

G. Farrell, C.B., has been amply recognized by Major-General Sir George White.

16. Sir Frederick Roberts further desires to cordially endorse the high terms in which Sir George White refers to the services of the officers and men of the Royal Navy, and to the assistance rendered by them during the operations; and his Excellency also begs to include in this recommendation the officers and men of the Indian Marine, whose exertions throughout the war have contributed in no small degree to the efficiency and order of the river communications. The services of First Grade Officers Hewett and Black, of the Indian Marine, have been particularly brought to notice. Captain Powell and First Grade Officer Baugh have also done good service.

17. The thanks of the Commander-in-Chief are also due to the members of the Telegraph Department under Mr. C. P. Landon, through whose exertions many miles of telegraph have been established and kept open for work under great difficulties; and his Excellency fully endorses the praise accorded by Sir George White to the officers named by him for good service in the various departments not already particularized in this Despatch.

18. The few officers of the Veterinary Department, including Inspecting Veterinary-Surgeon F. G. Shaw, who could be spared for service in Burma, have also done good and useful work.

19. Attached to this Despatch is a schedule* containing the names of the officers and others whom the Commander-in-Chief in India desires to recommend to the Government of India for reward. The list is a long one, but it contains no name which could be omitted without injustice. The protracted and special nature of the war in Burma must be borne in mind, its character being almost without example as affording to officers of all ranks, and especially the juniors, an opportunity of personal distinction.

The force has frequently been broken up into the smallest bodies acting independently, and the capacity as leaders of very junior officers, who under ordinary circumstances would have remained in a subordinate position, has thus been brought under a severe and trustworthy test. It is a matter of great satisfaction to His Excellency that so many have come through this ordeal with credit, and that the Government of India has now at its disposal so many young officers of proved capacity in the field.

In submitting this list, Sir Frederick Roberts feels that while the names of many deserving officers have been necessarily omitted, none are mentioned who have not fully merited recognition.

If the late Captain E. B. J. Vaughan, 6th Punjab Infantry, and Lieutenant G. L. Angelo, 23rd Madras Light Infantry, had lived, their names would have been included in the list for good services rendered in Burma.

I.

From Major-General Sir G. S. White, K.C.B., V.C., Commanding the Upper Burma Field Force to the Adjutant-General in India (through the Adjutant-General, Madras Army), dated Mandalay, the 10th March, 1887.

IN reply to your letters Nos. 813-M, dated 20th January, and 968-M, dated 31st January, 1887, I have the honour to submit the following list of general and other officers, who have rendered specially good service since I have been in command of the Upper Burma Field Force.

2. This force has been actively engaged for a long period. The nature of the operations has necessitated very numerous small columns acting as independent forces. The command of these columns has afforded exceptional opportunities to officers of all ranks of distinguishing themselves. The Brigadier-Generals have therefore sent me long lists of officers who have one and all merited being brought to the notice of the Commander-in-Chief in India; but, while I am in full accord with these recommendations, I have endeavoured in some instances to make special selections.

3. Brigadier-General C. J. East has rendered most important service while in the command of the 1st Brigade. His zeal and ability are well known to his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, and I have to thank him for most valuable counsel and loyal support. In the large and important command which he has held, it has been sufficient for me to know that General East had taken up a question, whatever it might be, to rest assured that the matter would be treated exhaustively and with great judgment and military knowledge.

4. Brigadier-General H. S. Anderson commanded the Mandalay Brigade for a short time, and afterwards the Ningyan district, where every obstacle presented itself to the prosecution of military operations, and where the country was the hotbed of dacoity and rebellion. He has since commanded the 4th Brigade with headquarters at Myingyan, and has exercised these several commands with ability and success.

5. Brigadier-General R. C. Stewart has commanded the 5th Brigade of the Burma Field Force during the recent operations. Early in his command Sir Frederick Roberts recognized the importance of doing all possible to carry the expedition to the Ruby Mines to a successful conclusion. This was an enterprise of much difficulty, involving the most ample preparation and forethought. It was anticipated that this force would encounter the heaviest resistance yet met with in Upper Burma, as the people in possession were rich and were naturally anxious to retain possession of this valuable property. The difficulties of the route were overcome by patient labour. The enemy's positions were ascertained by careful reconnaissances, and the force gained possession of the Ruby Mines without appreciable loss, having proved the hopelessness of resistance to those who had attempted to stop the advance.

6. Brigadier-General A. T. Cox, commanding the 2nd Brigade, has conducted the advance on Wuntho from the north, and has carried out his instructions for the advance on that capital with skill and success.

7. Brigadier-General R. C. Low, C.B., on his first arrival in Upper Burma, assumed command of the Mandalay Brigade—a charge of exceptional importance and extent. During the hot weather and rainy season of 1886, General Low exercised that command with singular energy and zeal. Always ready, he has proved himself to possess great physical endurance and powers of rapid organization and execution—gifts which mark him as an officer of exceptional value in the field. Throughout the active operations of the last few months, Brigadier-General Low has commanded in one of the two most turbulent districts in Upper Burma, and his ability, energy, and devotion to duty have been equally valuable and more in evidence than during his former command. All the success possible under the conditions of his command has been attained.

* Not published.