff officer and practical soldier."

Major-General Sir G. S. White’s despatches, London Gazette, 18 May 1891: "Captain A. H. Mason, Royal Engineers, Deputy Assistant Quarter-Master for Intelligence, rendered me willing and valuable assistance."

Brigadier-General Sir W. S. A. Lockhart’s despatches, London Gazette 15 September 1891: "Captain A.H. Mason, Royal Engineers has a second time this year been my Deputy Assistant Quarter-Master General for Intelligence in the Orakzai country. This talented officer is an expert as regards frontier tribes and topography and I attribute a great deal of my success to the accurate information he has always been able to give me on these points. In any other field his clear head and sound judgement would make him conspicuously valuable."

Major-General W.K. Elles’ despatches, London Gazette, 20 October 1891: "Captain A.H. Mason, Royal Engineers was of Great assistance as Deputy Assistant Quarter-Master for Intelligence in procuring information, and his previous knowledge of the country was most valuable."

Major-General Sir W. S. A. Lockhart’s despatches, Isazai Field Force, 1892 (not gazetted): "The Intelligence Branch was well represented by Captain A.H. Mason D.S.O., Royal Engineers, who, as on former occasions, distinguished himself by the thoroughness of his reconnaissance and the reliability of his reports."

Brigadier-General A. H. Turner’s despatches, London Gazette, 14 June 1895: "Lieutenant-Colonel A.H. Mason, D.S.O., Deputy Assistant Quarter-Master for Intelligence has been of inestimable service to me, not only for his intimate knowledge of the frontier and the tribes, but also in matters outside his own department."

Lieutenant-General Sir W. S. A. Lockhart’s despatches, London Gazette, 2 July 1895: "Lieutenant-Colonel A.H. Mason, D.S.O., Royal Engineers, Deputy Assistant Quarter-Master for Intelligence, already brought to notice by myself on three previous occasions, has again proved himself all that a staff officer should be. My task would have been a very much more arduous one had I not the benefit of his advice, based on thorough acquaintance with all that could be known of the Waziris and their country. Apart from his special intimacy with North-West Frontier matters, he has every qualification for a high position on the staff."
LIEUTENANT-COLONEL ALEXANDER HERBERT MASON was born at Sydenham, Surrey in June 1856. He was educated at Henley and in 1873 joined the Royal Engineers. He was commissioned into the Corps in February 1875, the commission being pre-dated to August of the previous year. He studied at the School of Military Engineering, Chatham and distinguished himself by winning the Fowke medal in 1877.

After leaving Chatham he was employed in the War Office. In 1878 he was sent to the Berlin Conference, nominally to improve his German. At the end of the year he embarked for India, arriving just as the Second Afghan War broke out. He was posted to the 2nd Company, Bengal Sappers and Miners at Jellalabad. He arrived too late to see much fighting and was mainly engaged in field engineering involving the construction of roads. Following the Treaty of Gandamak in June 1879, the 2nd Company began the return to India, the march taking place in the hottest of weather. Cholera raged through the troops and the mortality rate was appalling. Mason was one of the last to leave the plains for the cooler Khyber Pass, and for a time he was the only officer in his Company.

The Company was subsequently stationed at Lundi Khotal. Conditions were far from ideal and the climate was little better than that on the plain. Mason could have taken leave but allowed others to go before him. As a result he contracted dysentery, and was therefore forced to leave the camp for cooler conditions. No sooner had he gone on leave than news of the Cavagnari massacre re-opened the war. He hurried back to rejoin his Company, although he was severely ill and quite unfit to take part in campaigning. He was ordered home to England.

He returned to India after about a year's leave and was appointed Assistant Engineer to the Military Works Branch of the Punjab Works Department. His health again broke down and he was transferred to the Defence Committee at Simla. In 1882 he was appointed Private Secretary and A.D.C. to the new Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab, Sir Charles Aitchison. On the outbreak of the Anglo-Egyptian War later that year, Mason volunteered for service with the Indian contingent but at the last moment the force of engineers with the contingent was reduced and, being one of the junior officers, he was left out. The same year he was awarded the United Services Institution of India Gold Medal, for an essay entitled The strategic measures best adapted for enabling our troops to meet an army provided with artillery and all the modern arms of precision beyond our North-West Frontier.

