

Lieutenant-Colonel Warden had a most arduous task in the organization of the Transport Corps.

His divisions were thrown into work even before their establishment or organization were complete, notwithstanding the misfortunes which beset the corps in its formation, the final result has been most creditable to Lieutenant-Colonel Warden, his second in command, Major Nuttall and the many excellent Officers of all branches of the service whose energy and unremitting exertions have overcome every difficulty.

Lieutenant-Colonel Warden, his Officers and the subordinates of the Transport Corps. I desire to express my deep obligation.

My acknowledgements are due to Dr. Currie, C.B., for his able direction of the Medical Department, to Dr. Pelly, Deputy Inspector-General, who superintended at Zoulla, and under whose immediate charge were the native troops and followers of the expedition.

To Dr. Mahaffy, Deputy Inspector-General with the First Division, and also Deputy Surgeon-Major Guy, Surgeons Madden and Wyllie, and Assistant-Surgeon Martin, whose services have been most favourably brought to notice.

I desire to express my appreciation of the very great services of Staff Veterinary-Surgeon Hallen, First Class Veterinary-Surgeon Lamb, Veterinary-Surgeon Anderson, and the Officers of that department, also to Captain Swanson, Royal Artillery, Commissioner of Ordnance, and to Lieutenant-Colonel Bartlett, Treasurer to the Force.

The officers forming the reconnoitring party, consisting of Brigadier-General Merewether, C.B., Colonel Phayre, Quartermaster-General, Bombay Army, Lieutenant-Colonel Wilkins, Royal Engineers, Major Baigrie, Assistant Quartermaster-General, Surgeon Lumsdaine, Captain Pottinger, Royal Artillery, Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General, Assistant-Surgeon Martin, who landed at Zoulla in October last, deserve much credit for their valuable service in selecting the Koomaylé defile as the entrance to Abyssinia, a decision arrived at after much labour and research; and fully justified by a further acquaintance with the country.

Brigadier-General Merewether has afforded very valuable service in political duties, in arranging with the various chiefs at Zoulla and on the highlands for the transport of supplies; and has ever been most zealous at all times and seasons to promote the success of the expedition.

Her Majesty's Government are well aware of Brigadier-General Merewether's unceasing exertions in favour of the captives since their first imprisonment.

Brigadier-General Merewether reports very favourably of the assistance he received from Lieutenant Mockler, Assistant Resident, Aden, who remained in charge of the relations with the chiefs of Zoulla, and of the services of his Aide-de-Camp, Lieutenant Lockhart, of the Bengal Cavalry.

Colonel the Honourable F. Thesiger, Deputy Adjutant-General, left England at two days' notice to join the force in Abyssinia, his thorough knowledge of his duties, combined with great ability and untiring energy, render him a most valuable Staff Officer.

Colonel Thesiger had the duty of keeping me daily, nay hourly, informed of the state of supplies at every post from Zoulla to head-quarters; and in this and other duties has rendered me most important services during the campaign.

Lieutenant-Colonel Macleod, Assistant Adjutant-General, an officer of much experience, and thoroughly acquainted with the native army, has ably supported the head of his department, and has performed his duties greatly to my satisfaction.

I am greatly indebted to Colonel Phayre, Deputy Quartermaster-General, who has rendered most important services in the early examination of the country, the direction of the Pioneer Force to Antalo, and the subsequent advanced reconnaissance.

The very valuable maps and reports of the route, and of the scene of operations, attest the very great energy and intelligence which Colonel Phayre has displayed in the performance of his duties.

Captain Holland, Assistant Quartermaster-General, has had charge of his department at head-quarters, and of all correspondence with the Land Transport Corps.

In these duties Captain Holland's exertions have been conspicuous, and the exactness, promptitude and ability with which they have been carried out deserve my warmest commendation.

Captain Holland afforded me great assistance in the reduction of the camp followers.

Major Baigrie, Assistant Quartermaster-General, an officer of ability and great energy, did very valuable service in the first exploration of the coast in October. During the campaign he has served as Assistant Quartermaster-General of the First Division and been very favourably noticed by Major-General Sir Charles Staveley, in whose estimation of Major Baigrie I fully concur.

Captain Pottinger, Royal Artillery, Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General, was very useful with the reconnoitring party.

During the campaign he has been attached to head-quarters he has laboured with zeal and shewn ability in the performance of his duties.

Captain MacGregor, Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General, was employed with the advanced reconnaissance, and by his ability and energy proved himself a valuable Staff Officer.

Captain Fawcett, Deputy Assistant-Quartermaster-General, was also for some time usefully employed with the advanced reconnaissance.

Major Goldsworthy, Brigade Major of Cavalry, has neglected no occasion during the campaign of making himself useful.

Dr. Lumsdaine, when Sanitary Officer at Zoulla, by introducing a good system and rules for conservancy, and seeing them carried out, contributed in a very important degree to the healthiness of the garrison and civil inhabitants.

I am greatly indebted to Doctor Lumsdaine for his constant attention while forming part of the Head Quarter Staff, and for very valuable voluntary service in many extra duties during the expedition.

Major Maude, Deputy Judge Advocate-General, has performed the duties of his office to my entire satisfaction, and has frequently rendered me useful services whilst attending me during the campaign.

Captain Young, Senior-Paymaster in Abyssinia, has had very responsible duties in keeping the commissariat, the depôts, the many columns, and the small posts supplied with money to meet every emergency, duties which he ably and satis-