

names Adjutants Shortridge of the 1st and Ballard of the 4th Regiment as deserving the highest applause for their promptness and gallantry in communicating orders. Of the other officers of the corps, he reports generally that the bravery and good conduct of all was so conspicuous as to render it impossible to discriminate.

Major Brooks, to whom much credit is due for the distinguished manner in which he executed the orders he received, speaks in high terms of Lieuts. Goodell, Ingersol, Livingston, and Ensigns Brant and O'Fling of the 23d, particularly of the latter. Also of Capt. Simms, Lieutenants Bissel, Shore and Brinot of the 1st Infantry, and Lieut. Watts of the dragoons.

Lieut.-Col. Upham, who took command of the reserve after Gen. Ripley was disabled, bestows great praise upon Major Chambers of the 4th Regiment of riflemen attached to the 21st Infantry, as also upon Capt. Bradford and Lieut. Holding of that regiment.

My staff, Col. Snelling, Col. Gardner, Major Jones, and my aide-de-camp, Major Austin, and Lieut. Armstrong, were, as usual, zealous, intelligent, and active;—they performed every duty required of them to my entire satisfaction.

Major Hall, Assistant Inspector-Gen., led a battalion of militia and conducted it with skill and gallantry. Lieut. Kirby, Aid-de-Camp to Gen. Ripley, was extremely active and useful during the time he was in the action.

Lieutenants Frazer and Riddle were in Gen. Porter's staff; their bravery was conspicuous, and no officers of their grade were more useful.

The corps of artillery commanded by Major Hindman, which has been so eminently distinguished throughout this campaign, had no opportunity of taking a part in the sortie. The 25th Infantry, under Col. Jessup, was stationed in Fort Erie, to hold the key of our position.

Col. Brady, on whose firmness and good conduct every reliance could be placed, was on command at Buffalo with the remains of the 22d infantry. Lieut.-Col. McRea and Lieut.-Col. Wood of the corps of engineers have rendered to this army services the most important. I must seize the opportunity of again mentioning them particularly. On every trying occasion I have reaped much benefit from their sound and excellent advice. No two officers of their grade could have contributed more to the safety and honor of this army. Wood, brave, generous, and enterprising, died as he had lived, without a feeling but for the honor of his country and the glory of her arms: his name and example will live to guide the soldiers in the path of duty so long as true heroism is held in estimation. McRea lives to enjoy the approbation of every virtuous and