

WAR OFFICE, January 24, 1905.

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

Corps.	Name.	Act of Courage for which recommended.
8th Gurkha Rifles .	Lieutenant John Duncan Grant	<p>On the occasion of the storming of the Gyantse Jong on 6th July 1904, the storming Company, headed by Lieutenant Grant, on emerging from the cover of the village, had to advance up a bare, almost precipitous, rock-face, with little or no cover available, and under a heavy fire from the curtain, flanking towers on both sides of the curtain, and other buildings higher up the Jong. Showers of rocks and stones were at the time being hurled down the hillside by the enemy from above. One man could only go up at a time, crawling on hands and knees, to the breach in the curtain.</p> <p>Lieutenant Grant, followed by Havildar Karbir Pun, 8th Gurkha Rifles, at once attempted to scale it, but on reaching near the top he was wounded, and hurled back, as was also the Havildar, who fell down the rock some thirty feet.</p> <p>Regardless of their injuries, they again attempted to scale the breach, and, covered by the fire of the men below, were successful in their object, the Havildar shooting one of the enemy on gaining the top. The successful issue of the assault was very greatly due to the splendid example shown by Lieutenant Grant and Havildar Karbir Pun.</p> <p>The latter has been recommended for the Indian Order of Merit.</p>

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The King has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Distinguished Service Order, in recognition of the services of the under-mentioned Officers during the Sokoto - Burmi operations, Northern Nigeria, 1903:—

To be Companions of the Distinguished Service Order, viz.:—

Captain and Brevet Major Charles Wynn Barlow, the Essex Regiment (employed with the West African Frontier Force).

Captain Walter Hamilton Browne, 6th Battalion the Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment) (3rd Class Resident, Northern Nigeria).

Lieutenant Stephen Henry Christy, 20th Hussars.

The King has also been graciously pleased to approve of the grant of the Medal for Distinguished Conduct in the Field to the under-mentioned soldiers, in recognition of their gallant conduct during the above-mentioned operations:—

Sergeant W. T. G. Williams, Royal Horse Artillery, Northern Nigeria Regiment.

Private Musa Katsena, 1st Battalion Northern Nigeria Regiment.

MEMORANDUM.

Captain and Brevet Major F. C. Marsh, the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), would have been recommended to His Majesty for Reward, had he survived.

WHITEHALL, January 23, 1905.

The King has been pleased to give and grant unto James Duncan Campbell, Esq., C.M.G., Commissioner of Chinese Maritime Customs, His Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the First Class of the Second Division of the Imperial Chinese Order of the Double Dragon, conferred upon him by His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of China in recognition of valuable services rendered to His Imperial Majesty.

FACTORY DEPARTMENT, HOME OFFICE,

January 20, 1905.

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that, in consequence of the death of Dr. W. Moore, an appointment as Certifying Surgeon, under the Factory and Workshop Act, at Ayr, in the County of Ayr, is vacant.

FACTORY DEPARTMENT, HOME OFFICE,

January 21, 1905.

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that, in consequence of the resignation of Dr. D. Rorie, an appointment as Certifying Surgeon, under the Factory and Workshop Act, at Cardenden, in the County of Fife, is vacant.