

I also wish to thank the South African Gifts Committees, representing a vast number of individual donors, for their large contributions of gifts, and my only regret is that the exigencies of the campaign prevented the majority of them being issued till the troops were on the eve of departure from East Africa.

His Highness the Maharajah Scindia of Gwalior came forward in a most patriotic manner at the commencement of the campaign, and equipped, with a complete medical staff and every comfort, a convalescent home of fifty beds for Indian officers and men, which has been constantly in use and of the greatest benefit. "Scott's Sanatorium" was also taken over by him for the use of convalescent British officers, and has proved of great value.

Major McMillan very generously provided two convalescent homes entirely at his own expense, which were splendidly staffed and equipped and were of the utmost benefit to the troops.

Several other ladies and gentlemen most kindly placed their houses at our disposal as convalescent homes, and the constant use made of them testifies to the manner in which they were appreciated.

The East African Field Force Fund and the Women's War Work League have rendered most active and loyal assistance since the commencement of the campaign, and the troops owe these bodies a deep debt of gratitude.

I am particularly indebted to the representatives of the Young Men's Christian Association in India and South Africa, who have not only been untiring in their efforts for the welfare of the troops, but have also worked the field force canteens which have proved of so much value to them.

The Garrison Institute has also done excellent work.

I have already brought to notice the names of all those under my command whose services I wish specially to commend to your favourable notice.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*J. C. Smuts,*

Lieutenant-General,

Commanding East African Expeditionary Force.

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