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WAR OFFICE, July 20, 1900.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to signify Her intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross on the under-mentioned Officers whose claims have been submitted for Her Majesty's approval, for their conspicuous bravery in South Africa, as stated against their names:—

Regiment.	Name.	Acts of Courage for which recommended.
The Gordon Highlanders	Captain Matthew Fontaine Maury Meiklejohn	At the Battle of Elandslaagte, on the 21st October 1899, after the main Boer position had been captured, some men of the Gordon Highlanders, when about to assault a kopje in advance, were exposed to a heavy cross-fire, and, having lost their leaders, commenced to waver. Seeing this, Captain Meiklejohn rushed to the front and called on the Gordons to follow him. By his conspicuous bravery and fearless example, he rallied the men and led them against the enemy's position, where he fell desperately wounded in four places.
5th Dragoon Guards	Second Lieutenant John Norwood	On the 30th October 1899, this Officer went out from Ladysmith in charge of a small patrol of the 5th Dragoon Guards. They came under a heavy fire from the enemy, who were posted on a ridge in great force. The patrol, which had arrived within about 600 yards of the ridge, then retired at full speed. One man dropped, and Second Lieutenant Norwood galloped back about 300 yards through heavy fire, dismounted, and picking up the fallen trooper, carried him out of fire on his back, at the same time leading his horse with one hand. The enemy kept up an incessant fire during the whole time that Second Lieutenant Norwood was carrying the man until he was quite out of range.
The Gordon Highlanders	Sergeant - Major (now Quartermaster and Honorary Lieutenant) William Robertson	At the Battle of Elandslaagte, on the 21st October 1899, during the final advance on the enemy's position, this Warrant Officer led each successive rush, exposing himself fearlessly to the enemy's artillery and rifle fire to encourage the men. After the main position had been captured, he led a small party to seize the Boer camp. Though exposed to a deadly cross-fire from the enemy's rifles, he gallantly held on to the position captured, and continued to encourage the men until he was dangerously wounded in two places.