

The following is an account of the services in respect of which the Decoration has been conferred:—

The schooner "Kinloss" was wrecked at Scatraw Creek, a mile and a half from Muchals, on the 21st of December 1868.

Mr JAMES CROWDEN, the Chief Officer at Muchals Station, proceeded with his boat's crew to Scatraw, and found the ship breaking up fast. The fishermen of the place had succeeded in getting a rope from the vessel, by which it was hoped that the lives of those on board would be saved.

Mr Crowden ventured out on to a rocky point and endeavoured to fasten a life-belt to the rope in order to send it out to the ship, but without success. Whilst striving to perform this operation Mr Crowden was several times washed off into the sea. Once a heavy sea swept him off and carried him about 100 yards towards the wreck, and it was thought that he was lost; but after a few minutes struggling he was carried round a point by a violent run of the sea, and thrown upon the rocks with such violence however, that he became insensible, and received a severe contusion of the left knee.

When he recovered his senses Mr Crowden succeeded in getting a coble launched, and was the first to jump into it. He and his men (4 in number) hauled off to the ship by the rope, and succeeded in taking four men from the mast and bringing them ashore.

On being informed that there was still another man on board Mr Crowden and his crew hauled off again to the wreck; but the man was dead or dying, and in such a position that it was impossible to extricate him.

A very heavy sea was running at the time of the rescue, and the coble might have been dashed upon the rocks at any moment.

Mr Crowden was fourteen days upon the sick list in consequence of the injuries received by him in being washed off and dashed against the rocks.

This is the fourth time that Mr Crowden has been instrumental in saving life from shipwreck, and including the present instance, he has aided in the rescue of thirteen lives.

WAR-OFFICE, PALL-MALL,

April 16, 1869.

1st Regiment of Dragoon Guards—Cornet Charles Edward Tudor Gordon to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Herbert de Montmorency Murray-Prior, who retires. Dated 17th April 1869.

3d Dragoon Guards—Lieutenant Walter John Turner, from the 3d Hussars, to be Lieutenant, vice Moore, who exchanges. Dated 17th April 1869.

7th Dragoon Guards—Captain Arthur Gonne Bell Martin to be Major, by purchase, vice William Bruce Armstrong, who retires. Dated 17th April 1869.

Lieutenant Wigram Montagu Money to be Captain, by purchase, vice Bell Martin. Dated 17th April 1869.

Cornet Cecil Leicester Becher to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Money. Dated 17th April 1869.

Charles Edward Beckett, gent. to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Henry Hugh Askew, who retires. Dated 17th April 1869.

3d Hussars—Lieutenant George Peter Moore, from the 3d Dragoon Guards, to be Lieutenant, vice Turner, who exchanges. Dated 17th April 1869.

10th Hussars—Cornet Thomas Algernon Smith-Dorrien to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Cambré Brabazon Ponsonby, who retires. Dated 17th April 1869.

18th Hussars—Captain John Peyton to be Major, by purchase, vice William Wedderburn Arbuthnot, who retires. Dated 17th April 1869.

Lieutenant Frederick John George Murray to be Captain, by purchase, vice Peyton. Dated 17th April 1869.

Royal Regiment of Artillery—Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Neville Lovell has been permitted to retire upon half-pay. Dated 24th March 1869.

Second Captain Charles Hunter (late Bengal), on the Seconded List, to be Captain. Dated 17th April 1869.

Second Captain Hungerford Deedes Jackson (late Bengal), to be Captain, vice David Thomson, who retires upon full-pay. Dated 17th April 1869.

Lieutenant Pierce Thomas Henry Taylor (late Bengal), to be Second Captain, vice Jackson. Dated 17th April 1869.

Lieutenant Harry Maxwell Mackenzie (late Bengal), to be Seconded on appointment to the Ordnance Department in Bengal. Dated 17th April 1869.

Lieutenant Frederick Lindsay (late Bengal), has been permitted to resign his Commission. Dated 17th April 1869.

Military Train—Lieutenant Alexander William Acheson, from the 65th Foot, to be Lieutenant, vice Luttmann-Johnson, who exchanges. Dated 17th April 1869.

Grenadier Guards—Lieutenant and Captain William Henry Parnell to be Captain and Lieutenant-Colonel, by purchase, vice Frederick T. A. H. Bathurst, who retires. Dated 17th April 1869.

Ensign and Lieutenant Charles Gathorne Hardy to be Lieutenant and Captain, by purchase, vice Charles Henry, Earl of March, who retires. Dated 17th April 1869.

Ensign and Lieutenant Cecil John Hubbard to be Lieutenant and Captain, by purchase, vice Parnell. Dated 17th April 1869.

Horace Ricardo, gent. to be Ensign and Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Hardy. Dated 17th April 1869.

Julius Charles Frederick Angerstein, gent. to be Ensign and Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Hubbard. Dated 17th April 1869.

10th Foot—Ensign Joseph Hamilton Hodgson to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Edward George Green, who retires. Dated 17th April 1869.

11th Foot—Lieutenant George Vincent Meredith to be Instructor of Musketry, in succession to Lieutenant Theobald, deceased. Dated 2d January 1869.

12th Foot—Ensign Owen Williams to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice William Lawson Saunder, who retires. Dated 17th April 1869.

Arthur Cotes, gent. to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Williams. Dated 17th April 1869.

19th Foot—Lieutenant Henry John Goodwin Robinson, from the 98th Foot, to be Lieutenant, vice Badeley, who exchanges. Dated 17th April 1869.