

factorily performed. Captain Young accompanied the advance to Magdala.

Captain Hand was nominated to the charge of the Highland Train, when the dimensions of the Transport Corps necessitated the appointment of a Sub-Director on the highlands.

He had the advantage of the trained muleteers from the Punjab, many of them old soldiers, and accustomed to discipline.

The conduct of the muleteers has generally been extremely good, and the services of the Highland Train has been performed in a manner which reflects great credit on Captain Hand, and the officers immediately under him

Captain Griffith, Captain Bainbridge, and Captain Twentyman, Captain Hodges, and Lieutenant Ross, have distinguished themselves by their zeal and activity, and deserve special notice.

Captain Hand mentions favourably Lieutenant Gaselee, his Staff Officer, Lieutenants Ramsbottom, Mortimer, Ryves, and Abadie.

In a separate report I have detailed the special services of the Officers of the Intelligence Department, which have been performed immediately under my own orders, or under the Divisional or Brigade Commanders.

I will, therefore, only record here that Mr. Munzinger, the Acting British Consul of Massowa, a gentleman well versed in the languages of Abyssinia, and the earliest in the field, has rendered valuable services, both in the early reconnaissance and throughout the campaign.

Major Grant, C.B., whose African laurels had already been won in another field, Captain Moore, an accomplished Oriental scholar, Meer Akbar Ali; all of these gentlemen have performed very important duties, requiring great tact and judgment.

Major Roome, Bombay Staff Corps, Colonel Brazier, Retired List, have also performed very valuable services.

It would be difficult to enumerate all Captain Speedy's services,—his familiar knowledge of the Amharic language and character of the Abyssinians have rendered him invaluable as an interpreter and envoy. He was already well known by character, and he was immediately accepted by the Abyssinians as a guarantee of good treatment and mutual confidence.

I have received the most valuable assistance from the Officers of my Personal Staff.

I selected Colonel Fraser, V.C., Commandant at Head-quarters, for the charge of the outposts, a duty of special importance in so intricate a country, which Colonel Fraser performed with increasing vigilance, and to my complete satisfaction.

Lieutenant-Colonel Dillon, Military Secretary, has been by my side, and has shared my labours from the first preparations for the expedition to its close: I cannot too strongly express my obligation to him.

Lieutenant Hozier, Assistant Military Secretary, was obliged, to my regret, to leave the force, from ill-health, during the advance beyond Antalo, but not before he had shown himself to be an Officer of great energy and practical ability.

Lieutenant Tweedie, Political Secretary, has performed his special duties with great ability and to my entire satisfaction.

Lieutenant Tweedie attended me in the action of Arogie and at Magdala.

Captain Arbuthnot, Extra Aide-de-Camp (latterly Assistant Military Secretary), was sent on a special mission to Egypt and Syria, which he executed with much judgment, and returned in time to be present at Magdala.

My Aides-de-Camp, Lieutenant W. Scott, Lieutenant R. Napier, and Cornet Lord Charles Hamilton and Cornet Kennedy, 18th Hussars, have afforded me every satisfaction in the performance of their duties.

Lieutenant W. Scott, with my cavalry escort, took part in the investment of Magdala.

I am very happy in this opportunity of saying how cordially Commodore Heath has conducted the naval duties of the expedition in connection with the army.

The spirit of their Commander has been emulated by the Officers and the men of the Royal Navy under his orders.

The labour, under a hot sun, of landing supplies and water, and re-embarking troops, followers, and cattle, has never for a single day ceased since the arrival of the first transport in Annesley Bay.

The history of the labour undergone, by which vast quantities of stores and many thousands of men and cattle have been landed and re-embarked without accident, can only be truly told by Commodore Heath himself; but I have much gratification in expressing, on the part of the army, how greatly we are indebted to Commodore Heath and the officers and men of the Royal Navy.

Greatly too are we indebted to Captain Tryon, R.N., the able Director of Transports.

His thoroughly efficient control of the large fleet under his direction, and his readiness of resource, relieved me from all anxiety in regard to his highly responsible and important office.

The campaign has been one of severe military labour from the first landing to the re-embarkation.

Every regiment of infantry carried its own pack of tools, and became pioneers, working hardly, whether in the long marches of the advance or the more trying monotony of the plains of Zoulla.

The port of Zoulla, with its landing piers; the railway, with its numerous bridges; the road through the Koomeylee Pass to Antalo and Magdala; the water supply at all the stations; the intrenchments at Addigerat and at Antalo; the commissariat and transport lines, and the camping grounds, where the most perfect order was required to water quickly many thousands of animals; all formed one great military work on which the campaign has been supported.

It would be impossible for me to do full justice to the merits of each portion of the force.

All ranks and classes have been inspired with the same honourable spirit, whether in military labour or in conflict with the enemy, and have borne themselves as if success depended on their own individual exertions and devotion.

I beg permission gratefully to acknowledge the confidence placed in me by Her Majesty's Government for India, and the unhesitating promptitude with which all my requisitions have been complied with.

I am deeply sensible of the support and encouragement which I have received from His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge in every stage of the expedition.

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R. NAPIER, Lieutenant-General,
Commander-in-Chief, Abyssinia.