

Madras Sappers; Serjeants Harrold and Dean, R.E., Corporal McDonagh, and Sapper Bailey.

Major Cooper, commanding 33rd Regiment, who led his regiment to and over the gate; and I beg here to bring especially to notice No. 3,691, Drummer Michael Magner, and No. 949, Private James Bergin, 33rd Regiment, the two men who first forced an entrance to the extreme right and turned the gate.

Captain Elliott, who commanded the Madras Sappers.

Captain McDonnell, Commanding Bombay Sappers; Lieutenant-Colonel Parish, Commanding 45th Regiment; Colonel Field, Commanding 10th Regiment Native Infantry; Brigadier-General Schneider, Commanding 1st Brigade; Lieutenant-Colonel Cameron, Commanding 4th King's Own Royal Regiment; Major Beville, Commanding Wing Belooch Regiment; Major Chamberlain, Commanding 23rd Punjab Pioneers; Brigadier-General Petrie, Commanding Royal Artillery; Lieutenant-Colonel Wallace, Commanding Division Royal Artillery; Lieutenant-Colonel Milward, Commanding Division Royal Artillery; Lieutenant-Colonel Penn, Commanding A. 21, Royal Artillery.

Commander Fellowes, Commanding Naval Rocket Batteries.

Captain Twiss, Commanding B. 21, Royal Artillery.

Colonel Graves, 3rd Brigade Light Cavalry, Commanding Cavalry Brigade; Lieutenant-Colonel Tower, Commanding 3rd Dragoon Guards; Major Gough, V.C., Commanding 12th Bengal Cavalry; Major Briggs, Commanding Scind Horse; Lieutenant-Colonel Loch, Commanding Details of Cavalry; Captain Moore, Commanding 3rd Brigade Light Cavalry; Lieutenant W. Scott, A.D.C., Commanding the Commander-in-Chief's Escort.

Lieutenant A. Le Messurier, Royal Engineers; Captain Leslie and Lieutenant Leacock, Bombay Sappers; Captain Bainbridge, Land Transport Corps, who had the very difficult duty of providing water for the troops throughout the operations since leaving the Bashilo River.

Captains Ross and Griffiths and Twentyman, 20th Hussars, Commanding Divisions Land Transport Corps; Major Mignon, Assistant Commissary-General, 1st Division, whose difficulties are well known to the Commander-in-Chief; Major Bardin, Assistant Commissary-General, 1st Brigade; and Major Goldsworthy, Brigade Major of Cavalry, acting as Assistant Commissary-General, 2nd Brigade; Dr. Mahaffy, Principal Medical Officer, 1st Division, whose arrangements for the field hospitals were all that could be desired.

Surgeon-Major Wyllie, in charge of the field hospitals, 2nd Brigade.

I desire also to bring to notice the officers of my Staff:—Lieutenant-Colonel Wood, Assistant Adjutant-General; Major Baigrie, Assistant Quartermaster-General; Lieutenant Saunders, 20th Hussars, Aide-de-Camp; and Captain George Arbuthnot, extra Aide-de-Camp.

These officers rendered me great assistance in carrying out the orders of his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief during the day, and have served with me since my first arrival at Zula with the first-arrived brigade.

RETURN of ORDNANCE captured by the Force in the Magdāla Fortress on the
13th April, 1868.

Guns.

3 brass 56-pounders, smooth-bore.
1 brass 18-pounder, smooth-bore.
4 brass 6-pounders, smooth-bore, Turkish.

4 brass 6-pounders, smooth-bore.
2 brass 6-pounders, smooth-bore, English,
cast at Cossipore.

1 brass 6-pounder, smooth-bore, French.
5 brass 24-pounders, howitzer, Native and French.

3 brass 12-pounders, howitzers.
1 brass 3-pounder, howitzer.
4 iron 1-pounder, howitzer.

Mortars.

1 brass 20-inch.
1 brass 13-inch.

2 brass 10-inch.
5 brass from 2½ to 6-inch.

N.B.—The guns, howitzers, and mortars were all found serviceable, and supplied with ammunition, except one 56-pounder, which had burst on 10th instant.

NOMINAL ROLL of Officers and Men wounded at the Capture of Magdāla
on the 13th April, 1868.

Camp, near Magdāla, 15th April, 1868.

Royal Artillery.

Major Gordon Pritchard, two slight wounds, caused by splinters of stone, on right shoulder, with considerable contusion.

Lance-Corporal William Hobson, No. 5,957, slight splinter wound of right leg.

Sapper Henry Davis, No. 3,470, slight splinter wound of forehead.

Her Majesty's 33rd Regiment.

Serjeant Evan Jones, gunshot wound through right calf; severely.

Private Stephen Lake, gunshot wound through right leg; severely.

Private J. Hayne, spear wound over frontal bone; slight.

Private J. Daly, gunshot wound, left hand; slight.

Private Hickson, gunshot wound of knee; slight.

3rd Light Cavalry.

Sowar Ramjee Khan, gunshot wound of right forearm; severely.

Madras Sappers and Miners.

Havildar Kousbin Swamee, gunshot wound, left elbow-joint; severely.

RETURN of Killed and Wounded at the Storming of Magdāla on the 13th April, 1868.

Camp, near Magdāla, 15th April, 1868.

Corps.	Officers wounded, slightly.	Non-Commissioned Officers and Men wounded,		Total.
		Slightly.	Severely.	
Her Majesty's 33rd Regiment ..	0	3	2	5
3rd Light Cavalry	0	0	1	1
Madras Sappers and Miners	0	0	1	1
10th Company R.E.	1	2	0	3
Total	..	..	..	10

No. 4.

From Lieutenant-General Sir R. Napier, G.C.B., G.C.S.I., to the Secretary of State for India.

Right Honourable Sir,

Camp Adabaga, 19th May, 1868.

I HAVE the honour to enclose a statement of the arrangements for the embarkation at Zula of the several corps and batteries forming this Force.

ARRANGEMENTS for the Embarkation at Zula of the Abyssinian Expeditionary Force.

