

J.H.MURRAY : 1 October 1930

`Sixer' J.H. Murray of the 252nd Liverpool Group was awarded the Boy Scouts 'Gilt' Gallantry Cross on 1 October 1930 for rescuing a boy from drowning in a pond at Irby Hall, Irby, Lancashire on 6 August 1930.

Boy Scouts Association Gallantry Cross - the Boy Scout Victoria Cross - is awarded in the classes Bronze, Silver and Gilt for heroism. Each has its own ribbon and bars can be awarded for subsequent acts of gallantry. The award was instituted in 1909 and is rarely bestowed.

Other memorabilia exhibited with the medal are an original photograph of Lord Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell, 1st Baron Baden-Powell of Gilwell O.M., K.C.M.G., K.C.B.,K.C.V.O.(1857 - 1941) sent to my uncle Aubrey Atkins, Christmas 1931, and a contemporary woggle, whistle and Boy Scout lapel badge, the possessions of my mother, Emily Mary Pelteret (née Scotton) who was granted her Cub Wood Badge certificate in May 1933.

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