

588 Corpl. WILLIAM CHARLES WINTON
Army Pay Corps

BACKGROUND:

The following research is prompted by the purchase of a Queen South Africa medal awarded to an unknown, Charles William WINTON, who lived and worked in De Aar for half a century.

During the Second Anglo-Boer War, Charles William WINTON served in the Royal Army Pay Corps, De Aar. Of his arrival, I have found no trace ⁱ.

For his service, he was awarded the Queens South Africa medal, bar Cape Colony, engraved and not renamed thus: 588 . Corpl. C . W . WINTON . A.P.C.



He died a railway pensioner in Karroo Hospital, De Aar on the 6th May 1948.

ARMY PAY CORPS

The Royal Warrant giving effect to the creation of the *Army Pay Department* was signed by Queen Victoria on 22nd October 1877, with the Department becoming operational on 1st April 1878. This unit was constituted solely of officers from the Control Department and Regimental Paymasters who were responsible for the payment of soldiers as a main part of their duties.

Four years later its complementary organisation comprising of the military clerks (usually non-commissioned officers) was established and called the *Army Pay Corps*. Despite having different names, these two units in effect formed one branch of the service.

The Department and the Corps was to serve throughout the Anglo-Boer War (ABW) (1899-1902). As was the case with other systems during the ABW, the pay system broke down largely as a consequence of regimental officers inability to manage matters of war as well as the logistical nightmares and procedural complexities of British army bureaucracy.

GENEALOGY

Charles Winton ⁱⁱ ⁱⁱⁱ m. 3 September 1870 Saint Luke, Chelsea, London ^{iv} Jane Elizabeth **TORKINGTON** ^v ^{vi} born 11 July 1847 ~ 8 August 1847 St. Pauls, Hammersmith, London (do. George John Torkington & Jane Elizabeth NN)

Charles William Winton b. Battersea, London June 1871 ^{vii} d. De Aar 6 May 1948 MOOC 6/9/15078.2913/48 m. Louisa Frances **WILSON** d. 1958 TAB MHG 2216/58.1

1. Beatrice May m. (first) **McCORMICK**
1. Beatrice May m/d. 1954 (second) **John WRIGHT**
1. Beatrice May m/d. 1969 (third) **Robert LAURIE**
2. Charles Alfred Winton
3. Ernest William Winton
4. Elizabeth Ann m. **CHAPMAN**
5. Gladys Ivy m. **FRYER**
6. Stanley Arthur Winton

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1. Raugh, Harold E. The Victorians at War, 1815-1914: An Encyclopedia of British Military History. Publ: ABC-CLIO, 2004. ISBN 1576079252, 9781576079256
2. Royal Army Pay Corps. <http://www.rapc.co.uk/history/history.htm>

ⁱ The following are elicited from the passenger lists of transports - officers and staff of the Army Pay Corps transported to South Africa 1899 - 1900:

1. Lismore Castle from Southampton on 27 October 1899
2. Simla from Southampton on 24 November 1899
3. Kildonan Castle from Southampton on 7 March 1900 Army Pay Corps including 3 officers and 9 men

ⁱⁱ Births Jun 1849 : WINTON Charles Register: Wandsworth &c Vol.4 pg.583

ⁱⁱⁱ Deaths Dec 1894 Winton Charles Register: Wandsworth Vol. 1d pg.336

^{iv} Marriages Sep 1870 Torkington Jane Elizabeth Register: Chelsea Vol. 1a pg.414

^v Births Sep 1847 Torkington Jane Elizabeth Register: Kensington Vol. 3 pg.291

^{vi} Deaths Dec 1884 **TORKINGTON** Jane Elizabeth "Age 59" [1825] Wandsworth Vol. 1d pg.399

^{vii} Births Sep 1871 WINTON Charles William Register: Wandsworth Vol. 1d pg.534