

# Canterbury Cathedral

## 16th(The Queen's) Lancers Memorial



The impressive 16th (The Queen's) Lancers Memorial as shown above is located in Canterbury, Cathedral, Kent. Although ALIWAL is prominently displayed on the memorial, it is not just a commemoration of those who fell at Aliwal. It is in memory of the officers and other ranks who lost their lives serving with the regiment in the Punjab, India, during the 1st Sikh War (1845-1846). The majority of those who lost their lives serving with the regiment during the 1st Sikh War, died at or the result of the Battle of Aliwal on Wednesday 28 January 1846, and the Battle of Sobraon which was fought on Tuesday 10 February 1846. In addition to those members of the regiment who were killed in action at Aliwal and Sobraon, others later succumbed to the wounds which they received at the above engagements. As was the same situation with the personnel of other British units which took part in the 1st Sikh War, men lost their lives due to illnesses and diseases. Irrespective of how, where on when the members of the 16th (The Queen's) Lancers died during the 1st Sikh War. The transcriber of the following Roll of Honour has attempted to commemorate all of those who died whilst serving with the regiment, but doubtless some men have not been located. The Battle of Aliwal was fought on Wednesday 28 January 1846, between a force of 10,000 British and Indian troops under the command of General Sir Harry Smith, and a 15,000 strong Sikh army led by the formidable Ranjur Singh. The Sikh forces occupied an entrenched position between the villages of Aliwal and Bhundri, close to the River Sutlej. General Sir Harry Smith successfully drove the Sikhs out of Aliwal with his infantry, and then rolled up their line with cavalry and artillery support. The 16th (The Queen's) Lancers charged several times during The Battle of Aliwal, and succeeded in breaking a number of Sikh infantry squares, and overrunning a Sikh artillery battery. A total of 551 officers and other ranks of the 16th (The Queen's) Lancers were awarded the Medal for the Sutlej Campaign (Sikh War) (1845-6), with the Aliwal engagement bar. In addition to the bar for Aliwal, three other engagement bars were awarded for the medal, they being Ferozeshuhur, Moodkee, and Sobraon. Sobraon Way at Howe Barracks, Canterbury Kent was named to remember the Battle of Sobraon, which was fought on 10 February 1846. 436 personnel of the 16th (The Queen's) Lancers were recipients of the Sobraon engagement bar on the Medal for the Sutlej Campaign (Sikh War) (1845-6). The 16th (The Queen's) Lancers were also awarded the battle honours 'Aliwal' and 'Sobraon' for the part it had played.

The 16th (The Queen's) Lancers Memorial bears the following inscription:-

To the memory of the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates above inscribed, of the Sixteenth Queen's Lancers, who fell in the discharge of their duty, during the campaign on the Sutlej, in the years 1845, 1846. This monument is erected by their surviving comrades.

# Roll of Honour

Aliwal Wednesday 28 January 1846

<b>APPLEBY</b> , HENRY. Private, 1527.	Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.
<b>BARBER</b> , LEBLEAS. Private, 750.	Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.
<b>BATES</b> , WILLIAM. Trumpeter, 1097.	Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.
<b>BIDWELL</b> , WILLIAM. Private, 580.	Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.
<b>BLADES</b> , THOMAS. Private, 712.	Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.
<b>BOSOM</b> , THOMAS. Private, 919.	Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.
<b>BROWN</b> , JAMES. Private, 1302.	Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.
<b>BROWN</b> , THOMAS. Private, 1066.	Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.
<b>BROWN</b> , WILLIAM. Serjeant, 971	Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.
<b>BRODIE</b> , WILLIAM. Corporal, 1278.	Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.
<b>CARROLL</b> , JAMES. Private, 1411.	Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.
<b>CLAXTON</b> , GEORGE. Private, 1160.	Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.
<b>CLAYTON</b> , THOMAS. Private, 1335.	Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.
<b>COMPTON</b> , WILLIAM. Private, 1054.	Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.
<b>COWAN</b> , WILLIAM. Private, 407.	Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.
<b>CURLE</b> , CHARLES. Private, 1012.	Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.
<b>DANGERFIELD</b> , JOHN. Private. 1215.	Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.
<b>DURRANT</b> , WILLIAM. Private, 773.	Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.
<b>ELLIOTT</b> , ROBERT. Private, 1034.	Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.
<b>GARRITY</b> , RICHARD. Private, 1393.	Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.
<b>GRIMES</b> , CHARLES. Corporal, 1211.	Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.

