

PRIVATE F W HENNESY

Private F W Hennesy of the Cape Medical Staff Corps was awarded the Queen's South Africa Medal 1899-1902 with state clasps of the Cape Colony, Orange Free State, Transvaal. In 1901, all told there were only 144 staff in this corps.

F W Hennesy was born in 1878 in Clerkwel, Middlesex. His father, William Hennesy, was a sawyer and his mother a general servant. The 1881 British Census lists a family of 4 living at 38 Percy Terrace, London.



CAPE MEDICAL STAFF CORPS

The Medical Volunteer Staff Corps, Cape was first raised by Dr John Ross of Kingwilliamstown in 1890, its strength 121. This was "A" Company. Prior to that (1887) the Kaffrarian Volunteer Artillery had had an Ambulance Detachment. In 1893, a Cape Town Detachment was formed with a strength of 104. This was "B" Company. Both were present at the Langsberg Campaign of 1897 and fought throughout the Anglo-Boer War 1899-1902. In 1903, it became known as the Cape Medical Corps, received the King's Colour in 1905. In 1913, "A" Company became the 1st Mounted Brigade Field Ambulance of the Union Defence Force.

GENEALOGY

1. William Hennesy b. Middlesex City 1853 m. S Hennesy (b. Hackney 1860)
 - 1.1 F W Hennesy b. Clerkwel 1878
 - 1.2 Mary Hennesy b. 1880