

Somerset Man's Medals at Auction

A group of medals awarded to Edward Bailey of South Petherton, near Martock Somerset are going under the Charterhouse hammer in their auction of medals, militaria, coins, stamps and collector's items on Friday 15th December.

"The group of four medals awarded to Private Edward Bailey come to auction from a distant family member and it is the first time they have been on the open market," Commented Richard Bromell. "The Somerset owner decided now is the time to auction the medals. It was not an easy decision to make but thought a collector would enjoy them and brought them into our Sherborne salerooms for a free valuation."

Private Bailey, whose trade was noted in his Soldier's Small Book as a "Groom" enlisted in the 7th Dragoon Guards in 1900 aged 19 years and 6 months. He was immediately sent to the South African Boer War and received five bars to his Queens South Africa Medal – Cape Colony, Orange Free State, Transvaal, South Africa 1901 & South Africa 1902.

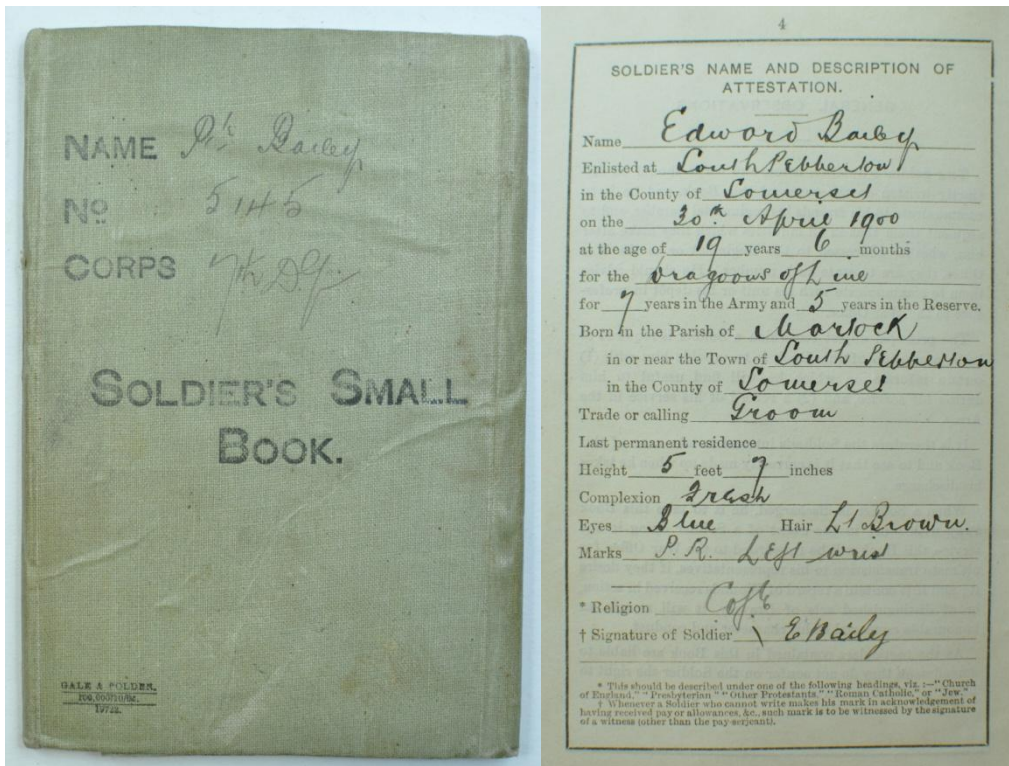
Having served his 7 years in the Army and with 5 years in Reserve he was either recalled or volunteered when war was declared at the end of July 1914. This time he served in the 4th Dragoon Guards and formed part of the British Expeditionary Force and arrived in France very early on in the war on 16th August 1914.

The 4th Dragoon Guards fought in many battles including heavy action at Ypres. Private Bailey fought on in the war but was seriously wounded and discharged from the Army on 25th June 1916.





Accompanying Private Bailey's medals, which comprise a Queens South Africa Medal, a 1914 Star with Mons bar, a British War Medal and a Victory Medal are his silver wound badge with his allocated number, his Soldier's Small Book from 1902 and a 1914 Princess Mary Christmas tin which was sent out to the troops full of cigarettes and chocolate, although the contents is now long gone. The collection is estimated at £400 - £500* *plus 25.2% buyer's premium including VAT



Charterhouse is now accepting further entries for their busy programme of specialist auctions which include coins, medals, stamps and collector's items on 15th

December, pictures and books on 19th January with classic motorcycles on 4th February and classic cars on 11th February.

For further information regarding these auctions, or to arrange a home visit, please contact **Richard Bromell** at Charterhouse, The Long Street Salerooms, Sherborne **01935 812277** or email items for valuation at **info@charterhouse-auction.com**