

Captain A. Y. Barton.  
 Major W. C. Savile.  
 Sub-Conductor W. Dickson.  
 Sub-Conductor G. E. Longstaffe.  
 No. 1919 Staff Quarter-Master-Serjeant E. Sydney.  
 No. 3601 Private J. Armstrong.  
 No. 3451 Private E. H. Stupple.  
 No. 3290 Corporal W. H. Bunt.  
 No. 3030 Corporal A. Passaway  
 No. 3582 Private J. H. Wallace.  
 No. 672 First Class Armourer-Serjeant G. Woodhall.  
 No. 145 First Class Armourer-Serjeant J. Hepburn.

NOTE.—The names of the above-mentioned Officers; Warrant and non-commissioned officers, and men are enumerated in order of merit.

#### Army Pay Department.

Colonel W. H. Mortimer, Chief Paymaster, has rendered most valuable assistance. Of great experience and sound judgment, his advice has been most valuable, while his energy and knowledge have, I hope, been proved by the regularity with which he has rendered his accounts. I recommend his good work for favourable consideration.

Lieut.-Colonel R. Ireland.—Has been Senior Field Paymaster through the whole Campaign, and has rendered good and valuable service.

Major F. G. Hamley.—Has done excellent work as Colonel Mortimer's Senior Assistant.

Captain J. O'Hara.—Has been Chief Cash Officer throughout, and has discharged his duty in a thoroughly good and business-like manner.

1st Class Staff-Serjeant-Major H. A. Yates and Staff-Serjeant-Major H. S. George deserve consideration.

#### Veterinary Department.

Veterinary-Major (local Lieut.-Colonel) C. Rutherford was, for a time, Senior Veterinary Officer on the Lines of Communication. Of high professional attainments and good business capacity, he is deserving of promotion.

Veterinary-Captain R. W. Raymond, Senior Veterinary Officer Lines of Communication.—Has held a position of considerable responsibility, and has proved himself equal to the occasion. I believe him to be above the average, professionally, and recommend him for promotion.

Veterinary-Lieutenant G. M. Williams,

Veterinary-Lieutenant F. W. Wilson,

Veterinary-Lieutenant R. C. Cochrane

Have done good work, as have—

No. 3614 Farrier Quarter-Master-Serjeant Padfield, 18th Hussars,

Staff Corporal-Farrier Hives, Royal Horse Guards,

Farrier Quarter-Master-Corporal R. Peacock, 2nd Life Guards.

Staff Corporal-Farrier D. McKenzie, 2nd Life Guards.

Civil Veterinary Surgeon D. J. Quinlan, attached to Army Veterinary Department.—Has been in charge of the Veterinary Hospital, Remount Depot, Mooi River, and given every satisfaction and done much good work.

I cannot close this mention of Officers who have been employed on the Lines of Communication, without alluding to the great assistance that has been rendered to them, to myself, and to the Natal Field Force, by His Excellency, the Honourable Sir W. F. Hely-Hutchinson, G.C.M.G., Governor of Natal, and by Colonel Hon. Sir A. Hime, K.C.M.G., Prime Minister

of Natal, both of whom have spared no time, labour or forethought to help us. To them, the Natal Field Force owes a deep debt of gratitude, and it is due, possibly, to their efforts that all the Officials of the Natal Government have assisted us in the most noble manner. Among these Officials I must mention:—

Colonel (local Brigadier-General) J. G. Dartnell, C.M.G., who has commanded the Natal Police and the Natal Volunteers, and been unwearily in his efforts.

Mr. David Hunter, C.M.G., General Manager of the Natal Government Railways.

Mr. Shaws, Chief Engineer, and the Engineer Staff of that railway.

Mr. Barnes, Chief Engineer, and Mr. P. Harrison, District Engineer of the Public Works Department.

All these officials have always ungrudgingly, promptly and willingly, given us every assistance in their power, I fear often at some inconvenience and loss to their own departments. Mr. Hunter, besides meeting all our demands for railway transport in the most prompt manner, has also placed the workshops at our disposal, and in those workshops most of our heavy gun mountings and fittings for hospital trains and hospital ships have been constructed.

The military part of the railway administration has been under the direction of Major G. S. McD. Elliot, R.E., Assistant Director of Railways. He is an Officer of unbounded energy and thorough knowledge of construction. His services have throughout been important.

Captain H. A. A. Livingstone, R.E., Deputy-Assistant Director of Railways, has shown good sense and tact, and done good work as our military representative with the Natal Government Railways.

Lieutenant C. G. Fuller, R.E., has proved himself a capable and promising young Officer in a responsible position.

Captain C. H. Harington, Liverpool Regiment, has acted as Railway Staff Officer at various stations with conspicuous success. He is an Officer of first-rate ability, business capacity and tact. I strongly recommend him for promotion.

The following Officers have done good service as Railway Staff Officers:—

Captain S. F. Reeves, East Kent Regiment.

Lieutenant Sir W. Dick-Cunyngham, Bart.,

Royal Highlanders.

2nd Lieutenant T. P. Wingate, King's Own Scottish Borderers.

The naval transport work at Durban has been throughout under the charge of Captain Van Koughnet, R.N. I desire to take this opportunity of bringing to notice the excellent service which he has rendered. Owing to his tact and ability, the difficult and oftentimes very heavy work of embarkations and disembarkations has passed smoothly and well.

Commander G. E. Holland, D.S.O., Indian Marine, has also been employed at Durban throughout. His genius for organization, and his knowledge of transport requirements is, I should say, unrivalled. He undertook the alteration of the transports which were fitted at Durban as hospital ships, and the result of his work has been universally admitted to have been a conspicuous success. I strongly recommend him to your consideration.

Warrant Officer Carpenter S. J. Lacey, R.N., has rendered valuable service in supervising the fitting of hospital ships and in transport work generally. I recommend him to your favourable notice.