


OUTSTANDING AND RARE 1877 CLASP SOUTH AFRICA 1877-79 PAIR WITH BOXES OF ISSUE AND DISCHARGE LETTER FROM THE FRONTIER LIGHT HORSE, SIGNED BY ZULU WAR VC WINNER CAMMANDANT D'ARCY



SOUTH AFRICA 1877-9, CLASP 1877 'PTE F PARKIN P.A.G.RIFLE VOL'S'
 QUEENS SOUTH AFRICA 1899 '29 SJT. G.F. PARKIN. JANSENVILLE D.M.T.'
 WITH BOX'S OF ISSUE AND DISCHARGE LETTER FROM FRONTIER LIGHT
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Frederick Parkin was a member of Prince Alfred's Guard, Rifle Volunteers and served with this unit during the Gaikas and Galekas campaign 1877-8, being one of 34 men to only qualify for the 1877 clasp. Still a serving member of this unit he took leave to serve in the Frontier Light Horse circa August 1879 with the rank of sergeant (no 1879 clasp entitlement). It has always been thought that this unit had been disbanded in September 1879, however groundbreaking research by author Cam Simpson, shows that just prior to disbandment, 100 picked men from the unit were kept on due to the threat of Boer disturbances just prior to the Sekukuni campaign. This much reduced unit served under Commandant D'Arcy VC until disbanded on 26th January 1880.



	Overweg	Sudolf	"		No
Private	Parkin	Fredk	"		1877
	Robham	Henry	"		No

During the Boer War Parking served as a Sergeant in the Jansenville District Mounted Troops;

'During the second phase—that is, after Lord Roberts had given over the command to Lord Kitchener, and while the enemy were reinvading Cape Colony and were making serious efforts to get at the lines of communication passing through the Colony—an immense number of small forces were formed, some to protect a district from invasion, others to guard towns and villages. Although these troops were most inadequately trained and had few officers of any experience, the most of them behaved well when the enemy appeared, and many did really excellent service... On 29th May 1902, almost the last day of the war, the Jansenville District Mounted Troops were fortunate enough to capture Malan, one of the enterprising commando leaders who for a long time caused no little concern to Cape Colony.'



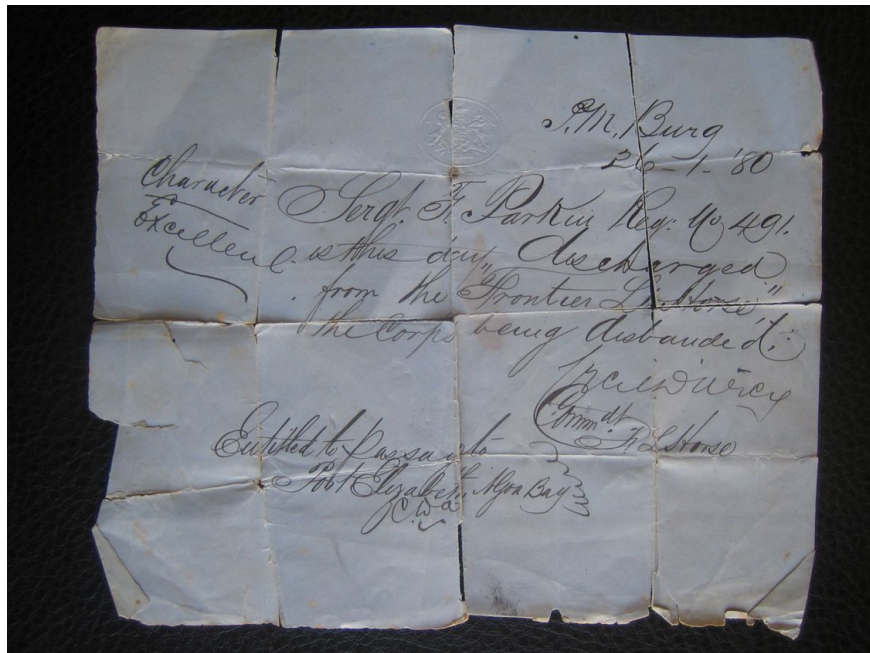
Queens South Africa medal gives initials 'G F' on medal, however this is impressed incorrectly, the person doing the naming misreading the medal roll entry which very clearly says 'F' only (see pic of roll)



Along with the medals are the two original boxes of issue, still with their original Royal Mint envelopes. The former have been flattened during storage and are missing a couple of sides but are both top and bottom sections.



Additionally is Parkin's original discharge document from the Frontier Light Horse, dated PM'Burg 26th Jan 1880. This written by and signed by Commandant D'Arcy VC (VC for Zulu War). This shows Sergeant Parkin to have been one of the very last members of this famous unit. The letter gives passage back to Port Elizabeth where the Prince Alfred's Guard, Rifle Volunteers were based and the SA 1877-9 roll for this unit dated 1st August 1881 shows Parkin still serving in this unit, he having returned to it after his service under D'Arcy. The Letter is complete but fragile having come apart where its been folded but displays well as can be seen.





Condition, both medals in mint, lovely dark toned, original ribbons and boxes. The letter is exceptionally rare for the FLH, as is D'Arcy's signature, he having died in mysterious circumstances in August 1881.

All in all you'd be hard pushed to find a better group for a rare 1877 clasped South Africa medal. Only 167 of which clasps being issued from around 15,000 medals!