

F. W. Wright, M.B., Bengal Medical Service ; Surgeon W. A. Sykes, Bengal Medical Service ; Surgeon-Major J. F. Supple, Medical Staff ; Surgeon A. P. Adams, Madras Medical Service.

I recommend Surgeon-Major Corbett for promotion to the rank of Brigade-Surgeon, as I have formed a high opinion of his zeal and ability, both as an administrative and executive medical officer.

31. The Director of Transport has submitted the following names of officers who have done special good service in the Transport Department. The work done by this department has been most onerous and most important. As an instance given by Captain Cather, in his report,* of the nature and extent of the work required of it, I would mention that at one station 1,200 carts were on the Transport Officer's books as out on hire at the same time. This was in addition to much pack transport. The labour and responsibility have been altogether abnormal:—Major J. T. Cummins, 4th Cavalry, Hyderabad Contingent ; Captain F. J. D. Lugard, Norfolk Regiment ; Lieutenant H. D'U. Keary, 1st Madras Pioneers ; Lieutenant C. P. Scudamore, Royal Scots Fusiliers ; Lieutenant G. P. Ranken, 24th Punjab Infantry ; Lieutenant J. Strachey, 11th Bengal Infantry.

I beg to endorse all these nominations, and would recommend Major Cummins, Captain Lugard, and Lieutenant Scudamore to special notice.

Captain Cather further reports very highly on the services of Sub-Conductor A. Mason, Bengal Transport. This warrant officer has performed a very heavy task in taking over piecemeal thousands of sets of gear and large quantities of materials from India. The Director of Transport reports most favourably of his steadiness, untiring energy, and reliable accuracy. I recommend this warrant officer very strongly for advancement to the rank of Conductor.

32. The Officer Commanding the Royal Artillery has brought forward the names of the following officers whom he considers have earned special recognition:—Major W. H. F. Sorell, 8-1, London Division ; Lieutenant T. L. Coxhead, 8-1, London Division ; Major W. Aitken, 9-1, Cinque Ports Division ; Lieutenant H. E. Stanton, 9-1, Cinque Ports Division ; Lieutenant C. P. Fendall, 8-1, South Irish Division ; Lieutenant M. B. Bicknell, 7-1, Northern Division ; Lieutenant A. L. Tisdall, No. 1 Bombay Mountain Battery ; Lieutenant W. Elliot, No. 1 Bombay Mountain Battery ; Lieutenant A. H. C. Birch, No. 4 Hazara Mountain Battery ; Lieutenant W. Lamport, 8-1, London Division.

Lieutenant-Colonel Budgen also mentions the following officers who have been in command of batteries:—Major C. J. Deshon, 1-1, Eastern Division ; Major W. Aitken, 9-1, Cinque Ports Division ; Major G. T. Carré, 7-1, Northern Division ; Major F. M. E. Vibart, 5-1, Southern Division ; Captain A. Keene, No. 1 Bombay Mountain Battery ; Captain W. J. Honner, No. 4 Hazara Mountain Battery ; Captain H. C. C. D. Simpson, 7-1, Northern Division ; Lieutenant J. L. Parker, Adjutant, Royal Artillery, Upper Burma Field Force ; Captain C. M. Haggard, Brigade-Major, Royal Artillery.

I have already referred to the services of Major Sorrell, Lieutenant Coxhead, Major Aitken, Lieutenant Stanton, Lieutenant Fendall, Lieutenant Lamport, Major Carré, and I am glad to support Colonel Budgen's application in favour of Captain Haggard, Brigade-Major.

33. It is now my duty to lay before his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief the names of those officers who have served on the Headquarters Staff of the Upper Burma Field Force.

Colonel M. Protheroe, C.S.I., has been Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster-General of the Force during the time I have commanded it. His zeal, ability, and untiring powers of work are well known to all the officers of high rank who have commanded in Upper Burma, and have been invaluable to me and to the force at large. I hope that his excellent service may receive some further mark of approval.

I have also to acknowledge the assistance received from Captain G. Henry, Royal Engineers ; Captain J. Sherston, Rifle Brigade ; Major A. W. H. Hornsby, 1st Madras Cavalry ; and Captain A. W. L. Bayly, Bombay Staff Corps. The work of all these officers has been of great service to me, and has been most important and continuous. I recommend them for consideration.

34. Lieutenant-Colonel W. T. Budgen has commanded the Royal Artillery in Upper Burma during my period of command of the Upper Burma Field Force, and has carried on the duties satisfactorily.

35. Captain A. R. F. Dorward has done constant and very heavy work as Commanding Royal Engineer. The vast amount of field engineering that has been necessary during this long campaign has been conducted under his orders, and the provision of barrack accommodation for the troops has devolved on him. His capacity is well known to the Commander-in-Chief, and I recommend him with confidence to his Excellency's consideration. His promotion would be a benefit to the Service.

36. Owing to the nature of the occupation of Upper Burma by very numerous small posts, the commissariat supply of the troops has been a problem of exceptional difficulty. I cannot too highly commend the administrative ability, watchfulness, and resource with which Lieutenant-Colonel A. F. Laughton, as Principal Commissariat Officer, has met and overcome the difficulties of the situation. To him and to the able officers under him has fallen the most responsible and difficult task of the campaign ; and I hope the recognition of the services of the Principal Commissariat Officer may be commensurate with the labour and responsibility of his work.

37. The Transport Department has been directed by Captain T. P. Cather, Royal Engineers, an officer of great energy and administrative ability. In a force cut up into such numerous small bodies, nearly all of which were mobilised, the provision and keeping up of transport has been an exceptionally heavy labour ; but the call has been well met by Captain Cather. I am indebted to him for the rapid organization and satisfactory working of the department, and I hope it may be possible to give Captain Cather rank more suitable to the work he has done. I bracket him with Captain Dorward as an officer whose promotion would be a benefit to the Service.

38. The Medical Department has been successfully worked by Deputy Surgeon-General G. Farrell, C.B., who has conducted his heavy duties with zeal and ability. I would also beg to recall the good services rendered by Surgeon-Major H. W. A. Mackinnon when Principal Medical Officer of this force, in case it may now be possible to grant him the promotion to which

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