

earned my most heartfelt thanks. The assistance they have rendered to me has been invaluable; the spirit of their leader was reflected in the men, and at any time, day or night, they were always ready, and their work was excellent.

Commander A. H. Limpus and Lieutenant F. C. A. Ogilvy, H.M. Ship "Terrible," and Lieutenant H. W. James, H.M. Ship "Tartar."—These three Officers were indefatigable. There never was a moment in the day that they were not working hard and well to advance the work in hand.

Lieutenant N. W. Chiazzari, Natal Naval Volunteers, was in charge of a detachment who were associated with the Naval Brigade, and took their full share of the good work done by the Naval Brigade.

Brigadier-General J. Wolfe Murray has been in charge of the Line of Communications throughout. Possessing great capacity for work, singular ability, tact, and discrimination, the amount of work he gets through is as remarkable as the careful manner in which it is done. I cannot speak too highly of him.

Major (local Lieut.-Colonel) H. N. C. Heath, Assistant Adjutant-General, has satisfactorily performed the duties of Senior Staff Officer on the Line of Communications, which have entailed hard and constant work. He has shown good knowledge of detail, is clear headed, reliable, and hard working.

Major T. J. O'Dell, Army Service Corps, did exceptionally good work on the Line of Communications. His knowledge of Army Service Corps duties, and of matters connected with transport by sea, are much above the average.

Lieut.-Colonel G. Stanley, Army Service Corps, as Director of Transport was most successful. The transport has always been where it was wanted, and has worked without a hitch.

Major H. G. Morgan, D.S.O., Army Service Corps, as Director of Supplies has discharged his duties admirably. I have to speak most highly of him.

Lieut.-Colonel E. B. Appelbe, Chief Ordnance Officer, is an Officer of exceptional capacity and almost unbounded resource. The foresight which he has displayed in providing for the wants of the force is deserving of every commendation.

Commander G. E. Holland, Indian Marine.—An excellent Officer. Besides discharging his own duties, has given the greatest assistance in the preparation of hospital ships.

Colonel (local Major-General) A. S. Wynne, C.B., was my Chief of the Staff until, on General Woodgate being wounded, he was transferred to command a brigade. In both appointments he was given me the highest satisfaction.

Colonel H. S. G. Miles, M.V.O.—A thoroughly capable Officer, with the power of making work go pleasantly; possessing a thorough knowledge of detail as well as a sound knowledge of theory. He is very valuable in any position. As my Chief Staff Officer, he has been of the greatest assistance to me.

Colonel the Hon. F. W. Stopford, C.B.—The reputation of this Officer is well established. I have found him all he was said to be and more. His services have been of the greatest value to me.

Major-General (local Lieut.-General) Sir C. F. Clery, K.C.B.—A thoroughly capable divisional commander. His dispositions are always good, and he has a thorough knowledge of tactical and technical detail.

Major-General Hon. N. G. Lyttelton, C.B.—

A sound capable commander who has done well. He now has a division, and is worthy of the advancement.

Major-General H. J. T. Hildyard, C.B.—A valuable Officer; combines great professional knowledge with coolness under fire and readiness of resource.

Colonel (local Major-General) the Earl of Dundonald, C.B., M.V.O.—Has commanded a brigade of irregular Cavalry to my entire satisfaction. His outpost work and scouting are excellent.

Colonel (local Brigadier-General) F. W. Kitchener.—A very capable Commanding Officer, who leads his men well in the field, and looks after them in quarters. He is now a Brigadier, and is doing equally well in that position.

Colonel C. D. Cooper, 2nd Bn. Royal Dublin Fusiliers.—A thoroughly good Officer, who has led his regiment thoroughly well.

Lieut.-Colonel L. W. Parsons, Royal Artillery, a first rate Artillery Officer, who, in the absence of an Officer Commanding, Royal Artillery, has rendered me the greatest assistance.

Lieut.-Colonel J. F. Burn-Murdoch, 1st Dragoons.—Since the 1st February, he has commanded the first Cavalry Brigade in a very efficient manner. He is an excellent regimental Commanding Officer, and takes the greatest trouble to train his men.

Lieut.-Colonel R. H. W. H. Harris, 2nd Bn. East Surrey Regiment, a good painstaking Commanding Officer. On the 22nd February, he received 10 separate wounds.

Lieut.-Colonel E. O. F. Hamilton, 2nd Bn. Royal West Surrey Regiment, an excellent Commanding Officer. His battalion has done conspicuously well in action, in camp, and on the march. He has always handled his battalion in action with marked coolness and judgment.

Lieut.-Colonel A. E. Sandbach, Royal Engineers, as head of the Intelligence Department has been untiring, and has been of the greatest assistance to me.

Lieut.-Colonel E. Cooke, 2nd Bn. Scottish Rifles, an excellent Commanding Officer, who commands an admirably trained battalion.

Major (local Lieut.-Colonel) E. C. Bethune, 16th Lancers, raised and commanded Bethune's Mounted Infantry. Has proved himself to be an excellent Commander of Irregular Horse. He has acted with great skill and judgment when in command of a detached force.

Major (local Lieut.-Colonel) A. W. Thorneycroft, Royal Scots Fusiliers, raised and commanded Thorneycroft's Mounted Infantry, for which he possesses, in a marked degree, the necessary qualifications. I have already brought to notice the gallantry and ability he displayed at Spion Kop, 24th January.

Major (local Lieut.-Colonel) Hon. J. H. G. Byng, 10th Hussars, has commanded the South African Light Horse with marked ability and success, and has done very good service with them.

Major (local Lieut.-Colonel) W. F. Nash, Border Regiment, commanded the Imperial Light Infantry. The extremely good work done by the battalion is due to the excellent manner in which it was commanded by Lieut.-Colonel Nash.

Major E. J. Montagu-Stuart-Wortley, C.M.G., D.S.O., 4th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps.—I was much struck by the way in which a battalion made up of the drafts of three regiments, and officered chiefly by Second Lieutenants, worked under his command.