His employment on Sir Charles Aitchison's staff terminated in 1884. He was given special work in Lahore to update the official Record of Expeditions against the North-West Frontier Tribes by Lieutenant-Colonel Paget. He finished the work within a year, and it was afterwards known as 'Paget and Mason'.

In March 1885 he returned to England; soon after his arrival, he was posted to the 11th Field Company in Egypt. He commanded a detachment on the Upper Nile, taking part in the operations of the Sudan Frontier Field Force, returning to England in the spring of 1886. He was posted to the command of A Company at the School of Mechanical Engineering. The following year he commanded a Company on duty in London during the Queen's Golden Jubilee celebrations. In October 1887 he embarked for India, and on arrival was temporarily attached to the Intelligence Branch of the Quarter-Master General's Department, under Colonel M. S. Bell, V.C.. From this time almost until his death, the story of his active career was the history of British military expeditions on the North-West Frontier. The only expedition in which he did not participate was Chitral (because he was already serving in Waziristan).

His first expedition was up the Gumal pass in 1888. The pass had not been fully surveyed, and a small party, consisting of four officers was sent under tribal escort to examine it. The expedition almost ended in disaster owing to treachery on behalf of the escort but they were able to get clear without loss. Soon afterwards the Black Mountain tribes killed two British officers and many of their escort in the Hazara district. Major-General Sir John McQueen organized an expedition against them. Mason was appointed to his staff as D.A.Q.M.G. for Intelligence. He took part in the ascent to the crest of the Black Mountain and was present at the destruction of the Seri villages. Operations were carried out in mountainous country of exceptional difficulty, often in dense forest, and against an enemy who knew how to take the best advantage of natural obstacles. He took part in the reconnaissance up to the Machai Peak, in the operations against the Parari Saiads and on the march to Thakot, and he was present at the capture and destruction of Pokal, stronghold of the Allai tribe.

In 1890 Mason took part in Sir George White's expedition in the newly acquired territory of the Zhob Valley, against the Kidderzai Sheranis. He commanded No. 3 Column in the first advance from the Zhob Valley, although his regular appointment, as before, was as Intelligence Officer.
Towards the close of 1890 it became necessary to launch an expedition in the Kohat district. The Orakzai tribe had been raiding into British territory around Hangu from the Miranazai Valley. The General in command was Sir William Lockhart, and Mason was once again appointed Staff Officer for Intelligence. Thanks to his daring reconnaissances, the last movements of an enemy thoroughly at home amongst his native hills were able to be ascertained. The demands of the government were agreed to by the refractory tribes for the time being. Mason was now free to leave and take part in another small war in the Black Mountain, under the command of Sir W. Elles. His previous knowledge of the country and the various tribes was most valuable.

The Orakzais revolted again and had managed to form an alliance with some of their neighbouring tribes. They had driven back the British outposts and were in possession of the Samana range, overlooking the Hangu Valley. Sir William Lockhart, accompanied by Mason, was despatched to settle matters. The Samana range was recaptured and the enemy driven back beyond the frontier. On 22-23 April 1891 there was a hard contest near the village of Tilli. Colonel Egerton was wounded; Mason took his place and was for some time Lockhart’s chief staff officer. For his services in this campaign he was awarded the Distinguished Service Order and a brevet of Lieutenant-Colonel.

In April 1892 he returned home and during this period became engaged to Miss Eva Biddulph, eldest daughter of the Governor of Gibraltar. He had only been home a short time when he received the offer of a permanent post to the Intelligence Branch in India (despite his brilliant war services, his appointment had hitherto been only temporary). Accordingly he returned to India in June and soon afterwards served with Lockhart in the Isazai Campaign, a war which was ended quite quickly. On 10 April 1893 he was married at Baroda, settling with his bride in Simla.

