

and accompanied me through Matabeleland and Mashonaland.

#### Matabeleland Relief Force.

Major and Local Lieutenant-Colonel Plumer, York and Lancaster Regiment, organized, raised corps of Mounted Rifles in a remarkably short space of time for relief of Matabeleland, and commanded it with conspicuous success. Commanded the Trenance and Guai patrols, and at the successful action at Taba-ka-Mamba. Commanded the operations in the Matoppo, and rendered excellent service generally.

Lieutenant McCulloch, Royal Artillery, Commanding Royal Artillery; Lieutenant Fraser, West Riding Regiment, attached to Royal Artillery, worked their guns with great coolness and steadiness when the enemy were in force within 50 yards of them in the attack on Sikombo, 5th August. They both remained with their guns after being wounded.

Captain the Honourable J. Beresford, 7th Hussars, attached to Mashonaland Relief Force, when in command of a detached force in the action against Sikombo, 5th August, showed much coolness and judgment under difficult circumstances.

Lieutenant and Local Captain H. S. Turner, Black Watch, Adjutant Mashonaland Relief Force, as Adjutant and Paymaster carried out his duties with exceptional merit, and was a very useful Staff Officer to Colonel Plumer.

#### 7th Hussars.

Colonel Paget, commanded the 7th Hussars, which did much hard work unostentatiously and well; as did also the mounted companies of the West Riding, and the York and Lancaster Regiments. Their shooting and fire discipline were particularly good.

Second Lieutenant His Serene Highness Prince Alexander of Teck, 7th Hussars, acted as Staff Officer to Colonel Baden Powell's patrol to Wedza's. Proved an indefatigable Staff Officer, and of greatest assistance. Was particularly useful in the attack on Wedza's stronghold.

#### Staff, Mashonaland.

Major and Local Lieutenant-Colonel Alderson, Royal West Kent Regiment, commanding the troops, North Mashonaland. This officer took up the command of operations at a most critical time, when there was no competent head to direct matters on the spot, and owing to the wires being cut from time to time, I was unable to communicate with him, so that he had to act on his own responsibility. All his operations were successfully carried out. It was largely due to his arrangements that the rebels in Mashonaland were brought into subjection, and the troops enabled to withdraw from the country before the rainy season set in.

Captain Godley, Royal Dublin Fusiliers, Staff Officer. A most useful Staff Officer, and particularly tactful in dealing with mixed Imperial and Colonial forces.

#### Special Service Mounted Infantry.

Major Jenner, D.S.O., Rifle Brigade, commanded the Mounted Infantry in Mashonaland, and several patrols, and did much good work.

Captain Sir Horace MacMahon, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, worked hard and loyally, did good work in collecting and embarking horses at Durban; continued with his men when wounded at Mashigombis.

Captain Vernon, Rifle Brigade. Cool and dashing. An ideal Mounted Infantry Officer. Staff Officer to Jenner's column for 10 weeks.

Lieutenant Pilson, Royal Dublin Fusiliers.

Acted as Adjutant to the Mounted Infantry, and also commanded a detached patrol with success.

Lieutenant St. Aubyn, King's Royal Rifle Corps. Commanded two difficult patrols successfully. Showed much tact and energy.

Surgeon-Captain Hale, Army Medical Staff. Did much good work in Mashonaland, especially at the operations against Mashigombi.

Lieutenant Commander Hunt, Royal Navy. Her Majesty's ship "Widgeon," afforded great assistance and hearty co-operation in the disembarkation of troops at Beira.

Major Watts, Derbyshire Regiment, did much useful work in assisting in the organization of the Matabeleland Relief Force, and later in command of a relief column to Mashonaland, and of the column which finally attacked Makoni's stronghold and captured that chief.

Captain the Honourable F. Eveleigh de Moleyns, 4th Hussars, acted as extra Staff Officer, assisted in bringing out, under fire, the body of Trooper Langdon at the action of Taba-si-Mamba.

Captain Carew, 7th Hussars, showed himself particularly capable and energetic as a Squadron leader in command of patrols.

Lieutenant S. C. Townsend, Royal Artillery, rendered conspicuous service in Mashonaland.

First Class Staff Sergeant-Major Field, Army Service Corps. Acted as Quartermaster and Assistant to Colonel Bridge, and did excellent work.

Staff Sergeant-Major Donnelly, Army Service Corps. Did very good work under Colonel Bridge, and is deserving of advancement.

Staff Sergeant-Major Parke, Army Ordnance Corps. Did excellent work under Colonel Bridge, and is deserving of advancement.

#### Civil Service Officers.

Chief Native Commissioner Mr. Taylor. Afforded much assistance by obtaining information through native channels. Also accompanied Gambo's friendly levy in the field to pacify the Guai District.

Assistant Native Commissioner Mr. V. Gielgud did much good work with the Shangani Patrol, and displayed much personal courage in dealing with rebels occupying caves.

#### Local Forces.

Colonel Napier, Buluwayo Field Force (Merchant), Commanded the Buluwayo Field Force in the early operations, also several patrols, including the column which met that coming from Salisbury to the relief of Buluwayo. Latterly Town Commandant of Buluwayo.

Colonel Spreckley, B.F.F., late B.B.P. (Mining Company Manager), commanded early patrols. Did good service in the conduct of the successful engagement on the Umgusa, 6th June. Commanded successfully an important patrol to Shiloh and Inyati.

Colonel Real, Salisbury Volunteers, late Sergeant, B.B.P. (Merchant), commanded the Salisbury-Gwelo column for relief of Buluwayo. Did good service in the action on the Umgusa, 6th June. Did much useful work in repairing telegraph lines, with patrols, and latterly as Transport Officer on the Umtali Beira road.

Captain Laing, Belingwe F.F., late Sergeant 91st Highlanders (Company Manager) organized defence of Belingwe and commanded Belingwe Field Force, with which he did much useful work. He rendered excellent service in the action at Inugu, 20th July.

Captain Selous, Buluwayo F.F. (Company Manager) raised a troop of mounted volunteers, commanded two patrols, organized the defence of the Buluwayo-Mangwe road.