



This image was taken by Lionel de Rothschild and a book about his autochromes "Colours of Another Age" dates and locates it to 1911 and a military camp at Windmill Hill near Tidworth Barracks in Wiltshire.

It shows the following

From the left

1 An officer of the Scots Guards wearing a DSO and a 2nd medal, because of the gold on his sleeves his rank is Major or Lieutenant Colonel

2 A Colonel of the Royal Bucks Hussars, as defined by his sleeve decorations? wearing 2 Medals, one possibly a Territorial Decoration.

3 An Officer of 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Life Guards as defined by the double stripe on his overalls. He is also wearing a DSO and a number of other medals.





The final figure appears also to have a DSO and a number of other awards, some of which I have tried to identify

- 1 DSO
- 2 Queens Sudan medal – The only campaign medal with such a ribbon
- 3 Queens South Africa Medal- ribbon with two dark stripes and commonly seen with multiple clasps
- 4 This could be the Khedives Sudan Medal.

Cannot identify the others though they could be coronation or durbar medals which prior to 1918 were worn in front of campaign medals

There are 2 officers in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Life Guards with DSO but only one who served in Sudan.

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That is Major Brinton – who was awarded both the British and the Khedives Sudan medal , with the one clasp as per the photograph. But the 2<sup>nd</sup> Life Guards weren't in Sudan for the Battle of Khartoum also known as the Battle of Omdurman. Here the Royal Collection comes to the rescue, a google search for Major Brinton reveals this photo held by the Royal Collection which in its title indicates he was on secondment to the 21<sup>st</sup> Lancers at the time who took part in the Battle.



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## Lieutenant J Chaytor Brinton, 2nd Life Guards, attached to 21st Lancers, leaving Abbaslyeh, Cairo [Khartoum 1898] Aug 1898

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This is the only photograph I can locate on line showing his face which shows that there is a reasonable match and he appears not to have updated his moustache style.





All three men served in the First World War and survived it.

Major Hore-Ruthven served initially with the General Staff in 1914, then took command of the 1st Battalion of the Scot Guards. He was mentioned in despatches several times and continued to serve until the thirties.

Col Harry Lawson served in with his regiment in Gallipoli and the Middle East but I haven't been able to locate any records mentioning him.

Major Brinton (He was part of the carpet family) continued to serve with the Life Guards, arrived in October 1914 in France – he promoted a brevet Lt Colonel and continued to serve after the war.

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**TwoEssGee**

Lieutenant



**Dai Bach y  
Sowldiwr**

Lieut-General



**FROGSMILE**

General



**TEW**

Major-General



**RNCVR**

Lieut-Colonel



**Gunner Hall**

Major



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Brigadier-General





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Pay.	Halt Pay.	Colonel in Chief.—His Majesty THE KING.					
23	...	Colonel—Douglas M. Baillie Hamilton, <i>Earl of Dundonald</i> , CB, KCVO. [R.]; Ensign 6 July 70; Lieut. 28 Oct. 71; Captain, 10 Apr. 78; Major, 12 Jan. 85; Lieut. Colonel, 15 June 85; Colonel, 15 June 89; Major General, 7 Mar. 00; Lieut. General, Colonel of the 2nd Life Guards, 30 Apr. 07.					
	...	Lieutenant Colonel.—Thomas, <i>Earl of Longford</i> , KP, 2nd Lieut. 5 Feb. 87; Lieut. 16 May 83; Cap. 12 Jan. 95; Major, 12 Jan. 03; Lt. Lieut. Colonel, 17 May 05; Lieut. Colonel, 17 Jan. 07.					
		2ND LIEUT.	LIEUT.	CAPTAIN.	BREVET MAJOR.	MAJOR.	
MAJORS.							
21	...	Algernon Francis Holford Ferguson, <sup>8</sup> } Lt. Lt. Colonel, 12 Jan. 07	22 Aug. 88	12 Jan. 01	22 May 95	2 Nov. 00	17 Mar. 06
19	...	John Chaytor Brinton, <sup>10</sup> DSO, MVO.	28 Jan. 91	13 Apr. 92	12 Jan. 99	.....	20 Oct. 06
18	...	Algernon Richard Trotter, <sup>11</sup> MVO, DSO.	10 Feb. 02	5 Apr. 93	16 Nov. 95	.....	12 Jan. 07
CAPTAINS.							
14	...	Claude Champion-de Crespigny, <sup>12</sup> DSO.	3 July 95	5 Aug. 96	3 Feb. 00		
12	...	Hon. Arthur Edward Bruce O'Neill <sup>14</sup>	26 May 97	15 June 98	3 Jan. 01		
11	...	Sir Geo. Lionel Lawson Bagot Prescott, <sup>18</sup> } Bart.	25 June 98	3 Feb. 00	7 Apr. 05		
11	...	Stewart Barton Bythessa Dyer, <sup>19</sup> DSO. } Egyptian Army	11 Jan. 99	17 Apr. 00	4 Aug. 05		
10	...	Sir Morgan George Crofton, <sup>24</sup> Bart.	20 May 99	5 Jan. 03	20 Oct. 06		
9	...	Hon. Hugh Cecil Sam Ashton	28 Feb. 00	8 Aug. 00	19 Feb. 07		
LIEUTENANTS.							
6	...	Alexander Moore Vandeleur	22 Apr. 03	21 Oct. 03			
6	...	Charles Ralph Campbell	4 July 03	11 Feb. 03			
6	...	Hartopp Francis Chas. Adderley Cradock, } Adjutant 3 Aug. 07	16 Dec. 03	24 Feb. 05			
6	...	Thomas Claud Gurney, <sup>28</sup> Lieut. 1 Dragoons, } 22 June 01	23 Jan. 04	2 Sept. 05			
5	...	Frank Penn	14 Jan. 05	17 Mar. 06			
4	...	Charles Noel Newton	6 Jan. 06	20 Oct. 05			
2	...	Edward Arthur Lycett Green	11 Dec. 07	13 May 03			
3	...	Hon. A. H. Strutt	8 Aug. 06	9 Aug. 03			
SECOND LIEUTENANT.							
2	...	F. P. C. Pemberton (on probation)	20 Feb. 07				
2	...	Algernon S. Hoare (on probation)	2 Nov. 07				
...	...	W. W. S. Cuninghame	19 Sept. 08				
5	...	Riding Master.—Henry Grove, 11 May 04; Hon. Lieut.					
7	...	Quarter Master.—James William Baldock, <sup>30</sup> 23 Apr. 02; Hon. Lieut.					
6	...	Medical Officers.—Surgeon Major John Henry Power, LRCSI, LRCP, 21 Oct. 03. Surg. Capt. Robert Macnamara Cowie, R. A. Med. Corps, 15 Oct. 02; Surg. Captain, 11 Apr. 04.					
7	...	Veterinary Officer.—Vet. Capt. Edwd. P. J. Barry, FRCVS, 3 Feb. 02; Vet. Lieut. 22 Aug. 94; Capt. 11 July 04					

