

Head-Quarter Staff.
Personal Staff.

Colonel the Hon. F. W. Stopford, C.B., has acted as my Military Secretary throughout. His services have been invaluable to me. Early in the year he was offered the command of a brigade, the duties of which he would, I am certain, have discharged with distinction. He refused, thinking that at the moment it would be difficult for me to replace him. I trust that his loyalty to myself may not act to his loss, and I confidently recommend him to your consideration.

The following Officers acted as my Aides-de-Camp, and I submit their names for your favourable consideration. Each and all of them are thoroughly capable and deserving Officers, and rendered me great assistance:—

Colonel Lord Gerard, Lancashire Hussars.

Commander Edgar Lees, Royal Navy.

Major H. N. Schofield, Royal Artillery.

Captain C. J. Sackville-West, Kings' Royal Rifle Corps.

Captain A. R. Trotter, 2nd Life Guards.

Colonel H. S. G. Miles, M.V.O.—Acted as my Chief of the Staff. A thorough technical knowledge of all military matters, supported by a sound constitution, great energy and singular tact, combine to render him a most valuable Staff Officer, and his services were of great value.

Brevet Lieut.-Colonel H. M. Lawson, R.E.—Is a thoroughly trained, accurate and most efficient Staff Officer.

Lieut.-Colonel P. J. T. Lewis, Army Service Corps, acted as D.A.A.G. (B).—He had sole charge of all executive supply and transport arrangements, and usually commanded the Baggage Column on the line of march. Both on the staff and in the field he was admirable, and I strongly recommend him for promotion as an Officer of great promise.

Major L. E. Kiggell, Royal Warwickshire Regiment, and Major Hon. F. Gordon, Gordon Highlanders, worked well and wisely throughout, and are deserving of advancement.

Lieut.-Colonel C. àCourt was, until invalided, Commandant of Head-quarters, and did thoroughly good service. He was succeeded by Captain the Hon. E. S. St. Aubyn, Reserve of Officers, whose services also deserve special mention.

Major A. G. Chichester, (18th) Royal Irish Regiment, acted as Provost-Marshal.—I have, in another report, specially brought his services to the notice of the Secretary of State for War. I recommend him for advancement.

Colonel L. W. Parsons, R.A.—Has, throughout the campaign, discharged the active duties of Officer Commanding the Royal Artillery on the Head-quarter Staff. A true Artilleryman, with a great knowledge of Artillery drill, he has the power of applying that drill to circumstances not described in the drill book. His services have been of the greatest possible value, and I highly commend them for consideration.

Captain R. W. Boger, R.A.—Has acted throughout as Staff Officer to Colonel Parsons and done excellent work.

Lieut.-Colonel (local Colonel) C. K. Wood, R.E., Chief Engineer.—Has done thoroughly well and been of great assistance to me. He has initiated and formed companies of Mounted Engineers and companies of natives to assist Engineers, and succeeded in employing the small number of trained engineers available to the greatest possible advantage. His services well deserve commendation.

Captain G. M. Hutton, R.E.—Has acted as Staff Officer to the Officer Commanding Royal Engineers, and deserves high commendation.

Major W. F. Hawkins, R.E.—As Director of Army Telegraphs with the Force, he has given the greatest satisfaction. With a thorough knowledge of technique and unwearied perseverance, the Telegraph service has been maintained in the highest state of efficiency.

Captain R. H. H. Boys, R.E.—Has ably assisted Major Hawkins.

There may be others whom I should mention, as Major Hawkins has been too fully employed to render me a report; but I cannot omit a reference to the late Lieutenant R. J. Jelf, R.E. A young Officer of singular talent and promise, he lost his life from devotion to his duties. All Officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Telegraph Department have done exceptionally well. The only fault I have had to find with them has been that they have been sometimes too anxious to keep their line up, and have incurred undue risk.

Lieut.-Colonel W. B. Allin, M.B., Royal Army Medical Corps.—Acted as Principal Medical Officer of the Field Army, and superintended, with unusual ability and energy, the removal of the wounded from the field and the evacuation of field hospitals.

Captain J. S. Cayzer, 7th Dragoon Guards, Director of Signalling.—Has spared nothing to make his service efficient. He has been of great assistance and done excellent work.

The Intelligence Department has been under the charge of Brevet Lieut.-Colonel A. E. Sandbach, R.E. This officer possesses energy, enterprise, and system, and has devoted himself to his work.

Brevet Lieut.-Colonel S. C. H. Monro, Seaforth Highlanders, Brevet Major D. Henderson, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and Captain S. H. Pollen, Wiltshire Regiment, have most ably assisted in the intelligence work, as has Lieutenant N. St. C. Campbell, Royal Artillery, a young Officer of great intelligence and energy I commend both these Officers to your consideration. The department has been highly successful; and in connection with it I would specially allude to the work done by the men of the Corps of Guides, whose services were secured to the Force by the Intelligence Department.

Early in the war a Corps of Guides was formed in Natal from colonists with local knowledge of the districts in which our forces were operating. These gentlemen rendered the greatest possible assistance. Foremost in every fight, always ready to undertake difficult or dangerous duties, they helped me equally in field operations, with Supply, with Transport, and in dealing with the Dutch inhabitants.

To the Hon. T. K. Murray, C.M.G., at first, and latterly to Mr. F. Struben, who were in charge, my principal thanks are due; but I am equally indebted to many others, among whom I must mention Mr. F. Knight, the brothers Loxton, the brothers Alison, the brothers Whipp, the brothers Robinson, Mr. Foster, Mr. Macfarlane, Mr. Godson, and to Mr. Otto Schwikkard, whose wonderful energy and great knowledge of Transport details were invaluable.

The various Intelligence Officers I have mentioned with their respective Divisions.

The following non-commissioned officers merit special consideration:—

S 12595 Serjeant F. C. Keller, Army Service Corps.