



## *Victoria Cross Recipient George Vincent Fosbery*

George Vincent Fosbery was born in Stert, Wiltshire on the 11th April 1832. He attended Eton College and entered the 4th Bengal European Regiment of the Indian Army in 1857. Marrying Emmeline Hall in Shropshire in 1858 they had a total of ten children between 1859 and 1871. He was staying, with his wife and two children, at his parent's residence, the Vicarage, Reading Berkshire in 1861.

His Citation reads:

*Lieutenant (now Captain) George Vincent Fosbery*

*Date of Act of Bravery, October 30th, 1863.*

*"For the daring and gallant manner in which, on the 30th of October, 1863, acting as a Volunteer at the time, he led a party of his Regiment to recapture the Crag Picquet, after its Garrison had been driven in by the enemy, on which occasion sixty of them were killed in desperate hand to hand fighting.*

*From the nature of the approach to the top of the Crag amongst the large rocks, one or two men only could advance at one time; and " whilst I ascended one path," relates Lieutenant Colonel Keyes, C.B., commanding the 1st Punjab Infantry, "I directed Lieutenant Fosbery, of the late 4th European Regiment, to push up another at the head of a few men.*

*He led this party with the greatest coolness and intrepidity, and was the first man to gain the top of the Crag on his side of the attack."*

*Subsequently, Lieutenant Colonel Keyes, being wounded, Lieutenant Fosbery assembled a party with which he pursued the routed enemy in the direction of the Lalloo ridge, inflicting on them further loss and confirming possession of the post."*

Fosbery applied for, and was granted, several patents during his lifetime, inventing the "Paradox" gun and the "Webley-Fosbery Revolver"

On 28th November 1877 in the London Gazette;

"George Vincent Fosbery, at present residing at Weston-super-Mare, in the county of Somerset, Lieutenant-Colonel of Her Majesty's Bengal Staff Corps, has given the like notice in respect of the invention of " an improved manner of: protecting gun-boats, torpedo boats, and similar vessels from the effects of rifle shot and other projectiles."

HER Majesty has been pleased to approve of the resignation of the Service of the under mentioned Officer:—  
Lieutenant-Colonel George Vincent Fosbery, V.C, Dated 25th August, 1878. He died 8th May 1907 in Bath, Somerset and is buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, Bath. His grave is marked by a plain wooden cross.



