

liminary arrangements, all the merit of that victory is due to him. The subsequent operations have happily been of a bloodless character, but their successful accomplishment depended upon a nicety of calculation and a precision of arrangement only to be expected from a very able and experienced staff, such as that which I am fortunate enough to have with me, presided over by that ablest of Staff Officers Brigadier-General Sir George Pomeroy Colley.

These operations, immediately leading to the capture of the King have been carried out by the troops of the column under Lieutenant-Colonel Clarke, 57th Regiment, who has performed the duties of his responsible command in the most highly efficient manner. The officers and men under him have worked most cheerfully, though the stimulus to exertion given by the presence of an armed enemy was wanting; indeed the conduct of all the troops in the field, British and Colonial, since I assumed command, has been admirable.

Of those who have toiled unremittingly throughout this war, no one is more deserving of special mention than Major-General the Honourable H. H. Clifford. Since his arrival in South Africa, he has been in charge of the base, and of the lines of communication, a charge which I thought it

necessary to extend when I assumed command. On him has devolved the heaviest part of the work connected with the concluding operations and reduction of the force. No one could have worked with more earnest zeal than he has done, not only to keep the troops in the field supplied with everything they required, but to do so without unnecessary or extravagant expenditure of public money. By him great economy was introduced into the administration, and a most salutary check established over the outlay of all public money.

As this Despatch is to announce to Her Majesty's Government the successful termination of the military operations in Zululand, and the peaceable settlement of the country, I venture to send it to you in charge of my Aide-de-Camp, Captain Lord Gifford, V.C., whom I recommend to your favourable consideration. Lord Gifford was actively engaged in pursuit of Ketchwayo from the day when the first patrol was sent out; and, at the time when the capture was made, was watching with a small body of men the kraal into which he had traced the King, with the intention of effecting the capture at night-fall.

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G. J. WOLSELEY, General.

The Right Honourable the
Secretary of State for War,
War Office, London,

War Office, October 9, 1879.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to signify Her intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross upon the undermentioned Officer and Non-Commissioned Officer of Her Majesty's Army, whose claims have been submitted for Her Majesty's approval, for their several acts of valour in endeavouring to save the lives of soldiers during the reconnaissance made before Ulundi, on the 3rd July, 1879, as recorded against their names:—

Regiment.	Names.	Acts of Courage for which recommended.
Frontier Light Horse	Captain (now Commandant) Cecil D'Arcy	For his gallant conduct on the 3rd July, 1879, during the reconnaissance made before Ulundi by the Mounted Corps, in endeavouring to rescue Trooper Raubenheim, of the Frontier Light Horse, who fell from his horse as the troops were retiring. Captain D'Arcy, though the Zulus were close upon them, waited for the man to mount behind him; the horse kicked them both off, and though much hurt by the fall and quite alone, Captain D'Arcy coolly endeavoured to lift the trooper, who was stunned, on to the horse, and it was only when he found that he had not strength to do so that he mounted and rode off. His escape was miraculous as the Zulus had actually closed upon him.
Frontier Light Horse	Sergeant Edmund O'Toole.	For his conspicuous courage and bravery on several occasions during the campaign, and especially for his conduct on the 3rd July, 1879, at the close of the reconnaissance before Ulundi, in assisting to rescue Sergeant Fitzmaurice, 1st Battalion 24th Mounted Infantry, whose horse fell and rolled on him, as the troops retired before great numbers of the enemy. When lifted up behind him by Lord William Beresford, the man, being half stunned by the fall, could not hold on, and he must have been left had not Sergeant O'Toole, who was keeping back the advancing Zulus, given up his carbine and assisted to hold Sergeant Fitzmaurice on the horse. At the time the Zulus were rapidly closing on them, and there was no armed man between them and Sergeant O'Toole.