

fire that our guns and mortars were under from the fort guns, worked under cover of the works of the fort, was very severe; notwithstanding this, our artillery engaged the enemy without shelter of any kind, and, doubtless by their coolness and precision of fire, paralyzed the enemy, and forced him to take advantage of the night to make a hasty retreat. To Colonel Brind, C.B., commanding the Artillery, every praise is due for the cool and judicious manner in which he placed his guns; and I wish particularly to bring the assistance I receive from this officer on every occasion, whether connected with his own branch of the service or any other, with reference generally to the operations in which we are engaged, prominently to the notice of Lord Clyde. Lieutenant-Colonel Remington, C.B., commanding 3rd troop, 3rd brigade Horse Artillery, with his guns, cleared our road of the enemy's cavalry wherever they showed themselves. My thanks are especially due to him for the splendid manner in which he worked his troop throughout the entire day. I was greatly pleased at the way Captain Cox, with the heavy guns, and Captain Stubbs, with the mortars, and Lieutenant Wake, with 2 guns No. 7 Light Battery, commanded their respective batteries, and at the manner the guns and mortars were worked. I wish to bring the names of these officers to the notice of Lord Clyde, as being artillery officers of great coolness, judgment and experience, and well worthy of his favourable consideration. I fully concur with Lieutenant-Colonel Brind in the high estimate he has formed of Captain Bishop, Divisional Staff to the Artillery, and recommend him strongly to the favourable notice of the Commander-in-Chief.

21. Captain Maunsell, commanding the sappers, is worthy of every praise I can give him, and is well known to his Lordship; he has rendered me most willing and able assistance since the time of his joining my column, and, with his sappers, is a very great help to me; he is now engaged in the heavy work of destroying the fort of Mitoulee, on the completion of which I will more fully allude to the valuable services of this officer. I must beg to be allowed to bring to his Lordship's notice, in conjunction with Captain Maunsell's services, the name of Lieutenant Humphrey, Adjutant of the Sappers, who had volunteered to undertake the important, but dangerous, duty of blowing open the gate of the fort in case of an assault.

22. To Lieutenant-Colonel Custance, C.B., I feel indebted for the manner in which he disposed of his cavalry, and kept my flanks completely protected. On Captain C. Jones, commanding Her Majesty's 1st battalion 60th Rifles, and his officers and men, I cannot bestow too much praise. In bringing Captain Jones's name to his Lordship's notice, I am sorry to be obliged to add, that he received a severe contusion from a round shot, just as it was getting dusk. On Captain Jones being wounded, the command of the regiment devolved on Captain McQueen. I hope it may not be out of place for me to add, that the 60th Rifles, although employed on bad ground, under most harassing circumstances, performed their duty with great willingness and cheerfulness, and

with a degree of order and precision that would have done credit to a review parade. To every officer and man of that regiment I wish to tender my best thanks.

23. I also offer my best thanks to Colonel Hay, C.B., commanding 93rd Highlanders, and Captain Hockley, commanding 66th Goorkas, who, with the men under their respective commands, carried out all the duties allotted to them to my entire satisfaction. It is my pleasing duty again to bring to his Lordship's notice Captain Cureton, and his regiment of Mooltanee Cavalry.

Commanding officers and men are always willing and ready to perform any duty, whether fighting the enemy, seeking information, or whatever may be required of them. Whatever they undertake they perform right well.

24. To my own personal staff, viz.: Brevet-Major Cox, Major of Brigade to the column; Captain C. Warde, Officiating Deputy Quartermaster-General; Lieutenant Prendergast, Orderly Officer, I beg to tender my best thanks for their services, and for the ready and efficient aid they gave me on all occasions throughout the entire day.

25. To Captain Law, Sub-Assistant-Commissary-General, I am deeply indebted, and thank him for the excellent arrangements he made, under considerable difficulties, for provisioning the force, and wish to bring him prominently to the notice of the Commander-in-Chief as an excellent commissariat officer.

26. Doctor Tienin, Senior Surgeon of the force, ably and readily assisted by the other medical officers of the column, made all their arrangements entirely to my satisfaction; and my best thanks are due to them for the manner in which all the medical arrangements were carried out.

27. It is now with great satisfaction that I record the obligations I feel myself under to Mr. Balmain, Lieutenant Clarke, and Captain William Hearsey, civil officers with my column, for the ready and cordial assistance they have rendered me, in an unknown and difficult country, where the greatest judgment is necessary in testing the information received from doubtful sources.

Captain Hearsey, in a bad state of health, has, at all hours of the day and night, been engaged in his duties connected with the Intelligence Department, though suffering from great pain, and unable to mount a horse. I beg, therefore, that I may be allowed to solicit his Lordship's interest and most favourable report to Government of this meritorious officer.

28. I beg to enclose a return of killed and wounded; also one of captured ordnance, with the reports from commanding officers.

I have, &c.,
C. W. TROUP, Brigadier,
Commanding Moveable Column.