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authority on the science of Rijāl (biographies of the reporters of the Prophet's sayings) confirms his claims to reliability and holds the books written by him to be the best writings on *Sira*. Al-Ṭabarī has quoted from him very often.

Abu Muhammad Yahya ibn Sa'id ibn Aban al-Umawi (d. 194 A.H.—809 C.E.)

He was the disciple of Hāshim ibn 'Urwa and Ibn Jarīh. Ibn Sa'd says that, though he did not quote many traditions, yet he is dependable. The author of the *Kashf al-Zunūn* has mentioned him as one of the writers on Maghāzī.

Walid ibn Muslim al-Qurashi (d. 195 A.H.—810 C.E.)

He was a famous Syrian traditionists, possessed of a fine memory, and excelled all his contemporary scholars in Syria. He was regarded as far superior to al-Wāqidī, as far as Maghāzī and history are concerned. The number of books written by him is about seventy, one of which is *al-Maghāzī*. There is mention of this book in *al-Fihrist* of Ibn Nadīm.

Yunus ibn Bukair (d. 199 A.H.—814 C.E.)

He was a disciple of Hishām ibn 'Urwa and Ibn Ishāq. As a narrator of traditions, he occupies a place of mediocrity. Al-Dhahabī, in his *Tadkhira* calls him "Ṣāhib al-Maghāzī"; and many other traditionists have confirmed his reliability. He wrote marginal annotations on the books of Ibn Ishāq (vide *Zurgani Mawāhib*, Vol. III, p. 10).

Muhammad ibn 'Umar al-Waqidi al-Aslami (d. 207 A.H.—822 C.E.)

On *Sira* he has written two books, *Kitāb al-Sira* and *Kitāb al-Ta'rikh wal-maghāzī wal-mab'ath*. Al-Imām al-Shāfi'i says that the books written by al-Wāqidī are nothing but heaps of lies. Many baseless traditions found in books of