LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DR JAMES BARRY
From Colonel (Retd) EE Vella

Sir, May I draw to your attention and for the interest of your readers the following publications extracted from the current issue of the Maltese Medical Journal 1996; Vol 8 (1):

(a) Savona-Ventura C. Dr James Barry: an enigmatic army medical doctor, pp 41-47.
(b) Camilleri GE. Professor Salvatore Luigi Pisani (1828-1908), pp 48.

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(The paper on Dr James Barry is an excellent account of the life of this unusual and able officer - a very enjoyable read - Editor.)

JOHN FOX-RUSSELL, VC, MC, RAMC
From Capt (Retd) PH Starling

Sir, The article by E Dolev on Fox Russell (1) was very welcome but sadly the author is mistaken concerning the award of the Victoria Cross to members of the Army Medical Services.

Dolev states that 39 VCs have been awarded to members of the RAMC. In fact only 13 and two bars have been awarded to members of the Corps since its formation in June 1898 (2). It should be remembered that Arthur Martin-Leake was a member of the South African Constabulary at the time of his first award.

A total of 29 VCs and 2 bars have been awarded to the Army Medical Services since the institution of the Cross in 1856.

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