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THE King has been graciously pleased to signify His intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross on the under-mentioned Officers, Non-Commissioned Officer, and Soldier, for their conspicuous bravery in South Africa, as stated against their names:—

Regiment.	Name.	Act of Courage for which recommended.
New South Wales Medical Staff Corps	Captain N. R. House	During the action at Vredefort, on the 24th July 1900, Captain House went out under a heavy cross fire and picked up a wounded man, and carried him to a place of shelter.
1st Battalion Devonshire Regiment	Lieutenant (now Captain and Brevet Major) J. E. I. Masterson	During the action at Wagon Hill, on the 6th January 1900, Lieutenant Masterson commanded, with the greatest gallantry and dash, one of the three companies of his regiment which charged a ridge held by the enemy and captured their position. The companies were then exposed to a most heavy and galling fire from the right and left front. Lieutenant Masterson undertook to give a message to the Imperial Light Horse, who were holding a ridge some hundred yards behind, to fire to the left front and endeavour to check the enemy's fire. In taking this message he crossed an open space of a hundred yards which was swept by a most heavy cross fire, and although badly wounded in both thighs, managed to crawl in and deliver his message before falling exhausted into the Imperial Light Horse Trench. His unselfish heroism was undoubtedly the means of saving several lives.
Rimington's Guides.	Corporal J. J. Clements	On the 24th February 1900, near Strijdenburg, when dangerously wounded through the lungs and called upon to surrender, Corporal Clements threw himself into the midst of a party of five Boers, shooting three of them with his revolver, and thereby causing the whole party to surrender to himself and two unwounded men of Rimington's Guides.