

non-commissioned officer, and worthy of notice.

Major S. R. Rice, R.E.—Acted as Commanding Royal Engineer of the Division, and did thoroughly good service; and Lieutenant E. E. Ricketts, Gloucester Engineer Volunteers (attached to the 23rd Company, Royal Engineers), proved himself a valuable Officer, and has done good service.

No. 27130 Corporal W. H. Berry, R.E., is brought forward as an excellent sapper and a man of exceptional gallantry.

Lieutenant C. E. I. McNalty, Army Service Corps, merits special mention for excellent work in charge of the Divisional Troops Supply Column.

Lieut.-Colonel S. H. Carter, M.B., Royal Army Medical Corps, Principal Medical Officer.—Has discharged his duties to my entire satisfaction.

#### 4th Brigade Division, R.F.A.

##### 21st Battery, R.F.A.

Major H. Corbyn.—Has only been a short time in command of the battery. He will, I think, do well.

Lieutenant F. Rainsford-Hannay.—A young Officer, who has, on several occasions, proved himself to be cool and reliable.

No. 65438 Staff Serjeant-Farrier J. Nunn, No. 78313 Battery Serjeant-Major C. Ellis, and No. 51822 Serjeant W. H. Harding, are specially commended.

##### 42nd Battery, R.F.A.

Major C. E. Goulburn.—A good Battery Commander, whom I recommend for consideration.

The following non-commissioned officers are mentioned:—No. 55271 Serjeant E. Evans and No. 77666 Serjeant C. Grant, as having done excellent work with the battery throughout the campaign.

##### 53rd Battery, R.F.A.

Major L. G. F. Gordon.—In every sense, an excellent Battery Commander. A good horse-master, cool in action, and has a good battery.

The following non-commissioned officers both deserve special mention:—No. 69165 Serjeant H. Gill and No. 87672 Corporal A. Cook.

##### Ammunition Column.

Captain R. G. Ouseley, R.F.A., has practically commanded the 4th Division Ammunition Column since its arrival from India, and has discharged the difficult duties connected therewith to the satisfaction of everyone. I strongly recommend him for consideration.

##### 7th Infantry Brigade.

Brevet-Colonel (local Major-General) F. W. Kitchener, West Yorkshire Regiment (Commanding).—An Officer of great military attainments, in whom I learned to place implicit confidence. I strongly recommend him as eminently deserving of advancement.

General Kitchener recommends Captain A. W. Speyer, 4th Bn. West Yorkshire Regiment, his Aide-de-Camp, for consideration. He is a thoroughly efficient Officer, and has rendered exceptionally good service.

Captain H. d'E. Vallancey, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, discharged the duties of Brigade-Major efficiently.

Captain L. H. Spry, West Yorkshire Regiment, proved himself a thoroughly good Officer, and I recommend him for advancement.

Lieutenant A. W. F. Baird, Gordon Highlanders, was an excellent Signalling Officer.

##### 1st Bn. Devonshire Regiment.

Major T. A. H. Davies, D.S.O., commanded the battalion well.

Captain M. G. Jacson.—An excellent Officer

in every respect. One of the senior Captains in the Army, and I strongly recommend his case for consideration, as he would be a loss to the Army if he left.

Captain H. S. L. Ravenshaw and Lieutenant N. Z. Emerson deserve special mention, as do Lieutenants A. M. Tringham, 1st Bn. Royal West Surrey Regiment, and H. N. R. Cowie, 1st Bn. Dorsetshire Regiment, who have been attached for several months to the battalion, have done remarkably well. Also—

No. 1143 Colour-Serjeant J. T. Payne.

No. 2034 Colour-Serjeant G. Palmer.

No. 1977 Colour-Serjeant J. Horswell.

No. 2412 Lance-Serjeant W. Poulter.

No. 3852 Bandsman E. Norman.

##### 1st Bn. Manchester Regiment.

Lieut.-Colonel A. E. R. Curran has commanded his battalion thoroughly well.

Major J. E. Watson and Major R. D. Vizard merit special mention. The latter Officer has been Divisional Baggage Master throughout, a position of considerable difficulty, and has discharged the duties thoroughly well.

##### 2nd Bn. Gordon Highlanders.

Lieut.-Colonel W. A. Scott has commanded this battalion throughout to my entire satisfaction. He is a first-rate Commanding Officer.

The following Officers deserve recognition:—

Major C. F. N. Macready.

Captain J. A. L. Haldane, D.S.O.

Captain and Adjutant H. A. Bethune.

Captain the Hon. R. F. Carnegie.

Also—

No. 2569 Colour-Serjeant J. Allen.

No. 4732 Private W. Macrae.

No. 2860 Corporal W. Macdonald.—This non-commissioned officer was in charge of the machine gun of the battalion, and his conduct on all occasions was specially worthy of commendation.

##### 2nd Bn. Rifle Brigade.

Lieut.-Colonel C. T. E. Metcalfe.—Commanded this battalion to my entire satisfaction until the fight at Bergendal on the 27th August, when he was, unfortunately, severely wounded. The command then devolved upon Major G. Cockburn, D.S.O., whose conduct on the 27th August I have brought to notice in a previous despatch. I commend both these Officers for your consideration.

The following have been brought to notice as worthy of special mention:—

Captain J. E. Gough.

Captain H. M. Biddulph.

Captain R. B. Stephens.

Captain and Adjutant J. D. Heriot-Maitland.

No. 8514 Colour-Serjeant J. Eastwood.

No. 8131 Colour-Serjeant W. Barnes.

No. 2595 Lance-Corporal J. Hatchwell.

##### 8th Infantry Brigade.

Colonel (local Major-General) F. Howard, C.B., C.M.G., A.D.C.—Commanded this brigade with conspicuous success throughout the campaign. With a thorough knowledge of detail, he is careful of, and most attentive to, his men, and is in all respects a good Brigadier.

General Howard brings to notice the services of Captain J. E. Gough, Rifle Brigade, who acted as his Aide-de-Camp, and also as Brigade Signalling Officer.

Brevet Lieut.-Colonel Hon. C. G. Fortescue, C.M.G., Rifle Brigade.—Discharged the duties of Brigade-Major with great success; and Captain H. E. Vernon, D.S.O., Rifle Brigade, and Captain