

**THE VICTORIA CROSS.**  
[FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE.]

WAR-OFFICE, SEPT. 22.—The Queen has been graciously pleased to signify her intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross on the under-mentioned officers and drummer of her Majesty's army, whose claims to the same have been submitted for her Majesty's approval on account of acts of bravery performed by them in New Zealand, and stated against their names:—

Royal Artillery—Assistant-Surgeon Wm. George Nicholas Manley—For his conduct during the assault on the rebel pah, near Tauranga, New Zealand, on the 29th of April last, in most nobly risking his own life, according to the testimony of Commodore Sir Wm. Wiseman, Bart., C.B., in his endeavour to save that of the late Commander Hay, of the Royal Navy, and others. Having volunteered to accompany the storming party into the pah, he attended on that officer, when he was carried away, mortally wounded, and then volunteered to return, in order to see if he could find any more wounded. It is stated that he was one of the last officers to leave the pah.

Royal Artillery—Assistant-Surgeon Wm. Temple, and Lieutenant Arthur Frederick Pickard—For gallant conduct, during the assault on the enemy's position at Rangiriri, in New Zealand, on the 29th of November last, in exposing their lives to imminent danger, in crossing the entrance of the Maori keep, at a point upon which the enemy had concentrated their fire, with a view to render assistance to the wounded, and more especially to the late Captain Mercer, of the Royal Artillery. Lieut. Pickard, it is said, crossed and re-crossed the parapet, to procure water for the wounded, when none of the men could be induced to perform this service, the space over which he traversed being exposed to a cross fire; and testimony is borne to the calmness displayed by him and Assistant-Surgeon Temple, under the trying circumstances in which they were placed.

57th Regiment—Ensign John Thornton Down and Drummer Dudley Stagpoole—For their conduct at Pontoko, on the 2nd October, in rescuing a wounded comrade from the rebel Maories. They succeeded in bringing in the wounded man, who was lying at about fifty yards from the bush, although the enemy kept up a very heavy fire from the bush at short range, and also from behind fallen logs close at hand. The man had been wounded during an engagement with the rebel natives, and Ensign Down and Drummer Stagpoole responded to the call of the officer commanding the detachment of the regiment for volunteers to bring him in. The medal for distinguished conduct in the field has already been conferred on Drummer Stagpoole, for the energy and devotion which he displayed on the 25th of September, 1863, at the affair near Kaipakopako, in having, though wounded in the head, twice volunteered and brought in wounded men.

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