

Sergeant Munro, Corporal Dunlay, and Privates Mackay and Grant, all of the 93rd, received the Victoria Cross for their brilliant conduct in the enclosure, the last three of whom entered by the hole in the wall. Grant killed five of the rebels with one of their own swords while defending an officer who was carrying a captured colour.

The historical parallel of Mukarrab Khan's "Bravest Deed," also named by Lord Roberts,—the brave deed of Catherine Douglas, renamed Kate Barlas in honour of her heroism,—has been the subject of many a picture, poem, and prose description, and side by side with this story of the gallant Indian's heroism it seems fitting that the noble devotion of the brave Scotch girl should be recorded.

In the year 1436 a party of horsemen, weary and belated, were seen hurrying amid the deepening darkness of a December day towards the ferry of the Firth of Forth. Their high carriage, no less than the quality of their accoutrements, albeit dimmed and travel-stained by the splash of flood and field, showed them to be more than a mere party of traders seeking safety in numbers, and travelling in pursuit of gain. In the centre of the group rode a horseman, whose aspect and demeanour marked him as the chief, if not the leader, of the band; and by his side a lady, whose grace and beauty could not be altogether concealed by the closeness of her attire or the darkness of the night. These were the King and Queen of Scotland