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THE Queen has been graciously pleased to signify Her intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross on the under-mentioned Officers and Non-Commissioned Officer, whose claims have been submitted for Her Majesty's approval, for their conspicuous bravery at the battle of Coleuso, as stated against their names:—

Regiment.	Name.	Acts of Courage for which recommended.
The Rifle Brigade (The Prince Consort's Own)	Captain W. N. Congreve	<p>At Coleuso, on the 15th December 1899, the detachments serving the guns of the 14th and 66th Batteries, Royal Field Artillery, had all been either killed, wounded, or driven from their guns by Infantry fire at close range, and the guns were deserted.</p> <p>About 500 yards behind the guns was a donga in which some of the few horses and drivers left alive were sheltered. The intervening space was swept with shell and rifle fire.</p> <p>Captain Congreve, Rifle Brigade, who was in the donga, assisted to hook a team into a limber, went out, and assisted to limber up a gun. Being wounded, he took shelter; but seeing Lieutenant Roberts fall, badly wounded, he went out again and brought him in. Captain Congreve was shot through the leg, through the toe of his boot, grazed on the elbow and the shoulder, and his horse shot in three places.</p>
The King's Royal Rifle Corps	Lieutenant the Honourable F. H. S. Roberts (since deceased)	Lieutenant Roberts assisted Captain Congreve. He was wounded in three places.
66th Battery, Royal Field Artillery	Corporal G. E. Nurse	Corporal Nurse also assisted.
7th Battery Royal Field Artillery	Captain H. L. Reed	<p>Captain Reed, who had heard of the difficulty, shortly afterwards brought down three teams from his battery to see if he could be of any use. He was wounded, as were five of the thirteen men who rode with him, one was killed, and thirteen out of twenty-one horses were killed before he got half-way to the guns, and he was obliged to retire.</p>