



Drayton Parish Council

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Invites you to the unveiling of a commemorative paving stone in honour of

Edward John Mott VC DCM



10:00am Sunday 22nd January 2017, St Peters Church, Church Lane, Drayton , OX14 4JS
The Service will be conducted by the Bishop of Dorchester, the Rt Revd Colin Fletcher OBE
Reception at Drayton Village Hall, Lockway, OX14 4LG. 11:15am



Edward Mott was awarded the Victoria Cross, the highest and most prestigious award for gallantry in the face of the enemy that can be awarded to British and Commonwealth forces, for an action in the First World War. The Centenary of his Victoria Cross award is January 2017.

Born in Drayton on 4th July 1893, Edward was a career soldier. He enlisted in The Border Regiment in 1910 and in 1915 took part in the ill-fated Dardanelles Expedition, where he was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal (DCM) "for gallant conduct in leading his company to successive fire positions, and again for conspicuous bravery and good service in attacking over difficult country". He later served in Egypt and then on the Western Front.

When he was 23 years old and a Sergeant in the 1st Battalion, The Border Regiment, Edward was awarded the VC for an action which took place on 27 January 1917 south of Le Transloy, France. Sergeant Mott's company was held up at a strong-point by machine-gun fire. Although severely wounded in the eye, Sergeant Mott made a rush for the gun and after a fierce struggle seized the gunner and took him prisoner, capturing the gun. It was due to the courage and initiative of Edward Mott that the attack on the left flank attack finally succeeded.



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