

War-Office, 13th August, 1861.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to signify Her intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross on the under-mentioned Officers and Soldiers, whose claims to the same have been submitted for Her Majesty's approval, on account of Acts of Bravery performed by them in China, on the occasion of the assault and capture of the North Taku Fort on the 21st of August, 1860, as recorded against their several names; viz.:

Regiment	Rank and Name.	Act of Bravery for which recommended.
44th Regiment ... (now of the 90th Regiment)	Lieutenant (now Captain) Robert Montresor Rogers	For distinguished gallantry in swimming the Ditches, and entering the North Taku Fort by an embrasure during the assault. They were the first of the English established on the walls of the Fort, which they entered in the order in which their names are here recorded, each one being assisted by the others to mount the embrasure.
44th Regiment ...	No. 220. Private John M'Dougall	
67th Regiment ...	Lieutenant Edmund Henry Lenon	For distinguished gallantry in swimming the Ditches of the North Taku Fort, and persevering in attempting during the assault, and before the entrance of the Fort had been effected by any one, to enlarge an opening in the Wall, through which they eventually entered, and, in doing so, were both severely wounded.
67th Regiment ... (now of the 60th Regiment)	Lieutenant (now Captain) Nathaniel Burslem	
67th Regiment ...	No. 612. Private Thomas Lane	
67th Regiment ... (now of the 100th Regiment)	Ensign (now Lieutenant) John Worthy Chaplin	For distinguished gallantry at the North Taku Fort. This Officer was carrying the Queen's Colour of the Regiment, and first planted the Colours on the breach made by the storming party, assisted by Private Lane, of the 67th Regiment, and subsequently on the cavalier of the Fort, which he was the first to mount. In doing this, he was severely wounded.
Indian Medical Establishment	Hospital Apprentice Arthur Fitzgibbon	For having behaved with great coolness and courage at the capture of the North Taku Fort, on the 21st of August, 1860. On the morning of that day he accompanied a wing of the 67th Regiment, when it took up a position within 500 yards of the Fort. Having quitted cover, he proceeded, under a very heavy fire, to attend to a Dhoolie-bearer, whose wound he had been directed to bind up; and, while the Regiment was advancing under the Enemy's fire, he ran across the open to attend to another wounded man, in doing which he was himself severely wounded.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Sussex.

1st Sussex Artillery Volunteer Corps.
Edward Martin to be Second Lieutenant. Dated 2nd August, 1861.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant for the North Riding of the County of York.

15th North Riding of Yorkshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

The Reverend John Thompson, jun., to be Honorary Chaplain. Dated 6th August, 1861.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Nottingham.

Worksop or 7th Nottinghamshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

David Alderson, Gent., to be Ensign, vice Bury, resigned. Dated 7th August, 1861.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Salop.

3rd Shropshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Ensign Charles Clay to be Lieutenant, vice Brookes, promoted. Dated 30th July, 1861.