

War Office, May 7, 1897.

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

Regiment.	Name.	Acts of Courage for which recommended.
Mashonaland Mounted Police	Captain Randolph Cosby Nesbitt	This officer, on the 19th June, 1896, led the Mazoe Rescue Patrol, consisting of only thirteen men, fought his way through the rebels to get to Salthouse's party, and succeeded in bringing them back to Salisbury, with heavy fighting, in which three of his small force were killed and five wounded, and fifteen horses killed and wounded.
Buluwayo Field Force	Trooper Herbert Stephen Henderson	On the morning of the 30th March, 1896, just before daylight, Captain Macfarlane's party was surprised by the natives. Troopers Celliers and Henderson, who formed part of the advanced guard, were cut off from the main body, and Celliers was shot through the knee. His horse also was badly wounded and eventually died. Henderson then placed Celliers on his own horse, and made the best of his way to Buluwayo. The country between Campbell's Store, where they were cut off, and Buluwayo, a distance of about thirty-five miles, was full of natives fully armed, and they had, therefore, to proceed principally by night, hiding in the bush in the daytime. Celliers, who was weak from loss of blood, and in great agony, asked Henderson to leave him, but he would not, and brought him in, after passing two days and one night in the veldt without food.

MEMORANDUM.

Trooper Frank William Baxter, of the Buluwayo Field Force, on account of his gallant conduct in having, on the 22nd April, 1896, dismounted and given up his horse to a wounded comrade, Corporal Wiseman, who was being closely pursued by an overwhelming force of the enemy, would have been recommended to Her Majesty for the Victoria Cross had he survived.

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THE Queen has also 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 operations in South Africa, 1896:

The promotions to bear date 8th May, 1897.

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

Surgeon-Captain Charles Henry Hale, Army Medical Staff.

Captain the Honourable Frederick Rossmore Wauchope Eveleigh-de-Moleyns, 4th Hussars.

Captain John Sanctuary Nicholson, 7th Hussars.

Captain Sir Horace Westropp McMahon, Bart., the Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

Captain Hubert Edward Vernon, the Rifle Brigade (The Prince Consort's Own).

Lieutenant Robert Henry Frederick McCulloch, Royal Artillery.

Lieutenant Norman Warden Fraser, the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).

BREVET.

To be Colonel.

Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell, 5th Dragoon Guards.

To be Lieutenant-Colonels.

Major Herbert Charles Onslow Plumer, the York and Lancaster Regiment, Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General, Aldershot.

Major Edwin Alfred Hervey Alderson, the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

To be Majors.

Captain Courtenay Bouchier Vyvyan, the Buffs (East Kent Regiment), Brigade Major, Gibraltar.

Captain Albert Victor Jenner, D.S.O., the Rifle Brigade (The Prince Consort's Own).

Captain Arthur Ford Pilsen, the Royal Dublin Fusiliers.

Army Service Corps, First Class Staff Sergeant-Major Frederick Field to be Quartermaster, with the honorary rank of Lieutenant, Supernumerary to the establishment.

Army Medical Staff, Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Andrew Gormley, M.D., to be Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel.

Army Ordnance Department, Sub-Conductor George Arthur Parke, Army Ordnance Corps, to be Assistant-Commissary of Ordnance, with the honorary rank of Lieutenant, Supernumerary to the establishment.

Foreign Office, May 3, 1897.

IT is hereby notified that on the 22nd ultimo Kung Ta Jên presented, through the Marquess of Salisbury, K.G., Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, his Letters of Recall as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from His Majesty the Emperor of China.