

Grampa in the Boer War - 1900

QSA Medal List 1902 Showing Grampa's regimental number.

ROLL of Individuals entitled to the Queen's South Africa Medal and Clasp, under the Army Order Clasp to the Queen's South Africa Medal under that Act
(This form of Medal Roll is supplementary to, and is not to supersede, that used for claims in respect to the Medal Roll.)

| To be left blank for W.G. Murray | Regimental Number | Rank | NAME | Whether application has already been made for Queen's South Africa Medal, under Army Order 14 of 1901 | If application for the Medal is not yet made, on what date was submitted | Whether entitled to Clasp | Whether entitled to Clasp | Whether entitled to Clasp | Whether entitled to Clasp | Whether entitled to Clasp |
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| | | | | | | Clasp | Clasp | Clasp | Clasp | Clasp |
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| | 6216 | Private | Stromson G.W. | ✓ | | | | | | Yes |
| | 10576 | Private | Stromson F.C. | ✓ | | | | | | Yes |
| | 6217 | Captain | Jamie | ✓ | | | | | | Yes |
| | 6221 | Private | Jamie P.C. | ✓ | | | | | | Yes |
| | 6222 | Private | Thompson W.J. | ✓ | | | | | | Yes |
| | 6224 | Private | Thompson W.J. | ✓ | | | | | | Yes |
| | 6225 | Private | Taylor G.A. | ✓ | | | | | | Yes |
| | 6226 | Private | Vaughan A.E. | ✓ | | | | | | Yes |
| | 6227 | Private | Wilson W.S. | ✓ | | | | | | Yes |
| | 6228 | Private | Wilson J.G. | ✓ | | | | | | Yes |
| | 6229 | Private | West | ✓ | | | | | | Yes |
| | 6230 | Private | Willes W.J. | ✓ | | | | | | Yes |
| | 6231 | Private | Whitehurst G.L. | ✓ | | | | | | Yes |

Record attached to Grampa's application for land grant. Shows Boer War participation date and his detachment. Notice the rather gross error in the regiment - it should read 58th Company **Imperial Yeomanry**.

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| NAME: | John A. West |
| GENDER: | Male |
| SERVICE START DATE: | 29 Jan 1900 |
| SERVICE LOCATION: | South Africa |
| RESIDENCE YEAR: | 1908 |
| RESIDENCE PLACE: | Namao, Alberta, Canada |
| REGIMENT: | 58th Company Infinal Geomany |

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| | Berkshire (Hungerford) Yeomanry |
| HQ | Yeomanry House, Reading |
| A Squadron | Windsor (detachments at Maidenhead, Wokingham) |
| B Squadron | Reading (detachment at Wallingford) ^[a] |
| C Squadron | Newbury (detachments at Hungerford, Lambourn) |
| D Squadron | Wantage (detachments at Abingdon, Faringdon, Didcot) ^[a] |

Imperial Yeomanry (by Btn)

58th Company, 15th Battalion

Parent Category: [Units](#)
Hits: 1627

58th (Berkshire) Company was raised in 1900.

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| Surname | Forename | N | Rank |
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| West | John | 6229 | Private |
| West | John Henry | 6237 | Sergeant |
| Westcott | Sydney Edward | 24730 | Trooper |
| Westley | William George | 25300 | Trooper |

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Grampa in the Imperial Yeomanry (1900)

On 13 December 1899, the decision to allow volunteer forces to serve in the Second Boer War was made. Due to the string of defeats during Black Week (Boer War) in December, 1899, the British government realized they were going to need more troops than just the regular army, thus issuing a Royal Warrant on 24 December 1899. This warrant officially created the Imperial Yeomanry and from this warrant the standing Yeomanry regiments were asked to provide service companies of around 115 men each. The new Imperial Yeomanry was to be raised on a county basis (Grampa's was Berkshire), with the core being the men of the existing volunteer units, the remainder of the numbers being recruited from individuals that met the strict criteria laid down. The Royal Warrant stated: 1. Her Majesty's Government have decided to raise for active service in South Africa a mounted infantry force, to be named "The Imperial Yeomanry". 2. The force will be recruited from the (existing) Yeomanry, but Volunteers and civilians who possess the requisite qualifications will be specially enlisted in the Yeomanry for this purpose. 4. The term of enlistment for officers and men will be for one year, or not less than the period of the war. 5. Officers and men will bring their own horses, clothing, saddlery and accoutrements. Arms, ammunition, camp equipment and transport will be provided by the government. 9. Qualifications are: Candidates to be from 20 to 35 years of age, and of good character. Volunteers or civilian candidates must satisfy the Colonel of the regiment through which they enlist that they are good riders and marksmen, according to the Yeomanry standard. Standards of troops raised in this manner tended to vary considerably. The laid down regulations of men being able to both ride and shoot proficiently was prone to a certain 'slippage' in some companies.

Eventually a force of 550 officers and 10,371 men formed the original contingent of the I.Y., made up of 20 battalions of 4 companies each, the 8th and 16th battalions being 3 companies strong. The I.Y. began to arrive in South Africa from early February of 1900 and this process continued until early April. Four battalions (3rd, 5th, 10th & 15th) were to head for Mafeking. In April 1900, with the Boers at last in retreat and on the defensive, the British began a major effort to relieve Mafeking. Two columns would converge on the town: one would march northwards from the British lines on the Modder River, while a second would strike south from Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe), in conjunction with the Rhodesian Field Force commanded by Colonel Herbert Plumer.



Edward VII Watch