

### SPECIAL SERVICE OFFICERS.

*Captain (now Colonel) R. S. Browne.*

**T**HIS officer was attached for Special Service to the First Queensland Contingent, and embarked with them in the transport *Cornwall*, which left Brisbane on 1st November, 1899, and arrived at Table Bay on 12th December. He obtained the local rank of Major, and was present at the relief of Kimberley, and operations in Orange Free State, February to May, 1900; including operations at Paardeburg, 17th to 26th February. Actions at Poplar Grove, 7th March; Driefontein, 10th March; Vet River, 5th and 6th May; and Zand River, 10th May. Operations in the Transvaal in May and June, 1900, including actions near Johannesburg, 29th May; Pretoria, 4th June; and Diamond Hill, 11th and 13th June. Operations in the Transvaal, west of Pretoria, July to 29th November, 1900, including action at Zilikat's Nek, 2nd August. Operations in the Transvaal east of Pretoria, July to 29th November, 1900, including actions at Riet Vlei, 16th July. Operations in Cape Colony north of Orange River, 1899-1900. Invalided to Australia, and arrived at Brisbane, 24th November, 1900. Despatches, *London Gazette*, 8th February and 16th April, 1901. C.B. Queen's Medal with five clasps.

*Major (now Lieut.-Colonel) J. J. Byron.*

Complete records of this officer's service could not be obtained. He was present at operations in Cape Colony, Orange River Colony, and Transvaal, 1899-1900. Advance on Kimberley, including action at Magersfontein (wounded). Aide-de-camp to Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief. Despatches, *London Gazette*, 8th February and 16th April, 1901. C.M.G. Queen's Medal with four clasps.

*Major (now Lieut.-Colonel) V. C. M. Sellheim.*

Selected by the War Office as a Special Service officer. Embarked at Southampton in transport *Harlech Castle*, on 20th October, 1899. Attached 2nd Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment. 20th November, 1899, with Methuen's (1st) Division. Present at actions at Belmont, 23rd November, 1899; Graspan, 25th November, 1899; Modder River, 28th November, 1899; Magersfontein, and reconnaissance there in force, 11th December, 1899.

Attached to Victorian Mounted Rifles, with Australian Regiment, 17th December, 1899, at Enslin. Attached to 1st Contingent Queensland Mounted Infantry, 13th January, 1900, as Transport Officer, and Officer Commanding Machine Gun Section. Present at Colonel Rochford Boyd's expedition against the rebels during January.

March to, and relief of Kimberley, with General French's Mounted Division, including the engagements at the crossing of the Riet and Modder Rivers. March to, and capture of Bloemfontein, with Centre Column, including the battle of Driefontein, 10th March, 1900. Action at Waterval (Sanna's Post), 31st March, 1900, and subsequent operations with Colonel Henry's Brigade, for the relief of Broadwood's Force.

Appointed to staff of Colonel Pilcher's Mounted Infantry Brigade, 15th April, 1900. Present at the operations of Major-General Hutton's Mounted Infantry Force during the general advance on Pretoria on the 1st May; including the capture of Brandfort, 3rd May, 1900; engagement at Constantia, 4th May, 1900; Vet River, 5th May, 1900; Zand River, 7th May, 1900; capture of Kroonstad, 12th May, 1900; action at Klip River Berg, 28th and 29th May, 1900; and capture of Johannesburg; subsequent advance to, and capture of, Pretoria.

Operations under Lieut.-General French to the north and east of Pretoria, including battle of Diamond Hill, 11th and 12th June, 1900. Operations north-east of Pretoria, under Major-Generals Hutton and Mahon. First general advance eastward with Major-General Mahon's Force, as far as Balmoral, 25th July, 1900,

and subsequent return to Pretoria. March to relief of Rustenburg, 5th August, 1900, with Lieut.-General Ian Hamilton's Division; and pursuit of De Wet's Force northwards to Warmbad, including engagement at Oliphant's Nek, 17th August, 1900.

Appointed Staff Officer to Chauvel's Mounted Infantry, 14th September, 1900. Present at operations of the corps, including the engagement near Pan on 11th October, 1900.

Embarked for Australia per s.s. *Sophocles*, and arrived at Brisbane, 15th December, 1900.

Despatches, *London Gazette*, 16th April, 1901. C.B. Queen's Medal with six clasps.

