

29. The Officers of the Pay Department, under Colonel Olivey, have done their duty to my satisfaction.

30. The Veterinary Department has been well administered under the direction of the Principal Veterinary-Surgeon Meyrick.

31. The Corps of Signallers has been under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel F. C. Keyser, Royal Fusiliers, and has done good work during the war.

32. The formation of a purely Military Postal Department has been tried for the first time in this war. It has been very successfully directed by Major G. C. Sturgeon, 24th Middlesex Rifle Volunteers.

33. The duties of the Intelligence Department were well carried out by the Officers named below :—

Colonel R. H. Buller, V.C., C.B., C.M.G.

Lieutenant-Colonel A. B. Tulloch, the Welsh Regiment.

Major J. C. Ardagh, C.B., Royal Engineers.

Major A. F. Hart, East Surrey Regiment.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tulloch had charge of the Intelligence Department at first, and I can confidently say that no man could evince more untiring zeal for the public service than he has done since his arrival in Egypt some months ago.

Colonel R. Buller reached the Army on the 1st instant, and took over charge of the Intelligence work. His former services are well known to you, and in this campaign he has displayed his usual and thorough-going soldier-like qualities.

Major Ardagh did excellent service as an Engineer Officer at Alexandria previous to my arrival. In addition to his regular duties he rendered valuable assistance in the organization of our railway system from Ismailia to Kassassin. Always willing to undertake any service, no matter how difficult or trying, he has proved himself to be a most excellent Officer in the field, and I have the utmost pleasure in recommending him for promotion.

34. In former Despatches I have referred to the assistance rendered to me at all times, and in the most willing manner, by Admiral Sir B. Seymour, G.C.B., and the fleet under his command. I would now bring to your notice the valuable services rendered to this Army by Admiral Sir W. Hewett, the Naval Commander-in-Chief on the Indian Station, not only by the excellent arrangements for the disembarkation of the Indian Contingent at Suez, but for the assistance in placing the locomotives sent from England on the railway on that place. To him, and to all ranks serving under him, this Army owes a deep debt of gratitude.

Admiral Hoskins has worked untiringly for this Army at Ismailia, and I would venture to recommend his name, and that of Captain Rawson, Principal Naval Transport Officer, to your favourable consideration.

35. My personal staff was composed as noted below :—

Major L. V. Swaine, Rifle Brigade, Military Secretary.

Lieutenant W. Rawson, R.N., Naval Aide-de-Camp.

Captain F. M. Wardrop, 3rd Dragoon Guards, Aide-de-Camp.

Lieutenant E. S. E. Childers, Royal Engineers, Aide-de-Camp.

Lieutenant A. G. Creagh, Royal Horse Artillery, Aide-de-Camp.

Lieutenant J. Adye, Royal Horse Artillery, Aide-de-Camp.

Brigade-Surgeon R. W. Jackson, C.B., Medical Officer.

I cannot speak too highly of Major Swaine, my Military Secretary. His tact and discretion in dealing with foreign authorities enabled him to render me most valuable services. He is an officer that would do credit to any military position for which he might be selected.

Of my Aides-de-Camp I have to regret the loss of Lieutenant Rawson, of the Royal Navy, who was mortally wounded at Tel-el-Kebir. During the many journeys I made by night, I found him of great use in directing our line of march correctly, through his knowledge of the stars. On the 13th instant I consequently selected him to conduct the Highland Brigade during the night to the portion of the enemy's works where I explained to him I wished them to storm. This duty he performed with the utmost coolness and success, but lost his life in its execution. No man more gallant fell on that occasion.

His Serene Highness the Duke of Teck, Honorary Colonel of the 24th Middlesex Rifle Volunteer Corps, joined this Army as a volunteer, and has served on my personal staff. He has been present with me at all the actions during the campaign.

Brigade-Surgeon Jackson, C.B., who has seen service in all parts of the world, has, through the many wars he has taken part in, distinguished himself throughout by his coolness under fire and in zeal as a Medical Officer. I would venture to recommend him for special promotion.

36. The Head-Quarter Staff remain now alone to be noted; and here again I feel great difficulty in referring to the services of any individual where all are first-rate Staff Officers, and had been carefully selected for the work each had to perform. By them the machinery of this Army has been kept in efficient and working order, and I cannot but feel that the country is largely indebted to them for the successful and early termination of the war.

I have already referred to the Chief of the Staff; and I cannot close this subject without referring pointedly to another, Brigadier-General the Honourable J. C. Dormer, C.B., the officer second in rank belonging to the Head-Quarter Staff. He has had long and varied experience on the Staff. He thoroughly understands our Army system in all its various phases, and adds great tact and judgment to his other many high military qualities.

I give below the names of the other Officers who were members of the Head-Quarter Staff, and I earnestly hope that the services of each and all of them may be taken into your favourable consideration.

Colonel the Honourable P. Methuen, the Commandant at Head-Quarters Camp, in addition to the fatiguing duties of his office, was the Staff Officer selected to supervise all the press matters in connection with newspaper correspondents. This most delicate duty he carried out with great tact and judgment, and to my entire satisfaction.

Lieutenant-Colonel F. W. Grenfell, King's Royal Rifles, Assistant Adjutant-General, is a most excellent Staff Officer, knows his work thoroughly and does it well.

Lieutenant-Colonel W. F. Butler, C.B., Assistant Adjutant-General, is a very able officer of high attainments and of great resource.

Lieutenant-Colonel G. B. Wolseley, York and Lancaster Regiment, Assistant Adjutant-General, whose services were placed at my disposal by the Commander-in-Chief in India, has done his work well.

Major J. F. Maurice, Royal Artillery, Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General, an officer of untiring