

O'Leary served in the Egyptian Army from 13 April 18894 to 3 March 1900 as Financial Secretary to the Sirdar. He served with the Dongola Expeditionary Force in 1896, including the engagement at Firket and the operations at Hafir (4th Class of the Osmanieh, British Medal, and Khedive's Medal with two Clasps); and in the operations in 1897-98 (3rd Class of the Medjidie). He also served in the South African War 1900-1902 and received the Medal with three Clasps. To quote from Soldiers of the Nile, "One of the few staff officers on Kitchener's staff to have Passed Staff College, his was probably the most unenviable position in the Egyptian Army. Kitchener was himself an obsessive economizer but none the less constantly struggling with the British officials of the Egyptian Treasury for more money and no doubt O'Leary was the meat in the sandwich."

OWEN, Edward Roderic, D.S.O., The Lancashire Fusiliers



Commissioned Lieutenant, 11 September 1876, Captain, 4 August 1884, and Brevet Major, 16 August 1892. Served in the operations against the Jebus, Lagos, West Coast of Africa, in 1892 — wounded (mentioned in dispatches, Brevet of Major, Companion of the Order of Distinguished Service, and Medal with Clasp). He also served in Uganda, the Unyoro War, Chitral and the Afghan Frontier, and Dongola, the Sudan where he commanded a Sudanese irregular corps.

A Victorian hero figure (he was a talented jockey and rode 'Father O'Flynn' to victory in the 1892 Liverpool Grand National horse race.) he was born at The Hewletts in Gloucestershire, May 4, 1856, and died of cholera at Ambigol Wells, Dongola Province in the Sudan on July 11, 1896.

Lord Salisbury's Tribute to the Memory of Roddy Owen — *No more gallant fellow ever left these shores. The difficulty was to restrain him. And yet, with all his daring qualities, he showed others of administration, of thoughtful care and tenderness for others, which would have made him, I think, had he been spared, a public servant of rare excellence from all points of view. It is men like him who have made and maintained our Empire.*

PARSONS, Sir Charles Sim Bremridge, KCMG, Subst. Colonel (from Royal Artillery)

Commissioned Lieutenant, 17 August 1874; Captain, 7 October 1883; Major, 14 October 1883; Lieutenant Colonel, 18 November 1896, and Colonel 16 November 1898. Colonel on the Staff, Royal Artillery, Curragh, 23 November 1899.

Sir Charles Parsons served in the Gaika war of 1877-78, including operations in the Pirie Bush and the affair at Taba Indoda, where he commanded two mountain guns. Served throughout the Zulu war of 1879, and was present at the engagement at Isanhlwana and Ulundi (Medal with Clasp). Served in the Boer war of 1881, and was present at the engagement at Lang's Nek (mentioned in dispatches) and the Ingogo River -- severely wounded, and horse shot (mentioned in dispatches). Served in the Egyptian war of 1882, and was present at the engagement at Tel-el-Mahuta, in the action at Kassasin (9th September), and the battle of Tel-el-Kebir (mentioned in dispatches, Brevet of Major, Medal with Clasp, 5th Class of the Medjidie, and Khedive's Star). Served with the Dongola Expeditionary Force under Sir Herbert Kitchener in 1896 in command of the Egyptian Artillery including the engagement at Firket and the operations at Hafir (mentioned in dispatches, Brevet of Lt. Colonel, British Medal, and Khedive's Medal with two Clasps).