

**A VERY RARE EGYPT AND SUDAN 1882-89, CLASP SUAKIN 1885 PAIR
AWARDED TO A NURSING SISTER, ALONG WITH AN ORIGINAL GROUP
PHOTOGRAPH**



EGYPT AND SUDAN 1882-89, UNDATED REVERSE, CLASP, SUAKIN 1885 'NURSG. SISTER. E. WRIGHT.', KHEDIVE'S STAR 1884-6

E. A. Wright - or Annie to her friends and comrades - was born on 17 February 1847 and was employed by the National Aid Agency on 1 March 1881. She was sent to the Guards' Hospital on 26 January 1882 and her contract renewed for two further years in March 1884.

She went to Egypt aboard the *Tasmania* in April 1885, taken onto the strength of the Military Nursing Establishment on 1 April 1885, arriving at Suez on 22 April and thence onto Suakin. Indeed *Suakin 1885*, by Major Gambier Perry gives further detail:

'Further in rear still was the Headquarter Camp, and between us and them lay the Medical Staff Camp at 'H Redoubt'...The Medical Staff were at this time under single bell tents and suffered severely from the sun, I never saw fellows more sunburnt in so short a time.'

On return to England she was posted to Netley and then to Dover on 23 February 1886. Posted to Canterbury as Acting Superintendent, 14 November 1889, she served at Gibraltar between 1894 and 1900 before being posted to Colchester. Aged 55, Wright resigned on 17 December 1902, retiring on a pension of £36.80 PA.

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Just 13 Medals & Suakin 1885 clasps issued to the Nursing Sisters. Wright was presented with her medal whilst attached to the Herbert Hospital, Shooter's Hill in 1886 (*British Medical Journal* 13 February 1886, refers) whilst the Star was sent to her on 25 April 1888.



Condition EF. Sold together with a fine and rare 25 x 20cm original group photograph of Medical Staff, Miss Wright no doubt being one of the 4 nurses featured. Ex Spink Dec 2021 when sold by family