

## 4788 PTE W WINSON

26 November 2003

The Mediterranean Medal 1899-1902 (impressed on the rim 4788 PTE W. WINSON W.YORK. REGT ) was issued to 4788 Pte. W Winson of the West Yorkshire Regiment.



This medal was authorised by King Edward VII. It was awarded to civilian militia raised in the United Kingdom, and who formed the eight battalions which replaced regular troops in the various British-held garrisons across the Mediterranean. This released regular troops for duty in South African War 1899-1902. The medal was also awarded to troops who were guarded Boer prisoners-of-war on the island of St. Helena.

The medal is identical to the Type 4 Queen South Africa (QSA), but the word "MEDITERRANEAN" replaces the text "SOUTH AFRICA" on the reverse of the medal. It was issued in silver only and without clasps. As with the QSA, this medal was issued named, the recipient's details being shown on the rim of the medal in impressed capitals. Approximately 5000 medals were awarded in total.

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### GENEALOGY

Isaac Winson bc. 1848 Bebington, Cheshire (Candle Maker and Private 1<sup>st</sup> Cheshire Rifle Volunteers) m. Elizabeth bc. 1846 Mold, Flint, Wales

Alfred Winson bc. 1871 Bebington  
Job William Winson bc. 1873 Bebington  
Margaret Winson bc. 1880 Bromborough

At the time of the 1881 British Census, the family was resident at 43 Manor Place, Bromborough, Cheshire
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