

MEDALS OF THE ROYAL FUSILIERS  
(CITY OF LONDON REGIMENT).

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**T**HE Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, the seventh of the British Line, was formed by King James II, on the augmentation of the Army in consequence of the rebellion of the Duke of Monmouth, in 1685.

The Regiment was to consist of thirteen companies, twelve of fusiliers and one of miners. Its first Colonel was George, Lord Dartmouth, then Master-General of the Ordnance.

THE PENINSULAR WAR.

*Officers' Gold Medal with two bars.*

Obverse.—Britannia seated on a globe to left, holding in her right hand a laurel wreath, and in her left a palm branch; the lion of England on her right and the Union shield on her left.

Reverse.—SALAMANCA within a laurel wreath.

Fitted in a gold rim, engraved: Major J. W. Beatty, 7th Foot; with glass sides.

*Riband.*—Red, with blue edges, to which are attached two gold clasps, ORTHES, TOULOUSE, the name of the action being in the centre of a laurel wreath.

Lieut.-Colonel John Walwyn Beatty, C.B., served with the Fusiliers at the capture of Martinique, landed with them in the Peninsula, and served with them during the whole war; also at New Orleans, and with the army of occupation in France. He died at Windsor Barracks, July 2nd, 1823.

*Military General Service Medal.*

Obverse.—Bust of Queen to left, VICTORIA REGINA, 1848.

Reverse.—Queen Victoria standing on dais at the side of which is a lion. Her Majesty is in the act of placing a wreath on the head of the Duke of Wellington, who kneels before her, holding in his right hand a Field-Marshal's baton. TO THE BRITISH ARMY. Exergue: 1793-1814.

*Riband.*—Crimson, with blue edges.

12 bars.—Martinique; Albuhera; Busaco; Ciudad Rodrigo; Badajoz; Salamanca; Vittoria; Pyrenees; Nivelle; Nive; Orthes; Toulouse.

John Henry, Sergt., 7th Foot. (Afterwards Ensign (1814), and Adjutant (1816) in the 91st Foot. Wounded at Martinique. Served in the Royal Fusiliers nine years and forty-six days.)



ENSIGN AND ADJUTANT JOHN HENRY,  
91ST FOOT (LATE 7TH ROYAL FUSILIERS).

“On the return of the battalion to Halifax, Lieut.-Colonel Pakenham, to do justice to soldiers then serving, who were

worthy of reward, as well as to stimulate future Fusiliers by distinguishing merit in those whom the regulations did not permit to be mentioned in despatches, assembled a board of merit. The board agreed that a Book of Merit should be kept, in which the names and services of worthy non-commissioned officers and soldiers should be recorded."

Sergeant Henry's was the second name to appear in the Book of Merit:—"Sergeant John Henry of the Light Company, recommended by Captain Cholwich for extraordinary good conduct, particularly so on the 1st February, 1809; distinguished by eminent gallantry, after having received a wound in the right shoulder."

Ensign Henry died in Bank Street, Sheffield, August 9th, 1860, at the ripe age of seventy-five years.

12 bars.—Busaco; Albuhera; Ciudad Rodrigo; Badajoz; Salamanca; Vittoria; Pyrenees; St. Sebastian; Nivelles; Nive; Orthes; Toulouse.

John Briggs, 7th Foot. (Briggs was one of 22 volunteers from the Royal Fusiliers who formed part of the storming party at St. Sebastian.)

11 bars.—Talavera; Busaco; Albuhera; Ciudad Rodrigo; Badajoz; Salamanca; Vittoria; Pyrenees; Nivelles; Orthes; Toulouse.

James Eastham, 7th Foot.

9 bars.—Talavera; Busaco; Albuhera; Badajoz; Salamanca; Vittoria; Pyrenees; Orthes; Toulouse.

James Spencer, 7th Foot.

9 bars.—Albuhera; Badajoz; Salamanca; Vittoria; Pyrenees; Nivelles; Nive; Orthes; Toulouse.

W. Bartram, Corpl., 7th Foot: and his *Long Service and Good Conduct Medal*, William IV, 1831.

Obverse.—Trophy of Arms with shield of the Royal Arms, in centre, on a crowned escutcheon of pretence, the Arms of Hanover.

Reverse.—FOR LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT (in four lines).

Suspender, a steel clip and ring.

*Riband.*—Crimson.

8 bars.—Martinique ; Albuhera ; Badajoz ; Salamanca ; Vittoria ; Pyrenees ; Orthes ; Toulouse.

