

qualities which I have frequently had the pleasure of bringing to the favourable notice of Her Majesty's Government. He was indefatigable alike in the preliminary reconnaissances and during the general engagement in which he led his division over the trenches with great gallantry; to his care and foresight I attribute much of the success which has attended the campaign on the Atbara.

The high state of efficiency to which the British brigade was brought is, I consider, in a large measure due to the untiring energy and devotion to duty of Major-General Gatacre and the loyal support rendered him by the commanding officers of battalions, all of whom he has brought to favourable notice. During the engagement on the 8th instant, General Gatacre showed a fine example of gallant leading. The cordiality and good feeling existing between the British and Egyptian troops who have fought shoulder to shoulder is to a great extent due to the hearty co-operation of General Gatacre, and I cannot speak too highly of the services rendered by him and the troops under his command during the recent operations.

I fully confirm General Hunter's remarks on the valuable services of the three Brigadiers commanding the infantry brigades, viz., Lieutenant-Colonel Maxwell, Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Lewis, and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Macdonald. They handled their troops with precision, leading them gallantly in action, and they have shown themselves fully qualified as Commanders of troops in the field.

The medical arrangements of the British brigade under Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel McNamara, and his staff, and of the Egyptian army under the direction of Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel Gallwey, and his staff, were, under the somewhat difficult circumstances of the operations, satisfactory, and the energy and skill displayed by the medical staff under their direction is deserving of much credit.

General Gatacre has also brought to my notice—and I fully indorse his remarks—the care, attention, and personal kindness received by the whole brigade from the Reverend R. Brindle, Roman Catholic Chaplain, Reverend J. Simms, Presbyterian Chaplain, and Reverend A. W. Watson, Church of England Chaplain, who have been indefatigable in their efforts to minister to the sick and wounded at all hours.

A very noticeable feature in the late operations was the efficiency and good organization of the camel transport, reflecting great credit on Lieutenant-Colonel Kitchener, Director of Transport, and his staff.

The long line of communications extending from Assouan south was placed under the command of Major-General Rundle, and it was due to the energy displayed by his staff and the officers commanding stations that the troops were kept amply supplied.

My thanks are due to Brevet Colonel Wingate, and the Intelligence Staff under him, who kept me fully informed, as well as to the other members of my staff, who performed their various duties to my entire satisfaction.

In addition to the services of those officers whose names I have specially mentioned in the body of the despatch, I would also bring to your notice the valuable services of the following officers, non-commissioned officers, and men:—

Head-Quarter Staff.

Major à Court (temporarily attached), Captain Watson, A.D.C., Captain Blunt (Senior Officer,

Supplies and Stores), Lieutenant Gorrings (Senior Officer), Lieutenant Lord E. Cecil, A.D.C., Lieutenant Manifold (Senior Officer, Telegraphs).

British Brigade.

Brigade Staff.—Major Snow (Brigade Major), Captain Brooke, A.D.C., Captain Fair (Senior Officer), Lieutenant Pigott (Senior Officer).

Artillery.—Major Hunter Blair, Lieutenant Owen.

Infantry.—Warwickshire: Lieutenant-Colonel Jones (Commanding), Major Landon, Lieutenant and Adjutant Earle, Lieutenant Greer (wounded). Lincolnshire: Colonel Verner (Commanding, wounded), Major Simpson, Major Mainwaring, Captain Forrest, Lieutenant and Adjutant Marsh, Lieutenant Boxer (wounded), Lieutenant Tatchell. Seaforth Highlanders: Colonel Murray (Commanding, wounded), Major Campbell, Major Jameson, Captain Egerton, Captain Baillie (wounded), Lieutenant Vandeleur (wounded), Lieutenant and Adjutant Ramsden, Second Lieutenant Daniell. Cameron Highlanders: Colonel Money (Commanding), Major Watson-Kennedy, Major Napier (wounded), Captain Honourable A. Murray, Lieutenant and Adjutant Campbell.

Departments.—Medical Staff: Surgeon-Major Braddell, Surgeon-Major Carr, Surgeon-Major Adamson, Surgeon-Captain Mathias, Surgeon-Lieutenant Bliss.

Army Pay Department: Honorary Captain Smith.

Veterinary Department: Veterinary-Lieutenant Russell.

Non-Commissioned Officers and Men.—Seaforth Highlanders: Colour-Sergeant McIver, Corporal Lawrie. Cameron Highlanders: Colour-Sergeant Fisher, Private Cross, Private Chalmers. Army Service Corps: Staff Sergeant Wyeth.

Egyptian Army.

Cavalry.—Captain His Serene Highness Prince Francis of Teck, Lieutenant the Marquess of Tullibardine.

Artillery.—Captain de Rougemont.

Camel Corps.—Captain King.

Infantry.—Brigade Majors: Major Maxse, Brevet Major Keith-Falconer, Captain Asser. 2nd Battalion: Major Pink (Commanding), Lieutenant Strickland. 3rd Battalion: Lieutenant-Colonel Sillem (Commanding), Captain Blewitt. 4th Battalion: Brevet Major Sparkes (Commanding). 9th Battalion: Captain Walter (Commanding, wounded), Lieutenant Ravenscroft. 10th Battalion: Brevet Major Fergusson, Captain MacBean. 11th Battalion: Brevet Major Jackson (Commanding), Captain Stanton. 12th Battalion: Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Townshend (Commanding), Captain Ford-Hutchinson, Captain Honourable C. Walsh (wounded), Lieutenant Harley (wounded). 13th Battalion: Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Collinson, Captain Godden. 14th Battalion: Brevet Major Shekleton (Commanding, wounded), Captain Hamilton, Captain Matthews.

Departments.—Medical Staff: Surgeon-Captain Penton, Surgeon-Captain Hill Smith, Surgeon-Captain Spong, Surgeon-Captain Dunn.

Transport Corps: Captain Williams, Second Lieutenants Healey and McKey.

Non-Commissioned Officers.—Cavalry: Sergeant-Major Blake. Infantry: Lance-Sergeant Russell, Sergeant Scott-Barbour, Sergeant Hilton