

No. 8671 Lance-Corporal F. Watson, 2nd Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps.
 No. 7738 Private W. Bonsor, 2nd Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps.
 No. 4582 Serjeant S. Pidgeon, 3rd Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps.
 No. 8351 Corporal Slade, 3rd Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps.
 No. 655 Lance-Corporal A. McCarthy, 3rd Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps.
 No. 873 Corporal C. Allen, 1st Bn. Rifle Brigade.
 No. 850 Private H. Jackson, 1st Bn. Rifle Brigade.
 No. 4639 Private Hanrathy, 1st Bn. Royal Irish Fusiliers.
 No. 4067 Private Gregory, 1st Bn. Royal Irish Fusiliers.
 No. 3423 Serjeant Connor, 2nd Bn. Royal Dublin Fusiliers.
 No. 5020 Corporal Smith, 2nd Bn. Royal Dublin Fusiliers.
 No. 4490 Private Fitzgerald, 2nd Bn. Royal Dublin Fusiliers.
 No. 4701 Private Kelly, 2nd Bn. Royal Dublin Fusiliers.
 No. 5433 Private Holmes, 2nd Bn. Royal Dublin Fusiliers.
 No. 6056 Private Reid, 2nd Bn. Royal Dublin Fusiliers.

In the area commanded by Lieut.-General Sir C. F. Clery, the mounted work was done by Thorneycroft's Mounted Infantry, under the command of Major (local Lieut.-Colonel) A. W. Thorneycroft, Royal Scots Fusiliers. This Officer merits the highest commendation I can bestow. His talents, both as an organiser and as a leader of men, are of the highest order.

Thorneycroft's Mounted Infantry.

The following Officers are specially brought to notice:—

Captain (local Major) G. S. St. Aubyn, King's Royal Rifle Corps (second in command).—A leader of high ability and courage, much above the average of his rank, and has shown great tact in dealing with Colonial troops.

Captain M. G. Farquhar.—Has performed exceptionally good service throughout. This gentleman only joined for the war, and I recommend him for special consideration.

Captain E. M. J. Molyneux, 12th Bengal Lancers.—A dashing and capable leader of men. Has distinguished himself on several occasions.

Captain E. M. Morris, Devonshire Regiment.—Has acted as Adjutant of the regiment throughout the whole 12 months. Has been distinguished for his power of organization, his tact and management of men in camp, and his ability and courage in the field.

Captain A. D. Green, Worcestershire Regiment.—An excellent Officer, who has shown great ability as a scout, and has dash, pluck, and good judgment.

Captain C. F. Minchin, 1st Punjaub Cavalry.—An Officer of many acquirements. Has done specially good service throughout the campaign.

Lieutenant Reginald Villiers.—Joined the regiment as a private, having been in the Ceylon Mounted Infantry. Has done specially good work throughout the campaign.

Major W. E. Peyton, D.S.O., 15th Hussars.—Succeeded Captain (local Major) G. S. St. Aubyn as second in command on the 23rd July, when that Officer was invalided. With a quick grasp of the situation, he is a leader of high ability, and is also a valuable Officer in matters of interior economy.

No. 6203 Private A. Neilson and No. 4557 Private W. Strong, Thorneycroft's Mounted Infantry, are brought specially to notice for gallant conduct.

In bringing the foregoing names to your notice, I specially mention the mounted corps separately from the other regiments, because in the protection of a line of railway the duties which fall to them are so much more onerous and dangerous than those which fall to the members of other corps, that I thought it but fair to mark, by reporting upon them separately, my sense of the really excellent work that has been done by the regiments above mentioned. Work so good and so constant is, though very difficult, less likely to be appreciated at its full merits than work done on one hard fought day which culminates in a general engagement.

The Officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the other regiments concerned I deal with in a general despatch.

I have, &c.,
REDVERS BULLER, General.

From General Right Hon. Sir Redvers Buller, V.C., G.C.B., K.C.M.G., to Field-Marshal Right Hon. Lord Roberts, V.C., &c., War Office, London, S.W.

ss. "Dunvegan Castle,"
 9th November, 1900.

Sir,

After the relief of Ladysmith, I addressed to you on the 30th March (No. Military Secretary 457) a despatch, in which I brought to notice the services of the Officers and men who had served under my command up to that date. About the same period, General Sir George White also addressed to you a despatch, bringing to notice the services of the Officers and men under his command who had taken part in the defence of Ladysmith. I considered it at that time possible that the Natal Field Force would have been broken up.

Such was not, however, the case. That force, with the addition of the troops who had been defending Ladysmith, but with the loss of the 10th Division and 14th Hussars, was retained as a unit until the 10th of October, and, on that date, I had the honour of seeing you in Pretoria, and received your directions to write a final despatch, bringing to notice the names of the Officers, non-commissioned officers and men whom I considered worthy of special mention.

In now carrying out your wishes, I have the honour to request that this despatch may be read as part of my despatch of the 30th March. In some cases I may have had to repeat the names mentioned in the former letter, but I wish that my recommendations should be considered as a whole, although they reach you in the form of two letters, dated at a considerable interval.

In my despatch of the 30th March, I placed first in order the services of the Officers who had served on the Lines of Communication. I again pursue the same course, not only because I feel the debt owed by the Natal Field Force to those Officers to be a very heavy one, but because, as in the interest of that force, I have kept them doing the onerous and somewhat uncongenial work of the Lines of Communication, and have not allowed them to come to the front, it is due to them to show that I adopted this course, not from any lack of confidence in them, but because I attached so much importance to the organization of our Lines of Communication, that I conceived it