Did you know?

Questions...

1. How many South Africa campaign medals were issued overall from 1877 to 1879?

2. How many were issued for the 1879 campaign?

3. How many were recalled/not issued to the 1^{st} and 2^{nd} Battalions of the 24^{th} Regiment due to the recipients' desertion?

4. How old is the map of Africa on display at Scotney Castle, a National Trust property in Kent? It was drawn by George Windey of Ludgate Street, London. The area we know as South Africa is marked '*Land of the Hottentots*'.

Answers...

1. The answer varies from between 36,644 as researched by Major Townsend and 39,041 on various medal rolls. Both estimates agree that 6,090 were returned as un-issued.

2. Again, the answer varies from between 18,332 as researched by Major Townsend and 19,573 on various medal rolls.

3. The answer is about 40.

All figures are according to the medal rolls in Roy Dutton's excellent book *Forgotten Heroes; Zulu and Basuto Wars, Including Complete Medal Roll 1877-8-9.*

4. 1714. It is part of a six-fold screen of maps on display.

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