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 Victoria Cross Information



 Research Information



① Private Thomas Young VC. 1895 - 1966

Pte Thomas Young was awarded his Victoria Cross in France during WW1.

A memorial to Thomas Young is situated on the South side of the river Tyne in Northumberland in the village of High Spennard where he worked in the local coal mine.

It can be found in the grounds of the local school in the main street. There is also a memorial glass panel in The Health Centre at Boldon Colliery, the town of Thomas' birth in South Tyneside.

A life size bronze statue (inset) depicting Thomas Young in uniform also adorns the main staircase of South Shields Town Hall.



② 2nd Lt R W Annand (VC) 1914 - 2004

2nd Lt Annand was awarded The Victoria Cross in Belgium in WW2.

A memorial to Richard Annand in the form of a life size bronze statue depicting him in uniform overlooks the main staircase of South Shields magnificent Edwardian Town Hall.

Richard Annand was known as the wheelbarrow VC because amongst other things he rescued his Batman under enemy fire and returned with him in a wheelbarrow.

A life size bronze statue (inset) depicting 2nd Lt Annand in uniform also adorns the main staircase of South Shields Town Hall.



③ Private Adam Wakenshaw VC 1914 - 1942.

Was posthumously awarded The Victoria Cross in Mersa Matruh in the Western Desert of North Africa in WW2.

A memorial to Adam Wakenshaw in the form of 2 stained glass windows (inset) which are located in St. Mary's Catholic Cathedral in Clayton Street, Newcastle Upon Tyne.



④ Durham Light Infantry VC Memorial

The Durham Light Infantry VC Memorial is located in the grounds of The Durham Light Infantry Museum and Arts Centre in Durham City. It was unveiled on Saturday 8th September 2001 by Brigadier Bob MacGregor-Oakford CBE, MC a former Officer of the regiment. It stands next to the entrance to The DLI Museum.

Its approximate dimensions are 6 feet wide and 4 feet high. The stone was quarried at Barnard Castle and is affixed with a black marble panel which bears the names of the eleven members of the regiment who have been awarded the Victoria Cross.



⑤ 53 Old Elvet - Durham

This building on Elvet Waterside in Durham has long been associated with the Durham Light Infantry for which it was the Regimental Headquarters until 1968. It is now one of the buildings on a site administered by the Reserve Forces and Cadets Association. A room in this DLI Headquarters building was at one time intended to be a DLI Museum. Thankfully, a purpose-built Durham Light Infantry Museum replaced that idea.

The oversight of the interests of surviving and past members of the regiment are still part of the work that goes on in the building. The staff also work to maintain the strong links with recruitment areas, organising reunions, Regimental dinners and ceremonial events.

