

War Office, October 5, 1900.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to signify Her intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross on the undermentioned Non-Commissioned Officers, whose claims have been submitted for Her Majesty's approval, for their conspicuous bravery in South Africa, 1900, as stated against their names:—

Regiment.	Name.	Act of Courage for which recommended.
10th Hussars ...	Sergeant H. Engleheart	At dawn on the 13th March, 1900, the party that had destroyed the railway north of Bloemfontein had to charge through a Boer piquet and get over four deep spruits, in order to make their way back through the Boer lines. At the fourth spruit Sapper Webb's horse failed to get up the bank and he was left in a very dangerous position. In face of a very heavy rifle and shell fire, and, notwithstanding the great chance of being cut off, Sergeant Engleheart returned to Sapper Webb's assistance. It took some time to get the man and his horse out of the sluit and the position became momentarily more critical owing to the advance of the Boers. He was, however, at last successful, and, retiring slowly, to cover Webb's retreat, was able to get him safely back to the party. Shortly before this, Sergeant Engleheart had shown great gallantry in dashing into the first spruit, which could only be reached in single file and was still full of Boers hesitating whether to fly or fire. Had they been given time to rally, they must have destroyed the small party of British, as they outnumbered them by 4 to 1.
Royal Engineers...	Corporal F. Kirby...	On the morning of the 2nd June, 1900, a party sent to try to cut the Delagoa Bay Railway were retiring, hotly pressed by very superior numbers. During one of the successive retirements of the rearguard, a man, whose horse had been shot, was seen running after his comrades. He was a long way behind the rest of his troop and was under a brisk fire. From among the retiring troop Corporal Kirby turned and rode back to the man's assistance. Although by the time he reached him they were under a heavy fire at close range, Corporal Kirby managed to get the dismounted man up behind him and to take him clear off over the next rise held by our rearguard. This is the third occasion on which Corporal Kirby has displayed gallantry in the face of the enemy.

**THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS,
1894 AND 1896.**

BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board have made an Order of this date relating to a dog landed at the port of Plymouth, on or about the 1st instant, and believed to belong to Mrs. Annie Alcott, of Palewell Lodge, East Sheen, Surrey.

Copies of the Order may be obtained at 4, Whitehall-place, London, S.W.

Board of Agriculture, 4th October, 1900.

Civil Service Commission, October 5, 1900.

THE Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice, that an Open Competitive Examination for at least one Junior Appointment in the Supply and Accounting Departments of the Admiralty will be held in London, Edinburgh, and Dublin, commencing on the 27th November, 1900, under the Regulations dated the 4th October, 1898, and published in the London Gazette of the same date.

No person will be admitted to Examination from whom the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission has not received, on or before the 8th November, an application in the Candidate's own handwriting, on a prescribed form, which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

Civil Service Commission, October 5, 1900.

THE following Candidates have been certified by the Civil Service Commissioners as qualified for the appointments set against their respective names:—

October 1, 1900.

AFTER OPEN COMPETITION.

Customs: Assistant of Customs, Edmond Joseph O'Hare.

WITHOUT COMPETITION.

Customs: Boatman, John James Knight.

Post Office: Postmistress, Moate, Elizabeth Adela Glanville.

Porters, London, Charles John Ingram, Ransome Morley, Albert Edward Wigley.

Learner, Pontypool, Thomas Henry Morse.

Postmen, John Allen (Bristol), Thomas Brown (Neath), John Joseph Octavius Crowther (Hull), Peter Christie (Dunfermline), Edmund Coates (Ipswich), Robert Grundison (Edinburgh), James Headrick (Pembroke Dock), Richard Percy Whitaker (Hull).

Temporary Assistant Postman, Carlisle, Albert Edward Maughan.

FOR REGISTRATION AS TEMPORARY BOY

COPYISTS (NEW CLASS).

James Allen, Henry File O'Brien, John Andrew Whitson Stone.