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LIEUT-GENERAL SIR JOHN ROSS, K. C. B., was born at Stonehurst, Cumberland, Mar 18, 1829, joined the Rifle Brigade April 4 1846. As Adjutant of the 2nd Battalion, this officer was present at Alma and Inkerman, and received a brevet majority with 3 medals for his services in the Crimea. He was engaged in the suppression of the Indian Mutiny, and after serving with his battalion at the action of Cawnpore and the capture of Lucknow, he raised a camel corps, which he commanded with signal success in the Central Indian campaign under Sir Hugh Rose. For these services he obtained a brevet lieutenant colonelcy, medal and C. B. He was present at the action of Sholkudler with the Rifle Brigade in Jan'y, 1864, for which he was granted the North-Western Frontier medal, and commanded the Bengal troops in the Perak



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expedition of 1875-6, for which he received a clasp to the above medal. In 1878 he was selected to command the brigade of Indian troops which, during the Eastern crisis, was brought to Malta, he having at that time the command of the Calcutta District Brigade, which he resumed on his return to India. From this he was appointed to the command of the Reserve Division of the Afghanistan Field Force, under Sir Frederick Roberts, with whom, in 1880, he made the march from Kabul to Candahar, in command of the Infantry Brigades, for which services he received the Afghan medal and star for Candahar, was made Knight Commander of the Bath and received the thanks of both Houses of Parliament. In 1881 he was placed in command of the Poona Division of the Bombay Army, which he relinquished in 1886, on promotion to the rank of Lieutenant-General.

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