

Russell-Brown, Royal Engineers, and Second Lieutenant H. L. Mackworth, Royal Engineers.

To Major F. W. N. McCracken and the four companies of the Berkshire Regiment serving with this force is the successful attack on Colesberg on 1st January principally due. I cannot speak too highly of this Officer's coolness, courage, and intrepidity, or of the gallantry and discipline displayed by his Officers and men in making the night assault which he led so well.

What, in my opinion, is worthy of even greater praise is the conduct of this gallant regiment displayed in the tenacity with which they have held the position ever since, and the skill with which they have entrenched themselves against a constant fire from artillery and musketry, which, during the first few days, caused them considerable loss. They have now established such an excellent system of defence that the enemy's fire, although nearly unceasing, is practically harmless.

In connection with this work, I have also to bring forward the names of Lieutenant A. G. E. Bingley, Acting Adjutant, Berkshire Regiment, and Captain Sir T. E. S. Pasley, Bart., Berkshire Regiment.

Colonel T. E. Stephenson, Essex Regiment, has, on several occasions, rendered me valuable assistance. His leading of the Infantry Brigade during the reconnaissance in force on the 25th January was excellent.

Captain H. De B. De Lisle, D.S.O., Durham Light Infantry, has done excellent service in temporary command of the Mounted Infantry. His action in the engagement of 4th January, and the reconnaissance of the 25th, having been of special value.

Captain A. H. S. Hart, East Surrey Regiment, and Lieutenant C. Saunders, Dorsetshire Regiment (both attached to Mounted Infantry), on two occasions made valuable reconnaissance sketches of important parts of the enemy's position with very indifferent cover in a nullah (down which they had crept), from a galling fire.

Captain H. L. Ruck-Keene, Oxfordshire Light Infantry, Lieutenant the Honourable C. R. Clegg-Hill, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, and Lieutenant L. K. Smith, Royal Scots, have done specially good service with the Mounted Infantry.

Lieutenant-Colonel H. Bowles, Yorkshire Regiment, has done very good service at critical times in command of his battalion. Captain M. H. Orr, of the same regiment, was dangerously wounded during the attack on New Zealand Hill, which post he commanded with great credit.

Major A. W. Robin, commanding New Zealand Mounted Infantry, deserves special mention for the frequent occasions upon which he and his men have performed signal service during these operations.

I have already mentioned one of these affairs on the 15th January (the attack on New Zealand Hill), and with it the name of Captain W. R. N. Madocks, whose services on that occasion are well worthy of recognition.

Lieutenant C. Champion-de-Crespigny, 2nd Life Guards, when in command of a patrol on 19th January, showed great gallantry, and an excellent example to his men, in bringing wounded men out of action.

With regard to my Staff, Major D. Haig, 7th Hussars, Acting Assistant Adjutant-General and Cavalry Staff Officer, has shown throughout the same zeal, untiring energy, and consummate ability as have characterized his conduct and bearing since the very commencement of the campaign (in Natal), during the whole of which time he has acted in this capacity. I have had occasion

to speak of him in a similar sense in former despatches.

Captain J. Vaughan, 7th Hussars, my senior Aide-de-Camp, has acted for the past two months as Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General, and has done excellent service in that capacity.

Major G. O. Welch and Captain T. D. Foster, Army Service Corps, Deputy-Assistant Adjutants-General, have shown untiring zeal and energy in supervising the transport and supply services, which, in a force operating as this has been, on a very wide front, and often many miles from a railway, has been an arduous and difficult task.

I am much indebted to Major the Honourable H. A. Lawrence, 17th Lancers, for the great assistance he has rendered me in having established such an excellent system of intelligence. His good work has been attended with the best results.

Lieutenant-Colonel F. J. W. Eustace, Royal Horse Artillery, Officer Commanding Royal Artillery, Cavalry Division, has displayed conspicuous skill and sound judgment in his handling of the Artillery, which has played so important a part throughout these operations. He has been of the greatest help to me and indefatigable when the most severe strain was thrown on him and his command. He has received much help from his Adjutant, Captain A. D'A. King, Royal Horse Artillery, who is deserving of great commendation.

Captain P. A. Kenna, V.C., 21st Lancers, Provost-Marshal, has performed his duties with zeal and energy: he has on more than one occasion shown an excellent example of bravery by going personally to the assistance of wounded men.

Major H. G. Hathaway, Royal Army Medical Corps, has been attached to my Staff since my arrival at Naauwpoort. He has been unremitting in his attention to the sick and wounded. He has on several occasions and at critical times carried messages to commanders of units in the field, and his services have been most useful.

Lieutenant S. L. Barry, 10th Hussars, Divisional Signalling Officer, has performed excellent service.

Lieutenant Sir John Milbanke, Bart., 10th Royal Hussars, and Captain J. F. Laycock, Nottinghamshire Yeomanry Cavalry, my Aides-de-Camp, have displayed the same marked zeal, energy, and conspicuous courage, as I have commented upon in former despatches.

I have, &c.,
J. D. P. FRENCH, Lieutenant-General,
Commanding Cavalry Division.

Rensburg Camp,
2nd February, 1900.

Foreign Office, October 20, 1899.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Fairfax Leighton Cartwright, Esq., to be Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation at Mexico.

Foreign Office, April 28, 1900.

THE Queen has been pleased to approve of Dr. Carlos Nery as Consul-General of Uruguay for Great Britain; Mr. William Eschborn as Consul of Germany at Freetown; Mr. Gordon B. Sanderson as Consul of Chile at Hull; Mr. Emanuel Ohlen as Consul of Peru at Montreal; and Mr. Andres Bosano as Consul of Venezuela at Gibraltar.