

# Gallantry Awards WWI: Men of Dereham and District.



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Including: Beetley; Bradenham; Elmham; Elsing;  
Gressenhall; Hoe; Mattishall Burgh; Scarning; Shipdham.

## **Foreword:**

These men and their awards have been found from:

Dereham Roll of Honour; London Gazette; Dereham Times.

The London Gazette did not report the town or village of the recipient until later in the war, so there may be others whose awards are not recorded here.

Two men whose awards are recorded elsewhere are:

Smart, Captain Bernard Arthur, D.S.O. and Bar, Croix de Guerre Cross, L/Cpl Arthur Henry, V.C., M.M. (Shipdham)	Royal Naval Air Service 40 <sup>th</sup> Bn, Machine Gun Corps
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Captain Bernard Smart's exploits are recorded in:

"Bowman steam toys and pond yachts: a family story" Colin Laker, 2 volumes, 2009.  
Available in Dereham Library L745.5928.

L/Cpl Arthur Cross's story is told in a number of sources such as:

"The Victoria Cross, 1856-1920: A complete record of the recipients of the Victoria Cross"  
O'Moore Creagh, 1985.

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