*Camp Marawah, 1st May, 1868.**

Corps.	Officers and European Non-commissioned Rank and File.	Native Officers and Non-commissioned Rank and File.	Followers.	Horses.	Ponies and Mules.	Elephants.	Proposed Date of Embarkation.	Destination.	Remarks.
3rd Dragoon Guards ...	214	...	126	222	...	40 Elephants to embark for Bombay in separate Ships.	27th May, 1868 ...	Suez ...	Horses and Followers to Bombay, and Volunteers.
3rd Bombay Light Cavalry ...	10	450	323	467	78		28th and 29th May, 1868 ...	Bombay ...	With horses, mules, tattoos, and Followers complete.
3rd Regiment Sind Horse ...	9	449	235	416	124		30th and 31st May, 1868 ...	Kurrachee ...	
10th Bengal Cavalry ...	10	445	306	449	130		1st and 2nd June, 1868 ...	Bombay ...	
12th Bengal Cavalry ...	10	467	273	431	239		3rd and 4th June, 1868 ...	Bombay ...	
G Battery 14th Brigade R.A. ...	152	12	112	122	...		30th May, 1868 ...	Suez ...	Horses and Followers to Bombay, and Volunteers.
A " 21st " ...	99	...	99	11	113		27th May, 1868 ...	Suez ...	Guns, mules, and Followers to Bombay.
B " 21st " ...	82	...	73	15	109		27th May, 1868 ...	Suez ...	Ditto ditto.
5th " 25th " ...	138	...	270	19	251		15th May, 1868 ...	Bombay ...	To embark with guns, mules, and Followers complete.
1st Company Bombay Native Artillery.	4	152	43	3	49		15th May, 1868 ...	Bombay ...	...
10th Company Royal Engineers	86	...	20	...	25		30th May, 1868 ...	Suez ...	...
G, H, and K Companies Madras Sappers.	27	348	122	9	1		As soon as all stores are shipped.	Madras ...	By steamer direct to Madras.
1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Companies Bombay Sappers.	21	449	70	- 2	...		Ditto ...	Bombay ...	One Company for Aden.
4th K. O. Regiment ...	722	...	121	4	...		27th May, 1868 ...	Suez ...	Volunteers and Followers to Bombay
26th Cameronians ...	851	...	173	21	...		15th May, 1868 ...	Bombay ...	With Followers complete.
33rd Regiment ...	810	...	143	8	...		30th May, 1868 ...	Suez ...	Volunteers and Followers to Bombay.
45th " ...	791	...	98	13	...		1st June, 1868 ...	Bombay ...	With Followers complete.
2nd Regiment Bombay N.I. ...	6	687	89	7	...		10th May, 1868 ...	Bombay ...	Ditto.
3rd " " ...	11	679	46	10	...		As soon as all stores are shipped.	Bombay ...	Ditto.
10th " " ...	9	668	91	11	...		10th and 28th May, 1868 ...	Bombay ...	Ditto.
18th " " ...	9	696	45	9	...		10th May, 1868 ...	Bombay ...	Ditto.
21st " Punjab N.I. ...	7	782	219	7	264		15th May, 1868 ...	Bombay ...	With mules and Followers complete.
1st Company 21st Bombay N.I. ...	1	65	11	...	...		10th May, 1868 ...	Bombay ...	With Followers complete. To embark with wing 10th N.I.
23rd Regiment Punjab N.I. ...	10	727	216	10	359		31st May, 1868 ...	Bombay ...	Do. and mules complete.
25th " Bombay N.I. ...	8	584	89	11	...		As soon as all stores are shipped.	Bombay ...	With Followers complete.
27th " " (Beloches) ...	9	713	68	10	...		28th May, 1868 ...	Kurrachee ...	Ditto.
Bengal Coolie Corps ...	7	...	1,432	...	...		As soon as all stores are shipped.	Bombay ...	Ditto.
Bombay Army Works Corps ...	9	...	858	4	...		Ditto ...	Bombay ...	Ditto.

T. J. HOLLAND, Captain,

Assistant Quartermaster-General.

In charge of Quartermaster-General's Department at Head-Quarters.

* See Chapter XXI, page 107.

Notes for Embarkation Orders.

FINAL Survey Boards should assemble on each ship, as in Bombay, prior to embarkation. The proceedings should be made out in duplicate, one copy being sent to this office for record, and the other given to the Officer Commanding the troops on board, for delivery at the port of debarkation. These Survey Boards should assemble, as a rule, three days before the date named for the embarkation.

The Naval Brigade will rejoin Her Majesty's steam frigates "Octavia" and "Satellite," under orders which will be hereafter issued.

Special instructions regarding the embarkation of Land Transport animals will be sent hereafter. Arrangements should, however, be made to prepare and provision ships for all the effective mules, all the elephants, and 500 of the best camels.

Application has been made for the services of the Indian troop-ships "Malabar," "Jumna," and "Enphrates," for the transport of troops from Zula, and for the troop ships "Crocodile" and "Serapis" from Alexandria to Portsmouth.

T. J. HOLLAND, Captain,
Assistant Quartermaster-General.

No. 5.

Lieutenant-General Sir R. Napier to the Military Secretary, India Office.

Sir, *Camp Senafè, 27th May, 1868.*

As the troops which have composed the Abyssinian Expeditionary Force will, I trust, all have embarked by the 3rd of June, with the exception of the Madras and Bombay Sappers, the 3rd and 25th Regiments Bombay Native Infantry, the Bengal Coolies, and Bombay Works Corps, which I purpose to leave on the coast for a few days to protect the stores, which it is hoped will have been shipped before the 15th of June, I have the honour to solicit the orders of the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India in regard to the disposal of the departmental records. As these relate to and may contain matter which affects the interests of the British as well as the Indian Armies of the three Presidencies, the Secretary of State may perhaps consider the India Office the most suitable place for depositing them.

No. 6.

Lieutenant-General Sir R. Napier, G.C.B., G.C.S.I., to the Secretary of State for India.

*Commander-in-Chief's Office, Camp, Kumayli,
June 1, 1868.*

Right Honourable Sir,

IN continuation of my despatch, No. 40, dated 12th May, I have the honour to report that I this day passed the Suru Defile with the last column of the Abyssinian Expeditionary Force, the 25th Bombay Native Light Infantry and the 27th Belooch Battalion.

The march from Talanta to Antalo was trying, from the frequent severe storms of rain which appeared to accompany us, and from which our troops, in some degree, and more especially the followers and transport animals, could not fail to suffer.

March from
Talanta
to Antalo.

The wild border tribes of Abyssinians and Gallas, through whom our route lay from the Takazze to Antalo, being very little under the control of their distant and almost nominal rulers, and were perfectly well-behaved on our advance, finding by degrees our vulnerable points, had been for some time making attacks upon our muleteers and camp followers when venturing far from their escorts, and on some occasions even on our armed soldiers.

Attacks of
Gallas.

In the first instances, some camp followers were killed, and in the last, our soldiers being driven to use their weapons, several Abyssinians and Gallas were killed and wounded.

Considerable numbers of armed men, principally Gallas, watched our march from the hills, and though restrained by the pressure of our columns, they made attempts on our line of baggage, but met with little success; soldiers were freely interspersed along the line, and the rear-guard from Marowa to Antalo was continuously under the command of an experienced officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Bray, of the 4th (King's Own) Regiment, until we reached the coast.

This was a very clear indication of what a force returning in difficulties would experience.

In the friendly territory of Prince Kassai, the troops returned to marches made easy by the improved roads and the increased supplies of articles of food, turned into great luxuries by a period of privation, which were stored in the fortified posts of Antalo and Adigrat.

Floods in
Suru Defile.

All local information led me to believe that there would be no danger of floods before the middle of June, but owing to the extraordinary severity of the spring rains, a succession of floods during the early part of May did much damage to the Suru Defile road.

On the 19th of May, with hardly any warning, a heavy flood, coming from a lateral tributary which enters above Suru, filled the Suru Defile channel so suddenly that seven camp followers and some cattle, not being instantly removed from the waterway, were swept away and perished.

On the 30th of January, full precautionary instructions were issued to secure the safety of the troops in the pass, and I had no apprehension on their account. The losses of the 19th arose from avoidable causes, and were not likely to recur.

In case we might be detained during the rainy season, an alternative line, turning the Suru Defile, had been surveyed by Lieutenant De Thoren, 45th Regiment, Quarter-master-General's Department, by which a safer though less even path might have been opened.

By the exertions of the garrison of Suru, directed by Captain Chrystie, Royal Engineers, the damage to the road in the pass was rapidly repaired after each flood.

Sanitary
state of the
Force.

The severe weather in the high mountains, with the reaction after excitement and the scanty food, naturally increased the sick lists, but there are few bad cases.

The wounded are rapidly recovering; and although the total number of sick ultimately amounted to 260, no member of the Force, however humble, has failed to obtain transport when required.

The whole Force have returned in safety to the coast, and the greater part have already re-embarked.

It is now my duty to lay before Her Majesty's Government a statement of the services of the troops under my command, and of the General, Departmental, and Personal Staff.

Statement
of services
of troops.

