

## JAMES JOSEPH LYNCH

James Joseph LYNCH was born on 26 November 1865 in Dundalk, Louth, Ireland, the son of James Lynch and Ann McCartney.

Dundalk is a busy manufacturing centre at the head of Dundalk Bay. It is the county town of Louth.; has salmon and trout fishing on the River Fane; the Louth Foxhounds and Dundalk Harriers which hunt the district; and a forest park at Ravensdale with walks and nature trails.

James Joseph LYNCH enters the Medical and Pharmacy Register for the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope in the 30 June 1904 edition. His qualifications are given as LRCP & S (Edinburgh) LFPS (Glasgow) 1901. His licence to practice was issued to an address in Cathcart on August 1904. He moved to Parktown, Johannesburg ca. 1906 and his name last appears in Medical & Dental Register for Union of South Africa 1943.

In an obituary in the South African Medical Journal 1943;17:45, his former partner, Dr A B Tucker, wrote as follows :

"It is no easy task to write a description of so versatile a man as my good friend and former partner, Dr J J Lynch. Popular in all classes of Society, his lively wit made him the centre of attraction in any company. Lynch was a lover of good literature and was endowed with an acutely critical mind; and although he was a master of frivolity, there was nothing really frivolous in his disposition. The professional work which he did was excellent; those who were his patients realised they were receiving skilful attention from one whose very presence brought a brighter outlook.

"For his services in the last war he was awarded a well-deserved Military cross. In the present conflict he again joined the forces, and at the time of his decease he was a Captain in the S.A.M.C.

"In common with most Irishman, he was fond of fishing, shooting and riding; these sports provided him with many pleasant holidays.

"Such a gay and gallant spirit would not be in tune with the new world of promised security and organised dullness now in the process of evolution".

295907 Captain James Joseph LYNCH of the South African Medical Corps 1<sup>st</sup> Reserve Brigade died whilst on active service in Bloemfontein on 30 December 1942 of a myocardial infarction. No age nor dependents are mentioned; and his address was given as "Clovelly" Kei Mouth.

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Captain Civilian Surgeon James Joseph Lynch of the South African Medical Corps was awarded the Queen's South Africa Medal 1899-1902 with state clasps Cape Colony, Orange Free State and Transvaal; and date clasps South Africa 1901 & 1902; the 1914-15 Star; the British War Medal 1914-1920; the Victory Medal 1914-1918; and the Military Medal (George V - attributable group). Contemporary SAMC/ZAGD badge. Roll confirms. Service records.