

who formerly occupied the positions of Commandant of Volunteers and Chief Commissioner of Police in this Colony.

The forces were finally demobilized on September 4th, after a series of operations extending over seven months.

I have much pleasure in submitting to your Lordship a list of officers whose good services have been brought to my notice by the Commandant, Colonel H. T. Bru-de-Wold, C.M.G. I am proud to submit these recommendations to the favourable notice of His Majesty, and enclose detailed statements explaining the gallant nature of the conduct shown by Inspector Dimmick and Lieutenant Blamey for which their names have been included.

Colonel McKenzie, who has since succeeded Colonel Bru-de-Wold in the command of the Colonial Forces, also presses for mention of Lieutenant William Henry London, who served under him. The services rendered by this officer were of a particularly valuable character as may be seen from the statement which I enclose herewith.

Colonel Bru-de-Wold, C.M.G., Commandant of the local forces, remained at headquarters during the rebellion and did yeoman service. The pressure which devolved upon him in connection with administrative work was immense, and culminated in a temporary break-down, whereupon Major-General Sir John Dartnell, K.C.B., C.M.G., who was on a visit to the Colony, acted for him. Colonel Bru-de-Wold was ably and indefatigably assisted by his Staff, particularly by his Chief Staff Officer, Major Thomas Harry Blew.

As regards civilians I have much pleasure in referring in the first place to the splendid work done by the Prime Minister, the Honourable Charles John Smythe. For the whole seven months I was closely in contact with him, attending as I did every day a meeting of the Cabinet as a Council of War. I was much struck with his clear level-headed conception of the true position of affairs during the different phases of the campaign, with his cool determination, quiet resolution, and absence of fuss. I consider that the Colony was most fortunate in having as a Premier at such a critical time a statesman of the calibre and character of Mr. Smythe.

Of his colleagues, the Honourable Thomas Watt, who was Minister of Defence, has already received a mark of His Majesty's favour. The Minister for Native Affairs, the Honourable Henry Daniel Winter, occupied a position of peculiar responsibility, and gave me valuable assistance. His cool physical courage during the early stages of the rebellion, in entering unarmed a veritable hornets' nest of rebels, was referred to by me in one of my early despatches.

I desire also to bring to your Lordship's notice the services rendered by Mr. George Thomas Plowman, Secretary to the Prime Minister, and by Mr. Arthur John Hedgeland, my own Private Secretary. The work which they put through was immense; night after night they had to sit up until the early hours of the morning to meet the abnormal pressure which fell to their lot, and right well did they do it.

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HENRY McCALLUM.

*List of Officers whose Services were brought to Notice by the Commandant of Militia.*

Brevet Colonel Duncan McKenzie, C.B., C.M.G., V.D., Officer Commanding, Natal Carbineers.

Commanded the expedition which resulted in

the suppression of the rebellion in the Richmond district and the southern portion of the Colony. Commanded the Zululand Field Force operating in the N'Kandhla Forest, which resulted in the complete suppression of the rebellion in Zululand, and afterwards commanded the whole of the troops in the field personally, the operations in the Mapumulo and Stanger districts, resulting in the complete suppression of the rebellion in the Colony.

Brevet Colonel George Leuchars, C.M.G., Officer Commanding, Umvoti Mounted Rifles.

Commanded the operations in the Mapumulo district against the chief Gobizembe. Commanded the Umvoti Field Force operating in Natal against the chief Bambata. Commanded the troops in Natal during the operations in the N'Kandhla Forest, and by the masterly disposition of his troops checked the rebellion, and contributed largely to its final suppression.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. S. Wylie, Officer Commanding, Durban Light Infantry.

Commandant at Eshowe during early stages of operations in N'Kandhla Forest, exercising considerable tact in allaying unrest amongst the residents of that district. Later, in command of his regiment, did particularly good service, especially during the operations in Zululand.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. Hyslop, D.S.O., V.D., Principal Medical Officer, Natal Militia; Officer Commanding, Natal Medical Corps.

As head of the Medical Department, the organization of which was carefully planned and successfully carried out, resulting in the very unusual low death rate of four men from sickness, these only dying from disease out of a force of over 6,000 men in the field.

Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel John Robinson Royston, C.M.G., D.S.O., Border Mounted Rifles. Raised and commanded an irregular corps known as "Royston's Horse." Did conspicuously good service throughout the rebellion, particularly in the N'Kandhla Forest.

Colonel Sir Aubrey Woolls-Sampson, K.C.B.

Acted as Chief Staff Officer, Zululand Field Force, during the operations in Zululand. Afterwards commanded a column with considerable success during the operations in the Mapumulo and Stanger Districts.

Lieutenant-Colonel William Frank Barker, D.S.O., Officer Commanding, South African Light Horse.

Commanded Composite Regiment of Transvaal Volunteers known as "Transvaal Mounted Rifles" during the operations in Zululand and later in the Mapumulo and N'Dwedwe Districts. Displayed conspicuous tact in the attack upon his column at Insuzi.

Lieutenant-Colonel T. McCubbin, C.M.G.

Acted as Commandant at Durban throughout the rebellion, exercising considerable tact and coolness in the discharge of his duties.

Chief Leader John Albert Nel, Umvoti District Reserves.

Rendered valuable assistance to Colonel Leuchars during the operations in Umvoti County by the prompt manner in which he turned out his reserves.

Major W. Murray Smith, Natal Mounted Rifles.

Did magnificent service when in temporary command of the Helpmakaar Field Force and later at the head of his regiment in the Mapumulo District.

Major R. A. Buntine, Natal Medical Corps.

As Senior Medical Officer, during the operations in Zululand and later in the Mapumulo-Stanger District, did excellent service.