Those who first claim notice are the Pioneer Force, who landed at Zula in October

last, and consisted of Major Marett's Mountain Battery (Native); the 3rd and 4th companies of Bombay Sappers and Miners, under Captains Leslie and Leacock; the 3rd Bombay Light Cavalry, commanded by Colonel Graves; and the 10th Native Infantry, under Colonel Field, who commanded the whole. Pioneer force.

Their labours were not commenced under very encouraging circumstances. A barren shore so shelving that the troops had to wade several hundred yards daily in landing stores, a supply of water so scanty that it disappeared immediately, and a temperature so sultry that any exertion was oppressive; but the spirit of the troops never flagged. Encamping grounds were cleared, 20 miles of road were made from the coast to Kumayli and towards Suru, a dépôt was established at Senafè, and huts erected for the muleteers.

Lieutenant Beck's Company of the Bombay Marine Battalion was the first party of Infantry in Abyssinia, amongst the earliest labourers in the Suru Defile, and throughout the campaign performed most valuable service as Pioneers, in sinking wells and opening and maintaining the road to Senafè. Bombay Marine Battalion.

The left wing of the 10th garrisoned Senafè, and had a large share in the works which made the dépôt a model of neatness and of convenience in its water supply. 10th Regiment.

The right wing of the 10th formed part of the advanced Pioneer column, and shared in all its labours. After five months of work, it had an unwilling rest at Antalo, and was soon again in the front, and at the capture of Magdāla.

The next arrivals in the country were Murray's Armstrong Battery, the 33rd Regiment, under Colonel Dunn, V.C., and Beville's Belooch Battalion.

Captain Murray, during a long detention of his battery at Kumayli, sought occupation for his men in every way that could aid our progress. It mattered little whether they cleared the obstructions in seven miles of road, carried water for six miles to support a working party, moved stores for the Commissariat, broke in mules to harness, or fitted them with pack-saddles; everything was done with the same ability and zeal that has carried the battery over 800 miles of mountains in efficient condition. Murray's Battery.

The 33rd Regiment furnished a detachment of two companies to Kumayli for sinking wells. They were the first British Infantry in Abyssinia; they furnished heavy fatigue parties for all the works at Zula. In the absence of a sufficient number of the Land Transport Corps, the men converted themselves into extemporaneous muleteers, and re-caught and saved large numbers of mules which would otherwise have perished. They then proceeded to Senafè. 33rd Regiment.

The Belooch Regiment went to Kumayli, where Major Beville, with the right wing, joined Sturt's Bombay Sappers in making the admirable road in the Suru Defile. Major Hogg, with the left wing, made the scarcely less difficult one at Rahagedi. The Beloochees then garrisoned Adigrat, and raised much of the intrenchments there. The right wing partook of all the labours of the advance, and was present at Arogie and Magdāla. The left wing, long delayed for carriage, at length pressed to the front, and, by hard marching, was present at Magdāla on the 13th April. Belooch Regiment.

The 10th Company Royal Engineers, under Major Pritchard, composed of a body of highly-instructed and valuable soldiers, arrived from England, and was amongst the first to land at Zula. 10th Company Royal Engineers.

The well-sinkers, directed by Lieutenant Le Messurier, the signallers under Lieutenant Morgan, and the telegraphers and photographers, have rendered excellent service throughout the campaign. The head-quarters of the 10th Company has always accompanied the leading column in the advance.

4th King's
Own, 3rd,
and 25th
Bombay
Native
Infantry.

The 4th King's Own Regiment, commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Cameron, with the 3rd and 25th Bombay Native Infantry, under Lieutenant-Colonels Campbell and Little, on arrival at Zula, were immediately put to work upon the railway, on landing water and stores for the Force, and on the embankments to protect the Commissariat stores, which were liable to be inundated at spring tides. All these were heavy labours which left no soldier unemployed.

Nothing could exceed the spirit with which these regiments worked in order to hasten the advance. The work on the foreshore fell chiefly on the Native troops. Little could the mud-bespattered labourer with his basket be recognised as the smart Sepoy of the parade-ground.

Punjab
Pioneers.

Major Chamberlain's Pioneers, on arrival, at once took their place on the works; they brought the energy and the spirit of their race, together with their organization for skilled labour, to bear on every duty, and the works received an increased impetus.

At 50 feet below the surface they found sweet water, an inestimable blessing to the Ishmaelites of Zula, who in their gratitude were ready to worship the Punjabees. There is no part of the way which does not bear marks of the labour of this regiment, either on the roads or the telegraph.

33rd Regi-
ment.

The 33rd Regiment was never idle; at Senafè and Antalo every man was employed, not only in making the roads and entrenchments, but in cutting and bringing in grass and wood for the Commissariat, and poles for the telegraph. When joined by the 4th King's Own Regiment they bore the first brunt of opening the way through the rocky mountains of Lasta to Magdāla.

A and B
Batteries
21st Brig.
Royal
Artillery.

The A and B Batteries, 21st Brigade, Royal Artillery, under Lieutenant-Colonel Penn and Captain Twiss, took over the steel mountain guns on landing; they broke in mules, fitted their harness, and made extraordinary progress in the organization of these batteries, which maintained their thorough efficiency during the march to Magdāla and back.

Whilst waiting for the time when they could advance, and when the provisioning of Senafè was of the first importance, these batteries carried up several convoys of stores and provisions to that post.

5th Battery
25th Brig.
Royal
Artillery.

The 5th Battery, 25th Brigade, Royal Artillery (brass rifled mountain guns), under Major Bogle, arrived from Calcutta, complete and efficient in every particular of equipment.

The circumstances of the campaign did not permit this battery to join the advance troops; but while waiting at Zula, before they advanced to Senafè, Major Bogle volunteered the services of his battery for every useful work. In carrying treasure and stores to Senafè, the battery marched nearly 1,000 miles. It furnished a detachment, under Major Hills, V.C., which manned two 8-inch mortars, a valuable battery on elephants, which was carried to Magdāla and employed in the attack on that fortress. In case of a protracted defence, these mortars would have been invaluable.

Elephants.

Elephants have frequently been employed for the transport of artillery in Indian warfare, but it has been generally by means of draught; when guns have been carried, it has only been for short distances.

It has been the privilege of this campaign to prove that elephants could carry Armstrong 12-pounder guns and 8-inch mortars over steep mountains for many hundreds of miles.

There were 42 elephants employed in the conveyance of ordnance and ammunition, and of these five have been lost from hard work and want of water during the operations before Magdāla.

The Royal Naval Rocket Brigade, under Commander Fellowes, furnished chiefly by Her Majesty's ship "Octavia," broke in their own mules, quickly learned duties and a drill which were new to them, carried stores and provisions to Senafè, marched well, and were with the leading brigade in the advance on Magdāla. They have added to the high reputation which the Royal Navy have ever held when serving with the Army in the field.

Royal Naval
Rocket
Brigade.

The 45th Regiment, commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Parish, arrived at Zula early in February, and remained there employed on the railway and other works until the 19th of March, when at length the obstacles to their advance being overcome, the headquarters and six companies making most strenuous efforts to reach the front, arrived at Talanta in time to share in the operations against Magdāla, after having marched 300 miles in 24 days, accomplishing the last 70 miles across the Wandach Pass, 10,500 feet high, and the Takazze and Jedda Ravines in four days—a rate of marching in such a country hardly to be surpassed. Four companies being urgently required were detained at Kumayli until late in March, when they were sent to garrison Adigrat and Antalo.

45th Regi-
ment.

