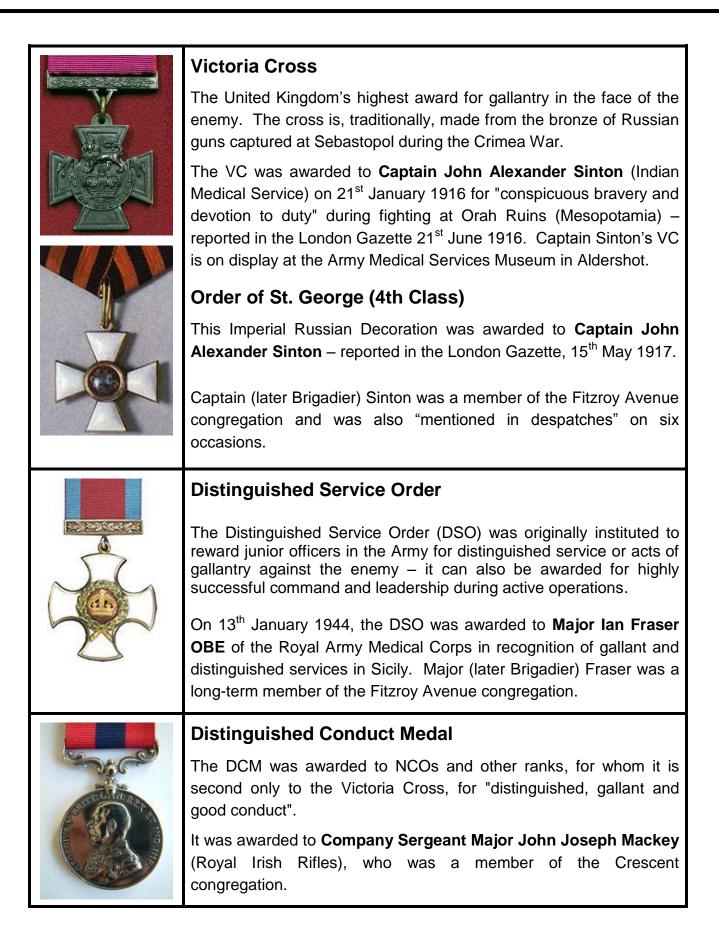




Gallantry Awards







## **Military Cross**

The MC was instituted in December 1914 as a reward for gallantry by Commissioned Officers below the rank of Major and Warrant Officers.

Captain (later Major) Samuel Burnside Boyd Campbell (Royal Army Medical Corps) of the Fitzroy Avenue congregation;

**Captain William McMeekin Chesney** (Royal Army Medical Corps) of the Fitzroy Avenue congregation (also awarded a Bar to the MC);

**Lieutenant James Sinclair Jackson** (Royal Engineers) of the Fitzroy Avenue congregation;

**Lieutenant Culbertson Jackson** (Royal Irish Rifles) of the Fitzroy Avenue congregation;

**Lieutenant Norman Todd Martin** (Royal Field Artillery) of the Fitzroy Avenue congregation;

**Captain Arthur Norman McClinton** (Royal Irish Rifles) of the Fitzroy Avenue congregation;

**Captain (later Major) John Henry Alexander Patton** (Royal Irish Rifles) of the Fitzroy Avenue congregation (also awarded a Bar to the MC); and

**Lieutenant Martin Shaw** (Royal Garrison Artillery) of the Donegall Pass congregation.



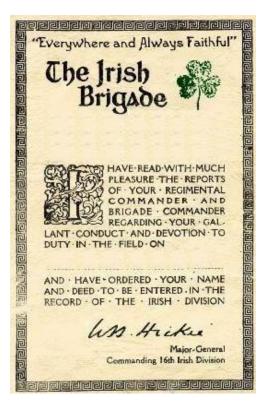
## Meritorious Service Medal

This long-service award was instituted in 1845 and, in 1916, could be awarded to Warrant Officers, Non Commissioned Officers and Men for valuable service, gallantry and devotion to duty.

The Meritorious Service Medal list in Cyril Fall's book "The History of the 36<sup>th</sup> (Ulster) Division" includes Company Quarter Master **Sergeant R. D. Carmichael** of the Royal Irish Rifles. The PCI Roll of Honour list for the Crescent congregation includes Sergeant Robert D. Carmichael (Royal Irish Rifles).

ALL CR.	Military Medal
	The Military Medal was established on 25 <sup>th</sup> March 1916 and was awarded to NCOs and Other Ranks for bravery in battle on land. It was equivalent to the Military Cross.
	<b>Private John F McManus</b> (Royal Irish Fusiliers) of the Crescent congregation;
	<b>Private Hugh Porter</b> (Royal Army Medical Corps, attached to Tank Corps) of the Crescent congregation, for gallant conduct under heavy fire on 31 <sup>st</sup> July 1917 during the 3rd Battle of Ypres;
	Sergeant Robert Thompson (Royal Engineers) of the Crescent congregation; and
	Sergeant Robert Wylie (Royal Irish Rifles) of the Crescent congregation.
	Legion D'Honneur – Croix de Guerre
	This French gallantry medal was awarded to <b>Sergeant Major Brice</b> <b>Miller Wightman</b> (Royal Army Medical Corp) of the Fitzroy Avenue congregation.
	The award was reported in the <i>London Gazette</i> on 13 <sup>th</sup> July 1917 and the August 1917 edition of the Central Presbyterian Association magazine.
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The PCI Roll of Honour list for the Crescent congregation records that **Sergeant Robert Wylie** had also received a "G.C." which probably refers to Gallantry Certificates issued by Divisions to personnel nominated for Gallantry Awards but turned down by the central authority. Sergeant Wylie served in the 6<sup>th</sup> (Service) Battalion of the Royal Irish Rifles which was part of the 10<sup>th</sup> Irish Division.



**Sergeant Major Brice Miller Wightman** (Fitzroy Avenue) was awarded a special certificate for meritorious service in the Ulster Division, as reported in the June 1917 edition of the Central Presbyterian Association magazine. His brother, Herbert, was also awarded a Gallantry Certificate.