Robert Leslie, 7th Foot.

8 bars.—Talavera ; Albuhera ; Badajoz ; Salamanca ; Vittoria ; Pyrenees ; Orthes ; Toulouse.

John Wilkinson, 7th Foot.

8 bars.—Ciudad Rodrigo ; Badajoz ; Salamanca ; Vittoria ; Pyrenees ; St. Sebastian ; Orthes ; Toulouse.

John Bacchus, 7th Foot.

8 bars.—Ciudad Rodrigo ; Salamanca ; Vittoria ; Pyrenees ; Nivelle ; Nive ; Orthes ; Toulouse.

John Rice, 7th Foot.

7 bars.—Martinique ; Busaco ; Albuhera ; Ciudad Rodrigo ; Badajoz ; Vittoria ; Pyrenees.

John Clayton, 7th Foot.

7 bars.—Albuhera ; Badajoz ; Salamanca ; Vittoria ; Pyrenees ; Orthes ; Toulouse.

G. Hunting, 7th Foot. Wm. Read, 7th Foot.

6 bars.—Martinique ; Busaco ; Albuhera ; Ciudad Rodrigo ; Badajoz ; Salamanca.

W. Harris, Sergt., 7th Foot. (Afterwards Lieutenant in the Royal Veteran Battalion. His commission is dated January 25th, 1813.)

6 bars.—Vittoria ; Pyrenees ; St. Sebastian ; Nivelle ; Orthes ;  
Toulouse.

Richd. Wheeler, 7th Foot.

6 bars.—Badajoz ; Salamanca ; Vittoria ; Pyrenees ; Orthes ;  
Toulouse.

James Rook, Sergt., 7th Foot.

6 bars.—Vittoria ; Pyrenees ; Nivelle ; Nive ; Orthes ;  
Toulouse.

William Capewell, 7th Foot. John Johnson, 7th Foot.

5 bars.—Busaco ; Albuhera ; Ciudad Rodrigo ; Vittoria ;  
Pyrenees.

Thos. Chirrington, 7th Foot.

4 bars.—Busaco ; Badajoz ; Vittoria ; Pyrenees.

Joseph Asbury, 7th Foot.

3 bars.—Martinique ; Busaco ; Albuhera.

William Barker, 7th Foot.

1 bar.—Albuhera.

Thos. Poole, 7th Foot.

The losses of the Fusiliers at Albuhera were “tremendous, but their glory was more than commensurate with their sufferings. Their colour staves were shattered to pieces and their colours rent to rags ; their Battalions were broken up into fragments, some of their Companies were represented by units, but they had brought back the colour of the Buffs, they had secured the victory, and the army admitted that the Fusiliers exceeded everything that the usual word gallantry can convey. In the exhibition of an example of steadiness and heroic gallantry which history cannot surpass, they found a soldier’s

consolation for the loss of the comrades who had fallen to win their fame.”

1 bar.—Ciudad Rodrigo.

G. Conop, 7th Foot.

1 bar.—Badajoz.

Wm. Walker, 7th Foot.

#### CRIMEA, 1854-6.

Obverse.—Head of Queen to left, VICTORIA REGINA.

Reverse.—Victory crowning a Roman Warrior, CRIMEA.

Suspender of floral design.

*Riband.*—Light blue, with yellow edges.

Bars: Name of battle on an oak leaf, with an acorn at each end.

3 bars.—Alma; Inkermann; Sebastopol.

Lt.-Col. F. Mills, 7th Foot. Pte. J. Amot, 7th Foot.

1 bar.—Alma.

Pte. Geo. Battissen, 7th Foot. (Battissen was wounded at the Battle of the Alma.)

Group to William Norman, Pte., 7th Royal Fusiliers.

*The Victoria Cross.* (A bronze Maltese Cross.)

Obverse.—The Royal Crest in centre; below, a riband inscribed FOR VALOUR.

Reverse.—The date for which the cross is awarded.

Suspender, a laurel bar with V, on the back of which is engraved the name, rank and regiment of the recipient.

*Riband.*—Crimson.

*Crimea Medal.*

1 bar.—Sebastopol.

*Turkish Medal for the Crimea.*

Obverse.—A cannon resting on the Russian flag ; on the gun is spread a map of the Crimea, at the back are the flags of Turkey, England, France and Sardinia. Exergue : CRIMEA, 1855.

Reverse.—The Sultan's cypher and Turkish inscription, the whole within a laurel wreath.