In addition to the severe mountain marches, in which each soldier carried a heavy load, regiments often worked at the roads on the line of march, or immediately on arrival in camp. Not unfrequently every available man of a regiment has been on working parties or outlying picket.

The constant storms of rain and the cold nights of the high altitude were encountered cheerfully, on rations reduced to 8 ounces of flour and meat only. An increase was made to the allowance of meat it is true, but that increase gave no compensation for the articles of rum, sugar, and compressed vegetables which had to be left behind.

The 2nd Bombay Grenadiers and 18th Bombay Native Infantry, commanded by Lieutenant-Colonels Muter and Combe, and the 21st Bengal Native Infantry (Punjabees), by Major Thelwall, C.B., while longing for an order to advance, contributed most cheerfully their labours for many weeks to the railway, the roads through the pass, the wells, the water supply, and the conservancy of the pass.

2nd Bombay
Grenadiers
and 18th
Bombay
Native
Infantry.

Of the regiments of the 4th Brigade, which had been held in readiness in Bombay, the 26th Cameronians, under Lieutenant-Colonel Henning, alone landed, and were moved as quickly as possible to Senafè; but short as was the detention of this regiment at Zula, it also contributed its labours to forward the work at our base.

26th Came-
ronians.

The 5th and 8th Regiments Bombay Native Infantry, commanded by Lieutenant-Colonels Taylor and Sandwith, both regiments with a high reputation, returned to India on the fall of Magdāla without having landed in Abyssinia.

5th and 8th
Bombay
Native
Infantry

These three regiments were all wanted earlier, but were not sent for, because they could not have been moved to the highlands for want of food and transport.

Before the arrival of the Cameronians, when the connecting posts of our line had been numerically much weaker than I desired, I had obtained the services of 200 seamen and marines, under Captain Colin Campbell, from Her Majesty's ship "Octavia." They marched towards Senafè, but the arrival of the Cameronians rendered their proceeding onwards no longer necessary.

Seamen and
Marines.

The Cavalry service has been such as to call for the fullest powers of that arm as Light Cavalry.

Cavalry.

The long line of communication required that the Cavalry should be in many detachments.

They have had peculiar responsibility thrown upon their officers and soldiers. Left in isolated positions, far from control, intrusted with Commissariat duties, while charged

to be conciliatory to the people of the country, they have been firm in maintaining inviolate the respect due to their position as soldiers. The supplies for the troops marching to join the main force in advance frequently depended on the ability and trustworthiness of a non-commissioned officer of Cavalry, and I have had repeated testimony to the efficiency with which these duties have been performed.

Seldom or never have Cavalry had such a variety of duties in maintaining communications for so many miles, climbing over mountains and through forest ranges, often benighted, where a false step would be destruction, and in danger of treacherous attacks from the wild border tribes, who are honoured amongst themselves for slaying without reason and without scruple.

The wear and tear of horses in such duties have been very considerable. The men, however, have returned to their more regular duties with a discipline and efficiency unimpaired.

3rd Dragoon Guards. The wing of the 3rd Dragoon Guards was long detained in India, and arrived late in the campaign.

Notwithstanding the distance and the severity of the country through which they marched, Colonel Tower, by judicious management, brought both men and horses in the most efficient condition in time to share in the investment of Magdala.

3rd Bombay Cavalry and 3rd Sind Horse. The 3rd Bombay Cavalry and the 3rd Regiment Sind Horse, commanded by Major Briggs, having been the earliest in the field, have borne the hardest share of the duties, serving in their turn as parts of the Pioneer Force.

The rough training of the Sind Frontier Brigade, ever on outpost duty, rendered Major Briggs' regiment admirably qualified for the duties which it was called upon to perform in Abyssinia.

The 12th & 10th Bengal Cavalry. The 12th and 10th Bengal Cavalry, under Majors Gough, V.C., and Palliser, took up, on the 18th of March and the 1st of April, the chain of posts between Antalo and the Takazze; and Major Gough brought up the head-quarter detachment of the 12th, reduced to 96 men, to share in the attack on Magdala.

Major Palliser, with the head-quarters of the 10th Cavalry, arrived at Attala in most opportune time to preserve our communications, which were very seriously assailed. Had the service been of longer duration, the regiments of Bengal Cavalry would have added to the high opinions which their soldierlike performance of their duties and efficient equipment have called forth.

Royal Engineers. The Royal Engineers, directed by Lieutenant-Colonel St. Clair Wilkins, have rendered invaluable services during this Expedition which has given such an ample field for their employment.

Their energy and skill are shown in every work, from the first landing in Zula to Magdala, and require a special separate report.

The works of the Madras and Bombay Sappers and Miners, under Major Prendergast, V.C., Royal Engineers, and Captain MacDonnell, Royal Engineers, have been singularly valuable and important, and will be described in the report of the Engineer operations.

Commissariat Department. The very great services of the Commissariat Department, directed by Lieutenant-Colonel Lucas, and of the Transport Corps, directed by Lieutenant-Colonel Warden, both under the control of Lieutenant-Colonel Holland, of the Commissariat Department, have been rendered under many disadvantages, and require a separate report to do full justice to the officers and subordinates of their establishments.

Medical Department. The duties of the Medical Department, under the chief direction of Dr. Currie C.B., Inspector-General, have been efficiently and satisfactorily performed.

The necessities of the campaign demanded that the equipment of the Medical, equally with those of every other department with the advanced troops, should be reduced to the lowest possible scale, but with the very limited means at their disposal, Dr. Currie and the Deputy Inspectors-General, Dr. Pelley and Dr. Mahaffy, together with the Regimental and Staff Officers serving under them, performed their duties in a manner which has reflected great credit on that department of the Army.

The services of the Veterinary Department, under Staff Veterinary-Surgeon Hallen, an able and valuable officer, have been of the highest importance. Veterinary Department.

A copy of Mr. Hallen's report on the working of this department is attached; Mr. Hallen makes special mention of the services of First-Class Veterinary Surgeons Lamb and Anderson.

The telegraph, directed by the intelligence and experience of Captain St. John, Royal Engineers, and by Lieutenant Puzey, Royal Engineers, was carried to Antalo under circumstances of great difficulty, and although the wire was often mischievously cut, and communication interrupted, it was immediately restored. Errors were most rare. The telegraph worked well, and rendered important service. Telegraph Service.

The officers of the Trigonometrical Survey, Lieutenants Carter, Director, and Dummler and Holdich, Royal Engineers, Assistants, by the most strenuous exertions, and at the cost of great fatigue and privations, succeeded in surveying nearly 6,000 square miles, and carried their work from the coast to Magdala. Trigonometrical Survey.

The labour of these officers, two of whom have been obliged to return to England from loss of health, will prove very valuable.

I am greatly indebted to Major-General Sir C. Staveley, K.C.B., who has afforded me the most valuable support and assistance throughout the campaign. He laid the first foundation of order at Zula, and when summoned to the front, ably commanded the First Division during the advance, in the action of Arogi, and at the capture of Magdala. As second in command he has possessed my fullest confidence. Sir Charles Staveley.

Major-General Malcolm, C.B., commanded the Second Division, which held the line of country from Senafè to Antalo, and subsequently to Lake Ashangi. General Malcolm.

It required great temper and judgment to maintain the good understanding which I had established with the Chiefs and people of the country.

General Malcolm did this, and by his vigilance and activity kept the communications in Tigré in good order, and restored order in the district of Ashangi.

His Excellency Sir Seymour Fitzgerald was so good as to grant my request for the services of Major-General Russell, who left his important office, military and political, as Resident of Aden, to command at Zula. General Russell.

