

Richard Loudon McCreery (1898-1967)

Character in the Sherborne Pageant:
Alfred, episode 3.

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On a bier adorned with green foliage and draped with a magnificent purple pall, is borne the dying king Ethelbald, who come to seek reconciliation with his brother Ethelbert. And behold! Riding forth from the wood opposite comes Ethelbert with splendid pomp, followed by Osburga the Queen-mother, a radiant and majestic figure to behold, in jewelled robes of white and velvet mantle of crocus yellow. And beside her on his tiny steed rides Alfred, the youngest brother of the three, a beautiful fair-haired boy of seven summers, clad in white and gold and green, a golden circlet upon his brow.



Richard Loudon McCreery was born in Market Harborough, Leicestershire on 1 February 1898, the son of Walter Adolph McCreery and Amelia Jane McCreery (née McAdam), and grandson of James McAdam and Frances Elizabeth McAdam of Greenhill House, Sherborne.

In later life, General Sir Richard Loudon McCreery, GCB, KBE, DSO, MC, Chief of Staff to Field Marshal Alexander and later Commander of the 8th Army in northern Italy.

After retiring from the army he lived at Stowell Hill House, Horsington.

His biography *The Last Great Cavalryman: The Life of General Sir Richard McCreery GCB KBE DSO MC* is written by Richard Mead.

He died on 18 October 1967.



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