

AN UNIQUE AND UNPUBLISHED GOLD MEDAL GRANTED  
TO MAJOR ROGERS OF THE ENNISKILLENERS  
FOR VALOROUS SERVICES 1690.

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Obverse.—Laureated bust of King to right, in high relief.  
Legend.—WILLIAM THE III D(I)G.R. FID : DEF : 1690,  
incuse.

Reverse.—The castle of Enniskilling.

Legend.—THE ENNISKILLENERS, incuse.

Edge.—TO MAJOR A [RP] (?) ROGERS FOR VALOROUS  
SERVICES 1690. Struck hollow.

**T**HIS interesting medal is  $1\frac{3}{10}$  inches in diameter, and has a rather large hole for some form of suspender—cord or riband.

In trying to trace some particulars in regard to the granting of this Medal to Major Rogers, I find that the Enniskilleners were



surprised at a place called Plottin Castle, a mile and a half from the field, during the Battle of the Boyne, 1st July, 1690. The Irish Horse made their last grand stand, and routed King William's Enniskilleners with the loss of 50 men, but were ultimately compelled to give way and fly, while their leader, Lieut.-General Richard Hamilton was wounded and taken prisoner.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Grant's *British Battles on Land and Sea*, vol. I, p. 416.

This would suggest that the Medal was granted to Major Rogers for his valorous services in that action.

It is a matter of history that Derry and Inniskilling were the only two places favouring the coming of King William. The remainder of Ireland declared for the cause of King James.

There is a note concerning the Regiment—the old 27th Foot—in *Records and Badges of the British Army*, page 393, that :—

“ Colonel Tiffen’s commission as Colonel of the Regiment is dated 20th June, 1689. This is the actual date of the formation of the Regiment, but it was only placed on ‘ Pay and Entertainment ’ on the date mentioned, January, 1690.”