Scarlet—Facing Blue.—Agents, Messrs. Cox and Co.

Returned from France, February 1816. Detachment embarked for South Africa, 29 Nov. 1897; returned, 28 Nov. 1900.



<sup>7</sup> The Earl of Longford served in the South African war in 1900 with the Imperial Yeomanry—wounded at Lindley; in 1902 in command of the 29th Battalion Imperial Yeomanry, with rank of Lt.Colonel (Medal with five Clasps).

<sup>8</sup> Colonel Ferguson served in the South African war in 1899-1900 as Adjutant of the Regiment of Household Cavalry, and was present at the relief of Kimberley; took part in operations in Orange Free State and Transvaal; and in Cape Colony, south of Orange River, including action at Colesberg (mentioned in despatches, Brevet of Major, Medal with six Clasps).

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<sup>12</sup> Captain Champion de Crespigny served in South African war in 1899-1900 and was present at relief of Kimberley; took part in operations in Orange Free State Feb. to May 1900, including operations at Paardeberg and action at Poplar Grove—severely wounded; and in Cape Colony, south of Orange River, 1899-1900, including actions at Colesberg (mentioned in despatches, DSO., Medal with three Clasps).

<sup>16</sup> Captain Hon. A. E. B. O'Neill served in South African war in 1899-1900 with the 2nd Life Guards Squadron of the Household Cavalry Regiment, and was present at relief of Kimberley; took part in operations in Orange Free State 1900, including Paardeberg and action at Driefontein; and in Cape Colony, south of Orange River, including actions at Colesberg (Medal with three Clasps).

<sup>18</sup> Captain Sir G. L. L. B. Prescott served in South African war in 1900 with the 2nd Life Guards Squadron of the Household Cavalry Regiment, and took part in operations in Orange Free State 1900, in the Transvaal, and in Orange River Colony 1900, including actions at Wittebergen; and in Cape Colony (Medal with three Clasps).

<sup>19</sup> Captain Dyer served in the operations in Northern Nigeria in 1900 (mentioned in despatches). Served in the Bornu Expedition in West Africa in 1902 (mentioned in despatches). Also in the operations in the Bassana and Wukum Countries—slightly wounded (Medal with Clasp). Served in the Kano-Sokoto Expedition in West Africa in 1903—twice wounded (mentioned in despatches, DSO.); West Africa 1904; operations in the Dakkakerri country, in command (mentioned in despatches).

<sup>24</sup> Sir M. G. Crofton served in the South African war in 1899-1900 with the 2nd Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers with the Ladysmith Relief Force, and was present in the engagement at Venters Spruit—severely wounded; also took part in operations in Transvaal, east of Pretoria, July to 29th Nov. 1900 (Medal with two Clasps).

<sup>28</sup> Lieut. T. C. Gurney served in the South African war in 1901-2 on the Staff, and took part in the operations in the Transvaal, May to August 1901, and March to 31st May 1902; also in the operations in Orange River Colony, August 1901 to March 1902, and in Cape Colony in May 1902 (Medal with three Clasps).

<sup>30</sup> Lieut. Baldock served in South African war in 1899-1900 with the Household Cavalry Regiment, and was present at relief of Kimberley; took part in operations in Orange Free State, including Paardeberg and action at Driefontein; in the Transvaal May and June 1900, including actions at Johannesburg and Diamond Hill; in Orange River Colony 1900, including actions at Wittebergen; and in Cape Colony, south of Orange River, including actions at Colesberg (Medal with six Clasps).