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Everard Aloysius Lisle Phillipps was born on 28 May 1835, and attended St Edmund's College with his elder brother Ambrose between 1847 & 1849. He left St Edmund's to study at Oscott.

In 1854, he sailed for India and in March 1855 was appointed into the 11th Regiment of the Bengal Native Infantry. On 4 May 1857 the Regiment mutinied, signalling what has been described historically as the Indian Mutiny. Everard was then attached to the 60th Rifles.

He was killed whilst fighting on the streets of Delhi on 17 September 1857.

The Victoria Cross is the highest military decoration; it is awarded for valour in the face of the enemy.

The London Gazette of 21 October 1859 states that Everard .would have been recommended to Her Majesty for the decoration of the Victoria Cross, had he survived, for many gallant deeds which he performed during the siege of Delhi, during which time he was wounded three times...." The VC was not originally awarded posthumously, but in 1907 Everard was one of the first to be awarded it posthumously by King Edward VII.

The medal was given to his surviving younger brother Edwin, and it is still held by the family today.



ENSIGN EVERARD LISLE PHILLIPPS, V.C.  
*Killed at Delhi 18th September, 1857.*

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An article in The Edmundian magazine states "It would be fitting that some permanent memorial of his brave young officer should find a place here in his old school....." That was in 1910!

On Sunday 9 September 2007, The Edmundian Association arranged for the lack of a memorial at last to be rectified. The College had the privilege of welcoming many of Everard's family as we marked not only the centenary of the award, but also the sesquicentenary of his death.

On the occasion, David Kay, President of the Association invited Mr Tim Phillipps de Lisle, the great great nephew of Everard Phillipps, to unveil a memorial plaque in honour of this special Old Edmundian.



Pictured with the President are - from left - the Honorable Mrs Mary Rose Phillipps de Lisle, Mr Gerard Phillipps de Lisle DL, and Mr Tim Phillipps de Lisle



From left - Mr Gerard Phillipps de Lisle DL, Mr Peter Phillipps de Lisle, Major Jeremy White, Mrs Denise White (née Phillipps de Lisle), Miss Rosanna Phillipps de Lisle, Mr Tim Phillipps de Lisle, Angela Dowager Countess della Catena DL, The Honorable Mrs Mary Rose de Lisle, Miss Alexandra Phillipps de Lisle, Mrs Edith Phillipps de Lisle & Captain Robert Boyle DL

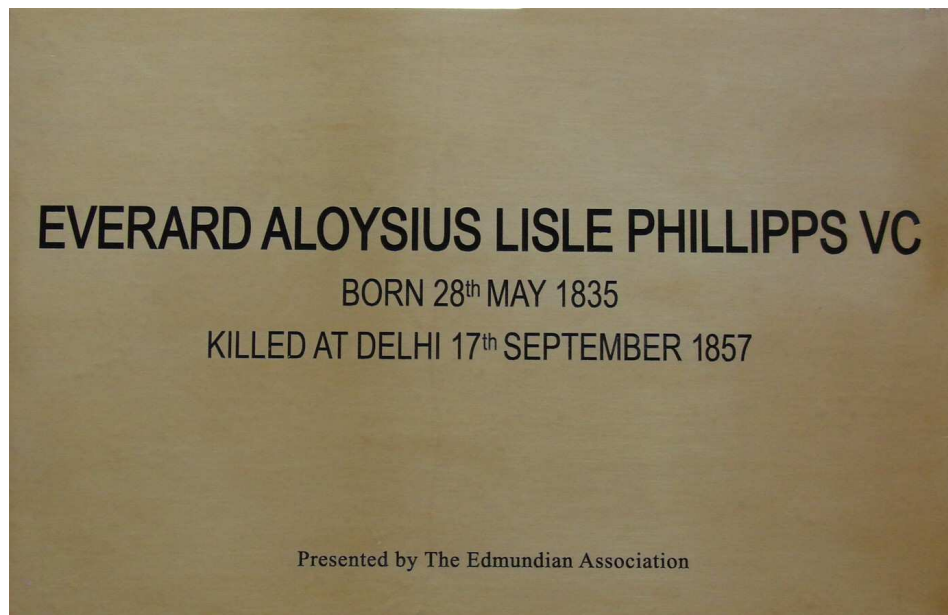












This article was in *The Catholic Herald* on 21 September 2007:





David Kay, pictured with some of Everard Lisle Phillipps's family descendants at the unveiling ceremony

## School unveils plaque to honour Army veteran

ST EDMUND'S College in Ware, Hertfordshire, has unveiled a memorial plaque to mark the centenary of the awarding of the Victoria Cross, Britain's highest military decoration, to a former pupil.

The permanent memorial to Everard Lisle Phillipps VC, who attended the college between 1847 and 1849, was erected by the college's Edmundian Association and now hangs in the college chapel.

The unveiling ceremony followed a High Mass during which the college welcomed many of Everard's living descendants. Tim Phillipps de Lisle, the great-great-nephew of Everard, was invited to unveil the memorial plaque.

David Kay, president of the Edmundian Association, said: "Plans were made to erect a permanent memorial as long ago as 1910. I am delighted that the lack of a fitting memor-

ial has at last been rectified." Phillipps was born at Grace Dieu Manor, Leicestershire, on May 28, 1835, the second son of a well-known and respected Catholic family.

Having been commissioned as an ensign in the Army, in 1854 he set sail for India and in 1855 was appointed to the 11th Regiment of the Bengal Native Infantry. On May 4, 1857 the Regiment mutinied, signalling what has been

described historically as the Indian Mutiny. Phillipps was then attached to the 60th Rifles. He was later killed while fighting on the streets of Delhi on September 17, 1857.

Fifty years after his death, in 1907, Everard Phillipps was one of the first to be awarded the Victoria Cross posthumously by King Edward VII. The medal was given to his surviving younger brother Edwin.