

## 2nd Bn. Lancashire Fusiliers.

Lieutenant and Adjutant D. F. Campbell.

I have to add to these certain Officers of my Staff who assisted General Hildyard in every manner in their power:—

Lieut.-Colonel W. B. Allin, Royal Army Medical Corps, Principal Medical Officer, Field Force, who was in charge of all the medical arrangements, which were carried out to my entire satisfaction.

Major J. D. Moir, Royal Army Medical Corps, in charge of 11th Brigade Field Hospital, did excellent work after the action at Allemann's Nek.

Captain C. B. Martin, Royal Army Medical Corps, Commanding 10th Bearer Company.

Colonel H. S. G. Miles, M.V.O., Chief of the Staff.

Lieut.-Colonel H. M. Rawson, Royal Engineers.

Major P. J. T. Lewis, Army Service Corps, Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General.

Major L. E. Kiggell, Royal Warwickshire Regiment, Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General.

Major the Hon. F. Gordon, Gordon Highlanders, Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General.

Captain the Hon. E. S. St. Aubyn, Reserve of Officers, Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General, who worked extremely well throughout.

Also the following Officers of General Hildyard's Staff:—

Brevet-Major T. Capper, East Lancashire Regiment, Assistant Adjutant-General. A careful, indefatigable, able Staff Officer.

Major H. N. Sargent, Army Service Corps, Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General. Superintended the whole of the transport with marked success.

Major E. C. J. Williams, East Kent Regiment, Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General. A valuable Staff Officer.

Major H.H. Prince Christian Victor of Schleswig-Holstein, King's Royal Rifle Corps; Lieutenant A. Blair, King's Own Scottish Borderers, Aide-de-Camp; and Captain H. C. T. Hildyard, Royal Artillery, Aide-de-Camp, who worked hard and well throughout.

Lieut.-Colonel G. H. Sim, Commanding Royal Engineer, who was most successful.

Lieut.-Colonel O. Todd, Royal Army Medical Corps, Senior Medical Officer, 5th Division.

Captain J. S. Cayzer, 7th Dragoon Guards, and Captain A. A. McHardy, Royal Artillery, Signalling Officers, whose arrangements were very complete.

I desire also specially to mention Mr. Otto Schwikkard (Honorary Major), Assistant-Director of Transport, who, as Guide, Interpreter, and Transport Official, was indefatigable, and whose services were most useful.

Brevet Lieut.-Colonel A. E. Sandbach, Royal Engineers, Assistant Adjutant-General, and Brevet Major D. Henderson, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General, and the Intelligence Department generally, whose information was accurate, early, and ample.

I have to add that, on the morning of the 13th June, I sent back the Telegraph Detachment under an escort of 150 men of Thorneycroft's Mounted Infantry, under Captain C. F. Minchin (Indian Staff Corps), Thorneycroft's Mounted Infantry. They were attacked by superior forces south of Gans Vlei, whom they

drove off, and the wagons were brought safely back, via Botha's Pass and Schain's Hoogte, with the loss of only about 7 miles of their line, which they were unable to pick up.

I consider that Captain Minchin's dispositions were good, and he brings to notice the names of—

Lieutenant Green, Thorneycroft's Mounted Infantry.

Corporal Teadall, Thorneycroft's Mounted Infantry.

Private McGregor, Thorneycroft's Mounted Infantry.

On the 13th June, Major-General the Hon. N. G. Lyttelton, who had been covering the right of our position, pushed a reconnaissance through Moll's Nek to Wakkerstrom, under Captain H. K. Stewart (Reserve of Officers), Commanding 4th Division Mounted Infantry, accompanied by Major Mullaly, Royal Engineers, Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General for Intelligence. The reconnaissance was completely successful, as Major Mullaly received the surrender from the Landrost of the town and district of Wakkerstrom.

I have, &c.,

REDVERS BULLER, General.

No. 9.

From Field-Marshal Lord Roberts to the Secretary of State for War.

Army Head-quarters, South Africa.

Mr LORD, Pretoria, 20th July, 1900.

I have the honour to forward, for your Lordship's consideration, a despatch, dated 27th June, 1900, from General Sir Redvers Buller, describing the advance of the troops under his command, from Laing's Nek to Standerton, which was occupied without opposition on 22nd June.

I have, &c.,

ROBERTS, Field-Marshal,  
Commanding-in-Chief, South Africa.

From the General Officer Commanding Natal Army to the Secretary of State for War.

(Through the Field-Marshal Commanding-in-Chief, South Africa.)

Standerton, Transvaal,

SIR, 27th June, 1900.

In continuation of my letter of the 19th instant, I have the honour to report that on arrival at Laing's Nek on the 13th, my first care was to repair the railway, which had been badly damaged in many places between the Ingogo Bridge and the tunnel, while the tunnel itself was blown in for over 200 feet at each end. The reconstruction party of the Natal Government Railway proceeded with the repairs of the railway, while the two ends of the tunnel were taken over respectively by "A" Pontoon Troop Royal Engineers, under Major J. L. Irvine, R.E., and by the 17th Company, Royal Engineers, under Major F. M. Glubb, the whole under Lieut.-Colonel J. B. Sharpe, R.E. These men worked admirably; the face of the work was necessarily small, some of the masses to be removed were very large, and no mechanical appliances were available, but the work was completed in 24 hours' less time than the civil engineers had though possible.

At 3 p.m. on the 18th June the first train passed through to Volksrust.

On the 16th June, having reason to believe that if slight pressure were applied, most of the Wakkerstrom Commando would surrender, I despatched General Hildyard with a force to Wakkerstrom. The mission was completely