

SURGEONS WHO HAVE WON THE VICTORIA CROSS.

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THE Victoria Cross was instituted by Royal Warrant, Jan. 29th, 1856. It is provided that not rank, or long service, or wounds, or any other circumstances whatever, save the merit of conspicuous bravery or devotion to the country in the presence of the enemy, shall be held to establish a sufficient claim to the honour. Since its institution less than 500 crosses have been conferred, 26 of which have been awarded to surgeons. The following notes show how each of these 26 distinguished members of the medical profession obtained the coveted decoration:—

William Babbie, Major, now Lieutenant-Colonel, R.A.M.C., C.M.G., M.B. Glasg. 1880, L.R.C.P. and S. Edin. 1880, was awarded the Victoria Cross for going out and attending wounded exposed to heavy fire and afterwards going out, also under heavy fire, and bringing in Lieutenant Roberts who was lying wounded on the veldt. "Colenso, South Africa," 1899.

William Bradshaw (deceased), Assistant Surgeon 90th Regiment, L.R.C.S. Irel. 1854, was awarded the Victoria Cross for gallantly defending the wounded left under his charge and was himself wounded. "Lucknow, Indian Mutiny," 1857.

Thomas Joseph Crean, Surgeon-Captain 1st Imperial Light Horse, now Captain R.A.M.C., L.R.C.P. & S. Irel. 1895, Hon. F.R.C.S. Irel. 1901, was awarded the Victoria Cross for conspicuous gallantry in continuing to attend wounded in the firing line under heavy fire at 150 yards range when he was himself wounded, and only desisted when he was hit a second time. "Tygerskloof, South Africa," 1901.

John Crimmin, Surgeon, now Lieutenant-Colonel, I.M.S., C.I.E., L.R.C.P. Irel. 1882, L.R.C.S. Irel. 1879, was awarded the Victoria Cross for attending wounded actually within the enemy's fighting line, and had at one time to leave his charge and to fight hand to hand against heavy odds, killing one man with his sword. When help arrived the enemy were driven off. "Burma, India," 1889.

Campbell Millis Douglas, Assistant Surgeon 24th Regiment, now Brigade-Surgeon A.M.D. (retired), M.D. Edin. 1861, L.R.C.S. Edin. 1861, Silver Medal Royal Humane Society for saving life at sea, was awarded the Victoria Cross for his gallant and daring manner in taking boat through dangerous sea and rescuing 17 officers and soldiers. "Little Andaman Island," 1867.

Henry Edward Manning Douglas, Lieutenant R.A.M.C., D.S.O., L.R.C.P. Edin. 1898, L.F.P. & S. Glasg. 1898, was awarded the Victoria Cross for having shown great gallantry and devotion under severe fire in the open in attending a wounded officer and on the same day attending another wounded officer and men under a fearful fire. "Magersfontein, South Africa," 1899.

Thomas Egerton Hale, Assistant Surgeon 7th Regiment, now Surgeon-Major A.M.D. (retired), J.P., M.D. St. And. 1856, M.R.C.S. Eng. 1854, was awarded the Victoria Cross for remaining with a wounded officer and bringing in wounded under fire. "Sebastopol, Crimean War," 1855.

Edmund Baron Hartley, Surgeon-Major Cape Mounted Rifles, now Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel, Colonial Forces, Cape Colony, C.M.G., L.R.C.P. Edin. 1880, M.R.C.S. Eng. 1874, was awarded the Victoria Cross for attending and carrying wounded to a place of safety under fire. "Basutoland, South Africa," 1879.

Anthony Dickson Home, Surgeon 90th Regiment, afterwards Surgeon-General, A.M.D. (retired), K.C.B., M.D. St. And. 1847, was awarded the Victoria Cross for persevering bravery and admirable conduct in defending the wounded left under his charge. "Lucknow, Indian Mutiny," 1857.

Neville Reginald Howse, Captain New South Wales Medical Staff Corps, L.R.C.P. Lond. 1887, M. 1886, F. 1897, R.C.S. Eng., was awarded the Victoria Cross for going out under a heavy cross fire and carrying a wounded man to a place of safety. "Vredefort, South Africa," 1900.

Edgar Thomas Inkson, Lieutenant, now Captain, R.A.M.C., L.R.C.P. Lond. 1898, M.R.C.S. Eng. 1898, was awarded the Victoria Cross for having carried a wounded officer over exposed ground to a place of safety under heavy fire. "Tugela, South Africa," 1900.

Joseph Jee (deceased), Surgeon 78th Regiment, afterwards Deputy Inspector-General A.M.D., C.B., M.R.C.S.

Eng. 1841, winner of the Grand Prix du Casino, Monte Carlo, 1873, was awarded the Victoria Cross for gallantry in attending, protecting, and saving a number of wounded. "Lucknow, Indian Mutiny," 1857.

