

War medals raise bids to record level

A WAR hero's medals have been bought for a record price at a Tewkesbury auction.

Harry Clifford, from Cheltenham, saw action with the 10th battalion of the Gloucestershire Regiment during the First World War.

He was awarded five medals. They included the King George V medal for bravery in the field and the King George V medal for meritorious service for when he was a member of the machine gun corps.

The medals were sold for £3,000 to a telephone bidder at Tewkesbury Auction Rooms.

Auctioneer Nicholas Granger said they had been expected to sell for between £400 and £600.

He said he thought the price was a UK record for medals of that type.

He said the medals had been left to a distant relative of Mr Clifford, who died in 1976 when he was in his eighties.

He said: "What the guy must have gone through makes the hairs on the back of your neck stand up."



■ BRAVERY: auctioneer Nick Granger with the medals. Inset, small badge with the motto "His country called - he answered" and picture of H