

to be possessed of exceptional qualities as a commander, and I have the greatest pleasure in recommending this valuable officer to your favourable consideration,

Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Henry (Northumberland Fusiliers) was in command of the Camel Corps. During the long night marches his corps was charged with guarding the flanks, and in the reconnaissances it served as a temporary escort to the guns, pending the arrival of the infantry. In the attack on Fedil's position, Colonel Henry disposed his command to the best possible advantage, and the successful repulse of the determined Dervish rush towards the guns was, in a large measure, due to the steady and accurate fire of his men.

Major Maxse (Coldstream Guards), Brevet Major Doran (Royal Irish Regiment) and Brevet Major Gorringe (Royal Engineers) commanded the 13th, 9th, and Irregular Sudanese Battalions respectively, and I cannot speak too highly of the excellent behaviour on the line of march, and the gallant conduct in action of every officer, non-commissioned-officer, and man composing this infantry brigade. Such results can only be obtained by constant drill and attention to discipline, and the gallant and able commanders of the 9th and 13th deserve special commendation for the high state of efficiency of their battalions. It was in front of the 9th that the Khalifa met his death. The results obtained by Major Gorringe in organising in a few days his irregulars and keeping them well in hand during the fighting are remarkable, and testify to the ability and capacity of this most energetic officer.

Brevet Major Watson (King's Royal Rifle Corps) and Brevet Major Wilkinson (Lincolnshire Regiment) acted as Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General (B) and Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General (A) respectively. The valuable qualities of these excellent staff officers are well known to you. During the recent operations they have given fresh proof of their energy and capacity, and on every occasion they proved of the greatest assistance to me. Major Watson carried my telegraphic despatch to you from the Khalifa's camp to Fachi Shoya with great speed, and was accompanied on this mission by Lieutenant Cowan, R.N.

Captain Bulkeley-Johnson (2nd Dragoons) commanded the 7th Squadron. The comparatively small force of cavalry available rendered the duties of scouting and reconnoitring very arduous. The behaviour of the men was excellent throughout, and they showed much dash in pursuit.

It is a very great pleasure to me to bring to your notice the excellent services performed by the artillery under Captains Boulnois, Franks, and Simpson-Baikie (Royal Artillery). Throughout the operations they commanded their various units to the greatest possible advantage, and showed an amount of dash and gallantry which largely contributed to our success. Captain Franks took charge of the galloping maxims in all patrols and reconnaissances. The unflinching manner in which the guns and maxims were served in the attack on Fedil's camp is worthy of all praise.

Captain Howard (Army Service Corps) acted as Staff Officer of Supplies, performing General Staff duties in addition, and Lieutenant Hoskins (North Staffordshire Regiment) commanded the transport of over 1,000 animals. The energy and activity displayed by these two officers, and the arduous nature of their duties, which were carried out to my entire satis-

faction, induce me to specially bring their good services to your notice.

Lieutenant Newall (Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders) acted as Staff Officer in charge of water supply, and in this capacity proved himself a capable and energetic officer.

Lieutenant Stallard (Royal Army Medical Corps) was in charge of the medical arrangements, and was ably assisted by Lieutenant Nickerson (Royal Army Medical Corps). These officers did all that was possible, not only to alleviate the sufferings of our wounded, but were also indefatigable in attending to the Dervish wounded, large numbers of whom passed through their hands.

Veterinary Captain Lewis (Army Veterinary Department) was in charge of the Veterinary Department, and carried out his arduous duties in a most satisfactory manner.

The names of the following officers have also been brought to my notice for good services:—

Brevet Major Sir H. Hill, Baronet (Royal Irish Fusiliers), Irregular Sudanese Battalion.

Captain Phipps (Dorsetshire Regiment), second in command, 13th Sudanese, and acted temporarily as Staff Officer to Officer Commanding Infantry Brigade.

Captain Norbury (Worcestershire Regiment), Camel Corps, second in command.

Captain Herbert (Royal Highlanders), Irregular Sudanese Battalion.

Captain A. Cameron (Cameron Highlanders), attached to 9th Sudanese.

Lieutenant Whishaw (South Staffordshire Regiment), 13th Sudanese.

Lieutenant Paget (West Yorkshire Regiment), Camel Corps.

Lieutenant Langdon (Liverpool Regiment), 13th Sudanese.

Lieutenant Ingle (Middlesex Regiment) acting second in command, 9th Sudanese—horse shot.

Lieutenant Wilson (East Lancashire Regiment), attached to 9th Sudanese.

Lieutenant The Honourable E. Guest (1st Life Guards), Camel Corps.

Second Lieutenant Honourable A. Hore-Ruthven (Cameron Highlanders), Camel Corps.

Lieutenant Flint (Royal Irish Rifles), transport.

Lieutenant McKey (Middlesex Regiment), transport.

Second Lieutenant Scott-Barbour (Highland Light Infantry), transport.

Second Lieutenant Nicklin (Oxfordshire Light Infantry), transport.

Naval Officers.

Lieutenant Cowan, R.N., commanding the gunboat *Sotilla*, accompanied the Expedition in capacity of staff officer. I have much pleasure in bringing his valuable services to your notice, he is a most zealous and energetic officer, and afforded me much assistance throughout the operations.

Lieutenant Fell, R.N., was employed as Commandant of Fachi Shoya, during the absence of the Expedition and carried out his duties to my entire satisfaction. He was ably assisted by Lieutenant Escombe, R.N.

Non-Commissioned-Officers.

Colour-Sergeant Seabright, Royal Marine Artillery.

Colour-Sergeant Seddons, Royal Marine Artillery.

Sergeant Sears, Royal Marine Artillery.

Staff-Sergeant McConnell (Army Gymnastic Staff).

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F. R. WINGATE, Colonel,
Commanding Expeditionary Force.