

in law immediately from and after the time when this Order shall have been duly published in the London Gazette pursuant to the said Acts; and Her Majesty, by and with the like advice, is pleased hereby to direct that this Order be forthwith registered by the Registrar of the said diocese of Worcester. *A. W. FitzRoy.*

War Office, February 9, 1900.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to confer the Volunteer Officers' Decoration upon the undermentioned Officers of the Volunteer Force, who have been duly recommended for the same under the terms of the Royal Warrant, dated 25th July, 1892:—

#### EASTERN DISTRICT.

##### ARTILLERY.

*1st Norfolk Volunteer Artillery (Eastern Division, Royal Garrison Artillery).*

Major and Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Philip Edward Back.

#### HOME DISTRICT.

##### RIFLE.

*20th Middlesex (Artists') Volunteer Rifle Corps.*  
Captain and Honorary Major Charles Dodd.

*1st Tower Hamlets Volunteer Rifle Corps.*  
Captain and Honorary Major Arthur Henry Locke.

#### NORTH-EASTERN DISTRICT.

##### ARTILLERY.

*1st Lincolnshire Volunteer Artillery (Western Division, Royal Garrison Artillery).*  
Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel Edward Bass Reckitt, M.D.

*1st East Riding of Yorkshire Volunteer Artillery (Western Division, Royal Garrison Artillery).*  
Acting Chaplain the Reverend Thomas Winter Kelly, B.A.

##### ENGINEERS.

*1st West Riding of Yorkshire (Sheffield) Royal Engineers (Volunteers).*  
Major and Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Edward Sanderson Tozer.

##### RIFLE.

*1st Volunteer Battalion, The King's Own (Yorkshire Light Infantry).*  
Captain Herbert George Edward Green.  
Captain and Honorary Major Harry Firth.  
*2nd Volunteer Battalion, The York and Lancaster Regiment.*

Major and Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel John Charles Elwis.

*1st Volunteer Battalion, The Durham Light Infantry.*  
Major James Harris.  
Captain and Honorary Major James Alexander Macfarlane.

*3rd (Sunderland) Volunteer Battalion, The Durham Light Infantry.*  
Lieutenant-Colonel and Honorary Colonel Arthur Peters.

#### NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.

##### RIFLE.

*1st Volunteer Battalion, The Royal Warwickshire Regiment.*  
Surgeon-Major Edward Luke Freer.

*1st Volunteer Battalion, The Lancashire Fusiliers.*  
Quartermaster and Honorary Captain Thomas Woodcock.

*2nd Volunteer Battalion, The East Lancashire Regiment.*

Major Albert Jobling.

*3rd Volunteer Battalion, The South Staffordshire Regiment.*

Major Charles Walsh Graham.

*1st Volunteer Battalion, The Manchester Regiment.*  
Captain and Honorary Major James Andrew.

#### SCOTTISH DISTRICT.

##### ARTILLERY.

*1st Fifeshire Volunteer Artillery.*  
Captain and Honorary Major Charles Drysdale Heggie.

##### RIFLE.

*7th Volunteer Battalion, The Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment).*  
Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel James Bruce Ronaldson.

*2nd (Berwickshire) Volunteer Battalion, The King's Own Scottish Borderers.*  
Surgeon-Major Robert Shirra Gibb, M.B.

*3rd (Dumfriesshire) Volunteer Battalion, The King's Own Scottish Borderers.*  
Acting Chaplain the Reverend John Paton, D.D.

*1st Lanarkshire Volunteer Rifle Corps.*  
Captain and Honorary Major William Begg.  
Captain and Honorary Major George Stout.

*3rd (The Blythswood) Volunteer Battalion, The Highland Light Infantry.*  
Captain James Fraser.

*3rd (Morayshire) Volunteer Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders (Ross-shire Buffs, The Duke of Albany's).*  
Acting Chaplain the Reverend Robert Macpherson, B.D.

#### SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

##### RIFLE.

*1st Volunteer Battalion, The Hampshire Regiment.*  
Captain and Honorary Major the Reverend Henry Martin, M.A.

*2nd Volunteer Battalion, The Hampshire Regiment.*  
Surgeon-Major Richard Thompson Cæsar.

#### THAMES DISTRICT.

##### ARTILLERY.

*1st Kent Volunteer Artillery (Eastern Division, Royal Garrison Artillery).*  
Major Vincent Henry Stallon.  
Quartermaster and Honorary Captain Joseph Mussellbrook Hogge Malby.

#### WESTERN DISTRICT.

##### ARTILLERY.

*1st Gloucestershire Volunteer Artillery.*  
Surgeon-Major John Shaw Carleton.  
*3rd Volunteer Battalion, The Welsh Regiment.*  
Captain and Honorary Major Charles Busted Fowler.

Foreign Office, January 15, 1900.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint—  
Colonel Herbert Jekyll, C.M.G., to be an Acting Secretary of Embassy, and  
Lionel Earle, Esq., to be an Acting Second Secretary, in Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service.

Foreign Office, January 27, 1900.

THE Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. Henry Coates as Consul-General of the Republic of Ecuador at Perth, Scotland.