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War Office, January 15, 1901.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross on the undermentioned Officer and Non-Commissioned Officer, whose claims have been submitted for Her Majesty's approval, for their conspicuous bravery in Ashanti, as stated against their names :—

Regiment.	Name.	Act of Courage for which recommended.
Indian Staff Corps, employed with the West African Frontier Force	Captain (local Major) C. J. Melliss	On the 30th September, 1900, at Obassa, Major Melliss, seeing that the enemy were very numerous, and intended to make a firm stand, hastily collected all stray men and any he could get together, and charged at their head, into the dense bush where the enemy were thick. His action carried all along with him ; but the enemy were determined to have a hand-to-hand fight. One fired at Major Melliss, who put his sword through the man, and they rolled over together. Another Ashanti shot him through the foot, the wound paralysing the limb. His wild rush had, however, caused a regular panic among the enemy, who were at the same time charged by the Sikhs, and killed in numbers. Major Melliss also behaved with great gallantry on three previous occasions.
Seaforth Highlanders (Ross-shire Buffs, the Duke of Albany's), employed with the West African Frontier Force	Sergeant John Mackenzie	On the 6th June, 1900, at Dampoassi, in Ashanti, Sergeant Mackenzie, after working two Maxim guns under a hot fire, and being wounded while doing so, volunteered to clear the stockades of the enemy which he did in the most gallant manner, leading the charge himself and driving the enemy headlong into the bush.

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THE Queen has been pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Distinguished Service Order, and promotions in the Army, in recognition of the services of the undermentioned Officers, &c., during the recent operations in Ashanti. Dated 29th November, 1900 :—

To be Companions of the Distinguished Service Order :—

- Captain James Henry Edward Holford, 7th Hussars.
- Captain John Ernest Charles James Cochrane, the Donegal Artillery.
- Captain Henry Vincent John McCann Neal, 3rd Battalion Scottish Rifles.
- Captain Frederick Edward Bishop, 3rd Battalion the Bedfordshire Regiment.
- Captain Cecil Hamilton Armitage, 3rd Battalion the South Wales Borderers.
- Captain Ernest Percy Stuart Roupell, the Milford Haven Division, Royal Engineers (Militia), Submarine Miners.

Captain Charles Edward Joseph Glyn O'Malley, 6th Battalion Middlesex Regiment.

Lieutenant Edward Hawtin Phillips, Royal Artillery.

Lieutenant Henry Vincent Shortland, 3rd Battalion the Royal Irish Regiment.

Lieutenant William Frederick Savery Edwards, 4th Battalion Devonshire Regiment.

The Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment), Assistant Inspector John Charles Ralph, from the Lagos Hausa Force, to be Captain, vice S. T. B. Lawford, promoted.

The Black Watch (Royal Highlanders), Sergeant John Mackenzie, from the Seaforth Highlanders (Ross-shire) Buffs, the Duke of Albany's, to be Second Lieutenant, in succession to Lieutenant H. C. W. Berthon, deceased.

The Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex Regiment), Captain Harold Cecil Jones Biss, from the 5th Battalion, to be Second Lieutenant, Supernumerary to the establishment.