**HAWKESBY, JOHN.** Private, 692. Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.

**HITCHINS, EDWARD.** Private, 1062. Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.

**HOLLAND, JOHN.** Private, 1476. Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.

**HURST, HENRY.** Corporal, 1468. Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.

**LAWLER, EDWARD.** Private, 1396. Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.

**LAWSON, HENRY.** Private, 1060. Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.

**McDOWELL, ANDREW.** Private, 1239. Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.

**MORDANT, JOHN.** Private, 641. Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.

**MOWBRAY, ALFRED.** Private, 1580. Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.

**MULCOCK, FREDERICK.** Private, 1508. Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.

**MURPHY, THOMAS.** Private, 850. Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.

**NEWSOME, HENRY.** Private, 913. Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.

**PARKER, SAMUEL.** Private, 1308. Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.

**PENROSE, WILLIAM.** Private, 578. Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.

**ROBERTS, WILLIAM.** Private, 1253. Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.

**SEDGWICK, JOSEPH.** Private, 1295. Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.

**SIMMS, WILLIAM.** Corporal, 932. Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.

**SISSONS, JOHN.** Private, 551. Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.

**SKERRITT, PETER.** Private, 515. Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.

**SMITH, WILLIAM.** Private, 1485. Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.

**SPENCER, OWEN.** Private, 377. Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.

**SPICKERNELL, GEORGE.** Private, 1070. Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.

**SPYERS, EDWARD.** Private, 1523. Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.

**St. GEORGE**, WILLIAM. Private, 1362. Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.

**SULLIVAN**, JAMES. Private, 1507. Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.

**SUTCLIFFE**, JOHN. Private, 1343. Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.

**SUTTON**, CHARLES. Private, 1430. Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.

**SWETENHAM**, HENRY D. Lieutenant. Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.

**THORNTON**, JOHN. Private, 722. Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.

**THORPE**, HENRY. Private, 1140. Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.

**TOMKINS**, EDWARD. Private, 1232. Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.

**TOWNSEND**, THOMAS. Private, 423. Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.

**TURTON**, GEORGE. Private, 1501. Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.

**WADHAM**, WALTER. Private, 779. Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.

**WAGHORNE**, WILLIAM. Private, 1199. Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.

**WALLACE**, THOMAS S. Private, 1561. Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.

**WEBB**, WILLIAM. Private, 1551. Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.

**WHENNELL**, WILLIAM. Private, 1321. Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.

**WHITE**, HENRY. Private, 793. Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.

**WHITEHEAD**, WILLIAM. Private, 1286. Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.

**WILLIAMS**, GEORGE. Private, 1015. Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.

**WILLIAMS**, GEORGE B. Cornet. Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.

**WILSON**, JOHN. Private, 1473. Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.

**WISE**, JOHN. Private, 1520. Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.

**WITTY**, THOMAS. Private, 540. Died Wednesday 28 January 1846.

In addition to those who were killed in action at Aliwal on Wednesday 28 January 1846, and at Sobraon on Tuesday 10 February 1846, the following personnel of the 16th (The Queen's) Lancers also died during the 1st Sikh War. Included amongst the following casualties, are those who later succumbed to the wounds which they received during the Aliwal and Sobraon engagements. The majority of the other men commemorated below who died other than from the wounding of Aliwal and Sobraon, died of various illnesses

**AUSTY, THOMAS.** Private, 1136. Died Wednesday 11 February 1846.

**BATTY, GEORGE.** Corporal, 938. Died Wednesday 21 January 1846.

**BRUCE, G.W.L.H.** Coronet. Died 21 December 1845.  
Coronet Bruce was killed in action at Ferozeshuhur whilst he was attached to the 3rd Light Dragoons.

**COWTAN, FREDERICK.** Corporal, 1202. Died Monday 22 June 1846.

**EASON, WILLIAM.** Private, 581. Died Tuesday 3 February 1846.  
On some data sources accessed, William, who died of wounds at Aliwal is shown with the surname EATON, and as having succumbed to his wounds on Tuesday 3 March 1846.

**EBURAH, SAMUEL.** Private, 1314. Died Saturday 14 March 1846.

**ETHERINGTON, GORGE.** Private, 1260. Died Saturday 7 March 1846.

**FISHE, HAMILTON.** Sergeant, 1242. Died Sunday 15 February 1846.  
Hamilton died of the wounds which he suffered at Aliwal on Wednesday 28 January 1846.

**GAIN, HENRY.** Private, 1505. Died Wednesday 21 January 1846.

**JOHNSTON, JAMES.** Corporal, 1434. Died Tuesday 26 May 1846.

**JONES, HENRY.** Private, 829. Died Sunday 21 June 1846.

**KENNEDY, JOHN.** Private 1480. Died Friday 6 February 1846.

**PETTIT, THOMAS.** Corporal, 1207. Died Wednesday 22 July 1846.

**SMALLY, JAMES.** Private, 1279. Died Friday 30 January 1846.

**VALLENTINE, GEORGE.** Private, 1032. Died Sunday 10 May 1846.

**WRIGHT, GEORGE.** Private, 558. Died Tuesday 30 June 1846.