

THE SCARCE WAZIRISTAN 1921 OFFICER CASUALTY GROUP TO LIEUTENANT, 2/69TH PUNJABIS WHO WAS WOUNDED IN ACTION DURING AN ATTACK OF 500 TRIBESMEN ON A CONVOY THAT SUSTAINED 70 CASUALTIES AFTER A FIERCE ENGAGEMENT. HE HAD PREVIOUSLY SERVED IN THE RANKS OF THE 1/28TH LONDON REGIMENT (ARTISTS RIFLES) ON THE WESTERN FRONT 1916-17



BRITISH WAR MEDAL 'LT. P. L. SEVENOAKS.', VICTORY '2 LIEUT P. L. SEVENOAKS', INDIA GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL, 3 CLASPS, AFGHANISTAN N.W.F 1919, WAZIRISTAN 1919-21, WAZIRISTAN 1921-24 'LT. P.L. SEVENOAKS, 2/69/ PJBS'. MOUNTED AS WORN. With 2 silver 16th Punjab Regiment collar badges, hallmarked Birmingham 1924

762248 Private Patick Lutman Sevenoaks served in France with the 1/28th London Regiment (Artists Rifles) between 4 November 1916 and 30 October 1917. He was Commissioned 2nd Lieutenant, Indian Army Reserve on 30 August 1918, to date from 1 May 1918 and confirmed to Indian Army with that rank on 5 February 1919. The 1919 Indian Army List shows him serving with the 1st Battalion, 26th Punjab Regiment. Serving with the 2d Battalion 69th Punjab Regiment on the North-West Frontier and Waziristan, he was promoted Lieutenant on 1 February 1920.

Lieutenant Sevenoaks was wounded in action on 11 December 1921 whilst serving in the North-West Frontier. On this date, 500 tribesmen attacked a British convoy consisting of 3 companies of the 2/69th Punjabis, 1 of the 2/3 Gurkhas and 2 guns, which was proceeding from Datten Khel to Mahommed

Khel in the Tochi Valley. After a fierce fight, during which the British sustained heavy casualties totalling 70 men, including 2 Officers killed and 3 wounded, before driving off the enemy.

Promoted Captain, 3rd Battalion 16th Punjab Regiment in 1925, he died whilst serving in the same battalion, with the same rank on 12 August 1935. Noted as the son of Mr and Mrs R L Sevenoaks of Sringar, Kashmir.





Capt. C. H. Heppenstall Killed in Action.

DECEASED OFFICER'S LOCAL CONNECTION.

News has been received of the death in action on December 11th, on the North-West Frontier of India, of Capt. Clement Hoyle Heppenstall, M.D. Lond., Indian Medical Service.

The deceased officer, who was the only child of Mrs. L. Heppenstall, of 47, Savile Park, Halifax, and nephew of Mr. Edwin Townsend, of Reservoir House, Robinswood Hill, Gloucester, spent some of his earlier years at Reservoir House with his grandparents.

An extract from the "Manchester Guardian," giving an account of the action, states:—Some 500 tribesmen, including deserters from the Waziristan Militia, attacked British convoys proceeding from Datten Khel to Mahomed Khel in the Tochi Valley on the 11th inst. The troops put up a stubborn resistance, during which they suffered 70 casualties, and eventually drove off the enemy. Besides Capt. Heppenstall, Major G. H. Paget was also killed, and Lt.-Col. V. K. Birch and Lieuts. F. L. Secor-oaks and Sheehan wounded.

Mrs. Heppenstall has received a telegram from Whitehall deeply regretting the death of her son, and expressing the sincere sympathy of Mr. Secretary Montagu in the loss sustained.

Victory medal was issued by the British Government, his War Medal was issued by the India Office. Confirmed on MIC and rolls. This accounts for the differences in the rank.



Condition NEF. A fine Waziristan 1921 Officer casualty group