

*War-Office, 17th July, 1861.*

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to signify Her intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross on the undermentioned Non-commissioned Officer, whose claim to the same has been submitted for Her Majesty's approval, in consideration of an Act of Bravery which he has performed in New Zealand, as recorded against his name; viz.:

Regiment	Rank and Name.	Acts of Bravery for which recommended.
40th Regiment	... Colour-Serjeant John Lucas  Date of Act of Bravery, 18th March, 1861.	On the 18th of March, 1861, Colour-Serjeant Lucas acted as Serjeant of a party of the 40th Regiment, employed as skirmishers to the right of No. 7, Redoubt, and close to the Huirangi Bush, facing the left of the positions occupied by the natives. At about 4 o'clock P.M., a very heavy and well-directed fire was suddenly opened upon them from the Bush, and the high ground on the left. Three men being wounded simultaneously, two of them mortally, assistance was called for in order to have them carried to the rear: a file was immediately sent, but had scarcely arrived, when one of them fell, and Lieutenant Rees was wounded at the same time. Colour-Serjeant Lucas, under a very heavy fire from the rebels, who were not more than thirty yards distant, immediately ran up to the assistance of this Officer, and sent one man with him to the rear. He then took charge of the arms belonging to the killed and wounded men, and maintained his position until the arrival of supports under Lieutenants Gibson and Whelan.

*Whitehall, July 5, 1861.*

The Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto Sir Glynne Earle Welby of Denton Hall, in the county of Lincoln, Baronet, Her Royal licence and authority that he may in compliance with a direction contained in the last will and testament of Gregory Gregory, of Harlaxton Manor House, in the county of Lincoln, Esquire, deceased, take and use the surname of Gregory in addition to and after that of Welby, and also bear the arms of Gregory quarterly with those of Welby; and that such surname and arms may in like manner be taken, borne, and used by his issue; such arms being first duly exemplified according to the laws of arms, and recorded in the Heralds' Office, otherwise the said licence and permission to be void and of none effect;

And also to command that the said Royal concession and declaration be recorded in Her Majesty's College of Arms.

*Commission signed by the Queen.*

*1st Administrative Battalion of Berks Rifle Volunteers.*

Douglas Munro Fyfe, Gent., to be Adjutant. Dated 6th May, 1861.

*Commission signed by the Vice-Lieutenant of the County of Norfolk, and of the City and County of the City of Norwich.*

*1st Norfolk Artillery Volunteer Corps.*

Second-Lieutenant Edward Southwell Trafford to be First-Lieutenant, vice Steward, resigned. Dated 10th July, 1861.

*Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Salop.*

*1st Administrative Battalion of Shropshire Volunteers.*

Thomas Cholmondeley, Esq., to be Major. Dated 8th July, 1861.

*3rd Shropshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.*

Lieutenant William Lee Brookes to be Captain, vice Hill, resigned. Dated 8th July, 1861.

MEMORANDUM.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the resignations of the Commissions held by Captain Cholmondeley in the 1st, and Captain Hill in the 3rd Shropshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

*Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Warwick.*

*Warwickshire Yeomanry Cavalry.*

William Stratford Dugdale, Gent., to be Captain, vice Chetwynd, resigned. Dated 15th July, 1861.

Cornet the Hon. Hugh Somerville to be Lieutenant, vice J. D. W. Digby, resigned. Dated 15th July, 1861.

*Warwickshire Rifle Volunteers.*

*10th (Leamington) Corps, forming part of the 1st Administrative Battalion.*

James Laurie Brown, Gent., to be Lieutenant. Dated 15th July, 1861.

Philip Lant Parsons, Gent., to be Ensign. Dated 15th July, 1861.