

staff work as Brigade Major. I strongly recommend his services for consideration.

Captain A. Phelps, Army Service Corps.—Has been in charge of the 11th Brigade Supply Column throughout, with marked success.

Major J. D. Moir, M.B., Royal Army Medical Corps.—Has commanded the Brigade Hospital exceedingly well.

Major T. B. Winter, Royal Army Medical Corps.—Has carried out his duties in command of the Bearer Company to everyone's satisfaction.

The following Medical Officers—Captain N. Tyacke, Royal Army Medical Corps, in medical charge of the Royal Lancaster Regiment, and Captain R. J. W. Mawhinny, Royal Army Medical Corps—are worthy of honourable mention. Also the following men:—

No. 8687 Private W. H. Yendall,

No. 9995 Private H. J. Waldron,

No. 9160 Private S. G. Murdoch,

Royal Army Medical Corps,
of the 11th Brigade Field Hospital.

2nd Bn. Royal Lancaster Regiment.

Major F. B. Matthews.—Commanded the battalion from 24th February until invalided home. He is a valuable Officer, of considerable influence, which he exercises for the best interest of those under his command.

The following Officers, non-commissioned officer, and men are brought to notice:—

Captain W. Sandbach.

Captain and Adjutant A. R. S. Martin.

Captain R. G. Parker.

Lieutenant J. A. Nixon.

No. 5226 Lance-Serjeant J. Donald (severely wounded).

No. 3156 Private C. Sach (wounded).

No. 2967 Private W. Fahy (killed).

2nd Bn. Lancashire Fusiliers.

Lieut.-Colonel C. J. Blomfield, D.S.O.—Has proved himself an excellent Commanding Officer.

The following Officers merit special mention:—

Major F. Amber.

Major C. M. Brunker.

Major E. C. Tidswell.

Captain J. N. Whyte.

Captain and Adjutant A. J. Allardyce.

Lieutenant D. F. Campbell.

As do—

No. 2308 Serjeant-Major W. Moss, and

No. 5880 Colour-Serjeant H. K. Couchman.

1st Bn. South Lancashire Regiment.

Lieut.-Colonel R. H. Hall.—Succeeded to the command of the battalion when Lieut.-Colonel McCarthy-O'Leary was killed, and has commanded it since.

The following Officers and men are specially mentioned:—

Major T. Lamb.

Major F. A. Adam.

Captain E. T. James.

Lieutenant and Adjutant A. H. Bailey.

Lieutenant H. R. Kane.

No. 1745 Colour-Serjeant T. A. Simon.

No. 3624 Private H. Bracken.

1st Bn. York and Lancaster Regiment.

Lieut.-Colonel W. J. Kirkpatrick has been at the head of this battalion during the whole period of my command, and I have always felt the utmost confidence in him. I strongly recommend him for consideration.

Major (now Lieut.-Colonel) E. P. Lousada has been promoted to another battalion, but he

merits mention as an excellent 2nd in Command.

The following merit special mention:—

Major H. S. Scholes.

Captain M. F. Halford.

Lieutenant H. R. Headlam.

Lieutenant A. H. C. Kearsley.

Also the following non-commissioned officers:

No. 1021 Colour-Serjeant F. Hulley.

No. 191 Quarter-Master-Serjeant J. Birch, and

No. 2777 Colour-Serjeant (Serjeant Instructor) D. Duff, 1st Volunteer Battalion, who has set an excellent example.

Corps Troops.

Lieutenant A. Halsey, R.N., H.M.S. "Philomel," commanded the last detachment of the Naval Brigade which was left with the Natal Field Force, and, like all the rest of the Brigade, their services were most valuable.

Corps Artillery.

19th Battery, R.F.A.

Major R. D. Gubbins commanded this battery well. Through no fault of his it had not the same number of opportunities that other batteries obtained. The battery was a good one.

61st (Howitzer) Battery, R.F.A.

Major A. Hamilton Gordon.—He is an exceptionally able Battery Commander, and has an exceptional knowledge of Howitzers. Cool and resourceful in action, he is most careful of the comfort, both of his men and his horses. I desire to commend his services in the strongest manner possible.

Lieutenant J. G. Dooner.—A very promising young Officer, and very cool under fire.

The following non-commissioned officers deserve special mention:—No. 78952 Serjeant E. Wilson, and No. 9981 Serjeant-Major W. Ayling.

Position Batteries.

Major F. A. Curteis, R.G.A., commanded the Brigade Division of Position Batteries. An Officer of high professional attainments, he rendered valuable assistance in organizing and equipping the heavy guns of position. I commend him for your consideration.

Captain A. J. Budd acted as Adjutant, and proved himself a thoroughly reliable Staff Officer.

Captain T. R. C. Hudson, 10th Mountain Battery, R.G.A., was in charge of 12-pr. Q.F. guns, and did very well.

The work of No. 67391 Battery Quarter-Master-Serjeant R. W. Richardson, 10th Mountain Battery, merits special mention.

Major C. E. Callwell, 16th Company, Southern Division, R.G.A., commanded a battery of 5-inch guns throughout. Major Callwell and his battery rendered admirable service.

Captain R. E. Home showed considerable ability when detached in charge of a section of 5-inch guns.

The following non-commissioned officers deserve special mention:—No. 42609 Company Quarter-Master-Serjeant J. C. Greig and No. 87680 Bombardier T. Mahoney, 16th Company, Southern Division, R.G.A.

The 2nd Company, Western Division, R.G.A., did good service in the field with guns of position.

2nd Lieutenant E. N. Tandy, No. 2 Company, Western Division, R.G.A., was specially mentioned to me for his services when detached with