

## **LT COLONEL RICHARD EDWARD FLOWERDEW CIE (1896-1903)**

The following is mainly taken from an obituary in the Spring 1972 OF Magazine.

He was born on 26 September 1886 and was the 9<sup>th</sup> son of AJB Flowerdew and brother of **Lt Gordon Muriel Flowerdew VC (1894-99)**.

He qualified as a doctor at Aberdeen University in 1908 and joined the Indian Medical Service the following year. In October 1914, he was posted to the 135 Field Ambulance with the Suez Canal Defence Force and in 1915 was transferred to Iraq as Medical Officer to the 76 Punjabis and was present at the Actions of Shaiba (near Basra), Karun River and Nasarieh, after which he was invalided back to India. He was mentioned in dispatches. In 1918 he was appointed DADMS Northern Command and the next year was on active service as DADMS Wasiristan Force (NW Frontier Province).

In 1922 his services were placed at the disposal of the Government of Burma and he became Superintendent of the Insein Jail and then Rangoon Jail. In 1930 he became Inspector General of Prisons in Burma. In 1931 he was transferred to the Government of Bengal in the same capacity with Headquarters at Calcutta and he remained until 1936.

For his services in Civil employment he was awarded the Companion of Indian Empire (CIE).

In 1937 he reverted to military duty and was posted to Banno (NW Frontier Province) as Officer Commanding Combined Military Hospital. He retired in April 1937 but was recalled to duty at the outbreak of WW2. He was appointed Medical Officer in charge of the Internee Camp in the Isle of Man and finally retired in 1944.

From 1952 until the time of his death on 9 December 1971 he lived in Nairobi, Kenya.

Also see the Flowerdew Family at

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