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(REGULAR BATTALIONS)

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PREFACE.

THIS work was originally intended to appear about the 25th August, 1900, the date of the Centenary of the Regiment, but its publication was then postponed until after the conclusion of the war in South Africa, and a further delay has been occasioned by a continued endeavour to render it as complete and accurate as possible in every respect.

The book necessarily embraces the contents of the original List, published by Mr. Stooks Smith on 1st September, 1851, but the lapse of so many years, with the large augmentations that have since taken place in the Regiment, and the occurrence of the Crimean, Indian, and African Wars, in which its Battalions took part, have increased the contents of the former fully threefold as compared with those of the original work. Without going into superfluous details, it may be mentioned that of a total of 658 notices of officers in Mr. Smith's List, 233 only were completed in it; of the remainder, 79 (of whom 14 survive) were at the date of its publication on the strength of the Regiment, and the balance were serving otherwise or had quitted the service. Of the latter, many predeceased Mr. Smith, but unknown to him, and these have now as far as possible been traced. In the new book 765 entirely new names have been introduced, and, with less than a dozen exceptions, these have all been accounted for in the present volume. In the grand total of 1433 names, it has been thought advisable to include those of some officers who never actually served in it: some of these exchanged into the Regiment in order to retire by sale of commission, and on doing so were given brevet promotion as officers of the Rifle Brigade, and others exchanged to half pay of the corps from other regiments.

The Compiler would wish to express his sincere thanks to the many officers and others to whom he is indebted for various information.

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BEAR UPON THEIR APPOINTMENTS AS HONORARY DISTINCTIONS THE FOLLOWING WORDS:—

"COPENHAGEN," "MONTE VIDEO," "ROLEIA," "VIMIERA,"

"CORUNNA," "BUSACO," "BARROSA,"

"FUENTES D'ONOR," "CIUDAD RODRIGO," "BADAJOZ," "SALAMANCA,"

"VITTORIA," "NIVE," "NIVELLE," "ORTRES,"

"TOULOUSE," "PENINSULA,"

"WATERLOO,"

"SOUTH AFRICA, 1846-7, 1861-2-3,"

"ALMA," "INKERMAN," "SEVASTOPOL," "LUCKNOW,"

"ASHANTEE," "ALI MASJID," "AFGHANISTAN, 1878-9,"

"BURMA, 1885-87," "KHARTOUM,"

"SOUTH AFRICA, 1899-1902," "DEFENCE OF LADYSMITH,"

"RELIEF OF LADYSMITH."

KEY TO MEDALS AND DECORATIONS

(in cases where Abbreviations are rendered necessary).

The Silver War Medal was granted under General Order of the 1st June, 1847, with Clasps as numbered for the following battles and operations :—

1	Maida	...	...	...	...	4th July, 1806
2	Roleia	...	...	...	...	17th August, 1808
3	Vimiera	...	...	...	...	21st August, 1808
4	Sahagun, Benevento, &c.	<i>(Actions of Cavalry)</i>				December, 1808, and January, 1809
5	Corunna	...	...	...	...	16th January, 1809
6	Martinique	<i>(Attack and Capture)</i>				February, 1809
7	Talavera de la Reyna	...	...	...	...	27th and 28th July, 1809
8	Guadaloupe	<i>(Attack and Capture)</i>				January and February, 1810
9	Busaco	...	...	...	...	27th September, 1810
10	Barrosa	...	...	...	...	5th March, 1811
11	Fuentes d'Onor	...	...	...	...	5th May, 1811
12	Albuhera	...	...	...	...	16th May, 1811
13	Java	<i>(Attack and Capture)</i>				August and September, 1811
14	Ciudad Rodrigo	<i>(Assault and Capture)</i>				January and February, 1812
15	Badajoz	<i>(Assault and Capture)</i>				17th March and 16th April, 1812
16	Salamanca	...	...	...	...	22nd July, 1812
17	Fort Detroit	<i>(Capture of), America</i>				August, 1812
18	Vittoria	...	...	...	...	21st June, 1813
19	Pyrenees	...	...	...	...	26th July to 2nd August, 1813
20	S ^t . Sebastian	<i>(Assault and Capture)</i>				August and September, 1813
21	Chateauguay, America	...	...	...	...	26th October, 1813
22	Nivelle	...	...	...	...	10th November, 1813
23	Chrysler's Farm, America	...	...	...	...	11th November, 1813
24	Nivo	...	...	...	...	9th to 18th December, 1813
25	Orthes	...	...	...	...	27th February, 1814
26	Toulouse	...	...	...	...	10th April, 1814

The following Medals and Clasps and Foreign Orders were also granted in the course of the nineteenth century :—

	Designations.	Abbreviations.
Waterloo Medal	...	☞
South African Medal	{ Kaffir War, 1846-7	S. A. M., (a)
	{ Ditto 1861-3	S. A. M., (b)
Crimean Medal with	{ Clasp for Alma	Cr. M., 1
	{ " Balaklava	2
	{ " Inkerman	3
	{ " Sebastopol	4

