

WAR OFFICE, May 20, 1898.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to signify Her intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross on the under-mentioned Officers and Soldiers, whose claims have been submitted for Her Majesty's approval, for their gallant conduct during the recent operations on the North-West Frontier of India, as recorded against their names :—

Regiment.	Name.	Act of Courage for which recommended.
Royal Engineers ...	Lieutenant Thomas Colclough Watson	This Officer, on the 16th September 1897, at the village of Bilot, in the Mamund Valley, collected a few men of the Buffs (East Kent Regiment) and of No. 4. Company, Bengal Sappers and Miners, and led them into the dark and burning village to dislodge some of the enemy who were afflicting loss on our troops. After being wounded and driven back, he made a second attempt to clear the village, and only desisted after a second repulse and being again hit and severely wounded.
Royal Engineers ...	Lieutenant James Morris Colquhoun Colvin	On the same occasion, after Lieutenant Watson had been incapacitated by his wounds from further effort, Lieutenant Colvin continued the fight, and persisted in two more attempts to clear the enemy out of the dark and still burning village. He was conspicuous during the whole night for his devotion to his men in the most exposed positions under a heavy fire from the enemy.
The Sherwood Foresters (Derbyshire Regiment)	Lieutenant Henry Singleton Pennell	This Officer, during the attack on the Dargai Heights on the 20th October 1897, when Captain W. E. G. Smith, Derbyshire Regiment, was struck down, ran to his assistance, and made two distinct attempts, under "a perfect hail of bullets," to carry and drag him back to cover, and only desisted when he found that he was dead.
The Gordon Highlanders	Piper G. Findlater	During the attack on the Dargai Heights on the 20th October 1897, Piper Findlater, after being shot through both feet and unable to stand, sat up, under a heavy fire, playing the Regimental March to encourage the charge of the Gordon Highlanders.
The Gordon Highlanders	Private E. Lawson	During the attack on the Dargai Heights on the 20th October 1897, Private Lawson carried Lieutenant K. Dingwall, the Gordon Highlanders (who was wounded and unable to move), out of a heavy fire, and subsequently returned and brought in Private M'Millan, being himself wounded in two places.
The Dorsetshire Regiment	Private S. Vickery	During the attack on the Dargai Heights on the 20th October 1897, Private Vickery ran down the slope and rescued a wounded comrade under a heavy fire, bringing him back to cover. He subsequently distinguished himself with Brigadier-General Kempster's Column in the Warran Valley, killing three of the enemy who attacked him when separated from his Company.

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The Queen has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Most Honourable Order of the Bath in recognition of the services of the under-mentioned Officers during the recent operations on the North-West Frontier of India :—

To be Honorary Members of the Military Division of the Third Class, or Companions of the said Most Honourable Order, viz. :—

Honorary Major His Highness Maharaj Rana Nihal Singh Lockendar Bahadur of Dholpur.

Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel His Highness Maharaja Sir Nripendra Narayan Bhup Bahadur of Kuch Behar, G.C.I.E.

Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Maharaj Dhiraj Sir Partab Singh Bahadur of Jodhpur, G.C.S.I.

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The Queen has also been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Distinguished Service Order, and promotions