In the administration of that post, General Russell has entirely fulfilled my expectations and wishes.

I am greatly indebted to him for the excellent manner in which he has conducted the very important and trying duties of his command.

Brigadier-General Collings, an officer of mature judgment and experience, conducted to my satisfaction the command at Antalo, a position of vital importance, both as affording support to the front and as the last point of connection with the friendly province of Tigré, the supplies of which were so valuable. General Collings.

Brigadier-General Stewart commanded at Zula for some time, and on Major-General Russell's arrival, proceeded to Senafè; in both commands Brigadier-General Stewart met with my approbation. General Stewart.

Brigadier-General Wilby was usefully employed in the Kumayli Pass, in the earlier General Wilby.

stages of the Expedition, when the difficulty of arranging the transport of supplies to Senafè was greatest.

In the attack on Magdāla, General Wilby commanded the 2nd Brigade of the 1st Division which assaulted that formidable position.

General
Schneider.

Brigadier-General Schneider commanded the 1st Brigade of the 1st Division which led during the advance on Magdāla, was engaged at Arogié, and in the assault on Magdāla.

Both of these officers have met with my approbation in the exercise of their respective commands, and have been very favourably recommended to my notice by Major-General Sir Charles Staveley.

General
Petrie.

Brigadier-General Petrie, commanding Royal Artillery, has afforded me every assistance. He was constantly present with the advanced troops, and directed the whole of the artillery at Magdāla.

General Petrie mentions most favourably his Divisional Commanders, Lieutenant-Colonels Wallace and Milward, whose reports on their respective commands will be forwarded.

Colonel
Wallace.

It was due very much to the care and judgment of Colonel Wallace that the elephants with the heavy batteries accomplished their unequalled march with so much success.

Colonel
Milward.

Lieutenant-Colonel Milward, whose merits I had learnt to appreciate in China, was permitted by His Royal Highness the Field-Marshal Commanding-in-Chief to join me for the special purpose of directing the steel mountain batteries. The success of these weapons has been fully established, and the rapidity and completeness with which they were organized is due to Colonel Milward's experienced direction.

Other
Artillery
Officers.

General Petrie also mentions the commanders of batteries, Lieutenant-Colonel Penn, Captains Twiss and Murray, and Brevet-Major Hills, V.C., Majors Marett and Bogle, and particularly his Brigade-Major, Captain Geary, and his Aide-de-Camp, Lieutenant Chapman, of the Royal Artillery.

Colonel
Graves.

Colonel Graves, 3rd Cavalry, very efficiently commanded the whole of the Cavalry on several occasions, including the operations before Magdāla.

The 3rd Bombay Light Cavalry, very soon after its arrival in Abyssinia with the Pioneer Brigade, lost nearly one-half of its horses from the epidemic.

Immediate steps were taken to remount the regiment from Egypt and Bombay.

When the Force advanced from Antalo, Colonel Graves's regiment was remounted, and, by the great care bestowed on the horses, their condition was preserved in a remarkable manner.

Colonel Graves deserves much credit for the efficiency which his regiment has maintained under these trying circumstances.

Colonel
Wilkins,
Royal
Engineers.

Lieutenant-Colonel St. Clair Wilkins, commanding Royal Engineers, arrived in Abyssinia with the reconnoitring party. His report of the operations conducted by the officers of the Royal Engineers will show how unremitting have been his labours, and how extremely valuable have been his services and those of the department under his orders.

Captain
Goodfellow.

Captain Goodfellow, next in seniority, whose services at Zula in constructing the pier have already been noticed, was the Chief Engineer on the Highlands, and displayed great intelligence and activity in every duty throughout the operations.

Officers
command-
ing Corps.

I desire to express my very high appreciation of the services of the officers commanding the several corps of the Expeditionary Force, and of the officers, non-commissioned officers, and soldiers who have served under them during the campaign.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tower, commanding Wing 3rd Dragoon Guards, and Major Miller, who brought the wing from India in admirable order.

Major Briggs, commanding 3rd Regiment Sind Horse, and Majors Palliser and Gough, V.C., commanding 10th and 12th Regiments Bengal Cavalry; Lieut.-Colonel Loch, 3rd Light Cavalry; Lieutenant-Colonel Wallace, commanding Heavy Artillery; Lieutenant-Colonel Milward, Mountain Rifled Batteries; Captain Murray, commanding G Battery, 14th Brigade Royal Artillery, Lieutenant-Colonel Penn, commanding A Battery, 21st Brigade Royal Artillery; Captain Twiss, commanding B Battery 21st Brigade, Royal Artillery; Major Bogle, 5th Company 25th Brigade, Royal Artillery; Major Marett, Native Mountain Train; Major Hills, Elephant Mortar Battery; Commander Fellows, commanding Naval Rocket Brigade; Major Pritchard, commanding 10th Company Royal Engineers; Major Prendergast, V.C., Royal Engineers, Madras Sappers and Miners: Captain MacDonnell, Royal Engineers, Bombay Sappers and Miners.

Lieutenant-Colonel Cameron has won my admiration by the manner in which he has commanded his excellent regiment (the 4th King's Own), and the soldierlike spirit which, by his teaching and example, he has so well fostered and maintained.

Colonel Field, Major Chamberlain, and Major Beville, commanding those admirable Native Regiments, the 10th Bombay Native Infantry, the 23rd Pioneers, and the 27th Beloochees; Lieutenant Beck, commanding detachment Marine Battalion; Major Pierce, 10th Native Infantry.

Major Cooper, commanding 33rd Regiment (the Duke of Wellington's), which led the assault on Magdāla.

Major Cooper was amongst the first who scaled the defences near the gateway,

Drummer McGuire and Private Bergin, of the 33rd, were the first who led the way through the stockade to the right, by which the defences of the gate were turned.

Lieutenant-Colonel Campbell, 3rd Bombay Native Infantry; Lieutenant-Colonel Parish, 45th Regiment (Sherwood Foresters); Lieutenant-Colonel Bray, 4th (King's Own) Regiment; Major Thelwall, C.B., 21st Punjab Infantry; Colonel Little, 25th Bombay Native Light Infantry; Lieutenant-Colonel Muter, 2nd Bombay Native Infantry (Grenadiers); Lieutenant-Colonel Henning, 26th Cameronians; Lieutenant-Colonel Combe, 18th Bombay Native Infantry.

I am much indebted to Lieutenant-Colonel Holland, Controller of Supply and Transports, for the able and judicious manner in which he performed his very responsible duties, and which imperatively detained him at Zula, and deprived me of the benefit of his presence at my head-quarters.

Lieutenant-Colonel Holland.

Also to Lieutenant-Colonel Lucas, Deputy Commissary-General, one of the ablest officers of the department, on whom devolved the whole executive burthen (a burthen which no less efficient and experienced officer could have sustained) of maintaining the supplies at the main base of operations.

Lieutenant-Colonel Lucas.

Major Mignon, the senior Commissariat Officer on the Highlands, who had the important task of organizing the dépôt during the advance, and Lieutenant Shewell, who were always with the advanced columns, and constantly under my notice. These officers were the pioneers of the Commissariat Department, and I am greatly indebted to them for their most valuable exertions.

Major Mignon.

Lieutenant-Colonel Warden had a most arduous task in the organization of the Transport Corps.

Lieutenant-Colonel Warden, Transport Train.

His divisions were thrown into work even before their establishment or organization were complete. Notwithstanding the misfortunes which beset the corps in its formation,

the final result has been most creditable to Lieutenant-Colonel Warden, his second in command Major Nuttall, and the many excellent officers of all branches of the Service whose energy and unremitting exertions have overcome every difficulty.

