

War-Office, 27th May, 1859.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to signify Her intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross on the undermentioned Non-commissioned Officers and Privates of Her Majesty's Army, whose claims to the same have been submitted for Her Majesty's approval, on account of Acts of Bravery performed by them in India, as recorded against their several names; viz.:

Regiment or Corps.	Rank and Name.	Act of Bravery for which recommended.
2nd Battalion, Military Train	Private Michael Murphy, (Farrier)  Date of Act of Bravery, 15th April, 1858.	For daring gallantry on the 15th April, 1858, when engaged in the pursuit of Kooer Singh's Army from Azimghur, in having rescued Lieutenant Hamilton, Adjutant of the 3rd Sikh Cavalry, who was wounded, dismounted and surrounded by the enemy. Farrier Murphy cut down several men, and, although himself severely wounded, he never left Lieutenant Hamilton's side, until support arrived.
42nd Regiment ...	Lance-Corporal Alexander Thompson  Date of Act of Bravery, 15th April, 1858	For daring gallantry, on the 15th April, 1858, when at the attack of the Fort of Ruhya, in having volunteered to assist Captain Groves, Commanding the 4th Punjab Rifles, in bringing in the body of Lieutenant Willoughby, of that Corps, from the top of the Glacis, in a most exposed situation, under a heavy fire.
42nd Regiment ...	Quartermaster-Serjeant John Simpson  Date of Act of Bravery, 15th April, 1858.	For conspicuous bravery at the attack on the Fort of Ruhya, on the 15th April, 1858, in having volunteered to go to an exposed point within forty yards of the parapet of the Fort, under a heavy fire, and brought in, first, Lieutenant Douglas, and afterwards a Private soldier, both of whom were dangerously wounded.
42nd Regiment ...	Private James Davis  Date of Act of Bravery, 15th April, 1858.	For conspicuous gallantry, at the attack on the Fort of Ruhya, when, with an advanced party, to point out the gate of the Fort to the Engineer Officer, Private Davis offered to carry the body of Lieutenant Bramley, who was killed at this point, to the Regiment. He performed this duty of danger and affection under the very walls of the Fort.

#### MEMORANDUM.

Private Edward Spence, 42nd Regiment, would have been recommended to Her Majesty for the decoration of the Victoria Cross, had he survived. He and Lance-Corporal Thompson, of that Regiment, volunteered, at the attack of the Fort of Ruhya, on the 15th April, 1858, to assist Captain Groves, commanding the 4th Punjab Rifles, in bringing in the body of Lieutenant Willoughby from the top of the Glacis. Private Spence dauntlessly placed himself in an exposed position, so as to cover the party bearing away the body. He died on the 17th of the same month, from the effects of the wound which he received on the occasion.

AT the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 13th day of *May*, 1859,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board, a Memorial from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the twelfth of May, one thousand eight

hundred and fifty-nine, in the words following, viz.:

"Whereas we have had under our consideration the present condition of the Chaplains of your Majesty's Navy, with the view of ameliorating their position, and placing them more on an equality with the Chaplains of your Majesty's Army, in regard to their relative ranks and rates of pay and half-pay, pensions to their widows, &c.

"And whereas we are of opinion that it would be for the advantage of your Majesty's Service