

2835 4 clasps, Alma, Balaklava, Inkermann, Sebastopol. Minor nick at 7.00. G. Gibson, 13th Light Dragoons.

George Gibson born c. 1832-33. Wounded in the leg in the charge. Horse killed from under him. He died 6 June 1916 Broxburn, West Lothian, Scotland. Buried 9 June 1916 at Uphall Cemetery, Broxburn - military honours - no gravestone. Attended Annual Dinners 1897, 1908, 1912 and 1913. At Balaklava he assisted Lieut Sir William Gordon of the 17th Lancers and also 1529 Pte. John Keen of the 13th. From an extract from 'Answers' magazine for 26 October 1912 which gives Light Brigade Charger G. Gibson's recollections as follows: "I got down the valley right enough until I came to the guns. When we were retiring, I came across Sir William Gordon of the 17th Lancers, he was bleeding from the face and making straight for the Polish Lancers. I joined him and together we got through them. I somehow evaded them and picked up trumpeter Keen, who was wounded through the leg. We had not gone far when a grape shot caught my horse on the shoulder and killed him instantly. I was stunned by the shock and lay in the field for some time. I got up to where they were mustering about three or four o'clock. But I knew nothing about it, for I was blind and stupid...." Sold with various copy newspaper cuttings from the 'West Lothian Courier'. Extracts from one: "Mr George Gibson Pilmer, resident at Montgomery Building, Broxburn who as a private in the 13th Light Dragoons was one of the 204 men who "Came through the jaws of death, Back to the gates of hell." ....(He) enlisted in the 13th Light Dragoons in 1852 at Liverpool. ....Private Gibson (for by a mistake he had been enlisted under that name, though the matter was remedied afterwards) was sent with the working party a week in advance of the troops to Clapham Camp. ....Then to Birmingham and after twelve months' stay there, orders were received for the men to get ready for embarkation for the Crimea.....they landed at Varna on the Black Sea early in July 1854 and their first engagement was at the Battle of Alma on 20 September. He witnessed the death of Captain Nolan at the Battle of Inkermann..... Discharged at Cahir Barracks, Ireland 6 September 1856..."