Lieutenant-Colonel Warden, his officers, and the subordinates of the Transport Corps, I desire to express my deep obligation.

Medical
Officers.

My acknowledgments are due to Dr. Currie, C.B., for his able direction of the Medical Department, to Dr. Pelly, Deputy Inspector-General, who superintended at Zula, and under whose immediate charge were the Native troops and followers of the Expedition.

To Dr. Mahaffy, Deputy Inspector-General with the First Division, and also Deputy Surgeon-Major Guy, Surgeons Madden and Wyllie, and Assistant-Surgeon Martin, whose services have been most favourably brought to notice.

Veterinary
Surgeons.

I desire to express my appreciation of the very great services of Staff Veterinary-Surgeon Hallen, First-Class Veterinary-Surgeon Lamb, Veterinary-Surgeon Anderson, and the officers of that department; also to Captain Swanson, Royal Artillery, Commissioner of Ordnance; and to Lieutenant-Colonel Bartlett, Treasurer to the Force.

Officers of
recon-
noitring
party.

The officers forming the reconnoitring party, consisting of Brigadier-General Merewether, C.B.; Colonel Phayre, Quartermaster-General, Bombay Army; Lieutenant-Colonel Wilkins, Royal Engineers; Major Baigrie, Assistant Quartermaster-General; Surgeon Lumsdaine, Captain Pottinger, Royal Artillery, Deputy-Assistant Quartermaster-General; Assistant Surgeon Martin, who landed at Zula in October last, deserve much credit for their valuable service in selecting the Kumayli Defile as the entrance to Abyssinia, a decision arrived at after much labour and research, and fully justified by a further acquaintance with the country.

General
Merewether.

Brigadier-General Merewether has afforded very valuable service in political duties, in arranging with the various Chiefs at Zula and on the Highlands for the transport of supplies, and has ever been most zealous at all times and seasons to promote the success of the Expedition.

Her Majesty's Government are well aware of Brigadier-General Merewether's increasing exertions in favour of the captives since their first imprisonment.

Brigadier-General Merewether reports very favourably of the assistance he received from Lieutenant Mockler, Assistant Resident, Aden, who remained in charge of the relations with the Chiefs of Zula, and of the services of his Aide-de-Camp, Lieutenant Lockhart, of the Bengal Cavalry.

Colonel
Thesiger.

Colonel the Honourable F. Thesiger, Deputy Adjutant-General, left England at two day's notice to join the Force in Abyssinia; his thorough knowledge of his duties, combined with great ability and untiring energy, render him a most valuable Staff Officer.

Colonel Thesiger had the duty of keeping me daily, nay hourly, informed of the state of the supplies at every post from Zula to Head-Quarters, and in this and other duties has rendered me most important services during the campaign.

Lieutenant-
Colonel
Macleod.

Lieutenant-Colonel Macleod, Assistant Adjutant-General, an officer of much experience, and thoroughly acquainted with the Native army, has ably supported the Head of his department, and has performed his duties greatly to my satisfaction.

Colonel
Phayre.

I am greatly indebted to Colonel Phayre, Deputy Quartermaster-General, who has rendered most important services in the early examination of the country, the direction of the Pioneer Force to Antalo, and the subsequent advanced reconnoissance.

The very valuable maps and reports of the route, and of the scene of operations, attest the very great energy and intelligence which Colonel Phayre has displayed in the performance of his duties.

Captain Holland, Assistant Quartermaster-General, has had charge of his department at Head-Quarters, and of all correspondence with the Land Transport Corps. Captain Holland.

In these duties Captain Holland's exertions have been conspicuous, and the exactness, promptitude, and ability with which they have been carried out deserve my warmest commendation.

Captain Holland afforded me great assistance in the reduction of the camp followers.

Major Baigrie, Assistant Quartermaster-General, an officer of ability and great energy, did very valuable service in the first exploration of the coast in October. During the campaign he has served as Assistant Quartermaster-General of the First Division, and been very favourably noticed by Major-General Sir Charles Staveley, in whose estimation of Major Baigrie I fully concur. Major Baigrie.

Captain Pottinger, Royal Artillery, Deputy-Assistant Quartermaster-General, was very useful with the reconnoitring party. Captain Pottinger.

During the campaign he has been attached to Head-Quarters, he has laboured with zeal, and shown ability in the performance of his duties.

Captain MacGregor, Deputy-Assistant Quartermaster-General, was employed with the advanced reconnoissance, and by his ability and energy proved himself a valuable Staff Officer. Captain MacGregor.

Captain Fawcett, Deputy-Assistant Quartermaster-General, was also for some time usefully employed with the advanced reconnoissance. Captain Fawcett.

Major Goldsworthy, Brigade Major of Cavalry, has neglected no occasion during the campaign of making himself useful. Major Goldsworthy.

Dr. Lumsdaine, when Sanitary Officer at Zula, by introducing a good system and rules for conservancy, and seeing them carried out, contributed in a very important degree to the healthiness of the garrison and civil inhabitants. Dr. Lumsdaine.

I am greatly indebted to Doctor Lumsdaine for his constant attention while forming part of the Head-Quarter Staff, and for very valuable voluntary service in many extra duties during the Expedition.

Major Maude, Deputy Judge Advocate-General, has performed the duties of his office to my entire satisfaction, and has frequently rendered me useful services whilst attending me during the campaign. Major Maude.

Captain Young, Senior Paymaster in Abyssinia, has had very responsible duties in keeping the Commissariat, the depôts, the many columns, and the small posts supplied with money to meet every emergency, duties which he ably and satisfactorily performed. Captain Young.

Captain Hand was nominated to the charge of the Highland Train, when the dimensions of the Transport Corps necessitated the appointment of a sub-director on the highlands. Captain Hand and Officers of Highland Train.

He had the advantage of the trained muleteers from the Punjab, many of them old soldiers, and accustomed to discipline.

The conduct of the muleteers has generally been extremely good, and the services of the Highland Train has been performed in a manner which reflects great credit on Captain Hand, and the officers immediately under him.

Captain Griffith, Captain Bainbridge, and Captain Twentyman, Captain Hodges, and Lieutenant Ross, have distinguished themselves by their zeal and activity, and deserve special notice.

Captain Hand mentions favourably Lieutenant Gaselee, his Staff Officer, Lieutenants Ramsbottom, Mortimer, Ryves, and Abadie.

Officers of
Intelligence
Depart-
ment.

In a separate report I have detailed the special services of the Officers of the Intelligence Department, which have been performed immediately under my own orders, or under the Divisional or Brigade Commanders.

I will, therefore, only record here that Mr. Münzinger, the Acting British Consul of Massowah, a gentleman well versed in the languages of Abyssinia, and the earliest in the field, has rendered valuable services, both in the early reconnoissance and throughout the campaign.

Major Grant, C.B., whose African laurels had already been won in another field, Captain Moore, an accomplished Oriental scholar, Meer Akbar Ali; all of these gentlemen have performed very important duties, requiring great tact and judgment.

Major Roome, Bombay Staff Corps, Colonel Brazier, Retired List, have also performed very valuable services.

It would be difficult to enumerate all Captain Speedy's services,—his familiar knowledge of the Amharic language and character of the Abyssinians have rendered him invaluable as an interpreter and envoy. He was already well known by character, and he was immediately accepted by the Abyssinians as a guarantee of good treatment and mutual confidence.

Officers of
Sir Robert
Napier's
personal
staff.

I have received the most valuable assistance from the officers of my Personal Staff.

