

AN INTERESTING GROUP OF DECORATIONS OF
THE PENINSULAR WAR.

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HE accompanying plate illustrates the following decorations, three of which are of a high order :—

The Gold Cross for

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| Fuentes d' Onor | 5th May, 1811. |
| Ciudad Rodrigo | 19th January, 1812. |
| Badajoz | 6th April, 1812. |
| Orthes | 27th February, 1814. |

The Gold Medal for Fuentes d' Onor, with clasps for Badajoz and Ciudad Rodrigo.

The Peninsular War Medal, with three bars for Busaco, Salamanca, and Toulouse.

The Gold Badge of a Military Companion of the Bath.

The group was awarded to Lieut.-Colonel Russell Manners, C.B., and it will be noticed that, collectively, they represent seven battles, namely :—Fuentes d' Onor, Ciudad Rodrigo, Badajoz, Orthes, Busaco, Salamanca, and Toulouse.

Lieutenant-Colonel Russell Manners, C.B., entered the army as an ensign in the 74th Highland Regiment in 1791, served with the Bombay army in the second Mysore war, and was present at the storming of Seringapatam in 1799, and at the siege of Pondicherry. He served with the 74th in the Peninsular War, and was present at the battle of Busaco, pursuit of Massena, actions of Foz d' Armel, Sabugal and El Bodon ; he commanded the regiment at the battle of Fuentes d' Onor, and at the siege of Ciudad Rodrigo ; he was present at the first siege of Badajoz, and commanded his regiment at the last siege. He was also present at the battle of Salamanca, the capture of Madrid, and the retreat from that city ; at the battle of Orthes, again in command of the 74th ; and was present in the last battle in the campaign of 1814, fought at Toulouse. In 1815 he was nominated a Companion of the Bath, and he had received both the gold and silver medals for his services on eight different occasions.



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