

Riding-Master and Hon. Lieutenant T. J. Kearns and Quarter-Master and Hon. Lieutenant C. W. Bamford, Army Service Corps, have done good service and deserve recognition.

S: 5494 Staff Serjeant-Major F. Derbyshire, Army Service Corps, has performed the duties of chief clerk most efficiently, and is deserving of promotion.

S: 8671 Staff Serjeant-Major F. J. Kennedy, Army Service Corps, is a capable and energetic Warrant Officer and S: 12862 Serjeant J. Buckley, Army Service Corps, has worked exceptionally well.

Conductor M. Maher, Indian Staff Corps, has done good work in connection with the Indian Pack Mule Train.

Remounts.

Colonel R. Stevenson, Inspector of Remounts, discharged his duties most satisfactorily. Of unbounded energy, he exercised great foresight in providing for possible requirements. I trust his exertions will be recognised.

Captain R. Sparrow, 7th Dragoon Guards.—Has acted as Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General, Remounts, throughout. A steady, conscientious hard-working Officer, he has done right well.

Quarter-Master and Hon. Lieutenant R. Pillinger, Remount Establishment.—Has performed arduous duties with the utmost zeal.

Farrier-Major Stroud, 1st (King's) Dragoon Guards.—Has worked throughout with great energy and success, and has performed his duties in an admirable manner.

Medical Department.

Colonel T. J. Gallwey, M.D., C.B.—Has been Principal Medical Officer of the Natal Field Force throughout. I believe that he has succeeded in maintaining on the Lines of Communication, and at the front, a higher standard of comfort in General, Stationary, and Field Hospitals, and a better service in bearer companies than has ever before been attained with a force in the field. His unbounded energy and his unrivalled powers organization have aided him in this work, but beyond this he has shown a devotion to his work, a grasp of situation, and a capacity of forethought that justifies me in saying that I consider his services eminently deserving of the highest consideration that can be given to them.

Colonel J. A. Clery, M.B., Principal Medical Officer of the Lines of Communication.—Is an Officer of sound judgment, common sense and high administrative power. In his hands the hospital at Mooi river became remarkable as a model of what a hospital should be, and since that he has done most valuable service in supervising the hospitals and medical work along the Lines of Communication in Natal. I trust his services may be rewarded.

Lieut.-Colonel P. H. Johnston, M.D.—Did admirable work at a time of great pressure at the commencement of the campaign, showing much foresight and good powers of organization.

The following Medical Officers deserve mention for the excellent duties they performed in connection with general and stationary hospitals:—

Lieut.-Colonel J. G. MacNeece, No. 7 General Hospital.

Lieut.-Colonel H. Martin, M.B., No. 14 General Hospital.

Major T. R. Lucas, M.B., Secretary and Registrar, No. 4 General Hospital.

Major F. A. B. Daly, M.B., No. 1 Stationary Hospital.

Major H. H. Johnston, M.D., Mooi River General Hospital.

Major G. W. Brazier-Creagh, excellent service with ambulance train.

Major S. Westcott.

Major R. J. McCormack, M.D., Base Depot, Medical Stores.

Lieutenant and Quarter-Master G. H. Painton, No. 4 General Hospital.

Lieutenant and Quarter-Master F. W. Hall, Howick General Hospital.

With the Lines of Communication such a great length, the number of warrant and non-commissioned Officers of the Royal Army Medical Corps who have, in different places, performed work that was locally considered worthy of special mention, is naturally very large, and the same remark applies to the Militia and Volunteer Medical Staff Corps and St. John's Ambulance Brigade, to the Army nursing sisters, to the personnel of the Indian Medical Service (who were attached), to the men of the Imperial Irregular Corps and the Natal Volunteers, to the large numbers of civil surgeons engaged in England and locally, and to the Colonial nurses engaged locally, and from colonies over sea. I am quite unable to make a selection of the names that have been forwarded to me, and have forwarded the list to the Director-General, Army Medical Service, begging him to obtain, later, your permission to publish such names as he may think desirable, but I wish to record here my thanks to all the members of those organizations.

In dealing with the Medical Service of the Lines of Communication, I should fail in my duty if I did not express the gratitude of the whole Force to the following:—

H.R.H. Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein for the gift of a hospital train, which has been the greatest blessing to our sick and wounded;

The Red Cross Society, under Sir J. Furley;

The Durban Women's Patriotic League;

The Army Hospital Aid, Pietermaritzburg;

Mr. A. Mosely for his munificent donation of the Princess Christian Hospital, Pinetown;

Mr. F. Stevens, who gave the use of his house and grounds for the Princess Christian Hospital;

Mr. Coope, who gave his yacht "Sunrise" for the use of sick and wounded Officers;

Sir Samuel Scott, who similarly took sick and wounded Officers on board the "Golden Eagle."

These cases stand out, but there were many other instances too numerous to mention in which private individuals generously contributed to alleviate the sufferings of the sick and wounded, and in the name of the Natal Field Force I express our most grateful thanks to all of them.

Ordnance.

Lieutenant-Colonel (local Colonel) E. B. Appelbe, Chief Ordnance Officer, deserves the highest praise. Hard-working, resourceful, with a thorough knowledge of his subject, he has worked at very high pressure throughout. He has made no difficulties, foreseen every want, and kept the Field Force thoroughly well supplied. I strongly recommend him for reward.

The Ordnance Department has, I think, been short-handed throughout, and consequently an unusual amount of work has fallen upon individuals, who have had to make up deficiency of numbers by undertaking extra work and extra responsibility. In these circumstances, I find a good many names deserving of mention, and I submit the following as specially deserving:—

Captain G. H. Stoyle.