

HEROES OF WORLD WAR I

Of the many thousands who were rewarded for their bravery and heroism in this war, 628 were singled out for the highest award, the Victoria Cross. Of these nine were Cumbrians born and bred, whilst two more, born elsewhere had become residents of Cumbria by the time of the war.

The entries on list below each have a link to the citation for the award and a further link to more of the story of that individual.

Abraham Acton , Whitehaven	1914
James G Smith , Workington	1914
Harry Christian , Pennington	1915
Edward Boyle , Carlisle	1915
William Forshaw , Barrow	1915
Thomas F Mayson , Silecroft	1917
Robert M Beatham , Glassonby	1918
James Hewitson , Coniston	1918
Edward Benn Smith , Maryport	1918
Joseph Collin , Jarrow/Carlisle	1918
Theodore Hardy , Exeter/Hutton Roof	1918