

## **LT EUSTACE FREDERICK RAYNHAM DSO (1877-80)**

He was born on 28 February 1865 at Hessett in Suffolk.

In 1896 he went to South Africa and joined De Beers Consolidated Mines.

Shortly afterwards saw the start of the South African War and he joined the Kimberley Town Guard. On 29 November 1900 he was awarded the Distinguished Service Order "In recognition of services in connection with the campaign in South Africa, 1899-1902." He was also mentioned in dispatches and awarded the Queen's Medal with Bar "for meritorious services".

After the war, he became Secretary of the De Beers Consolidated Mines in 1917 until 1929.

In the Parish and Cathedral Church of St Cyprian the Martyr in Kimberley, South Africa there is a Raynham Plaque in the baptistery, dedicated on Mothering Sunday 6 March 2005 which reads as follows :-

*"In memory of Eustace Frederick Raynham D.S.O., Born 28th February 1865, Hessett, Suffolk, England, Resident in Kimberley 1896-1939, Lieutenant, Kimberley Town Guard, Siege of Kimberley 1899-1900, De Beers Consolidated Mines Secretarial Department, 1896-1929, Secretary 1917-29, Died 28th March 1939 Hermanus, Cape Province. Laid to rest in Kimberley."*