

## **J (ohn) THOMSON**

Orderly J Thomson of the Scottish Hospital was awarded the Queens South Africa Medal (state bars Cape Colony and Orange Free State) (inscribed **ORD. J. THOMSON. SCOTTISH HOS.**).



## **SCOTTISH HOSPITAL and CORPORATION**

Scottish Hospital and Corporation, Crane Court, Fleet Street, (was established) for the relief of poor mechanics, &c., natives of Scotland, resident in London or its immediate neighbourhood, and for furnishing of means to carry them back to their own country .... a donation of ten guineas and upwards constituting a governor for life, and a subscription of one guinea or more an annual governor, so long as such subscription should continue to be paid. The necessity of contributing, as a title to admission, was dispensed with (later), and the corporation thus became completely a charitable institution for the relief of poor natives of Scotland, who might be reduced to poverty and want. The number of applications is about 300 monthly.

## **SCOTTISH NATIONAL RED CROSS HOSPITAL**

The Scottish National Red Cross Hospital was funded by voluntary donations and established by the St Andrew's Ambulance Association for Aid to the Sick and Wounded in War in March 1900.

There was a staff allocation of 160 and final bed count of 520. The commanding officer was Deputy-Surgeon-General Henry Cayley, F.R.C.S., C.M.G., a retired Professor of Medicine.

Little is known of John Thomson other than he was one of 57 second-class medical orderlies selected from the Glasgow Company of the Volunteer Medical Staff Corps (established Glasgow 1893-4) and that he remained in South Africa when the hospital was disestablished. He died in 1905.

Medals attributable to the Scottish Hospital are rarely seen and thus are very desirable.

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