

Expedition of 1870 enabled them to bring to this matter, and later on, to their work on the Nile, an amount of special knowledge possessed by few men. Without these whalers, or had they been less efficiently organized and equipped, the assembling of the troops at Korti, at the date it took place, and the subsequent advance of the two columns, one across the desert and the other up the Nile, would have been impossible. The great bulk of the provisions taken with the first column, and the whole of those taken with the second, were conveyed to Korti in our English whale boats. In a similar manner the retirement just effected from our positions on the Upper Nile extending from Merawi to Abu Fatmeh would have been extremely difficult save for these boats, as the river at this season is unnavigable by nuggers or other native craft.

13. This is the first time that Colonial troops have been employed outside the colonies in any of our wars. The result has been so satisfactory that I earnestly trust the noble and patriotic example set by New South Wales may, should occasion arise, be followed by other colonies. The officers and men of the New South Wales Contingent, under Colonel Richardson, were a credit to their colony, and to the parent race from which it sprang.

14. The Dominion of Canada supplied us with a most useful body of boatmen, under the command of Colonel Denison, of the Ontario Militia. Their skill in the management of boats in difficult and dangerous waters was of the utmost use to us in our long ascent of the Nile. Men and officers showed a high military and patriotic spirit, making light of difficulties, and working with that energy and determination which have always characterized Her Majesty's Canadian forces.

15. The officers of my personal staff are named in the margin,* and I beg to recommend them to your favourable consideration. I cannot lay too much stress on the valuable services rendered by General Zohrab Pasha, of the Egyptian Army. His knowledge of Eastern languages, his intimate acquaintance with the manners and customs of the Soudanese people, and his tact in dealing with the native authorities, enabled him to assist me in a way that no British officer could have done. Lieutenant-Colonel Swaine, C.B., Rifle Brigade, was my Military Secretary until unfortunately his health broke down, and to my great regret he had to leave for home. The duties of Military Secretary have since then been carried out by Lieutenant-Colonel Grove, East Yorkshire Regiment, with the greatest ability. He is highly educated as a Staff officer, and, previous to taking up this work, had done excellent service in superintending the fitting out of the English whale boats at Gemai. To all my Aides-de-Camp also my thanks are specially due.

16. In conclusion I would only add that though the expedition was not crowned with success, the spirit and behaviour of the troops which took part in the operations, whether on the Nile or at Suakin, may be viewed with satisfaction by every Englishman. The army under my command was unable to accomplish the object set before it, and to save the lives of the gallant General Gordon and of the garrison of Khartoum. But this was from no fault of its own, from no lack of courage or of discipline, of dash, or of endurance. It overcame physical difficulties of the greatest mag-

nitude; it swept from its path, in every encounter, an enemy almost its equal in bravery and greatly its superior in numbers, and its advanced guard reached the outskirts of Khartoum only two days too late. No one can regret more than I do the fall of that place, but in common with all my countrymen I look back with pride to the gallant struggle made by our troops to save Khartoum and its heroic defender.

I have, &c.,

WOLSELEY, General.

The Right Honourable
the Secretary of State for War.

Inclosure.

List of Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men, whose services are deserving of Special Mention.

ROYAL NAVY.

Captain F. R. Boardman.
Captain Lord C. Beresford.
Commander T. F. Hammill.
Commander Julian A. Baker.
Lieutenant R. A. J. Montgomerie.
Lieutenant Bourke.
Lieutenant C. Reeve.
Chief Engineer H. Benbow.

CAVALRY.

1st Life Guards.
Lieutenant-Colonel Honourable R. A. J. Talbot.
Major the Honourable C. C. G. Byng.
Lieutenant D. V. Pirie.

2nd Life Guards.

Major the Earl of Dundonald.
Lieutenant W. F. Peel.

Royal Horse Guards.

Captain J. F. Brocklehurst.
Lieutenant Sir J. C. Willoughby, Bart.

3rd Dragoon Guards.

Major F. M. Wardrop.

1st Dragoons.

Captain F. W. Rhodes.

4th Hussars.

Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel H. F. Grant.
Captain C. W. Peters.

5th Lancers.

Captain E. C. W. Gilborne.
Captain A. C. Little.

7th Hussars.

Colonel H. McCalmont.
Captain C. F. Thomson.
Captain T. H. Phipps (since dead).
Captain H. Paget.

10th Hussars.

Major R. C. D'E. Spottiswoode.
Captain the Earl of Airlie.
Regimental Sergeant-Major B. Turner.

14th Hussars.

Brevet Major the Honourable G. H. Gough.

16th Lancers.

Major T. Davison.
Private W. Hsley.
Private H. Newton.

19th Hussars.

Lieutenant-Colonel P. H. S. Barrow, C.B.,
C.M.G.
Major J. C. Hanford-Flood.
Captain J. C. K. Fox.
Troop Sergeant-Major W. Beale.
Sergeant Chislett.

20th Hussars.

Lieutenant-Colonel C. Mangles.
Major F. J. Graves.

* Lieutenant-Colonel Swaine, C.B., Lieutenant-Colonel Grove, Military Secretaries; General Zohrab Pasha, Captain Lord C. Beresford, Royal Navy, Major Creagh, Royal Artillery, Major Childers, Royal Engineers, Major Ayle, Royal Artillery, Aides-de-Camp; Dr. Simson Pratt.