*Captain (now Major) F. W. Toll.*

This officer proceeded to South Africa in the transport *Maori King*, with the Second Queensland Contingent, which arrived on 22nd February, 1900. He was appointed Railway Transport Officer at Cape Town; and after three weeks of this duty, joined Lord Roberts' army near Bloemfontein, which had been occupied before Captain Toll's arrival. He obtained charge of a company of infantry in the (44th) Essex Regiment, 18th Brigade, XI. Division, commanded by Major-General Pole-Carew; but vacancies subsequently occurring in the Brigade staff, became field-aide and acting aide-de-camp, and the former duty was carried out until the end of his service. He was in the advance from Bloemfontein, and operations round Leeuwkop and Paardekraal (horse shot under him), and in vicinity of De Wetsdorp. Proceeded in the general advance on 1st May to Johannesburg and Pretoria; present at Vet River, Zand River, Boxburg, Kroonstad, and Elandsfontein. At Boxburg he captured an armed Boer, whose rifle he was permitted to retain. In engagements round Pretoria, Diamond Hill, and Edendale, where he captured three armed Boers within 500 yards of a farm in which there were 50 or 60 Boers, about 9 miles from the British outposts. In addition to his other duties he became officer in charge of Intelligence and Signallers. He was with the advance upon Belfast and Barberton, including all sorties and engagements. At Belfast he was in charge of 14 sharpshooters selected to hold a dangerous position. Of these, 6 were killed by pom-poms and 2 by bullets; others were wounded. Ammunition became expended, and a man volunteered to go back for some, but was shot dead as soon as he rose. Captain Toll then made the attempt and secured enough to carry on with until dark.

On occupation of Nellspruit, Waterval Onder, he was appointed Provost-Marshal, which duty he performed until his service ended. He returned in command of time-expired troops by the transport *Wooloomooloo*, arriving at Brisbane on the 8th December, 1900.

See also Fifth Queensland Contingent.

*Major (now Lieut.-Colonel) C. D. W. Rankin.*

Embarked in the s.s. *Maori King* at Pinkenba, Brisbane, 13th January, 1900. Arrived at Cape Town, 22nd February, 1900. Returned to Queensland, 6th March, 1901.

Second in Command, Australian Regiment of Mounted Infantry, and afterwards D.A.A.G. First Mounted Infantry Brigade, South African Field Force. Operations in Orange Free State, February to May, 1900. Operations in the Transvaal, June, 1900, including action at Diamond Hill, 11th and 12th June. Operations in the Transvaal, east of Pretoria, July and August, 1900, including action at Riet Vlei, 16th July. Operations in Cape Colony, south of the Orange River, February, 1900.

In General Order, No. 467 of 1900 (6th October, 1900), it appeared that "Major Rankin, injured by horse falling near Belfast, has sailed for England."

Queen's Medal with three clasps.

