

himself and his men from all of the G.O.C.s with whom he has served.

Colonel St. G. Henry, Northumberland Fusiliers, has repeatedly shown to advantage as a leader of men, and, as Commanding Officer of the 4th Corps of Mounted Infantry he has done excellent work.

Lieutenant-Colonel M. F. Rimington, 6th Dragoon Guards, rendered very exceptional service with a specially raised Corps of Scouts. He had an intimate knowledge of the whole of the Orange River Colony, and no hardship was too severe, or peril too serious to deter him from pushing his reconnoissances far to the front or flanks of the force to which he was attached.

Lieutenant-Colonel H. Plumer, York and Lancashire Regiment, was sent out on special service to Rhodesia in June, 1899, since which time he has been constantly in the field. He raised and organised a Corps of Irregulars, and moved on Mafeking, and acted in conjunction with Colonel Mahon in the relief of that town. He has since been actively engaged in the Transvaal, and has consistently done good work, not only as a soldier, but as an administrator of a high order.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. Spens, 2nd Shropshire Light Infantry, has on several occasions commanded a brigade in the field. He is reported on as never raising difficulties, and always carrying out his orders with good sense and great determination.

Lieutenant-Colonel E. A. Alderson, West Kent Regiment, commanded the 1st Corps of Mounted Infantry from the beginning of the war. He evinced such special aptitude for this most important work that I entrusted him with a brigade of Mounted Infantry, which I have every confidence he will command with success.

Lieutenant-Colonel T. D. Pilcher, Bedfordshire Regiment, has, whilst in command of the 3rd Mounted Infantry, shown remarkable merit as a leader. Although a young officer, he is full of resource, capable of devising an excellent scheme, and resolute enough to put it into execution.

Lieutenant-Colonel H. L. Dawson, Indian Staff Corps, is an officer possessing considerable experience of Cavalry work in the field. He in the first instance commanded Roberts's Horse, and afterwards commanded the 5th Corps of Mounted Infantry with credit during a period in which it was continually engaged with the enemy.

Captain H. de Lisle, D.S.O., Durham Light Infantry, has commanded the 2nd Corps of Mounted Infantry throughout the operations. He is one of the best of the many deserving junior officers which this war has brought into prominence. He possesses in a very marked degree the qualities of resolution, quickness, and daring, which are so necessary to the successful leading of mounted men.

Major W. Ross, Durham Light Infantry, has always played a distinguished part in command of the 8th Corps of Mounted Infantry. I much regret the loss of his services, which I trust may only be temporary, from a severe wound which he received whilst very gallantly commanding his men in an important and successful action.

Brevet-Lieut.-Colonel Le Gallais, whose death I deeply regret served during the war in command of a mounted corps, and also as chief staff officer to the Mounted Infantry Division. In both these capacities he rendered

brilliant service, and gave every promise of rising to the highest rank as a cavalry leader.

Major N. Legge, D.S.O., 20th Hussars, commanded the 6th Corps of Mounted Infantry throughout the operations. He, at all times and in all places, did most excellent service. He was a capable, painstaking and gallant leader. I deeply regret the early death of this most promising officer.

Major A. W. Thorneycroft, Royal Scots Fusiliers, in command of a regiment of Mounted Infantry, has already been brought to notice by Sir Redvers Buller. Since coming under my immediate command he has gained my confidence as a most gallant and capable leader.

Brevet-Major E. G. T. Bainbridge, The Buffs, has commanded the 7th Corps of Mounted Infantry throughout the operations. He is a very promising young officer, who knows how to handle mounted men with judgment and dash.

Major Colin Mackenzie, Seaforth Highlanders, is a very promising officer. He was appointed Military Governor of Johannesburg as soon as that city was occupied. Since that time many difficult problems have been brought before him for solution. In dealing with these he has displayed great judgment and force of character, and has thereby rendered valuable service.

Major G. J. Younghusband, I.S.C., commanded the 3rd Battalion of Imperial Yeomanry under Lord Methuen throughout the operations during which his battalion suffered 109 casualties out of a strength of 500 men. Major Younghusband is an officer of wide experience and great ability, and Lord Methuen speaks in the highest terms of his capacity as a commander.

Captain J. Bearcroft commanded the Royal Naval Brigade until the men finally rejoined their ships in October. I have already referred in my despatch of the 31st March to the valuable services rendered by him and his men, and I am glad to be able now once more to bear witness to the pluck, endurance, and cheerfulness which have been exhibited by all our sailors under most unusual and trying circumstances.

Finally, I wish to bring the names of the following officers to notice for meritorious services performed. It has been found impossible at this date to make the list complete, and junior officers especially will be brought to notice later.

- Major-General B. B. D. Campbell, M.V.O.
- Major-General J. E. Boyes.
- Colonel J. B. B. Dickson, C.B.
- Colonel R. E. Allen.
- Colonel I. R. Jones, Lt.-Colonel Scots Guards.
- Colonel, Earl of, C. G. Erroll.
- Colonel H. Cooper.
- Colonel G. E. Harley, C.B.
- Colonel C. H. Bridge, C.B., Army Service Corps.
- Colonel F. W. Benson.
- Colonel J. L. C. St. Clair.
- Colonel H. E. Belfield.
- Colonel Hon. J. S. Napier.
- Brevet-Colonel T. E. Hickman, D.S.O., Major Worcester Regiment.
- Brevet-Colonel C. A. Rochfort Boyd, Royal Engineers.
- Brevet-Colonel E. A. W. S. Grove, Lieut.-Colonel Royal West Kent Regiment.
- Brevet-Colonel E. S. Evans, Lieut.-Colonel Royal Munster Fusiliers.
- Colonel F. W. Rhodes, D.S.O.
- Lieutenant-Colonel J. W. Godfray, King's Own Scottish Borderers.