Ferdinand Simeon Le Quesne, Surgeon A.M.D., now Major R.A.M.C., L.R.C.P. Lond. 1886, M.R.C.S. Eng. 1886, L.S.A. Lond. 1885, was awarded the Victoria Cross for attending a wounded officer in front of the enemy's loopholes and attending another officer under heavy fire when he was himself wounded. "Burma, India," 1889.

Owen Edward Pennefather Lloyd, Major A.M.D., now Lieutenant-Colonel R.A.M.C., L.R.C.P. Edin. 1877, L.R.C.S. Edin. 1877, was awarded the Victoria Cross for conspicuous bravery in going to rescue a wounded officer under heavy fire. "Kachin Expedition, India," 1894.

John Frederick McCrea (deceased), Surgeon Cape Mounted Police, M.R.C.S. Eng. 1878, L.R.C.P. Edin. 1878, was awarded the Victoria Cross for attending wounded under heavy fire, although himself wounded, and carrying wounded to a place of safety under fire. "Transvaal War, South Africa," 1881.

Valentine Munbee McMaster (deceased), Assistant Surgeon 78th Regiment, M.R.C.S. Edin. 1855, M.D. Univ. Edin. 1860, was awarded the Victoria Cross for attending to, and bringing in, wounded under a heavy fire and was himself wounded. "Lucknow, Indian Mutiny," 1857.

William Job Maillard (deceased), Staff-Surgeon Royal Navy, M.B. 1888, M.D. 1891 Lond. Univ., M.R.C.P. Lond. 1888, M.R.C.S. Eng. 1888, was awarded the Victoria Cross for going through a perfect hail of bullets and endeavouring to rescue a wounded seaman of H.M.S. *Hazard*. "Island of Crete," 1898.

William George Nicholas Manley (deceased), Assistant Surgeon, Royal Artillery, afterwards Surgeon General A.M.D., C.B., M.R.C.S. Eng. 1852, Bronze Medal of Royal Humane Society for saving life at sea, was awarded the Victoria Cross for risking his life to save Commander Hay, R.N. "Maori War, New Zealand," 1864.

Arthur Martin-Leake, Surgeon-Captain South African Constabulary, L.R.C.P. Lond. 1898, M.R.C.S. Eng. 1898, was awarded the Victoria Cross for attending a wounded man under a heavy fire at 100 yards' range and assisting a wounded officer to a place of safety when he was himself shot three times. "Vlakfontein, South Africa," 1901.

James Mouat (deceased), Surgeon 6th Inniskilling Dragoons, afterwards Surgeon-General, K.C.B., Knight of the Legion of Honour, M. 1837, F. 1852, R.C.S. Eng., was awarded the Victoria Cross for rescuing wounded officer from exposed situation and binding his wounds in the presence of the enemy. "Balaklava, Crimean War," 1854.

William Henry Snyder Nickerson, Lieutenant, now Captain, R.A.M.C., M.B., B.Ch. 1896, Victoria University, Manchester, was awarded the Victoria Cross for going out and attending wounded man under a heavy rifle and shell fire, dressing his wounds and remaining with him till he was removed to a place of safety. "Wakkerstroom, South Africa," 1900.

Herbert Taylor Reade (deceased), Surgeon 61st Regiment, afterwards Surgeon-General A.M.D., C.B., M.R.C.S. Eng. 1849, was awarded the Victoria Cross for gallantry in dislodging with small force party of rebels firing on wounded. "Delhi, Indian Mutiny," 1857.

James Henry Reynolds, Surgeon-Major, now Lieutenant-Colonel, A.M.D. (retired), M.B., M.Ch. Univ. Durh. 1867, Hon. F.R.C.P. Irel. 1879, was awarded the Victoria Cross for conspicuous bravery in attending the wounded under fire and defence of hospital. "Rorke's Drift, Zululand, South Africa," 1879.

Henry Thomas Sylvester, Assistant Surgeon 23rd Regiment (retired), Knight of the Legion of Honour, M.D. Aberdeen 1855, L.R.C.S. Edin. 1853, L.S.A. 1869, was awarded the Victoria Cross for going out to a wounded officer and attending wounded under heavy fire. "Sebastopol, Crimean War," 1855.

William Temple, Assistant Surgeon Royal Artillery, now Brigade Surgeon A.M.D. (retired), M.B. Univ. Dub. 1858, L.R.C.S. Irel. 1858, was awarded the Victoria Cross for gallant conduct and devotion in assisting wounded under heavy fire. "Maori War, New Zealand," 1864.

Harry Frederick Whitchurch, Surgeon-Captain, now Major, I.M.S., L.R.C.P. Lond. 1887, M.R.C.S. Eng. 1887, was awarded the Victoria Cross for rescuing a wounded officer when the troops with which he was fell back, having to proceed over a mile under the enemy's fire. "Ochitral, India," 1895.