

War Office, May 16, 1881.

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

Regiments.	Names.	Acts of Courage for which recommended.
59th Foot ...	Captain (now Brevet Major) Euston Henry Sartorius	<p>For conspicuous bravery during the action at Shah-jui, on the 24th October, 1879, in leading a party of five or six men of the 59th Regiment against a body of the enemy, of unknown strength, occupying an almost inaccessible position on the top of a precipitous hill.</p> <p>The nature of the ground made any sort of regular formation impossible, and Captain Sartorius had to bear the first brunt of the attack from the whole body of the enemy, who fell upon him and his men as they gained the top of the precipitous pathway; but the gallant and determined bearing of this Officer, emulated as it was by his men, led to the most perfect success, and the surviving occupants of the hill top, seven in number, were all killed.</p> <p>In this encounter Captain Sartorius was wounded by sword cuts in both hands, and one of his men was killed.</p>
Royal Horse Artillery	Sergeant Patrick Mullane...	<p>For conspicuous bravery during the action at Maiwand, on the 27th July, 1880, in endeavouring to save the life of Driver Pickwell Istead.</p> <p>This Non-Commissioned Officer, when the battery to which he belonged, was on the point of retiring, and the enemy were within ten or fifteen yards, unhesitatingly ran back about two yards and picking up Driver Istead, placed him on the limber, where, unfortunately, he died almost immediately.</p> <p>Again, during the retreat, Sergeant Mullane volunteered to procure water for the wounded, and succeeded in doing so by going into one of the vil'ages in which so many men lost their lives.</p>
Royal Horse Artillery	Gunner James Colliss ...	<p>For conspicuous bravery during the retreat from Maiwand to Kandahar, on the 28th July, 1880, when the Officer commanding the battery was endeavouring to bring on a limber, with wounded men, under a cross fire, in running forward and drawing the enemy's fire on himself, thus taking off their attention from the limber.</p>
Army Hospital Corps	Provisional Lance-Corporal Joseph John Farmer	<p>For conspicuous bravery during the engagement with the Boers at the Majuba Mountain, on the 27th February, 1881, when he showed a spirit of self-abnegation and an example of cool courage which cannot be too highly commended.</p> <p>While the Boers closed with the British troops near the wells, Corporal Farmer held a white flag over the wounded, and when the arm holding the flag was shot through, he called out that he had "another." He then raised the flag with the other arm, and continued to do so until that also was pierced with a bullet.</p>

Downing Street, May 13, 1881.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal granting and declaring that the Degrees of Bachelor and Master of Arts and Bachelor and Doctor of Medicine, of Laws, of Science, and of Music, granted or conferred by the University of

Adelaide, South Australia, on any person, male or female, shall be recognized as Academic Distinctions and rewards of merit, and be entitled to rank, precedence, and consideration in the United Kingdom and in the Colonies and possessions of the Crown throughout the world, as fully as if the said Degrees had been granted by any University of the said United Kingdom.