I selected Colonel Fraser, V.C., Commandant at Head-Quarters, for the charge of the outposts, a duty of special importance in so intricate a country, which Colonel Fraser performed with increasing vigilance, and to my complete satisfaction.

Lieutenant-Colonel Dillon, Military Secretary, has been by my side, and has shared my labours from the first preparations for the expedition to its close. I cannot too strongly express my obligation to him.

Lieutenant Hozier, Assistant Military Secretary, was obliged, to my regret, to leave the force from ill-health, during the advance beyond Antalo, but not before he had shown himself to be an officer of great energy and practical ability.

Lieutenant Tweedie, Political Secretary, has performed his special duties with great ability and to my entire satisfaction.

Lieutenant Tweedie attended me in the action of Arogié and at Magdāla.

Captain Arbuthnot, Extra Aide-de-Camp (latterly Assistant Military Secretary), was sent on a special mission to Egypt and Syria, which he executed with much judgment, and returned in time to be present at Magdāla.

My Aides-de-Camp, Lieutenant W. Scott, Lieutenant R. Napier, and Cornet Lord Charles Hamilton, and Cornet Kennedy, 18th Hussars, have afforded me every satisfaction in the performance of their duties.

Lieutenant W. Scott, with my cavalry escort, took part in the investment of Magdāla.

Naval
Officers.

I am very happy in this opportunity of saying how cordially Commodore Heath has conducted the naval duties of the Expedition in connection with the army.

The spirit of their Commander has been emulated by the officers and men of the Royal Navy under his orders.

The labour, under a hot sun, of landing supplies and water, and re-embarking troops, followers, and cattle, has never for a single day ceased since the arrival of the first transport in Annesley Bay.

The history of the labour undergone, by which vast quantities of stores and many thousands of men and cattle have been landed and re-embarked without accident, can only be truly told by Commodore Heath himself; but I have much gratification in

expressing, on the part of the army, how greatly we are indebted to Commodore Heath and the officers and men of the Royal Navy.

Greatly too are we indebted to Captain Tryon, R.N., the able Director of Transports.

His thoroughly efficient control of the large fleet under his direction, and his readiness of resource, relieved me from all anxiety in regard to his highly responsible and important office.

The campaign has been one of severe military labour from the first landing to the re-embarkation.

Every regiment of infantry carried its own pack of tools, and became pioneers, working hardly, whether in the long marches of the advance or the more trying monotony of the plains of Zula.

The port of Zula, with its landing piers; the railway, with its numerous bridges; the road through the Kumayli Pass to Antalo and Magdāla; the water supply at all the stations; the intrenchments at Adigrat and at Antalo; the Commissariat and transport lines, and the camping grounds, where the most perfect order was required to water quickly many thousands of animals; all formed one great military work on which the campaign has been supported.

It would be impossible for me to do full justice to the merits of each portion of the force.

All ranks and classes have been inspired with the same honourable spirit, whether in military labour or in conflict with the enemy, and have borne themselves as if success depended on their own individual exertions and devotion.

I beg permission gratefully to acknowledge the confidence placed in me by Her Majesty's Government for India, and the unhesitating promptitude with which all my requisitions have been complied with.

I am deeply sensible of the support and encouragement which I have received from His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge in every stage of the Expedition.

Enclosure in No. 6.

Major-General Sir Charles Staveley, K.C.B., to the Deputy Adjutant-General, Abyssinian Expeditionary Force, Magdāla.

Sir,

Camp before Magdāla, 14th April, 1868.

WITH reference to general orders of the 11th instant, I have the honour to report that I received orders to proceed on the morning of the 10th instant with the 1st Brigade under Brigadier-General Schneider, strength as per foot note,* from the Talanta Plateau

General Sir
C. Staveley
Report on
advance
upon
Magdāla.

	Officers, and Rank and File.
* A (3rd Battery 21st Brigade) Royal Artillery	94
Royal Naval Brigade	87
10th Company Royal Engineers	21
4th King's Own Royal Regiment	473
1st Company Madras Sappers	77
Head-Quarters (3 Companies) Bombay Sappers	288
23rd Punjab Pioneers	600
27th Belooch Regiment, Head-Quarters (Wing)	260

across the Bashilo river, and occupy the height above the latter, in front of Magdāla; also to cover a reconnoissance by Colonel Phayre, Deputy Quartermaster-General of the Force.

Four companies of Sappers were ordered to make a road for elephants up the height, and the A (3rd Battery 21st Brigade) Mountain Battery, under Lieutenant-Colonel Penn, and the Rocket Batteries, Naval Brigade, under Commander Fellowes, R.N., were to ascend the plateau, when a road was reported practicable by Captain Goodfellow, R.E., senior Engineer Officer.

The march proved a most distressing one for the troops, laden as they were, for want of transport, with great coat, waterproof sheet, and blanket. The ascent is very long and steep, and the animals carrying water being unable to keep up with the column, the troops suffered severely from thirst.

Engage-
ment of
Arogi,
10th April.

The Deputy Quartermaster-General having sent me a report that the King's Road up the Arogi Pass on our left was secure for guns and baggage, and which I forwarded to the Commander-in-Chief, his Excellency ordered them to proceed by that route, escorted by three companies of the 4th (King's Own) Regiment, one of the 10th Bombay Native Infantry, and one of the 23rd Punjab Pioneers. I had just arrived at the end of the ridge overlooking the road leading to the entrance of the pass, about one mile distant, when I was joined by his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, who directed me to move the 23rd Bengal Pioneers, under Major Chamberlain, to the left, the more effectually to protect the head of the pass. This regiment had no sooner got into position than the guns from Fahla and Selassie (two of the three ambas which form the defences of Magdāla) opened fire, and large numbers of men were seen streaming down the mountain. One portion of the enemy advanced with great confidence direct on our position, and another towards the pass, to attack the artillery and baggage now coming into sight.

His Excellency having sent me orders to prepare the troops to receive the enemy, I directed Brigadier-General Schneider to cause them to lay down their packs and advance; the 4th (King's Own) Regiment in skirmishing order, supported by the wing of the Belooch Battalion, a small detachment of Royal Engineers, and four companies of Sappers, covered by the Naval Rocket Brigade, which had just come up.

Our troops had to cross a narrow dip in the ground, and the 4th (King's Own) Regiment, while in the act of extending on the other side, came close on the enemy, drove back and dispersed him with great gallantry, killing and wounding a large number. The enemy came on with great courage, little anticipating the rapid effect of the Snider rifle and dash of our troops.

To the left the enemy pressed close up to the 23rd Bengal Pioneers, under Major Chamberlain, and the advancing Mountain Artillery and baggage under Lieutenant-Colonel Milward, R.A. He was received and driven back by the Pioneers with much loss, and the Mountain and Rocket Batteries on mules, under Lieutenant-Colonel Penn, R.A., and Commander Fellowes, R.N., which the enemy no doubt mistook for baggage, coming into action at this moment supported by a company of the 4th (King's Own) Regiment under Captain Kittoe, and another of the 23rd Bengal Pioneers under Captain Paterson, in skirmishing order, caused great destruction. Lieutenant Sweny, 4th (King's Own) Regiment, the baggage master, lost no time in parking the baggage, and the escort of the two companies, 4th (King's Own) Regiment, and one company 10th Native Infantry, coming into action under Captain Roberts and Lieutenant Durrant, 4th (King's Own) Regiment, assisted materially in driving off the enemy. This portion of the enemy being moreover in a hollow on the left of the position of the 4th (King's Own) Regiment, I directed Brigadier-General Schneider to move two companies to the edge of the plateau, thus taking him in flank.

