

War Office, October 18, 1901.

THE King has been graciously pleased to signify His intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross on the undermentioned Non-Commissioned Officer and Soldiers whose claims have been submitted for His Majesty's approval, for their conspicuous bravery in South Africa, as stated against their names :—

Regiment.	Name.	Act of Courage for which recommended.
2nd Battalion Liverpool Regiment	Sergeant H. Hampton	On the 21st August, 1900, at Van Wyk's Vlei, Sergeant Hampton, who was in command of a small party of Mounted Infantry, held an important position for some time against heavy odds, and when compelled to retire saw all his men into safety, and then, although he had himself been wounded in the head, supported Lance-Corporal Walsh, who was unable to walk, until the latter was again hit and apparently killed, Sergeant Hampton himself being again wounded a short time after.
18th Hussars	Private H. G. Crandon	On the 4th July, 1901, at Springbok Laagte, Privates Berry and Crandon were scouting towards a kopje when the Boers suddenly opened fire on them at a range of 100 yards. Private Berry's horse fell and became disabled, and he was himself shot in the right hand and left shoulder. Private Crandon at once rode back under a heavy fire to his assistance, gave up his horse to the wounded man to enable him to reach shelter, and followed him on foot, having to run for 1,100 yards, all the time under fire.
2nd Battalion Highland Light Infantry	Private C. Kennedy	At Dewetsdorp on the 22nd November, 1900, Private Kennedy carried a comrade, who was dangerously wounded and bleeding to death, from Gibraltar Hill to the Hospital, a distance of three-quarters of a mile, under a very hot fire. On the following day, volunteers having been called for to take a message to the Commandant across a space over which it was almost certain death to venture, Private Kennedy at once stepped forward. He did not, however, succeed in delivering the message as he was severely wounded before he had gone 20 yards.
2nd Battalion Rifle Brigade	Private E. Durrant	At Bergendal, on the 27th August, 1900, Acting-Corporal Wellar having been wounded, and being somewhat dazed, got up from his prone position in the firing line, exposing himself still more to the enemy's fire, and commenced to run towards them. Private Durrant rose, and pulling him down endeavoured to keep him quiet, but finding this impossible he took him up and carried him back for 200 yards under a heavy fire to shelter, returning immediately to his place in the line.

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*Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour
Department), London, October 17, 1901.*

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the following translations of Quarantine Notices issued by the Austro-Hungarian Government, viz. :—
Translation of Circular No. 12558 of the Imperial and Royal Marine Board, to all the Imperial and Royal Officers and Subordinate Port and Sanitary Offices and Officers :—

With reference to the certified cases of plague at Naples, the Imperial and Royal Ministry of the Interior in conjunction with the Imperial and Royal Hungarian Ministries, have, by Telegraphic Despatch of October 1 of this year, No. 48561, decreed as follows :—

All vessels arriving from the above-mentioned port will have to undergo a rigorous medical inspection, from the result of which will depend the further sanitary treatment of the vessel.

Should any case of illness or other unfavourable hygienic conditions be discovered—for instance, should any passenger be suspected from a sanitary point of view—the medical inspection on board will have to be repeated.

A declaration containing a list of the passengers, together with the name of their next port of destination, will have to be handed to the competent authorities.

The other regulations of the Sanitary Convention of Venice, contained in the Government Circular of June 17th, 1897, No. 5684, will have to be stringently carried out.

On the arrival of a vessel from the port of Naples the report of the result of the medical inspection will have immediately to be submitted to the undersigned, with a view to the prescription of any other further sanitary measures.

Trieste, October 2nd, 1901.

The President,
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Translation of Circular No. 12651 of the Imperial and Royal Marine Board, to all the Imperial and Royal Offices and Officers and Subordinate Port and Sanitary Offices and Officers :—

With reference to the telegraphic despatch of October 3rd of this year No. 3676 (H.M.) of the Imperial and Royal Ministry of Commerce, the Marine Board at (Trieste) have, in consequence of cases of plague verified at Samsun, decreed that