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St. James's Palace,
August 6, 1902.

The Chapel Royal, St. James's Palace, together with the Marlborough House Chapel adjoining, will be closed, after Sunday next, the 10th instant, till further orders.

EDGAR SHEPPARD, D.D., Sub-Dean.

Whitehall, August 7, 1902.

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto the undermentioned Gentlemen His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to accept and wear decorations (as stated against their respective names), which have been conferred upon them by His Highness the Khedive of Egypt, authorized by His Imperial Majesty the Sultan of Turkey, in recognition of services rendered by them to His Highness while employed in the Egyptian Army:—

Medjidieh, Third Class.

Major and Brevet Colonel William Spottiswoode Sparkes, C.M.G.
Major William Arthur Boulnois, Royal Artillery.

Osmanieh, Fourth Class.

Captain Frederick Manoli Baltazzi Hobbs, Royal Marine Light Infantry.
Herbert Lefroy Hunter Fell, Esq., late Lieutenant Royal Navy.

Medjidieh, Fourth Class.

Captain Arthur Murray Pirie, D.S.O., 21st Lancers.
Captain Henry Evered Haymes, Royal Army Medical Corps.

War Office,
8th August, 1902.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the Decoration of the Victoria Cross being delivered to the representatives of the undermentioned Officers, Non-commissioned Officer, and men who fell during the recent operations in South Africa in the performance of acts of valour which would, in the opinion of the

Commander-in-Chief of the Forces in the Field, have entitled them to be recommended for that distinction had they survived:—

Captain D. R. Younger, Gordon Highlanders.

This Officer, during the action near Krugersdorp, on the 11th July, 1900, volunteered for and took out the party which successfully dragged a Royal Artillery waggon under cover of a small kopje, though exposed to a very heavy and accurate fire at only 850 yards range. He also accompanied the second party of volunteers who went out to try and bring in one of the guns. During the attempt he was mortally wounded, dying shortly afterwards. His cool and gallant conduct was the admiration of all who witnessed it, and, had Captain Younger lived, the Field-Marshal Commanding-in-Chief in South Africa, would have recommended him for the high award of the Victoria Cross, at the same time as Captain W. E. Gordon, of the same Regiment.

Lieutenant R. J. T. Digby Jones, Royal Engineers, and No. 459 Trooper H. Albrecht, Imperial Light Horse.

Would have been recommended for the Victoria Cross had they survived, on account of their having during the attack on Waggon Hill (Lady-smith) of 6th January, 1900, displayed conspicuous bravery, and gallant conduct in leading the force which re-occupied the top of the hill at a critical moment just as the three foremost attacking Boers reached it, the leader being shot by Lieutenant Jones, and the two others by Trooper Albrecht.

Lieutenant and Adjutant G. H. B. Coulson, King's Own Scottish Borderers, 7th Mounted Infantry.

This Officer during a rear-guard action, near Lambrecht Fontein, on the 18th of May, 1901, seeing Corporal Cranmer, 7th Mounted Infantry, dismounted, his horse having been shot, remained behind and took him up on his own horse. He rode a short distance, when the horse was shot, and both Lieutenant Coulson and the Corporal were brought to the ground. Lieutenant Coulson told Corporal Cranmer to get along with the wounded horse as best he could, and he would look after himself. Corporal Cranmer got on the horse and rode away to the