In October 1894 he was once again on active service. After the Durand Mission at Kabul, several border questions had to be settled, amongst which were the boundaries of British territory near the country of the Mahsud Waziris. A delimitation party was detailed with a strong escort, under Brigadier-General Turner. Mason was appointed D.A.Q.M.G. for Intelligence. The Waziris appeared to be peaceable at first but, on 3 November 1894, they saw an opportunity to settle old scores when the escort was encamped on the edge of the Wana plain. In the middle of the night the tribes came swooping in on the camp, intending to kill everyone. Among those who fell on this occasion was Lieutenant Macaulay R.E., who was attacked by five assailants at once and later found dead with two of his assailants lying beside him. Lockhart was sent for, and peace was restored with the usual terms of submission. The operations lasted from December 1894 until March 1895; had they concluded earlier, Mason would no doubt have joined the Chitral Expedition. For his services in this - his final campaign - he was made a Companion of the Bath.

Early in 1896 he began a tour of inspection of the Frontier with the Quartermaster-General, and had returned to Simla prior to proceeding to Chitral. This trip, combined with a reconnaissance he had made through little-known country from the Indus River to the neighbourhood of Quetta, would have provided him with material for a book. For his services in this campaign he was awarded the Distinguished Service Order and a brevet of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Colonel Mason’s name was proposed (by his nephew, Brigadier Alexander Mason, M.C.) as a possible inspiration for Kipling’s character Colonel Creighton in Kim (see The Kipling Society, Reader’s Guide to the Works of Rudyard Kipling, vol. I, pp. 264-270 (1961)). Subsequent researchers, notably Peter Hopkirk, have argued convincingly that the life and career of Colonel Thomas Montgomerie provides a more likely contender; see (inter alia) Hopkirk’s Quest for Kim: In search of Kipling’s Great Game (O.U.P., 1997). The topic was also examined by Mike Shaw, Colonel Creighton, Colonel Montgomerie, Kim and the Pundits at the O.M.S.A. Convention, Sacramento, 2004. There are nevertheless clear parallels between Mason and the fictional Creighton.

The lot is offered with a substantial archive of original documentation, comprising:

- Original warrant for the Companion of the Bath, dated 7 August 1895;
- Original warrant and statutes for the Distinguished Service Order, dated 19 November 1891;
- Original commission, dated 1 August 1877;
- School of Military Engineering certificates for Signalling, 1875, Field Fortification, 1875 and Military Topography 1876;
- Examination for Promotion Certificate for the rank of Major, 1887 and a copy of the examination results;
- Statements of Service for 1875, 1892 and 1895 and Annual Report,1895;
- Proceedings of the Bombay Board of Medical Officers, 25 February 1880, ordering Mason to return to England due to the effects of Dysentery;
- Letter from the Office of the Adjutant General in India, 8 July 1882, selecting Mason for duty in Egypt;
- Letter from the Office of the Quarter-Master General In India, 25 December 1883, signed by C. M. Macgregor, informing Mason that there are no vacancies in the paid attachéships of the Intelligence. The letter ends: “If you are ever game for a little exploration let me know ...”;
- Two letters from the Secretary to Government, Punjab, Military Department, first dated 24 February 1886, concerning his revised edition of Paget’s Record of Expeditions against the tribes of the North Western Frontier, from which the following extract is taken: “This work, it will be remembered, was undertaken by Captain Mason without any remuneration, and it thus became the property of the government at the mere cost of its publication. It has involved a very large amount of labour, including an entire reconstruction of Colonel Paget’s book, besides bringing up the history of each tribe to the present date, supplying much fresh matter, and many excellent maps and sketches.” The second letter, dated 26th April 1886, conveys acknowledgement by the Government of India;
- A share certificate in Mason’s name, 26 January 1887, for 300 shares in Simson and Mason Ltd.;
- Letter from Mason, 12 September 1887, volunteering for a 5-year second tour of service in India, with the approval by Colonel Bevan Edwards;
- Letter from his father-in-law, 1 November 1892, listing various bequests made to Mason;
- Two letters, 18 July and 3 August 1894, concerning Mason’s exchange with Major J. H. C. Harrison;
- Letter from the Office of Quarter-Master General in India, Intelligence Branch, 26 September 1895, exempting Mason from the Lieutenant-Colonel’s examination;
- Memorandum for additions of pay to Mason for 1-8 May 1896;
- Account of Probate of Mason’s estate;
- A bound copy of Mason’s obituary published in the Royal Engineers Journal, 1 August 1896;
- Several copies of service records, mentions in despatches and newspaper obituary notices;
- A photograph album containing many portraits of his fellow officers (including three of the Prince Imperial), members of his family, and some of India (including Simla);
- A portrait photograph of Mason, and an envelope of photographs taken of the North West Frontier;
- Two letters addressed to Mason’s daughter from the Institute of Royal Engineers, December 1958 and February 1959, concerning the dedication of his memorial tablet in the Garrison Church, Chatham;
- Correspondence from the National Army Museum, August-November 1978, concerning Mason’s diaries, with a letter of acknowledgement following the donation of 10 volumes, 15 September 1978.

