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Portrait Drawing of Lieutenant A. W. Jennings Bramly

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Height: 23.5 cm (9.3") Width: 17 cm (6.7")

£325



A pastel on card portrait drawing, by repute, of Lieutenant Alfred William Jennings Bramly of the 42nd Highland Regiment of Foot.

He had a short army career, dying whilst fighting in the Indian Mutiny in 1858. On close inspection this portrait is dated 1860 to the bottom right of Bramly's shoulder tartan. The date might also be preceded by the artist's signature, but it is disguised so well by the tartan it is difficult to be sure.

Bramly enlisted as an Ensign in the 42nd Highlanders (Black Watch) on the 15th of March 1855. His regiment had left for the East a year earlier and he joined them at Sebastopol in the Crimea in July 1855. He was awarded a medal and clasp. In August 1857, after the mutiny had broken out, the 42nd were sent to India. They took part in the 2nd Battle of Cawnpore in November and the siege of Lucknow in March 1858. On the 15th of April the regiment fought in the attack of Fort Ruyha and it was here that Bramly suffered his fatal wound. He was with the Light Company who were charged by a rebel force, attempting to cut them off. Bramly was shot in the temple and a volunteer was asked for to carry him back. The young officer was much liked by his company and Private James Davis quickly stepped forward. He carried him back under heavy fire from the fort and then returned to continue fighting. Bramly died during the night and

Davis was awarded the Victoria Cross.

This portrait is dated 2 years after Bramly died and so is likely to have been copied from an earlier picture of the subject, as an act of remembrance. It is well drawn and is set behind an arched window mount within a gilt frame. Dated 1860.

Image size is given.

Frame size H 18 1/4 W 14 1/2 inches.