

whole of the C.I.V. troops. In this position, hitherto unprecedented in the annals of our military history, he displayed tact, judgment, and resource, and I am much obliged to him for the manner in which he carried out his duties.

Colonel C. E. Knox was for many months in command of the 13th Brigade, in which he did such excellent service that I have on several occasions lately given him the command of mixed columns. In every case he has fully justified his previous reputation as a gallant soldier, a sound strategist and a good tactician.

Colonel E. T. H. Hutton, C.B., A.D.C., has commanded the 1st Brigade Mounted Infantry, in which capacity his unbounded energy and soldierly qualities, and his thorough knowledge of M.I. duties have on several occasions been of great service.

Colonel H. H. Settle, C.B., D.S.O., was for some time Inspector-General Lines of Communication, Cape Colony, where he did good work. Latterly he has, on several occasions, commanded columns in the disturbed districts of the Western Transvaal and Orange River Colony, and has always carried out his duties to my complete satisfaction.

Colonel G. H. Marshall has been C.R.A. to the Army in South Africa. In this position he has had an immense amount of responsible work to perform, and has done it with praiseworthy diligence and skill, having an able and untiring assistant in the person of Lieut.-Colonel Sclater, his A.A.G.

Colonel Arthur Paget, 1st Scots Guards, was sent from Bloemfontein in April, 1900, to command the 20th Brigade at Kimberley, and served with it in the west and east of the Orange River Colony. Afterwards he was given command of a mixed force with which, in the northern theatre of war, he has shown energy, decision, and intelligence in his successful efforts to pacify a very turbulent district.

Colonel R. Clements, D.S.O., A.D.C., commanded the 12th Brigade, with which he took up the work of General French at Colesberg, when that officer was moved forward to the relief of Kimberley. Since then he has rendered good service both in the Orange River Colony and in the Western Transvaal.

Colonel E. W. D. Ward, C.B., was of immense value to Sir George White during the siege of Ladysmith. After the relief of that town he joined Army Headquarters, and from that time was Director of Supplies to the Field Army. His readiness and resource, his imperturbable good temper, his power of organisation and thorough knowledge of his duties, deserve the thanks of all ranks in the army.

Colonel Ward is an officer who stands quite by himself as a departmental officer of genius and character.

Colonel C. W. Douglas, A.D.C., came out originally as A.A.G. to Sir Redvers Buller, and shortly afterwards succeeded Colonel Pole-Carew in command of the 9th Brigade, which he has held ever since. In this position he has rendered Lord Methuen every support and assistance, and has earned my thanks for his continuous and useful work on the western border of the Transvaal.

Colonel W. G. Knox, C.B., served with credit throughout the siege of Ladysmith. He has since then commanded a brigade in the Orange River Colony, and has carried out his duties in a soldier-like and efficient manner.

Colonel J. G. Maxwell, D.S.O., commanded the 14th Brigade in the general advance from Bloem-

fontein to Pretoria. After the capture of that city he was appointed to the post of military governor, a position in which his business-like methods and sound common-sense proved most valuable, and helped him to overcome many difficulties with credit and success.

Colonel Hector Macdonald, C.B., D.S.O., A.D.C., has commanded the Highland Brigade, since the lamentable death of Major-General Wauchope. He has shown resolution and energy in carrying out the somewhat thankless task which has fallen to the lot of his command, of pacifying the Orange River Colony and protecting its communications.

Colonel R. G. Broadwood has commanded the 2nd Cavalry Brigade throughout the operations. He has had a great deal of hard and responsible work, under which his health gave way—but with his soldierly instinct he returned to South Africa as soon as he recovered, and will, I feel confident, prove himself the gallant Cavalry leader I believe him to be.

Colonel H. L. Smith-Dorrien, D.S.O., has done extremely well with the 19th Brigade. He has shown exceptional aptitude for command in the field, being sound in judgment, quick to see and act, and full of resource. He is, moreover, a good organiser, and possesses in a marked degree the confidence of those in his command.

Colonel T. E. Stephenson, Essex Regiment, is possessed of excellent soldierly qualities. He has commanded the 18th Brigade throughout, and with it has borne an honourable part in the campaign.

Colonel Lord Chesham, Imperial Yeomanry, as one of the prime movers for the employment of Yeomanry in the field, and more particularly as one of the General Officers Commanding the Yeomanry with distinction and dash, I owe him a debt of gratitude difficult to express, but none the less deeply felt.

Colonel Brabant, C.M.G., has been in chief command of the Colonial troops from the Cape Colony, which, amongst other distinguished actions, furnished the contingent which, under Lieutenant-Colonel Dalgetty, so gallantly defended Wepener. Colonel Brabant is a fine leader of men; he represents the true Imperial feeling in the Cape, and, aided by his fellow Colonists, has furnished an object lesson in loyalty and devotion to the Crown.

Colonel Dartnell, as G.O.C. Natal Colonists, has maintained the best traditions of H.M. Regular Forces, to which he formerly belonged. His name stands very high in the estimation of the Colonists of Natal, and he possesses the greatest influence over the natives. His advice was of much assistance in the earliest actions of the war, afterwards during the siege of Ladysmith, and finally in the general advance through the Biggarsberg to Laing's Nek, when Natal was cleared of the enemies of the Queen.

Colonel G. G. Cunningham, D.S.O., has been in command of a brigade in the Rustenberg district for some months. He has acquitted himself well and to my satisfaction. I consider him a promising commander.

Colonel B. T. Mahon has, on several occasions, displayed soldier-like qualities when in command of mounted troops, especially when in command of the flying column for the relief of Mafeking. He has a quick and good eye for country.

Colonel H. Cholmondeley did excellent service as commander of the C.I.V. Mounted Infantry. He proved himself on many occasions thoroughly well qualified for this responsible post, and has earned the warmest commendations both for