See also front cover illustration and the following lot (dress miniatures).
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**Miniatures: Lieutenant-Colonel A.H. Mason’s Dress Miniatures** (6), comprising Companion of the Bath, in gold and enamels, D.S.O., Victoria, in silver-gilt and enamels, Afghanistan 1878-80, no clasp, Egypt 1882-89, no clasp, India General Service 1854-95, 4 clasps, Hazara 1888, Hazara 1891, Samana 1891, Waziristan, 1894-1895, Khedive’s star 1882, mounted for wearing, the Waziristan clasp not riveted on the I.G.S., extremely fine (6) £250-300

See footnotes to preceding lot.

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**A Great War Distinguished Service Order Group:** Six, **Lieutenant Colonel Cecil Gustave Bradley, 5th Bn. K.O.Y.L.I, late Vol. Coy. Rl. Lanc. Regt.**, comprising: Distinguished Service Order, George V; Queen’s South Africa, 1899-1902, 2 clasps, Transvaal, South Africa 1902 (Lieut, Vol. Coy. Rl. Lanc. Regt) second clasp a tailor’s copy; 1914-15 Star (Maj.); War Medal; Victory Medal, with Oak Leaf for Mention in Despatches; Territorial Decoration, George V, hallmarked 1913 (unnamed as issued), mounted for wearing, good extremely fine, together with related miniatures; also offered with a copy photograph (illustrated) (12) £1,200-1,500

An Order of the Bath, Great War Order Of St Michael and St. George, Distinguished Service Order and Order of the British Empire Group: Twelve, Major General Harold Percy Waller Barrow, R.A.M.C., comprising: Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Companion’s neck badge, in silver-gilt and enamels; The Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St. George, Companion’s neck badge, in silver-gilt and enamels; Distinguished Service Order, George V; Order of the British Empire, Military Division, type 1, Officer’s breast badge, hallmarked 1919; Queen’s South Africa 1899-1902, 3 clasps, Cape Colony, Orange Free State, Transvaal; King’s South Africa 1901-02, 2 clasps (Capt.); War Medal; Victory Medal, with Oak Leaf for Mention in Despatches; India General Service 1908-35, 1 clasp, Afghanistan N.W.F. 1919 (Col.); Belgium, Order of the Crown, Officer’s breast badge, in silver-gilt and enamels; Thailand, Order of the Crown, 2nd Class set of insignia, comprising neck badge and breast star, in silver, gilt and enamels, the Queen’s South Africa engraved in italics, third to tenth mounted court-style, good very fine or better; also offered with a copy photograph (illustrated) (12) £2,500-3,000


D.S.O.: London Gazette, 1 January 1918 (general citation).


