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THE Queen has been graciously pleased to signify Her intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross on the under-mentioned Officer of Her Majesty's Army, whose claims to the same have been submitted for Her Majesty's approval, on account of an Act of Bravery performed by him in New Zealand, as stated against his name; viz:

Regiment.	Rank and Name.	Act of Bravery for which recommended.
18th Regiment	Captain Hugh Shaw Date of Act of Bravery, January 24, 1865.	For his gallant conduct at the skirmish near Nukumarū, in New Zealand, on the 24th of January last, in proceeding, under a heavy fire, with four Privates of the Regiment, who volunteered to accompany him, to within 30 yards of the bush occupied by the Rebels, in order to carry off a comrade who was badly wounded. On the afternoon of that day, Captain Shaw was ordered to occupy a position about half a mile from the Camp. He advanced in skirmishing order, and, when about 30 yards from the bush, he deemed it prudent to retire to a palisade about 60 yards from the bush, as two of his party had been wounded. Finding that one of them was unable to move, he called for volunteers to advance to the front to carry the man to the rear, and the four Privates referred to accompanied him, under a heavy fire, to the place where the wounded man was lying, and they succeeded in bringing him to the rear.