

In the attack on Magdala, General Wilby commanded the 2nd Brigade of the 1st Division which assaulted that formidable position.

Brigadier-General Schneider commanded the 1st Brigade of the 1st Division which led during the advance on Magdala, was engaged at Aroglie, and in the assault on Magdala.

Both of these officers have met with my approbation in the exercise of their respective commands, and have been very favourably recommended to my notice by Major-General Sir Charles Staveley.

Brigadier-General Petrie, commanding Royal Artillery, has afforded me every assistance. He was constantly present with the advanced troops, and directed the whole of the artillery at Magdala.

General Petrie mentions most favourably his Divisional Commanders, Lieutenant-Colonels Wallace and Milward, whose reports on their respective commands will be forwarded.

It was due very much to the care and judgment of Colonel Wallace that the elephants with the heavy batteries accomplished their unequalled march with so much success.

Lieutenant-Colonel Milward, whose merits I had learnt to appreciate in China, was permitted by His Royal Highness the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief to join me for the special purpose of directing the Steel Mountain Batteries. The success of these weapons has been fully established, and the rapidity and completeness with which they were organized is due to Colonel Milward's experienced direction.

General Petrie also mentions the Commanders of Batteries, Lieutenant-Colonel Penn, Captains Twiss and Murray, and Brevet-Major Hills, V.C., Majors Marrett and Bogle, and particularly his Brigade-Major, Captain Geary, and his Aide-de-Camp, Lieutenant Chapman, of the Royal Artillery.

Colonel Graves, 3rd Cavalry, very efficiently commanded the whole of the cavalry on several occasions, including the operations before Magdala.

The 3rd Bombay Light Cavalry, very soon after its arrival in Abyssinia with the Pioneer Brigade, lost nearly one-half of its horses from the epidemic.

Immediate steps were taken to remount the regiment from Egypt and Bombay.

When the force advanced from Antalo, Colonel Graves' regiment was remounted, and, by the great care bestowed on the horses, their condition was preserved in a remarkable manner.

Colonel Graves deserves much credit for the efficiency which his regiment has maintained under these trying circumstances.

Lieutenant-Colonel St. Clair Wilkins, commanding Royal Engineer, arrived in Abyssinia with the reconnoitring party. His report of the operations conducted by the officers of the Royal Engineers will show how unremitting have been his labours, and how extremely valuable have been his services and those of the department under his orders.

Captain Goodfellow, next in seniority, whose services at Zoulla in constructing the pier have already been noticed, was the chief engineer on the highlands, and displayed great intelligence and activity in every duty throughout the operations.

I desire to express my very high appreciation of the services of the officers commanding the several corps of the expeditionary force, and of the officers, non-commissioned officers, and soldiers who have served under them during the campaign.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tower, commanding Wing 3rd Dragoon Guards, and Major Miller, who brought the wing from India in admirable order.

Major Briggs, commanding 3rd Regiment Sind Horse, and Majors Palliser and Gough, V.C., commanding 10th and 12th Regiments Bengal Cavalry, Lieutenant-Colonel Loch, 3rd Light Cavalry, Lieutenant-Colonel Wallace, commanding Heavy Artillery, Lieutenant-Colonel Milward, Mountain Rifled Batteries, Captain Murray, commanding G Battery, 14th Brigade, Royal Artillery, Lieutenant-Colonel Penn, commanding A Battery, 21st Brigade, Royal Artillery, Captain Twiss, commanding B Battery, 21st Brigade, Royal Artillery, Major Bogle, 5th Company, 25th Brigade, Royal Artillery, Major Marrett, Native Mountain Train, Major Hills, Elephant Mortar Battery, Commander Fellowes, commanding Naval Rocket Brigade, Major Pritchard, commanding 10th Company, Royal Engineers, Major Prendergast, V.C., Royal Engineers, Madras Sappers and Miners, Captain MacDonnell, Royal Engineers, Bombay Sappers and Miners.

Lieutenant-Colonel Cameron has won my admiration by the manner in which he has commanded his excellent regiment (the 4th King's Own), and the soldierlike spirit which, by his teaching and example, he has so well fostered and maintained.

Colonel Field, Major Chamberlain, and Major Beville, commanding those admirable Native Regiments, the 10th Bombay Native Infantry, the 23rd Pioneers, and the 27th Beloochees, Lieutenant Beck, commanding detachment Marine Battalion, Major Pierce, 10th Native Infantry.

Major Cooper, commanding 33rd Regiment (the Duke of Wellington's), which led the assault on Magdala.

Major Cooper was amongst the first who scaled the defences near the gateway.

Drummer McGuire and Private Bergin, of the 33rd, were the first who led the way through the stockade to the right, by which the defences of the gate were turned.

Lieutenant-Colonel Campbell, 3rd Bombay Native Infantry, Lieutenant-Colonel Parish, 45th Regiment (Sherwood Foresters), Lieutenant-Colonel Bray, 4th (King's Own) Regiment, Major Thelwall, C.B., 21st Punjab Infantry, Colonel Little, 25th Bombay Native Light Infantry, Lieutenant-Colonel Muter, 2nd Bombay Native Infantry (Grenadiers), Lieutenant-Colonel Henning, 26th Cameronians, Lieutenant-Colonel Combe, 18th Bombay Native Infantry.

I am much indebted to Lieutenant-Colonel Holland, Controller of Supply and Transports, for the able and judicious manner in which he performed his very responsible duties, and which imperatively detained him at Zoulla, and deprived me of the benefit of his presence at my headquarters.

Also to Lieutenant-Colonel Lucas, Deputy Commissary-General, one of the ablest officers of the department, on whom devolved the whole executive burthen (a burthen which no less efficient and experienced officer could have sustained) of maintaining the supplies at the main base of operations.

Major Mignon, the senior Commissariat Officer on the Highlands, who had the important task of organizing the dépôt during the advance, and Lieutenant Shewell, who were always with the advanced columns, and constantly under my notice. These officers were the pioneers of the Commissariat Department, and I am greatly indebted to them for their most valuable exertions.