**LIST OF OFFICERS AND OTHERS OF QUEENSLAND CONTINGENTS WHO WERE  
KILLED, OR DIED.**

Regimental Number, Rank, and Name.	Regimental Number, Rank, and Name.
<i>1st Contingent.</i>	
91. Private McLeod, D. C.	56. Private Anning, J. H.
219. " Jones, V. S.	110. " Stirling, Colin
56. Corporal Conley, G. B.	475. " Cumming, R. R.
165. Private Reece, H. L.	Lieut. Pooley, A. E.
95. Corporal Bryce, W. H.	" Caskey, L. J.
180. " Cumner, T.	331. Private Milner, B.
177. " Devitt, W.	202. " White, G. H.
25. Gunner Walker, S.	27. " Mason, J. E.
134. Private Broderick, E. St. J. V.	203. " McIlveen, J.
242. " Damrow, W. A.	419. " Roberts, A.
116. Corporal Wriford, G.	105. " Murphy, D.
<i>2nd Contingent.</i>	
108. Private Cronan, E.	525. Sergeant Power, J. C.
54. " Reimers, C. M.	452. " Berry, R. E.
128. " Landsborough, S. L.	164. Act.-Cpl. Macfarlane, J.
90. " Parnell, J.	511. Private Salt, E. H.
<i>3rd Contingent.</i>	
Lieut. Annatt, J. W.	464. " Chardon, C.
" Leask, J.	127. " Lilley, W.
40. Private Masterton, J. T.	122. " MacCartney, W.
31. " Maude, A. E. F. C.	482. " Clarke, W. G.
157. " Bailey, A. T.	74. " Goodall, F. T.
294. " Hull, G.	441. " Kelly, R. S.
28. " McDonald, D. K.	165. " Eagleton, A. W,
	229. " Belin, A. G.
	1. Sgt.-Sad. Shannon, J. P.
	396. Artificer Clark, G. H.
	103. Private Forsythe, G. G.
<i>4th Contingent.</i>	
77. Private Duggan, J.	6th Contingent.
202. Sergeant Maxwell, F.	159. Private Russell, S. K.
279. Private Clancy, P. J.	283. " Matherson, J. K.
147. " Lynd, J. W.	98. " McPherson, N.
283. " Daws, G.	191. Q.M.S. Malcolm, J.
235. " Meredith, C.	233. Private Geaney, M.
284. " Poole, W. S.	79. " Davis, A. W.
336. " Bourke, A. C.	331. " Nilson, F.
204. " McLeod, D. J. R.	119. " Marr, R. S.
67. " Hastie, P. S.	189. " Mills, G. H.
325. " Butler, W.	218. " Juchan, E. T.
74. " Young, L. H. W.	604. " Rudhall, B.
248. " Helder, J. O.	648. " Flint, T.
296. " Wright, A. E.	22. Q.M.S. Gorman, J. T.
195. Sergeant Strang, J.	
<i>5th Contingent.</i>	
261. Private White, H. J.	1st Battalion ("D" Company), A.O.H.
199. " Moller, C.	947. Trooper Katting, A.
157. " Anderson, J. H.	911. " Humphries, A.
34. " Hunt, E. H.	
31. " Hendy, W. M.	3rd Battalion ("D" Company), A.C.H.
256. " Blunt, F. G.	1871. Trooper Thompson, B. W.
494. " O'Callaghan, J. McD.	
372. " Cousins, J.	7th Battalion, A.C.H.
307. " Sanderson, W.	15. Trumpeter Anderson, J.
	51. Trooper Dugdale, A. R. W.
	148. " Barton, E. P.
	103. " Spiden, R. A.

## SUMMARY OF CONTINGENTS DESPATCHED.

Transport.	Date.	Contingent.	Officers.	Others.	Horses.	M. Guns and Wagons.
<i>Cornwall</i> ..	1 Nov., 1899	1st Queensland Mounted Infantry	14	248	284	No record.
<i>Maori King</i> ..	13 Jan., 1900	2nd Queensland Mounted Infantry	10	144	178	
<i>Duke of Portland</i> ..	1 Mar., 1900	3rd Queensland Mounted Infantry	14	302	406	
<i>Manchester Port</i> ..	18 May, 1900	4th Queensland Imperial Bushmen	26	368	512	
<i>Templemore</i> ..	6 Mar., 1901	5th Queensland Imperial Bushmen	22	481	376	
<i>Chicago</i> ..	10 Mar., 1901	Draft .. ..	1	25	100	
<i>Victoria</i> ..	4 Apr., 1901	6th Queensland Imperial Bushmen	17	384	615	
<i>Britannic</i> ..	20 Aug., 1901	Details .. ..	1	77	..	
<i>Harlech Castle</i> ..	26 Sep., 1901	Details .. ..	3	18	..	
<i>Custodian</i> ..	18 Feb., 1902	D Company, 1st Australian Commonwealth Horse	7	116	124	
<i>Manchester Merchant</i>	11 Feb., 1902	Details Army Medical Corps	..	16	..	
<i>Englishman</i> ..	25 Mar., 1902	D Company, 3rd Australian Commonwealth Horse	5	117	121	
<i>Custodian</i> ..	19 May 1902	7th Australian Commonwealth Horse	23	467	493	
		Special Service Officers	5	..	..	
	Staff ..	Australian Commonwealth Horse	2	..	..	
Total .. ..			150	2,763	3,209	

## DISPOSITION.\*

	Officers.	Other Ranks.
Died or were killed .. .. .	4	88
Transferred .. .. .	7	3
Discharged in South Africa, or embarked for England, and struck off in South Africa .. .. .	29	499
Commissioned in Imperial Army .. .. .	1	2
Returned to Australia .. .. .	124	2,193
	165	2,785

\* These figures are in some respects approximate only; it having been found impossible to obtain exact statements, owing to promotions to commissions, attachments, enlistments, and discharges in South Africa, of which no adequate returns have been made.