MAJOR-GENERAL H. P. W. BARROW entered the R.A.M.C. in 1898 after qualifying at Guy’s Hospital, London. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 1899, Captain, 1902, Major 1910, Lieutenant-Colonel 1915, Director of Hygiene and Pathology, Army Headquarters, India, 1919-22, and Honorary Surgeon to the Viceroy of India, 1919-23. In 1922 he was promoted to Colonel and in 1926 he became Honorary Surgeon to George V, with promotion to Major-General.

On his retirement in 1930 he became Health Officer of Antigua, a post he held until 1933. From 1943-52 he was a Commissioner of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea and between 1941 and 1946 he acted as Colonel Commandant of the R.A.M.C.

He was also one of Sir William MacPherson’s assistant editors for the twelve volumes of the Medical History of the first World War 1914-18.

Born on 30 June 1876, he died at the age of 81 on 20 December, 1957.


Military Cross: London Gazette, 18 July 1917: ”Temp. Sec. Lt. SYDNEY THEODORE JEROME, R. Fus. - Although slightly wounded, he continued to assist in collecting and organizing men who had advanced beyond the objective. Later he was severely wounded, but bravely continued his work until removed by the stretcher-bearers.”
Sold on behalf of Friends of the Earth.

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Second World War British Empire Medal, Military Division, George VI, type 1, **5529633 Sgt. Eric C. Jones, R.A.F.,** in original card box of issue extremely fine

London Gazette: New Year Honours, 1942: "This N.C.O. has been employed on Synthetic Training Development Work for the last year at the R.A.F. Station, Dumfries and at this unit (5 A.O.S.), combining a high technical capability with a capacity for hard work, he has been responsible for the development of the Synthetic Training Equipment and the construction of it in quantity for use in all units in the group. Without his untiring energy it would not have been possible to complete the large quantity of equipment required for the Synthetic Training of air gunners and air observers. He has shown a fine example."

Second World War Air Force Medal Group: Five, **590290 Sgt. F. Sumner, R.A.F.,** Air Force Medal, George VI type 1, 1939-45 Star, Air Crew Europe Star, with Atlantic clasp, Defence and War Medals, mounted for wearing, extremely fine, with ribbon bar (5) £2,000-2,500

The London Gazette entry for this award has not yet been traced. It is believed to have been made in early 1941 for work in connection with the R.A.F. Meteorological Department (see below).

Sold with the following original documentation

3 pilot's flying log books covering the periods 29 January 1936 - 27 August 1946, listing 610 meteorological flights between 29 September 1938 and 26 December 1940.

Ministry of Civil Aviation log book covering the periods 28 August-25 November 1946.

Pilot's Licence dated 24 March 1944.

Certificate of Service and Release dated 28 April 1944.

Royal Air Force Identity Card.

Two photocopies of newspaper articles relating to the award of the Air Force Medal, from which the following extracts are taken:

... He has broken all weather "climbs" and has made 600 flights each to a height of 25,000 feet. The previous best for an individual flier was 586 flights...

... The pilots have managed to land when visibility has been no more than 25 yards. A complicated system of signalling is used...

... one day the "met" pilots were flying in 90 degrees of frost. It may be cold enough for the greasing in the bearings to freeze and then the control stick can be moved only with difficulty. Thawing takes place as the descent is made...

A quantity of original photographs, including some of the recipient and several of the aeroplanes which he flew.
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**Second World War Air Force Cross:** Flying Officer William D. Seckerson, reverse dated 1946, *in Royal Mint case of issue, virtually as struck, with Buckingham Palace forwarding letter* £600-800

*London Gazette:* 4 June 1946.

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A Second World War Distinguished Flying Medal Group awarded to a Polish Recipient: Four, 764590 S. Stachura, Distinguished Flying Medal, George VI type 1, Virtuti Militari, 5th class breast badge in silver, gilt and enamels (9672), Cross of Valour, 1920 issue, silvered Pilot's badge, by Firman of London, Virtuti Militari very fine, others extremely fine (4) £1,000-1,500

66 Distinguished Flying Medals (and 1 bar) were awarded to Polish recipients.

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**Second World War Pathfinder Trio:** Squadron Leader C. A. Fraser-Petherbridge, 35 Squadron, R.F.V.R., who was also awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and Bar, 1939-45 Star, Air Crew Europe Star, with Atlantic clasp, War medal, *in box of issue with forwarding slip, with Atlantic clasp in a separate box with Air Ministry letter; together with two named ‘dog tags’* (5) £400-600


Sold with three log books dating from 1 August 1939 - 8 June 1945, from which the following extracts are taken.

