

8. Brigadier-General W. S. A. Lockhart, C.B., C.S.I., has shared with Brigadier-General Low the task of dominating the most lawless and difficult tracts in Upper Burma. His enterprise and influence have now become widely known and appreciated. Possessed of great initiative, and never so happy as when personally in command of some difficult operation, he has shown all the gifts of a most promising commander, and by example has instilled much of his enterprise into those serving under him. The changed aspect of the country confided to his command is the best gauge of the value of the service he has rendered to the state.

9. Where officers of exceptional merit and ability have been associated with field operations such as have lately been conducted throughout this country under the orders of his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, it is difficult to distinguish one above another; while I in no way draw comparisons between the intrinsic qualifications of the able Brigadier-Generals who have been associated with me in carrying out those orders, yet Brigadier-Generals Low and Lockhart have had the good fortune to have been ordered to undertake the heaviest tasks; and as I am confident they have acquitted themselves to the entire satisfaction of Sir Frederick Roberts and Sir Charles Arbuthnot, I think I am but acting in accordance with military precedent in recommending them for special consideration.

10. In addition to the regularly appointed Brigadier-Generals, I beg leave to bring forward the good service done by Colonel M. C. Farrington, King's Own Light Infantry (now Brigadier-General). In paragraph 5 of this report I have pointed out that Brigadier-General Stewart was detailed for the special charge of the expedition to the Ruby Mines. During the time he was so employed, it became necessary to organize and despatch a force from Shwebo to occupy Wuntho from the south, simultaneously with an advance from the north under Brigadier-General Cox. Colonel Farrington was entrusted with this duty. Shwebo had been depleted of pack transport to supply the more important claims of the Ruby Mines expedition, and little assistance could be given from the field force reserve transport, Colonel Farrington, however, provided the columns with transport from local sources, and carried out the advance on Wuntho with punctuality and success, making his advance answer the double purpose of searching out the country between Shwebo and his objective point with small columns. I have been much impressed by the helpfulness and ability shown by Colonel Farrington in the exercise of this command.

11. Before closing the list of officers of superior rank who have held important commands, I would specially mention to his Excellency the services of Colonel E. Stedman, commanding the 3rd Goorkha Regiment. This officer has proved himself not only a regimental commandant of exceptional capacity, but he has further given evidence of ability in the organization and conduct of operations requiring forethought in preparation and capacity in execution. Colonel Stedman and his Goorkhas have been called upon continuously for hard work. I recommend Colonel Stedman to the consideration of his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, not only as a due reward for what he has done, but further, because I consider his advancement would be a benefit to the Service.

12. Colonel A. C. Toker, 18th Bengal Infantry, has had an anxious and troublesome charge in

command on the Upper Chindwin, which he has carried out with watchfulness and capacity.

13. I will next give the names of officers who have been brought to notice by Brigadier-Generals and officers in superior command.

14. Brigadier-General East mentions the following officers:—

Lieutenant-Colonel G. Simpson, Madras Staff Corps, Brigade-Major; Captain S. A. E. Hickson, Royal Engineers, Deputy-Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster-General; Lieutenant-Colonel E. A. Bruce, Executive Commissariat Officer; Lieutenant J. K. Tod, Royal Irish Fusiliers, Orderly Officer to General East; Major C. J. Deshon,\* Royal Artillery, Commanding 1-1, Eastern Division.

Major W. Aitken, Royal Artillery, Commanding 9-1, Cinque Ports Division; Captain E. H. Armitage, Royal Artillery, Intelligence Officer; Captain A. W. Cockburn, Royal Engineers; Lieutenant J. A. Tanner, Royal Engineers; Colonel W. K. Leet, V.C., Commanding the Somersetshire Light Infantry; Lieutenant F. A. Morse, Lieutenant L. W. Fox, Lieutenant W. P. Braithwaite, Somersetshire Light Infantry; Colonel G. Baker, Commanding the Hampshire Regiment; Major E. H. C. Braddon, Captain R. P. Macdonald, Captain H. W. Smith, Lieutenant R. C. Lye, Lieutenant W. H. Trethewey, Hampshire Regiment; Colonel R. B. Graham, Lieutenant-Colonel J. L. Ferris, Lieutenant W. C. Pollard, 7th Bengal Cavalry; Lieutenant E. J. P. Warden, 17th Madras Infantry; Colonel J. Gabbett, 25th Madras Infantry; Lieutenant W. N. Campbell, 25th Madras Infantry; Lieutenant-Colonel A. Poole, Major R. Hennell, Lieutenant P. Holland, 5th Bombay Infantry; Major R. L. Price, Lieutenant W. Ayerst, 25th Bombay Light Infantry; Colonel E. Stedman, 3rd Goorkha Regiment; Major E. B. Bishop, 3rd Goorkha Regiment; Captain C. Pulley, 3rd Goorkha Regiment; Major C. McD. Skene, 43rd Goorkha Light Infantry; Lieutenant A. L. Barrett, † 43rd Goorkha Light Infantry; Lieutenant-Colonel W. P. Symonds, South Wales Borderers, Commandant, Muztled Infantry; Captain S. B. Beatson, 11th Bengal Lancers; Lieutenant G. B. Stevens, 4th Madras Pioneers; Lieutenant G. V. Burrows, 14th Madras Infantry; Captain G. N. Mayne, King's Own Borderers.

15. Of these officers I beg to bring the following specially to notice:—

Lieutenant-Colonel Simpson has done exceptionally hard work as Brigade-Major at Mandalay.

Captain Hickson, Royal Engineers, has also had heavy work as Deputy-Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster-General.

Both these officers worked continuously through the summer of 1886. Lieutenant-Colonel Simpson has received a step of Brevet rank, but Captain Hickson has as yet received no recognition of his service.

Major Deshon, Royal Artillery, commanded two expeditions, and did well.

Major Aitken, Royal Artillery, commanding 9-1, Cinque Ports Division, is an able officer, and has been selected for several special commands, and has carried out all duties entrusted to him with ability and success. I recommend him for advancement.

Colonel Leet, V.C., has commanded the Somersetshire Light Infantry throughout the campaign. The excellent service rendered by

\* Now Lieutenant-Colonel.

† Now Captain.