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	Designations.	Abbreviations.
Foreign Decorations conferred in consequence of Crimean campaign, with figure denoting class affixed in brackets	French Legion of Honour ...	F. D. C., 1 ()
	Sardinian War Medal ...	————— 2
	Turkish Order of the Medjidie ...	————— 3 ()
	" War Medal ...	————— 4
Indian Mutiny Medal, 1857-8	{ Clasp for Delhi ...	I. M. M., 1
	" Defence of Lucknow ...	————— 2
	" Relief of Lucknow ...	————— 3
	" Lucknow (Siege and Capture) ...	————— 4
	" Central India ...	————— 5
	without Clasp ...	I. M. M.
Indian General Service Medal,* with Clasp for North-West Frontier, 1864		I. G. S. M.—N. W. F.
Canadian General Service Medal	{ Clasp for 1866 ...	Canadian M., 1866
	" 1870 ...	————— 1870
Ashantee Expedition, 1878-4, with Clasp for Coomassie ...		{ Ash. M.; if with Clasp, Ash. M.—C.
Indian General Service Medal, with Clasp for Jowaki, 1877-8 ...		I. G. S. M.—J.
Afghanistan War Medal ...	{ Clasp for Ali Masjid ...	Af. M., 1, or A. M.
	" Paiwar Kotal ...	————— 2
	" Charasia ...	————— 3
	" Kabal ...	————— 4
	" Ahmed Khel ...	————— 5
	" Kandahar ...	————— 6
Afghanistan Bronze Star ...		Br. St.
South African War Medal ...	{ Clasp for 1877, 1878, 1877-8, 1878-9, 1877-8-9 ...	S. A. M., with date on Clasp
	" Clasp for Zulu War, 11th January to 1st September, 1879 ...	S. A. M., Z. W., 1879
	" Zulu War, without Clasp ...	S. A. M., Z. W.
Egyptian War Medal with	{ Clasp for Tel-El-Kebir ...	Egypt. M., 1
	" Nile, 1884-5 ...	————— 2
	" Abu Klea ...	————— 3
	" Suakin ...	————— 4
Khedive's Bronze Star ...		K. B. S.
Order of Osmanieh ...	{ With figure denoting Class affixed in brackets	{ O. of Osmanieh () O. of Medjidie ()
Indian General Service Medal	{ Clasp for Burma, 1885-7 ...	I. G. S. M.—Burma, 1
	" " 1887-9 ...	————— Burma, 2
	" " 1889-92 ...	————— Burma, 3
Indian General Service Medal,† with Clasp for Punjab Frontier		I. M.—P. F.
Sudan Expedition, 1898, Queen's Medal	{ Clasp for Atbara ...	Sudan Q. M., 1
	" Khartoum ...	————— 2
Ditto, Khedive's Medal ...		K. M.

* First issued in 1864, and generally known as the Indian Frontier Medal.

† First issued (for Chitral) in 1893.

The Queen's Medal (Q. S. A. M.), with Clasps as numbered, was granted under Army Order, 1st April, 1901, for the undermentioned battles and operations during the war in South Africa, 1899-1902:—

1 Belmont	13 Relief of Mafeking
2 Modder River	14 Cape Colony
3 Paardeberg	15 Orange Free State
4 Driefontein	16 Transvaal
5 Wepener	17 Rhodesia
6 Johannesburg	18 Talana
7 Diamond Hill	19 Elandslaagte
8 Belfast	20 Defence of Ladysmith
9 Wittebergen	21 Tugela Heights
10 Defence of Kimberley	22 Relief of Ladysmith
11 Relief of Kimberley	23 Laing's Nek
12 Defence of Mafeking	24 Natal

The King's Medal (K. S. A. M.), with Clasps as numbered, was granted under Army Order, 1st October, 1902, viz.—

25 1901

26 1902

N.B.—The Clasps 25 and 26 were given also with the Queen's Medal in cases of ineligibility for receipt of the King's Medal.

VICTORIA CROSS.

The Decoration of the Victoria Cross has, since its institution in the year 1857, been conferred upon the Officers of the Rifle Brigade whose names are set forth in the following Supplement to, or Extracts from, the *London Gazette* :—

Supplement to the "London Gazette," Tuesday, 24th February, 1857.

War Office, 24th February, 1857.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to signify Her intention to confer the Decoration of the Victoria Cross on the undermentioned Officers and Men of Her Majesty's Navy and Marines, and Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and Men of Her Majesty's Army, who have been recommended to Her Majesty for that Decoration—in accordance with the rules laid down in Her Majesty's Warrant of the 29th of January, 1856,—on account of acts of bravery performed by them before the Enemy during the late War, as recorded against their several names, viz. :—

Regiment.	Rank and Name.	Act of Bravery for which recommended.
* * *	* * *	* * *
1st Batt. R. B.	Bt.-Major Hon. Henry H. Clifford	For conspicuous courage at the battle of Inkerman, in leading a charge and killing one of the enemy with his sword, disabling another, and saving the life of a soldier.
1st Batt. R. B.	Captain William James Cuninghame	Highly distinguished at the capture of the Rifle Pits, 20th November, 1854. His gallant conduct was recorded in the French General Orders.
1st Batt. R. B.	Bt. - Major Claude Thomas Bourchier	Highly distinguished at the capture of the Rifle Pits, 20th November, 1854. His gallant conduct was recorded in the French General Orders.
2nd Batt. R. B.	Lieutenant John Knox	When serving as a Sergeant in the Scots Fusilier Gds., Lieutenant Knox was conspicuous for his exertions in reforming the ranks of the Guards at the Battle of the Alma. Subsequently, when in the R. B., he volunteered for the ladder-party in the attack on the Redan, on the 18th of June, and (in the words of Captain Blackett, under whose command he was) behaved admirably, remaining on the field until twice wounded.
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