

WAR OFFICE, August 15, 1902.

The King has been graciously pleased to signify His intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross on the under-mentioned Soldier, whose claims have been submitted for His Majesty's approval, for his conspicuous bravery in South Africa, as stated against his name:—

Corps.	Name.	Act of Courage for which recommended.
Royal Horse Artillery, X. 1 Section Pom- poms	Shoeing-Smith A. E. Ind.	During the action near Tafelkop, Orange River Colony, on 20th December 1901, Shoeing-Smith A. E. Ind, X. 1 Section Pompoms, stuck to his gun under a very heavy fire, when the whole of the remainder of the Pompom team had been shot down, and continued to fire into the advancing Boers till the last possible moment. Captain Jeffcoat, who was mortally wounded on this occasion, requested that Shoeing-Smith Ind's gallant conduct in this and in every other action since he joined the Pompom section should be brought to notice.

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The King has been graciously pleased to confer the Volunteer Officers' Decoration upon the under-mentioned Officers of the Volunteer Forces, who have been duly recommended for the same under the terms of the Royal Warrant, dated 25th July 1892:—

SCOTTISH DISTRICT.

ARTILLERY.

*The Highland Royal Garrison Artillery
(Volunteers).*

Captain and Honorary Major Kenneth Mac-Donald.

ENGINEER.

1st Lanarkshire Royal Engineers (Volunteers).

Captain and Honorary Major (Honorary Lieutenant in the Army) James Lang.

RIFLE.

*2nd Volunteer Battalion, The Cameronians
(Scottish Rifles).*

Lieutenant-Colonel and Honorary Colonel John Scott.

3rd Lanarkshire Volunteer Rifle Corps.

Captain and Honorary Major George Frederick Hunter.

5th (Glasgow Highland) Volunteer Battalion, The Highland Light Infantry.

Acting Chaplain the Reverend Robert Blair.

3rd (the Buchan) Volunteer Battalion, The Gordon Highlanders.

Lieutenant Arthur Rettie Pirie.

1st (Renfrewshire) Volunteer Battalion, Princess Louise's (Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders).

Captain and Honorary Major Malcolm Buchanan.

FOREIGN OFFICE, August 6, 1902.

The King has been pleased to approve of Mr. William Lamb Smith as Consul-General of Paraguay for the Commonwealth of Australia, to reside at

Melbourne; Don Diogenes Ferrer Gallo as Consul of Colombia at Liverpool; Mr. Olay Eduard Paus as Consul of Sweden and Norway at Sydney, for the States of New South Wales and Queensland; Mr. William Le Quex as Consul of San Marino for the North of England, to reside at Peterborough; and Dr. Abraham Santamaria as Consul of the Dominican Republic at Grimsby.

FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACT, 1901.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department hereby gives notice, pursuant to section 86 (1) of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, that on the 12th August 1902 he made Regulations under section 79 of the said Act, to come into force on the 1st October next, applying to all Factories and Workshops in which the manufacture of felt hats with the aid of inflammable solvent is carried on.

Copies of the Regulations may be purchased at the Sale Office for Official Publications, Messrs. Oliver & Boyd, Edinburgh.

Whitehall, 14th August 1902.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,

August 15, 1902.

The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice that an Open Competitive Examination for Girl Clerkships in the General Post Office, London, will be held in London, Edinburgh, Dublin, Bedford, Birmingham, Bristol, Liverpool, Aberdeen, Belfast, and Cork, commencing on the 7th October 1902, under the Regulations dated 1st November 1901, and published in the London Gazette of the same date.

Appointments will be offered to not fewer than 10 of the Candidates highest on the list, provided they obtain the necessary aggregate of marks and are duly qualified in other respects.

No person will be admitted to Examination from whom the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission has not received, on or before the