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2nd Lieutenant Theodore Barrington Norman Leslie  
3 Battalion Grenadier Guards

**Remarks:** [ABWMP]

**References:** LP

**Age:** 21

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### Events

Wounded on 23/11/1899 at Belmont

2nd Lieutenant 3 Bn Grenadier Guards

**Source:** ABWMP

Gazetteer: Belmont

[2924: 2925-2423] a village in the Cape Colony (Herbert district; Northern Cape), 35 km north-east of Hopetown, and station on the railway line northwards through De Aar and Kimberley. It is located on a farm of the same name which belonged to one Thomas Belmont was one of three defensive positions held by the Boers under Asst Cmt-Gen P.A. Cronjé, on the line between the Orange River and Kimberley\*. It was occupied by a commando of 300 Fauresmith burghers under Cmt G. van der Merwe on 19 October 1899. On 10 November 1899, Lt-Col H. de la P. Gough on reconnaissance from the Orange River skirmished with this commando in the hills east of Belmont and in a short engagement two officers (Lt-Col C.E. Keith-Falconer, The Northumberland Fusiliers, and Lt C.C. Wood, The Loyal North Lancashire regiment) were immediately killed and two wounded, Gough being forced to retire. In the march to relieve Kimberley, Lt-Gen Lord Methuen's force left the northern bank of the Orange River on 20 November 1899 and two days later arrived at the Boer positions in hilly country east of Belmont station. The battle of Belmont took place in the early morning of 23 November, the British driving the Boer commandos northwards, but at the cost of 297 men killed, wounded and missing to losses by the Free State commandos of under 150. By December, Belmont was garrisoned by the Royal Canadian regiment, Munster Fusiliers and Queensland mounted infantry and 'P' battery, Royal Horse Artillery. To

suppress the rebellion in Griqualand, Lt-Gen Sir C. Warren established the headquarters of his expeditionary force in Belmont on 6 May 1900. HMG I pp.216-228, 308 and 386 (map no.10), III pp.17-18 (map no.43); Times II pp.290 and 325-333 (map facing p.330), III p.110; Breytenbach I (map facing p.406), II cap.II (map facing p.36); Wilson I pp.52, 132 and 135-144.

Wounds - Died on 04/12/1899 at Wynberg (Official Casualty Roll Location: Wynberg Hospital)

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**Source:** SAFF

Gazetteer: Wynberg

a suburb of Cape Town in the Cape Colony 13 km south-east of city centre. Site of a large military hospital.

### Memorial

Holy Trinity. North & south gallery. Panels. Household Cavalry & Guards Windsor Berkshire England

Eton College Chapel Lupton's Chantry. Old Boys Eton Berkshire England

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Queen's South Africa : WO100-163 p146 ▼.▣

King's South Africa : WO100-317 p100 ▼.▣

### Medal Entitlement (as far as is known)

Medal	Clasps	Naming Style	Remarks
Queen's South Africa Medal 1899-1902	Belmont		

### Medal Last Seen...

Where	Date	Comment	Price
eBay	August 2014	Portrait photo in uniform inscribed on rear in contemporary silver frame with ABW images.	GBP£0.00

### Biographical Notes

He died at Wynberg Hospital, Cape Town, December 4th, 1899, from the effect of wounds received at the battle of Belmont. He was the eldest son of R C Leslie of Ballibay, Monaghan, and 22 Cornwall Gardens, London. He represented the branch of Leslie Earls of Rothes, who settled in Ireland in 1614. 2nd Lieutenant Leslie was born February 1878, and educated at Eton. He entered the Grenadier Guards January 1899, from the 4th Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers (Monaghan Militia), accompanied his battalion to Gibraltar in September and went on with it to South Africa in October. He served with the Kimberley Relief Force under Lieutenant General Lord Methuen, and was severely wounded in the leg at the battle of Belmont November 23rd, but insisted on the others who were struck down being attended to before him. His wound was dressed and he was then transferred to Wynberg Hospital where, on November 29th, it was found necessary to amputate his foot. On December 4th in his sleep he appears to have kicked off a bandage, breaking an artery and died immediately from loss of blood. He was buried in Wynberg cemetery.

Not entitled to KSA - entered on roll in error.

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