

War Office, November 17, 1879.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to signify Her intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross upon the undermentioned Officers whose claims to the same have been submitted for Her Majesty's approval, for their gallant and courageous conduct during the recent operations in Afghanistan and South Africa, as recorded against their respective names :—

Regiment.	Names.	Acts of Courage for which recommended.
Bombay Staff Corps	Captain O'Moore Creagh ...	On the 21st April Captain Creagh was detached from Dakka with two Companies of his Battalion to protect the village of Kam Dakka on the Cabul River, against a threatened incursion of the Mohmunds, and reached that place the same night. On the following morning the detachment, 150 men, was attacked by the Mohmunds in overwhelming numbers, about 1,500; and the inhabitants of Kam Dakka having themselves taken part with the enemy, Captain Creagh found himself under the necessity of retiring from the village. He took up a position in a cemetery not far off, which he made as defensible as circumstances would admit of, and this position he held against all the efforts of the enemy, repeatedly repulsing them with the bayonet until three o'clock in the afternoon, when he was relieved by a detachment sent for the purpose from Dakka. The enemy were then finally repulsed, and being charged by a troop of the 10th Bengal Lancers, under the command of Captain D. M. Strong, were routed and broken, and great numbers of them driven into the river. The Commander-in-Chief in India has expressed his opinion that but for the coolness, determination, and gallantry of the highest order, and the admirable conduct which Captain Creagh displayed on this occasion the detachment under his command would, in all probability, have been cut off and destroyed.
Commissariat and Transport Department	Acting Assistant (now Sub-Assistant) Commissary James Langley Dalton	For his conspicuous gallantry during the attack on Rorke's Drift Post by the Zulus on the night of the 22nd January, 1879, when he actively superintended the work of defence, and was amongst the foremost of those who received the first attack at the corner of the hospital, where the deadliness of his fire did great execution, and the mad rush of the Zulus met its first check, and where by his cool courage he saved the life of a man of the Army Hospital Corps by shooting the Zulu, who, having seized the muzzle of the man's rifle, was in the act of assegaing him. This Officer, to whose energy much of the defence of the place was due, was severely wounded during the contest, but still continued to give the same example of cool courage.

Whitehall, November 14, 1879.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to confer the "Albert Medal of the Second Class" on—

CHARLES MORGAN, Collier, Abercarn.

The following is the account of the services in respect of which the decoration has been conferred :—

On the 11th September, 1878, an explosion of firedamp occurred in the Abercarn Colliery, in the county of Monmouth, whereby 260 persons perished, and on which occasion the greatest

possible gallantry was exhibited in saving about 90 lives. The force of the explosion was terrific, doing great damage to the roadways and to the bottom of the shaft, and setting the coal and timber on fire in several places.

Into this state of confusion and apparent danger to life, Charles Morgan and certain others, without hesitation, descended, and, although it was discovered that fires were raging in the mine, and that consequently the chances of another explosion were considerable, he remained with them at the gallant and humane work of rescue, not reascending the shaft until it was certain that no one was left alive below.