

War Office, December 17, 1867.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to signify Her intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross on the undermentioned Officer and Private Soldiers of Her Majesty's Army, whose claims to the same have been submitted for Her Majesty's approval, for their gallant conduct at the Little Andaman Island, as recorded against their names, viz. :—

Regiment.	Rank and Name.	Act of Courage for which recommended.
2nd Battalion, 24th Regiment	Assistant-Surgeon Campbell Millis Douglas, M.D. Private Thomas Murphy „ James Cooper „ David Bell „ William Griffiths	<p>For the very gallant and daring manner in which, on the 7th of May, 1867, they risked their lives in manning a boat and proceeding through a dangerous surf to the rescue of some of their comrades, who formed part of an expedition which had been sent to the Island of Little Andaman, by order of the Chief Commissioner of British Burmah, with the view of ascertaining the fate of the Commander and seven of the crew of the ship "Assam Valley," who had landed there, and were supposed to have been murdered by the natives.</p> <p>The officer who commanded the troops on the occasion reports : "About an hour later in the day, Dr. Douglas, 2nd Battalion, 24th Regiment, and the four Privates referred to, gallantly manning the second gig, made their way through the surf almost to the shore, but finding their boat was half filled with water, they retired. A second attempt made by Dr. Douglas and party proved successful, five of us being safely passed through the surf to the boats outside. A third and last trip got the whole of the party left on shore safe to the boats."</p> <p>It is stated that Dr. Douglas accomplished these trips through the surf to the shore by no ordinary exertion. He stood in the bows of the boat, and worked her in an intrepid and seamanlike manner, cool to a degree, as if what he was then doing was an ordinary act of every-day life. The four Privates behaved in an equally cool and collected manner, rowing through the roughest surf when the slightest hesitation or want of pluck on the part of any one of them would have been attended by the gravest results. It is reported that seventeen officers and men were thus saved from what must otherwise have been a fearful risk, if not certainty of death.</p>

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17th December, 1867.

6th Regiment of Dragoons, Lieutenant John Carter O'Neal, from the 96th Foot, to be Lieutenant, vice Creagh, who exchanges. Dated 18th December, 1867.

Surgeon John Sheldon Furlong, M.D., having completed twenty years' full-pay service, to be Surgeon-Major, under the provisions of the Royal Warrant of the 1st April, 1867. Dated 19th November, 1867.

Royal Regiment of Artillery.

The retirement of Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas E. Kennion on half-pay, and the promotion of the following Officers, which appeared in the Gazette of the 19th November, 1867, to be dated the 2nd October, 1867, viz. :—

Captain John Anthony Angelo.
Second Captain Arthur Rotton.
Lieutenant Robert James Abbott.

The dates of promotion from Second Captain to Captain of the Officers of the late Indian Artillery, who were transferred to the Royal Artillery, in the Gazette of the 29th April, 1862, should be as under, and not as therein stated, viz. :—

BENGAL.

Charles Henry Cooke, 12th March, 1860.
John Alexander Richmond Mead, 21st April, 1860.
John Fraser Raper, 31st May, 1860.
Alfred Hayles Heath, 12th November, 1860.
William Dundas Couchman, 6th February, 1861.
Brevet-Major Henry Parlett Bishop, 18th February, 1861.
Frederick Day Urquhart, 18th February, 1861.
James George Hathorn, 18th February, 1861.
Frederick Royle De Bude, 18th February, 1861.
Brevet-Major Charles Smith Lemarchand, 18th February, 1861.
Abraham Richmond Fuller, 29th April, 1861.