*India General Service Medal.*

Obverse.—Bust of Queen to left, VICTORIA REGINA.

Reverse.—Victory crowning a seated warrior. Exergue : Lotus flower.

Suspender, scroll pattern.

*Riband.*—Three red and two blue stripes of equal width.

*Bar.*—UMBEYLA.

A photograph of Private Norman is given in Wilkin's *History of the Victoria Cross*, with the following particulars :—

“ On the night of December 19th, 1854, when placed on single sentry duty a considerable distance in advance of the others in the White Horse Ravine (a task requiring much courage and vigilance, as the enemy's picket was only 300 yards distant), three Russians crept up under cover of brushwood to reconnoitre our position. Without any noise, lest he should give the alarm, Private Norman went stealthily towards them, and single-handed captured two of them.”

Group to Surgeon-Major A. P. Lockwood, 7th Royal Fusiliers.

*Crimea Medal.*

3 bars.—Alma ; Balaklava ; Sebastopol.

*Indian Mutiny Medal.*

1 bar.—Central India.

*Badge of the Legion of Honour.*

*Turkish Medal for the Crimea.*

Mr. Lockwood served with the 7th Fusiliers in the Eastern Campaign of 1854-5, including the affairs of Bulganak and M'Kenzie's Farm; Battle of the Alma; capture of Balaklava; Battle of Inkermann; Siege of Sebastopol.

## AFGHANISTAN, 1878-80.

Obverse.—Bust of Queen, crowned and wearing veil, to left,  
VICTORIA REGINA ET IMPERATRIX.

Reverse.—Troops on the march, AFGHANISTAN.  
Exergue: 1878-9-80.

Suspender, straight bar, plain.

*Riband.*—Green, with red edges.

1 bar.—Kandahar.

2141 Pte. W. Armstrong, 2/7th Foot. 434 Pte. A. Feeney,  
2/7th Foot.

## EGYPT, 1884.

Obverse.—Bust of Queen to left, veiled, VICTORIA REGINA  
ET IMPERATRIX.

Reverse.—Sphinx to left; above, EGYPT.

Suspender, straight bar, plain.

*Riband.*—Three blue and two white equal stripes.

Bar.—EL-TEB-TAMAAI.

## BOER WAR, 1899-1902.

Obverse.—Bust of Queen, crowned and wearing veil, to left,  
VICTORIA REGINA ET IMPERATRIX.

Reverse.—Britannia with Union Jack, holding out a laurel wreath to returning troops; in the background war vessels. On the ground at the back of Britannia is the Union shield, trident, and palm branch, SOUTH AFRICA.



Suspender, straight bar, plain.

*Riband.*—Yellow, with two dark blue stripes and red edges.

26 bars were issued.

8 bars.—Cape Colony; Tugela Heights; Orange Free State; Relief of Ladysmith; Transvaal; Laing's Nek; South Africa, 1901; South Africa, 1902.

4469 Pte. J. Weston, 2nd Royal Fusiliers.

5 bars.—Cape Colony; Tugela Heights; Orange Free State; Relief of Ladysmith; Transvaal.

Capt. and Adjt. H. H. S. Wright, 2nd Royal Fusiliers.

4 bars.—Cape Colony; Tugela Heights; Relief of Ladysmith; Transvaal.

7137 Pte. H. Parke, 2nd Royal Fusiliers.

1 bar.—Natal.

9014 Pte. F. Tucker, 2nd Royal Fusiliers.

THE GREAT WAR, 1914-18.

Group of four decorations to Lieut. W. W. Stitt:—

1914-15 *Star*.

*Victory Medal*, 1914-19.

*General Service Medal*, 1914-18.

*Territorial Efficiency Medal*.

*New General Service Medal*.

Obverse.—Bust of King to left, GEORGIVS V BRITT: OMN:  
REX ET IND: IMP.

Reverse.—Britannia with wings, holding in her right hand  
a wreath over a winged sword.

Suspender, ornamented.

*Riband.*—Violet, with green centre stripe.

1 bar.—Iraq.

G-133660 Pte. B. Knapton, Royal Fusiliers.

## BEST SHOT.

Silver engraved *medal*,  $1\frac{5}{8}$ -in. diam., with raised border and loop and ring.

Obverse.—A Tudor rose crowned within a laurel wreath.

Reverse.—CAPTAIN W. HOPE'S COMPANY 7TH REGIMENT. BEST SHOT'S MEDAL 1834. Hall mark.