



Victoria Cross Recipient Hastings Edward Harrington

Hastings Edward Harrington was born in Hinton Parva, (also known as Little Hinton), Wiltshire on 9th November 1832. He was educated at the East India Company's Military College in Addiscombe, Surrey, between 1850 and 1852.

A Lieutenant in the Bengal Artillery, he was awarded the Victoria Cross at the siege of Lucknow 14th – 27th November 1857.

The citation reads:

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to confirm the grant of the Decoration of the Victoria Cross to the undermentioned Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates of Her Majesty's Forces and Indian Military Forces, which Decoration has been provisionally conferred upon them by the Commander-in-Chief in India, in accordance with the rules laid down in Her Majesty's Warrant instituting the same, on account of Acts of Bravery performed by them in that country, during the operations under his personal Command, as recorded against their several names

Elected respectively, under the 13th clause of the Royal Warrant of the 29th of January, 1856, by the Officers and non-commissioned officers generally, and by the private soldiers of each troop or battery, for conspicuous gallantry at the relief of Lucknow, from the 14th to the 22nd of November, 1857.

The award was presented by Queen Victoria at Buckingham Palace on 8th June 1859.

He is on the Nominal Roll of Casualties for Brigadier-General Walpole's Field Force on the 15th of April 1858 as "wounded severely".

Dated: Camp Roodamow, April 17, 1858

Harrington died on the 20th July 1861 of cholera at Agra, Uttar Pradesh, India and is buried in Agra Cantonment Cemetery.