1 August 1940  Gelsenkirchen. Turned back North Sea owing to engine trouble.
5 August 1940  Hamm. Rear tyre burst on take off.
27 August 1940  War operations- Frankfurt-Hanau, M.E. 109 down. Landed Stradishall.
30 August 1940  War operations- Berlin, 1st aircraft of 1st raid.
2 September 1940  War operations- Oberharz-woods dumps fired.
8 September 1940  War operations- Boulogne-5 runs over target below 800 ft.
9 October 1940  War operations- Grevenbroich-Dusseldorf, caught in searchlights at 13000’, engines cut-ordered to bale our but engines picked up at 3000’.
15 October 1940  War operations- Kiel (Scharnhorst), low cloud, bombed ship on way home.
26 October 1940  War operations- Jena and Leipzig, viz B.A. Shot down Ju 87B. Landed Tangmere at 7.52.
21 October 1941  War operations- Bremen. Ju 88 passed 30’ going opposite direction.
27 March 1942  War operations- St Nazaire. Supporting Commando raid. Two hours over target to divert attention.
2 May 1942  Anti-submarine patrol, Bay of Biscay. Engines developed oil leaks, returned early to base.
5 March 1943  Flash eliminator tests over Lundy Isle, got lost-disturbed Cardiff.
5 June 1944  War operations- Maisy coastal battery-Cherbourg Peninsula-opening of second front.
6 June 1944  War operations- Chateaudun M/Y-beach-head rail link (D.M.B.).
30 July 1944  War operations- Caen area-Western front army support, attacked target 600’.
6 August 1944  War operations- Forêt de Neipepe, flying bomb depot.
11 December 1944  War operations- Urft Dam.
7 February 1945  War operations- Goch. (Longstop) collided with Master Bomber over target.
24 April 1945  War operations- Neubrandenburg Stalag IIa, dropping medical supplies on hospital.

Also sold with Award of Pathfinder Force Badge qualification letter, 16 June 1944.
A Second World War Distinguished Flying Cross Group for the Attack on the Gneisenau, Scharnhorst and Prinz Eugen:
Five, 43375 Squadron Leader Arthur James Hart Roberts, 103 Sqn. R.A.F., comprising: Distinguished Flying Cross, reverse dated 1941; 1939-45 Star; Air Crew Europe Star; Burma Star; War Medal, with Oak Leaf for Mention in Despatches, mounted for wearing, extremely fine (5)
£2,500-3,000

Distinguished Flying Cross: London Gazette, 2 September 1941 (group citation).

Mention in Despatches: London Gazette, 14 January 1944:

“In July 1941, large scale attacks were made on German warships at Brest and La Pallice (including the Gneisenau, Scharnhorst and Prinz Eugen). A smaller attack was made on Cherbourg. The operation was carried out in daylight and extremely heavy and accurate anti-aircraft fire and fighter opposition was encountered by all aircraft when approaching the targets, which at Brest were protected by a balloon barrage. The air crews engaged, succeeded, nevertheless, in securing direct hits on their objectives and inflicting very severe damage in the target area. During the combat with enemy fighters 21 hostile aircraft were destroyed and others were severely damaged. The precise timing of the attack by the various formations of aircraft and their correct approach to and accurate bombing of the objectives in the face of such powerful opposition demanded great skill and high courage. The great success of these operations was largely due to the bravery, determination and resource displayed by the following officers and airmen, who participated in various capacities as leaders and members of the aircraft crews...”

