

### SPECIAL SERVICE OFFICERS.

**L**IEUT.-COLONEL E. T. Wallack, Tasmanian Permanent Staff, was sent out to South Africa as a Special Service officer. He was placed in command of the 1st Tasmanian Bushmen to take them to Cape Town, where he was to hand them over to Captain Riggall.

He embarked at Hobart on the transport *Antillian* on 5th March, 1900. On arrival at Cape Town he was ordered to proceed to Beira, South-East Africa, to join Lieut.-General Sir Frederick Carrington's Staff. The Bushmen went with him, and were there handed over to Captain Riggall.

Colonel Wallack was at once appointed Staff Officer to disembark and forward to Marendellas the Rhodesian Field Force.

He then joined Sir Frederick at the camp at Marendellas, and was appointed to the Head-Quarters Staff of the Rhodesian Field Force.

While at this camp he trained the 4th and 5th New Zealand Contingents in the use of the magazine rifle, and assisted to raise the Rhodesian Field Artillery.

Colonel Wallack served with Sir Frederick Carrington until that General returned to Rhodesia, and was present at the operations against the Boers in the Elands River, Marico, Zeerust, and Ottoshoop districts, 1st August to 1st September.

He then joined Brigadier-General the Earl of Erroll, and served with that officer in the active operations at Ottoshoop and its vicinity, 1st September, to October. On 17th October, Lord Erroll's Command joined the 1st Division, and Colonel Wallack was attached to the Staff, and was present in the campaign in the Western Transvaal until 7th January, 1901. From 9th to 18th January in hospital from injuries to the eyes received near Jacobsdal. 19th January, appointed Staff Officer for Mafeking Command; held this position for six weeks, and then proceeded to Cape Town on duty in connexion with arrival of fresh Colonial Contingents. On 29th March, rejoined the 1st Division at Kimberley; and 8th April, proceeded to Fourteen Streams, and from thence to Doornfontein, Orange River Colony, and carried out the musketry training of the Imperial Yeomanry.

On 5th May proceeded to Cowan's Farm and rejoined Head-Quarters of the 1st Division, and was placed in command of the troops stationed there—about 1,200 of all ranks—until granted leave on 18th June.

Was invalided for ten weeks in England; returned to South Africa on 1st November, but was too ill to proceed to the front.

Left for Australia, 14th November, 1901.

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*Lieut. J. C. Walch. Vide p. 547.*