Two of Lieutenant-Colonel Penn's guns, under Lieutenant Taylor, R.A., the Belooches, Royal Engineers, and Sappers, came into action towards evening, and assisted the Naval Rocket Battery to dislodge some sharpshooters who were annoying us from some cover on our right front.

Night coming on, and the enemy having almost disappeared, I withdrew the troops to a position selected by the Commander-in-Chief, where they bivouacked for the night. The 2nd Brigade joined us there towards morning.

I enclose a return of our wounded, all of whom were brought in early, and everything done for them that could possibly be required by Staff-Surgeon Madden, in charge of the field hospital of the 1st Brigade. A number of Abyssinian wounded were also brought in and attended to. British wounded.

I cannot ascertain with any degree of accuracy the enemy's loss, but as 375 dead, including King Theodore's Commander-in-Chief, were counted on a small part of the field, it is not unreasonable to estimate the killed and wounded at 2,000 men. The Galla Chiefs who had men in the enemy's ranks admit 700 killed. Enemy's losses.

Brigadier-General Schneider was most energetic in carrying out the orders conveyed to him. He mentions the assistance he received from the officers of his staff, viz., Captain Beville, his Brigade-Major; Captain Hogg, Deputy-Assistant Quartermaster-General; and Lieutenant J. G. McRae, Aide-de-Camp.

The following officers of my staff were most active during the action, and afforded me very valuable assistance: Lieutenant-Colonel Wood, Assisting Adjutant-General, Major Baigrie, Assisting Quartermaster-General; and Lieutenant Saunders, 20th Hussars, Aide-de-Camp. My Extra Aide-de-Camp, Captain G. Arbuthnot, R.A., whom I had detached in the morning, also rendered good service.

I wish to recommend to the favourable notice of the Commander-in-Chief, Lieutenant-Colonel Cameron, commanding the 4th (King's Own) Regiment; Lieutenant-Colonel Milward, commanding the division of Mountain Batteries; Lieutenant-Colonel Penn, commanding the A 21 Steel Mountain Battery; Commander Fellowes, R.N., commanding the Naval Rocket Batteries; Major Chamberlain, commanding 23rd Punjab Pioneers; Major Beville, commanding Belooch Battalion; Major Prendergast, V.C., the Senior Officer, with the Royal Engineers, and companies of Bombay and Madras Sappers and Miners; Lieutenant-Colonel Loch, commanding detachment 3rd Light Cavalry; Captain Roberts, commanding two companies 4th (King's Own) Regiment, Baggage Guard; Captain Kittoe, 4th (King's Own) Regiment, and Captain Paterson, 23rd Punjab Pioneers, commanding escorts to the Artillery; Lieutenant Sweny, 4th (King's Own) Regiment, Baggage-Master, and Staff Surgeon Madden, in charge of Field Hospital, 1st Brigade.

I forward a sketch of the ground and position of the troops during the action, also a return of officers and men recommended by Major Chamberlain, 23rd Punjab Pioneers, for distinguished conduct.

RETURN of Killed and Wounded in the Action before Magdala, on the 10th of April, 1868.

Camp near Magdala, 11th April, 1868.

	Officers wounded.				Men wounded.				Total.
	Killed.	Dangerously.	Severely.	Slightly.	Killed.	Dangerously.	Severely.	Slightly.	
4th King's Own Regiment	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	2	7
23rd Punjab Pioneers	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	5	12
Bombay Sappers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
									20

The Secretary of State for India to His Excellency Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Naiper, G.C.B., G.C.S.I.

Sir,

India Office, London, 1st July, 1868.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's Despatches dated the 12th of May and 1st of June, reporting the complete success of the Abyssinian Expedition, the return of the whole force in safety to the coast, and the re-embarkation of the greater portion of it.

2. I have received Her Majesty's gracious commands to convey to you Her cordial congratulations, and to tender to your Excellency and your gallant army Her Majesty's warm thanks for the service which you have rendered to the country.

3. The foresight evinced in your arrangements, the precision with which you have executed them, the combined promptitude and caution which you have displayed throughout the campaign, the skill with which you have conducted your communications with the native Chiefs, and the admirable spirit which you have infused into your troops, have enabled your Excellency to carry to a successful issue operations of an almost unparalleled character, overcoming physical difficulties such as few armies in modern times have encountered, and such as probably no army has ever surmounted with fewer casualties and a smaller loss of life.

4. Her Majesty has observed with special pleasure the care which has been taken to provide for the wants of the sick and wounded, and while rejoicing to learn that under the blessing of God the losses sustained in the campaign have been but trifling, desires me to convey to your Excellency Her thanks for this foresight, and at the same time to express Her gratification at hearing of the satisfactory progress of the wounded towards recovery.

5. Throughout the campaign Your Excellency has been well and ably supported by the Divisional and other Officers under your command, to whom, as well as to the Officers employed in the Political Department, I am commanded to express Her Majesty's warmest acknowledgments.

6. Her Majesty desires me to convey to the troops, both European and Native, Her hearty thanks for the zeal, good humour, patience, and fortitude with which they have supported the severe labours and privations of the campaign; for the admirable discipline which has distinguished the entire force; and for the gallantry displayed by those who took part in the final struggle.

7 It is with peculiar gratification that I find myself charged with the duty of conveying these acknowledgments to the native portion of the army. They have taken a worthy place by the side of their English fellow-soldiers, in an operation on which the attention of Europe has been fixed, and have given the world a striking proof of the extent to which India contributes to the power of the British Empire.

8. Her Majesty has observed with much satisfaction the cordiality with which the naval duties of the expedition have been conducted by Commodore Heath, R.N., and the officers and men of the Royal Navy. The records of your proceedings show to how very great an extent the success of the expedition has depended on this co-operation.

9. I have submitted to Her Majesty's Government your Excellency's recommendation that a pecuniary grant should be made to the troops in consideration of the gallantry they have displayed, and the hardships and losses which they have endured; and I have the pleasure to acquaint you that they have resolved on granting six months' donation batta to the naval and military forces.

I have, &c.

(Signed) STAFFORD H. NORTHCOTE.

SINCE the "Record of the Expedition to Abyssinia" was published the following Table of Heights has been supplied by Mr. Markham, in lieu of Column 4, pages 400 and 401, and Note 4, page 401, Vol. II., the figures given in which were incorrectly computed from Mr. Markham's data, and not furnished by that gentleman.

Station.	Height above the Sea.	
	By Aneroid.	By Boiling Point.
	Feet.	Feet.
Upper Suru	2,500	2,797
Raha-gedi	6,789	6,722
Akub Terika	9,615	9,280
Senafé Camp	8,499	8,362
Mount Seora, Peak No. 1	10,630	10,110
" " " " 2	10,550	..
Hamus Valley, below and west of Senafé	7,201	6,708
Guna-guna Camp	8,153	7,916
Adigrat Camp	8,646	8,352
Argotti	8,989	8,763
Adabaga	8,832	8,456
Agula Camp	7,432	7,108
Dolo Camp	7,695	7,313
Buya Camp	7,556	6,995
Antalo (Ruins of Palace)	8,671	8,232
Chelikot	7,513	7,047
Amba Aradom	9,973	10,339
Gatba Hairat	10,459	10,200
Mashik	8,634	..
Crest of Alaji Pass	11,075	..
Atsala Camp	8,813	8,262
Makan	8,705	8,262
Ashangi	9,079	..
Lat	9,947	9,371
Dildi	8,671	8,440
Wandach Pass	12,300	11,695
Takazze	9,079	8,580
Santara	12,379	..
Bed of Jedda	7,058	6,581
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