Sold with the following items and documents:
Observer's and Air Gunner's log book, with entries from 2 June 1940 - 5 March 1946 (and some later annotations), from which the following extracts are taken:

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<td>10 June 1940</td>
<td>Attacked by 3 ME109's shot down one also shot up my own tail.</td>
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<td>7 September 1940</td>
<td>Bombing barges Calis (sic), lost over London</td>
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<td>14 March 1941</td>
<td>Bombing Gelsenkirchen 5/5000 S.B.C. heavy flak, Saw a ME110 but he would not fight.</td>
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<td>22 March 1941</td>
<td>Bombing Lorient 14/250's over-shot on landing, crashed in bomb dump.</td>
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<td>24 July 1941</td>
<td>Bombing Brest formation leader, heavy 'AA' claim 2 ME 109's, lost one of our A/C, target Gneisenau (sic).</td>
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A quantity of photographs and other related documents, including two original letters congratulating Roberts on his award of the Distinguished Flying Cross.

A watercolour by Anthony Harold (illustrated), depicting three Wellington bombers, the lowest of which is Roberts' aircraft (240 x 280 mm., framed and glazed).
SQUADRON LEADER ARTHUR JAMES HART ROBERTS was born in Putney in 1916, eldest son of Captain Arthur Rogers of the 7th Battalion, Warwickshire Regiment. After serving as Midshipman with the Glen and Shire Line, he joined the R.A.F. in September 1934 as Aircraftsman 2. On completing his training for air crew duties, he was posted to 115 Squadron at Marham. After training as an Air Gunner he was posted to 12 Squadron at Andover, flying on many occasions as W/OP with both Donald Garland and Thomas Gray, two of the first air V.C.’s of the Second World War.

On 1st September 1939 the squadron moved to France and was based at Berry au Bac. From September to December he flew on reconnaissance missions over the Maginot Line, his aircraft coming under ground and air fire.

In early 1940 he trained as a Gunnery Leader and was commissioned as an Acting Pilot Officer. He was posted to 103 Squadron, arriving with the retreating squadron on 29 May. The squadron was engaged to delay the German advance by bombing bridges and strafing troops. Losses were heavy, and on two occasions his aircraft was shot down. Following the fall of France three Fairey Battles were made flyable and the remainder of the squadron escaped to England, landing at Abingdon on 17 June only to be arrested (initially) as spies!

The Squadron was re-formed, with Roberts crewing as Air Gunner in Fairey Battles. In February 1941 they converted to Wellington 1C’s, Roberts crewing as Air Gunner with Squadron Leader Gordon Mellor. Returning from a raid on the Ruhr they overshot the runway and crash landed in the bomb dump. The aircraft was written off but fortunately the crew suffered only minor injuries.

Returning from an Operation on 31st March 1941, whilst on final approach to R.A.F. Newton, they were attacked and shot down by a JU 88. Their aeroplane was a complete write-off, but all personnel escaped with only minor injuries.

On 24 July he flew in Wellington R1588 with Squadron Leader Lane and Wing Commander Lowe as Gunnery Fire Control to the Squadron Formation, which carried out the daylight raid on the German battleships at Brest. The squadron lost one plane and claimed three ME 109’s shot down. For this action, he was awarded the D.F.C.

During 1943 he served as Group Gunner Leader to 91 OUT Group at Abingdon. Against considerable opposition, he instigated the first Air Gunner Training School at Abingdon, where air gunners completing an operational tour were trained as instructors.

In April he was posted to India to join 356 Squadron, equipped with American Liberators. In 1944 he was Mentioned in Despatches for work carried out on the development of Infra Red and Gyro Gun sight training for Air Gunners. Following the end of the War in the Far East, Roberts was promoted to Squadron Leader. He declined an Extended Service Commission, resigning from the R.A.F. in September 1946.

