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In November E/B fired the Royal Salute at a formal parade for Lord Ripon. The Viceroy ordered his carriage to stop close to the guns, stood up and announced:

*'As I pass this Battery I cannot resist the impulse to address a few words to you officers, non-commissioned officers and men to express my deep sense of the gallant services of this Battery at the Battle of Maiwand, when in the hour of difficulty and danger you upheld the reputation of the distinguished Corps to which you belong, and when, as I may say without exaggeration, you wreathed fresh laurels around the guns of the Royal Artillery.'*

Tighe's Afghanistan Medal with clasp 'Kandahar' was despatched to E/B Battery at Mysore on 29 June 1882, and there is no record of his extending his service once the usual 18 years had elapsed. Tighe's later medical history is entered in his records as *'Bad: addicted to drink and absence, but a clean, smart soldier, obedient and respectful to his superiors.'* Importantly, no punishments are noted in his records. An objective modern medical report for this Gunner might well read: *'A good and effective soldier of proven bravery, lately subject to attacks of PTSD and alcohol abuse following arduous service in Afghanistan.'*



Condition GVF, a little contact wear from campaign medal. Sold with copied research. Ex Seaby's 1979 and Morton and Eden 2023.

A rare and emotive DCM for one of the most disastrous battles of the Victorian era. If ever paired with Tighe's Afghanistan medal, the value of the D.C.M. will double at the very least.