

Victoria Cross Holders and Buckinghamshire

Born in Buckinghamshire

Company Sergeant Major **Edward Brooks** (1883-1944), 2/4th Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry. Born at **Oakley**, 11 April 1883. Won VC at St Quentin, 28 April 1917. Buried at Rose Hill Cemetery, Oxford. VC held by The Royal Green Jackets (Rifles) Museum, Winchester.

Private **Thomas Edwards** (1863-1932), 1st Black Watch. Born at **Brill**, 19 April 1863. Won VC at Battle of Tamai, Sudan, 13 March 1884. Buried in St Mary's Churchyard, Chigwell. VC held by The Black Watch Museum, Perth.

Lieutenant **Peter Scawen Watkinson Roberts** (1917-79), Royal Navy. Born at **Chesham Bois**, 28 July 1917. Won VC in HM Submarine *Thrasher* off Crete, 16 February 1942. Buried at Holy Cross Churchyard, Newton Ferrers. VC held by The Ashcroft Collection, Imperial War Museum.

Sergeant **George Walters** (1829-72), 49th Foot. Born at **Newport Pagnell**, 15 September 1829. Won VC at Battle of Inkerman, Crimean War, 5 November 1854. Buried in City of Westminster Cemetery, Finchley. VC held by The Rifles (Berkshire and Wiltshire) Museum, Salisbury.

Second Lieutenant **Frederick Youens** (1893-1917), 13th Durham Light Infantry. Born at **High Wycombe**, 14 August 1893. Educated at Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe. Won VC at Hill 60, Ypres, 7 July 1917. Buried at Railway Dugouts Burial Ground (Transport Farm), Zillebeke, Belgium. VC held by The Durham Light Infantry Museum, Durham.

Buried in Buckinghamshire

Lieutenant Commander **Geoffrey Heneage Drummond** (1886-19), Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. Born in London. Won VC at Ostend, 9-10 May 1918. Buried in St Peter's Church, **Chalfont St Peter**. VC held by The Ashcroft Collection, Imperial War Museum.

Air Vice Marshal **Francis ('Frank') Hubert McNamara** (1894-1961), 1st Squadron, Australian Flying Corps. Born in Rushworth, Victoria. Won VC in Egypt, 20 March 1917. Buried in St Joseph's Priory, **Gerrard's Cross**. VC held by The RAF Museum, Hendon.

Regimental Sergeant Major **David Rushe** (1827-86), 9th Lancers. Born in Woburn, Bedfordshire. Won VC at Lucknow, Indian Mutiny, 24 December 1858. Buried in All Saints Churchyard, **Marlow**. VC held by The 9th/12th Lancers Museum, Derby.

Lived in Buckinghamshire

Captain **Francis Octavius Grenfell** (1880-1915), 9th Lancers. Born at Hatchlands, Guildford. Resided at Wilton Park, **Beaconsfield**. Won VC at Audregnies, 24 August 1914. Buried in Vlamertinghe Military Cemetery, Belgium. VC held by The 9th/12th Lancers Museum, Derby.

Served in Buckinghamshire Regiment

Lance Corporal **Alfred Wilcox** (1884-1954), 2/4th OBLI. Born in Small Heath, Birmingham. Enlisted in **2/1st Royal Bucks Hussars** in 1914 before transfer to 2/4th OBLI. Won VC at Laventie, 12 September 1918. Buried in St Peter and St Paul Churchyard, Aston, Birmingham. VC held by The Ashcroft Collection, Imperial War Museum.

Educated in Buckinghamshire

Lieutenant **Ian Edward Fraser** (1920-2008), Royal Naval Reserve. Born at Ealing. Educated at Royal Grammar School, **High Wycombe**. Won VC in HMS *XE-3* midget submarine. Johore Straits, 31 July 1945. Buried in Landican Cemetery and Crematorium, Woodchurch, Wirral, Cheshire. VC held by the Ashcroft Collection, Imperial War Museum.

Note: Eton College has educated 37 VC winners but only Grenfell is otherwise connected to the historic county.

Gallantry Awards: The First World War

1/1st Bucks Battalion

Distinguished Service Order 6 (+ 1 Bar)

Military Cross 30 (+ 1 Bar)

Distinguished Conduct Medal 21

Military Medal 75

Meritorious Service Medal 7

2/1st Bucks Battalion

Distinguished Service Order 1

Military Cross 15

Distinguished Conduct Medal 10

Military Medal 18 (+ 2 Bars)

Meritorious Service Medal 4

1/1st Royal Bucks Hussars

Distinguished Service Order 6 (+ 2 Bars)

Military Cross 11

Distinguished Conduct Medal 12

Military Medal 12

Meritorious Service Medal 1

Gallantry Awards: The Second World War

1st Bucks Battalion

Distinguished Service Order 1

Military Cross 1

Distinguished Conduct Medal 1

Military Medal 6

99th (Royal Bucks Yeomanry) Field Regiment RA (TA)

Distinguished Service Order 1

Military Cross 6

Military Medal 7