

War Office, July 16, 1895.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to signify Her intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross upon the undermentioned Officer, whose claim has been submitted for Her Majesty's approval, for his conspicuous bravery during the sortie from Chitral Fort, on the 3rd March last, as recorded against his name :—

Department.	Name.	Act of Courage for which recommended.
Indian Medical Service	Surgeon - Captain Harry Frederick Whitchurch	<p>During the sortie from Chitral Fort of the 3rd March last, at the commencement of the siege, Surgeon-Captain Whitchurch went to the assistance of Captain Baird, 24th Bengal Infantry, who was mortally wounded, and brought him back to the fort under a heavy fire from the enemy. Captain Baird was on the right of the fighting line, and had only a small party of Gurkhas and men of the 4th Kashmir Rifles. He was wounded on the heights at a distance of a mile and a half from the fort. When Surgeon-Captain Whitchurch proceeded to his rescue, the enemy, in great strength, had broken through the fighting line; darkness had set in and Captain Baird, Surgeon-Captain Whitchurch, and the sepoys were completely isolated from assistance. Captain Baird was placed in a dooly by Surgeon-Captain Whitchurch, and the party then attempted to return to the fort. The Gurkhas bravely clung to the dooly until three were killed and a fourth was severely wounded. Surgeon-Captain Whitchurch then put Captain Baird upon his back and carried him some distance with heroic courage and resolution. The little party kept diminishing in numbers, being fired at the whole way. On one or two occasions Surgeon-Captain Whitchurch was obliged to charge walls, from behind which the enemy kept up an incessant fire. At one place particularly the whole party was in imminent danger of being cut up, having been surrounded by the enemy. Surgeon-Captain Whitchurch gallantly rushed the position, and eventually succeeded in getting Captain Baird and the sepoys into the fort.</p> <p>Nearly all the party were wounded, Captain Baird receiving two additional wounds before reaching the fort.</p>

India Office, July 15, 1895.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to nominate and appoint Surgeon-Major George Scott Robertson, C.S.I., Indian Medical Service, British Agent, Gilgit, to be a Knight Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India.

War Office, July 16, 1895.

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 undermentioned Officers during the recent operations in Chitral :

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

Lieutenant-Colonel and Brevet Colonel James Graves Kelly, A.D.C., Indian Staff Corps.
 Captain and Brevet Major Charles Vere Ferrers Townshend, Indian Staff Corps.

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THE Queen has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Distinguished Service Order, and promotions in the Army, in recognition of the services of the undermentioned Officers during the recent operations in Chitral :

To be Companions of the Distinguished Service Order, viz. :—

Captain and Brevet Major Harry Benn Borradaile, Indian Staff Corps.

Lieutenant Herbert John Jones, Indian Staff Corps.

Lieutenant Stanley Malcolm Edwardes, Indian Staff Corps.

Lieutenant John Sharman Fowler, Royal Engineers.

Lieutenant Bertrand Evelyn Mellish Gurdon, Indian Staff Corps.

Lieutenant William George Lawrence Beynon, Indian Staff Corps.

Lieutenant Cosmo Gordon Stewart, Royal Artillery.

Lieutenant Henry Kellett Harley, Indian Staff Corps.

BREVET.

To be Majors. Dated 10th July, 1895 :—

Captain Colin Powys Campbell, Indian Staff Corps.

Captain Harry Benn Borradaile, Indian Staff Corps.

Captain Charles Vere Ferrers Townshend, Indian Staff Corps.

Staff, Lieutenant-Colonel James Graves Kelly, Indian Staff Corps, to be Aide-de-Camp to the Queen, with the rank of Brevet Colonel. Dated 10th July, 1895.