

been zealously and indefatigably engaged in rendering every assistance that the civil power could command; his arrangements on all occasions have tended to the advantage of the whole and to the accommodation of individuals; and I truly rejoice at this opportunity of publicly acknowledging, that the greatest benefit has been derived from his presence.

Commodore Hayes has, on all occasions, rendered an aid the most effectual, and had it not been for the assistance afforded by the flotilla under his command, the arrival of the force before Arracan would have been almost impracticable. Every exertion was made by him to co-operate, and when insurmountable obstacles prevented the further approach of the gun-boats to the scene of action, he landed two twenty-four-pounders, and with the British seamen, dragged them and their appurtenances, a distance of five miles, to the encampment before Arracan, rendering them available for any service on which they could be usefully employed.

Brigadier-General M'Bean gave me the benefit of his judgment and experience, and the effectual aid of his directing superintendence; to offer a further remark on the known zeal of one, who has so firmly established his claim to honourable fame, would, I fear, in me be but an assumption—to his Excellency the claims of Brigadier-General M'Bean are fully known.

The assiduity of Brigadier Grant, C. B., commanding 2d brigade; of Brigadier Richards, commanding 1st brigade; of Brigadier Fair, commanding 5th brigade; and of Lieutenant-Colonel Lindsay, commanding artillery division, demand that I should state to his Excellency, that their example and their directions materially contributed to the success of our operations.

Did the limits of a dispatch allow of my mentioning separately the Officers who commanded corps, I should feel myself most particularly bound to name them; and proud should I be in being the instrument of more especially recording their deserts, than while bearing testimony to the merits of all, in saying that every Officer, non-commissioned Officer, and private, performed his duty, equally by gallantry in the field, and by the willing endurance of privations, that the division might move forward.

I may, however, I hope, be pardoned in representing, that the Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General, Lieutenant Scott, rendered me the most effectual assistance; that the First Deputy-Assistant Quarter-Master-General, Captain Drummond, conducted the duties of his department with judgment, with the greatest personal exertion, and with the most indefatigable perseverance. The Second Deputy Assistant Quarter-Master-General, Lieutenant Paton, has also established his claim to a particular notice. The Assistant Commissary-General, Captain Bannerman, has had no common difficulties to encounter, in effectually arranging, for the continued supplies of the troops; the means of conveyance by land, at his command, never exceeded a week's supply. The Superintending Surgeon, Dr Grant, has on every occasion provided for the comfort and relief of the sick and wounded, and with other medical Officers, was ever forward, while the troops were engaged, to render immediate assistance. To Lieutenant Wroughton, of the Sur-

vey Department, I am particularly indebted, not only for the reconnoissances he made when we neared the enemy, but especially for discovering the paths by which Brigadier Richards, with the column under his command, gained the right of the enemy's position. Lieutenant Thompson, the senior Engineer-Officer, displayed zeal and practical proficiency in the performance of his duty; to Captain Wilkie more especially, and to the other Officers of the pioneers generally, the advance of the division may be mainly attributed; a road of nearly one hundred and fifty miles in length has, by the labour of the pioneers, under their judicious directions, been completed; many morasses rendered passable, and innumerable nullahs bridged. I much fear that the continued exposure to the sun, will for some time deprive the division of the benefits of Captain Wilkie's services, who persevered in doing his duty, till success crowned our efforts, though suffering from severe indisposition.

If ever instances of mental energy triumphing over bodily infirmity were exemplified, they have been displayed by Colonel Gardner, of the 2d local horse, who, on each occasion, when there was a probability of the cavalry being engaged, caused himself to be removed from his palanquin to be placed on his horse, though so weakened by long sickness as to be unable, for any length of time, to prolong the exertion.

This dispatch will be delivered by Lieutenant Bellew, my Military Secretary; he has entitled himself to my confidence, and is enabled to afford his Excellency the best information on many points connected with this country.

For my Aide-de-Camp, Lieutenant Hawkins, I beg to solicit his Excellency's notice, and to strongly recommend him for any mark of approbation; and I can confidently assert, that both from talent and education, he promises to prove a credit to the profession.

Inclosed are returns of the casualties that have occurred during the several actions with the enemy since the division entered Arracan, and also of the ordnance found in position on the east front of the heights covering the capital; the quantity captured is so widely dispersed, that there has not yet been time to allow it's being ascertained.

Several Sirdars have surrendered themselves, and prisoners are hourly being brought to the camp. Grounding my opinion on the general assertion of the captives, I may venture to suggest the probability that not one thousand of the Burmese, who were serving under Atown Munja, will reach Ava, but by the permission of the Governor-General.

I have, &c.

(Signed) T. W. MORRISON, Brig.-Gen.
Comg. S. E. Div.

Inclosure (No. 1.)

EXTRACT FROM DIVISION ORDERS.

Camp, Kaykrangding, March 24, 1825.

ON the breaking up of the present camp, protection detachments are to be formed, consisting at Chankring of one company, of His Majesty's 44th regiment, 2d light infantry battalion, 10th regiment Madras native infantry, 16th ditto.