

Minutes ZOOM meeting 24.10.2020

Ten members were present.

Items discussed as follows:

A double long service group was shown issued to Corporal J. Sayko with Golden Jubilee Medal, Efficiency Reserve Long Service and Volunteer Reserve Long Service medals.



Above: medals to Corporal J Sayko.

The next group was a trio of medals comprising Gulf War, Golden Jubilee and Territorial Efficiency medal with bar [RAOC on Gulf medal and RA on Territorial medal]. Whilst contemplating the purchase, our member was in touch with the recipient Sergeant James Kerr through 'Facebook' to check the medals were a bona fide sale and, after purchase, to request permission to use the recipient's Facebook photos.



Above left and right: Kerr medals 'before and after treatment'.

Above: Sergeant James Kerr.

Next was a trio of 1914 Star, Victory medal and Special Constabulary Medal but missing its British War Medal to James Whittaker Army Service Corps.



Above left and right: medals to James Whitaker 'before and after'. [Not his BWM].

The next item related to a member's entirely new collecting theme namely of French Napoleonic medals and memorabilia [Two items in the theme were referenced in **ZOOM minutes 29.8.2020**] The latest acquisition was still awaited but comprised a 'Officer Grade' Legion d'Honneur [made by Napoleon's jeweller no less] to a Commander in the 4th Regiment of Cuirassiers. Empress Josephine was introduced to the said Cuirassier and she made reference in the Paris Journal to the soldier's documented 52 wounds – this information was to reach Napoleon some days later in newsprint. Napoleon sought verification of the wounds information and, consequently, the recipient had an upgrade to his Legion d'Honneur! [Apologies no photo yet..]

A group of 4 to 4105284 Private G. W. Davies from Leominster featured next – a 1939-45 War Medal, Defence Medal, Territorial Efficiency Medal [George VI] and Imperial Service Medal [Queen Elizabeth II] [London Gazette January, 1981] all in their original boxes of issue. He transferred from the RASC to the Herefordshire Regiment in 1942, hence the Herefordshire service number. [Apologies no photo].

Next was a 1914 Star issued to 24583 Private Sidney Christopher Long of the Royal Engineers – KIA or DOW 16.11.1914. There was some discussion as to when pension cards were written after WWI – Geneological research confirmed his father was William Thomas Long who'd died in approximately 1922 – However, the research trail had gone cold in that the pension card indicated the next beneficiary as 'E.S. Long' [the soldier's mother] and, as yet, she hasn't been identified. [Apologies, no photo].

A no bar Queen's South Africa to a non-participant was shown. The recipient was Mr W. C. Scott who was a war artist working for the 'Illustrated London News'.

The six attributable miniatures to Major-General Reginald William Sartorius VC CMG were next up. He'd won the VC in the Ashanti Campaign – There were only 4 VC's for the Ashanti 1873 campaign and two of these were to Officers. Sartorius's full-sized medals had been presented to the National Army Museum in the 1960's. Of note, Sartorius's brother [Major-General Euston Sartorius] won the VC in the Afghanistan 1878-80 campaign.

