

I would venture specially to commend to your Excellency's notice the kind and effective assistance rendered by Colonel Machado, the Governor of Beira, and by his subordinates the Commandants of Chimoio and Massikessi, who afforded every facility and kindness to the Imperial troops passing through Portuguese territory to Mashonaland.

I would also beg to express my grateful acknowledgment of the ready co-operation and assistance accorded to me by the General Officer Commanding in South Africa, and by the General Officer Commanding the Troops, Natal.

I desire to recommend to favourable consideration the services of the officers, non-commissioned officers, and men, noted in the attached list, for gallantry in action, and for meritorious work.

Owing to the dearth of trained Special Service Officers the work fell heavily at first on officers of the Staff; indeed, for all ranks the campaign was an arduous one. The fighting, especially towards the latter end, was of a particularly trying and unsatisfactory character, but the men in no way failed to show a keenness and soldierly qualities worthy of the highest traditions of the service.

I have, &c.,

F. CARRINGTON,
Major-General.

Recommendation for Conspicuous Gallantry in Action, and for Gallantry in Action, and other good service:—

Conspicuous Gallantry in Action.

(In Chronological Order.)

Trooper Henderson, Buluwayo Field Force, 30th March, was cut off with Trooper Celliers from the main body, Celliers being badly wounded. Henderson gave up his horse to him, refused to leave him, tended him two days and one night, and brought him alone through 35 miles of country full of armed rebels to Buluwayo.

Lieutenant E. C. Windley, Buluwayo Field Force, 22nd April, went back to the assistance of Captain Selous, who was surrounded by the enemy, his horse having run away. Windley brought Selous out safely, closely pursued the whole time by the Matabele.

Lieutenant F. H. Crewe, Buluwayo Field Force, 22nd April, turned back for Trooper Hook, who had lost his horse, and was wounded, gave up his own horse to Hook, running on foot himself till knocked down by the enemy, who were in close pursuit. He was rescued in turn by Trooper Lester.

Trooper Lester, Buluwayo Field Force, 22nd April, came to the assistance of Crewe, who was dismounted and hotly pursued by the Matabele. Lester gave up his horse to Crewe and escaped himself, being taken up on to his horse by Captain Grey.

Trooper Baxter, Buluwayo Field Force, 22nd April, gave up his horse to a wounded comrade, Corporal Wiseman, when closely pursued. He was himself then wounded, overtaken, and assailed (killed).

Captain Grey, Buluwayo Field Force, 22nd April, assisted Trooper Baxter after this man had lost his horse. Also, though just wounded, he took up Trooper Lester on his horse when closely pursued by the Matabele.

Lieutenant Sinclair, Buluwayo Field Force, 22nd May, picked up Trooper Rothman, who had fallen from his horse mortally wounded, and put

him on his own horse and carried him out of action (2 miles) under heavy fire.

Sergeant L. Newmeyer and Trooper Begby, Mashonaland Relief Force, 25th May, went up to within 25 yards of the Matabele and brought in the body of Trooper Hay, who had been mortally hit. This was done under heavy fire at close quarters.

Sergeant Farley, Buluwayo Field Force, 6th June, gave up his horse to Trooper Combrink, who had been knocked off his horse and stunned, and would have been killed, as the enemy were within a few yards of him.

Captain Nesbitt, M.M.P., 19th June, conducted Mazoe rescue patrol, 13 men, fighting his way through rebels to get to Salthouse's party, and succeeded in bringing them back to Salisbury, with heavy fighting, in which three were killed and five wounded, 15 horses killed and wounded.

Captain Llewellyn, Buluwayo Field Force (late Royal Navy), 20th July, during a rush on Beresford's force (in the attack on Sikombo), Captain Llewellyn ran to the Maxim, which was for the moment without a firer, and remained alone on it, keeping it in action, with the enemy within a few yards. Displayed great coolness in working his Maxims under fire at the attack on Babyan's stronghold, and on other occasions.

Gallantry in Action, and other good Service.

Staff.

Major and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Baden-Powell, 13th Hussars, Chief Staff Officer. As Chief of the Staff his services were invaluable, and I cannot speak too highly of the assistance he has rendered me.

Commanded the advanced force during the whole of its attack on Babyan's stronghold, 20th July. Performed excellent service in the risky work of locating the various impis in the Matoppos by day and by night.

Commanded successful patrols in clearing the Shangani, Wedzas, and Belingwe districts. Acted as Staff Officer to Colonel Plumer throughout the operations in the Matoppos.

Captain Vyvyan, East Kent Regiment, Brigade Major. This officer was constantly at hard work throughout the whole campaign, and rendered excellent service by the thorough and conscientious manner in which he always carried out his duties. Did good service in a critical part of the action in the Tuli gorge at Babyan's stronghold, 20th July.

Acted as Staff Officer to Colonel Plumer at Thaba-ka-Mamba and other places.

Lieutenant Ferguson, South Wales Borderers, Aide-de-Camp, rendered very valuable assistance to Captain Laing in the Matoppos. Accompanied Major Ridley's patrol down the Guai River. Did much useful work in conveying my despatches across country.

Major Thorold, West Riding Regiment, Special Service, did good work as Staff Officer at Mafeking and at Macloutsie for moves of troops. Commanded at Gwelo, where he re-organised the Volunteer garrison.

Lieutenant-Colonel Bridge, Army Service Corps, Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General, did good service in a critical part of the action in Tuli gorge, at Babyan's stronghold, 20th July. Organised the whole of the Supply and Transport and Ordnance Departments, which were practically non-existent. This officer's work was invaluable.