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Second World War Distinguished Flying Cross Group: Five, F.O. Thomas Hugh Ronaldson, 467 Squadron, R.A.F.V.R., Distinguished Flying Cross, reverse dated 1945, 1939-45 Star, Air Crew Europe Star, Defence and War Medals, mounted for wearing, good very fine to extremely fine (5) £1,000-1,200


“F/O Ronaldson has participated in many operational sorties against heavily defended targets, including Berlin. Throughout this tour of operations he displayed outstanding skill and initiative. In November 1943, his aircraft was detailed for a mission to Berlin. On the run up to the target severe damage was sustained from anti-aircraft fire and the inter-communication system was rendered unserviceable. Under the most difficult circumstances this officer effected repairs and despite intense enemy opposition, the mission was successfully completed. Flying Officer Ronaldson has always shown courage and devotion to duty of a high order.”

Sold with the following items and documents:

Observer’s and Air Gunner’s log book, with entries from 9 July 1942 to 28 March 1949;

Original case for the D.F.C., two related newspaper cuttings and a portrait photograph (illustrated)

These form part of a family group; see also lots 70, 100 and 104.
Second World War Military Cross Group: Five, attributed to 1036335 A/Maj. William David Douglas Evans, 1st Battalion Welsh Guards, Military Cross, reverse dated 1945, 1939-45 and France and Germany Stars, Defence Medal, and War Medal, with Oak Leaf for Mention in Despatches, with related miniatures, very fine or better (10) £400-600

Military Cross: London Gazette, 10 May 1945.

The following is taken from the official recommendation:

“This offr. has been in 4 Coy throughout the campaign, first as Coy 2-in-Comd and then, after his Coy. Comd was killed at Cagney on 22 Jul. 44, as Coy Comd. He has not missed a single action, and is an outstandingly able, courageous and determined Coy Comd as a few examples will show.

At Montchamp on 4 Aug. 44 his Coy had just reached their objective. Then before they had a chance to dig-in they were counter attacked by German tks and infantry, his leading P1 was cut off and the light was failing: however he personally went forward under fire to what remained of the P1 and brought them back, with the greatest difficulty, to the Coy Area, which successfully reorganised for the night.

Le Bas Berrier on 12 Aug 44, his Coy objective was only reached after overcoming very hy opposition from MG fire and tks dug into houses. His Coy was also under hy shelling from the SL onwards which caused severe casualties. It was entirely due to his courage and determination and his ability to be here, there and everywhere that his Coy accomplished what looked like an impossible task: He himself stalked and shot three enemy snipers on that day who were harassing his Coy.

At Heltcheren of 7 Sept 44 his Coy held the village though continually attacked by SS troops and under heavy mortar fire for 24 hrs, and having handed over to another unit, were launched straight into the attack at Hechtel where this officer again led his Coy with the greatest ability under extremely difficult circumstances. After two most unpleasant days he was the first to reach his objective. In the final attack during which, when leading his company, he was fired on by a spandau at point blank range but by some miracle he was not hit.

He has the complete confidence and devotion of his men and, whatever the circumstances, remains calm and undaunted, his example throughout the campaign has been magnificent, far beyond the call of duty, and he is beyond question quite unsurpassed as a Coy Comd: it is impossible to say too much praise.”

Mention in Despatches

The following is taken from the official recommendation:

“At Le Bas Perrier on 12 August 1944 this officer was in command 4 Coy, 1 Welsh Guards. His objective was a cross tracks very difficult to find. This objective he captured and consolidated after opposition had been overcome, in spite of being under MG fire and shelling. His cooperation with the tks in support was excellent.

Later he had to withdraw his Coy from close contact with the enemy to consolidate in the Bn area, and this he did unsupported in the dark finding his correct position in that area in spite of very difficult country and blocked tracks. This action lasted from 0715 hrs on 12 Aug 44 - 0200 hrs on 13 Aug 44.

All next day he continued to organise his Company defensive area and his conduct throughout was an example to all.”

Sold with copy of letter from the Regimental Adjutant Headquarters, Welsh Guards, and copies of the recommendations.

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British Empire Medal: London Gazette, 7 January 1949:

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Victoria Cross: London Gazette 26 January 1859:

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(Sold with an old box converted to display the medals and a large hand-coloured photograph (500 x 350 mm.), showing Pearson in 19th Hussars uniform.

See also colour illustrations on back cover and inside back cover.

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