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17th Lancers .	Sergeant T. Lawrence	On the 7th August 1900, when on patrol duty near Essenbosch Farm, Sergeant Lawrence and a Private Hayman were attacked by 12 or 14 Boers. Private Hayman's horse was shot, and the man was thrown, dislocating his shoulder. Sergeant Lawrence at once came to his assistance, extricated him from under the horse, put him on his own horse, and sent him on to the picket. Sergeant Lawrence took the soldier's carbine, and, with his own carbine as well, kept the Boers off until Private Hayman was safely out of range. He then retired for some two miles on foot, followed by the Boers, and keeping them off until assistance arrived.
2nd Battalion East Surrey Regiment	Private (now Corporal) A. E. Curtis	On the 23rd February 1900, Colonel Harris lay all day long in a perfectly open space under close fire of a Boer breastwork. The Boers fired all day at any man who moved, and Colonel Harris was wounded eight or nine times. Private Curtis, after several attempts, succeeded in reaching the Colonel, bound his wounded arm, and gave him his flask—all under heavy fire. He then tried to carry him away, but was unable, on which he called for assistance, and Private Morton came out at once. Fearing that the men would be killed, Colonel Harris told them to leave him, but they declined, and, after trying to carry the Colonel on their rifles, they made a chair with their hands, and so carried him out of fire.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to approve the grant of the Medal for Distinguished Conduct in the Field to the under-mentioned Soldier in recognition of his gallant conduct in South Africa on the 23rd February 1900:—

Private T. W. Morton, 2nd Battalion, East Surrey Regiment.

WAR OFFICE, January 15, 1901.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross on the under-mentioned 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:—

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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 Dempoassi, 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.