

**A FINE WW1 D.C.M. AND M.I.D. GROUP TO K.R.R.C. W.O. 3 X WOUNDED DURING 1915 INCLUDING 1ST DAY OF LOOS, ATTACHED TO M.G.C. 1916-18, D.C.M. FOR CONSPICUOUS GALLANTRY IN EGYPT. POST WAR, ATTACHED 4TH NIGERIAN REGT - WEST AFRICA FIELD FORCE 1921-7, LATER POLICE SERGEANT**



DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL G.V.R.(10916 A.C.S. MAJ: A. A. HESTER. 127/COY M.G.C.', 1914-15 STAR '8857 CPL. A. A. HESTER. K.R.RIF.C.', BRITISH WAR AND VICTORY MEDALS, WITH M.I.D. OAK LEAVES '8857 A. W.O. CL. I. A. A. HESTER. K.R.R.C.', DEFENCE MEDAL 1939-45, CORONATION 1953, ARMY L.S. & G.C., G.V.R., 1ST ISSUE '780743 W.O. CL. II. A. A. HESTER.(D.C.M.) K.R.R.C.', SPECIAL CONSTABULARY LONG SERVICE MEDAL, G.V.I.R., 1ST ISSUE, WITH 2 ADDITIONAL LONG SERVICE BARS, DATED 1949, 1956 'SERGT. ALBERT A. HESTER'

D.C.M. *London Gazette* 26 April 1917

*"10196 Actg C.S.M. A.A. Hester Mach. Gun. Corps - For Conspicuous Gallantry and Devotion to Duty. He has at all times carried out his duties in a most able manner under difficult conditions." (Period - 1st October 1916 - 28th February 1917 Egypt)*

M.I.D. *London Gazette* 6 July 1917 - General Sir A Murray (Egypt Expeditionary Force)

Albert Arthur Hester was born on 24 June 1890 in Kensington London and enlisted into the 4th Battalion Kings Royal Rifle Corps Posted on 24 June 1908. His subsequent service is as follows:

2nd Bn KRRC - 29 November 1910 - Rifleman

Posted: 4th Bn KRRC - 4 November 1910 - Rifleman  
Appointed: Lance Corporal - 4 Bn KRRC - 25 March 1912  
Great War Service: Promoted: Corporal - 4th bn KRRC - 18 November 1914 Appointed:  
Acting Serjeant - 4th Bn KRRC - 15 January 1915  
Posted: Depot: 9 June 1915 - Acting Serjeant  
Posted: 6th Bn KRRC - Acting Serjeant - 24 July 1915  
Posted: 2nd Bn KRRC - Acting Serjeant - 4 August 1915  
Posted: 2nd Bn KRRC - Acting Serjeant (With Pay) - 7 September 1915  
Posted: Depot - Acting Serjeant 12 October 1915  
Posted: 5th Bn KRRC - Acting Serjeant - 21 January 1916 Transferred: Machine Gun Corps -  
25 February 1916 Machine Gun School  
Promoted A. C.S. Mjr - 4 May 1916  
Posted: 127th Machine Gun Company MGC - A.C.S.Mjr - 4 May 1916  
Posted: Mediterranean Expeditionary Force (Egypt) - A.C.S.Mjr 4 May 1916 Promoted:  
Serjeant - 23 May 1916 Promoted: W.O.Cl. 2. - & Appointed C.S.M. 12th MGC Co MGC -  
23 May 1916 127th Coy M.G.C.  
Disembarked Egypt & taken on strength with effect from 23 May 1916 - A/C.S.Mjr  
Alexandria - 127th Coy M.G.C.  
Embarked for Marseille struck off strength of E.E.F. - 1 March 1917 127th Coy M.G.C.  
Posted British Expeditionary Force France - C.S.Mjr - 7 April 1917 42nd Bn M.G.C  
Appointed Act W.O.Cl. II - 4 November 1918  
Re-Engaged in the Field to Complete 21yrs Army Service Off Strength B.E.F. - C.S.Mjr - 23  
April 1918 On Strength Rhine Army - C.S.Mjr - 24 April 1918.

#### WOUNDS:

Wounded: Shrapnel Wound -Left Fore Finger / Arm - (Bones Broken) in the Field - 9th / 10  
May 1915 - Evacuated to England  
Wounded: 21 September 1915 (Wounds Not Stated) - 2/K.R.R. (1st Day Battle Loos)  
Wounded: 12 October 1915 - Gun Shot Wound Toe - Evacuated to UK 1st General Hospital  
Aberdeen  
Admitted: Field ambulance - 23 March 1917 - Septice Right Hand (Field Hospital Abberville)  
R.T.U. 7 April 1917

#### POST WAR SERVICE:

Post Great War Service Posted 41st Bn -C.S.Mjr 26 May 1919  
Posted: 52nd Bn - C.S.Mjr 31 May 1919  
Posted: 78th DTS A.R.S.M. - 1st April 1920  
Posted: No 1 Depot - A.R.S.Mjr - 24 June 1920  
Transferred: Depot K.R.R. Authority W.O Letter 20th Coy M.G.C. - C.S.Mjr - 10 March  
1921 Military History Sheet  
Home Service: 24 June 1921 - 4th October 1921  
K.R.R.C - Attached 4th Nigerian Regt - West Africa Field Force  
Served West Africa: 20th October 1921 - 10 May 1923

Awarded: Army Long Service Good Conduct Medal - *Nigeria Gazette* 18  
September 1924

Served West Africa: 18 October 1923 - 24th April 1925  
Home & Leave: 25 October 1925 - 15 September 1925  
Served West Africa: 16 September 1925 - 30 September 1925  
Served West Africa: 1 October 1925 - 5 May 1927  
Home and discharge: 19 May 1927 - 5 October 1927





Discharged: Kings Royal Rifles - Para 363 XX11 Kings Regulations. Total Pensionable Service 23 Years 348 Days Military Conduct on Discharge: Exemplary Final Assessment on Discharge: *'C.S.M. A.A. Hester been of exemplary character and is thoroughly capable, self reliant, a good disciplinarian and lives well. ...'*

On leaving the Army, Hester joined the Special Constabulary at Marlow. He died at Little Marlow on 10 April 1979

Condition VF, some contact marks to medals from wear. Attractively mounted on display boards with name plate, along with 2 Cap badges. Sold with a very large file of copied research, including service papers, medal rolls, LG's, K,R,R,C. diary, newspaper obituary detailing service, original newspaper clipping announcing D.C.M., 2 original group photos etc.

A very fine group to a senior NCO with a superb service.