

The postal duty from Senafé to Antalo has been very satisfactorily performed by the sowars of the 10th Lancers and 12th Cavalry whose conduct at the posts along the line of communication has been most exemplary.

I have especially to thank Major Thacker, Assistant-Commissary-General at Senafé, for his able management of the native carriage, and his general arrangements along the line of communication.

I am not less indebted to Major Leven, Assistant-Commissary-General, first at Addigerat and afterwards at Antalo. The difficulties which these officers had to encounter in pressing on supplies have been great, and they have been marked with success against many obstacles.

Captain Newport, Deputy-Assistant Commissary-General, who lately came to Addigerat, has conducted his duties with great assiduity.

I have also to acknowledge the services of Colonel Brazier, C.B., and Major Roome, of the Intelligence Department, and their valuable assistance in arranging for the native carriage, maintaining friendly intercourse with the chiefs and people of the country, and their endeavours to restore confidence whenever interrupted through misunderstanding. Major Roome's services in discovering and checking mauraunders in the Sooroo Pass is known to His Excellency, and in this as in other instances he has well maintained his character for good judgment and ready action.

My thanks are due to the Officers of the Land Transport Train, Lieutenant Seton, R.A., and Captain Ellis, R.A., at Addigerat, to Captain Annesley, at Senafé, and to Captain Seton, at Antalo, and to all Officers of that department for their unwearied exertions.

8. Surgeons-Major Deeble and Maitland satisfactorily superintended the medical arrangements and gave every assistance in sanitary matters, which, at Senafé and Addigerat, were carefully superintended by Assistant-Surgeons Jay and Greenhill, R.A.

9. Veterinary Surgeons Kettle, Wilson, and Blake have efficiently superintended the care of the sick mules at Facoda and in the neighbourhood of Senafé and Antalo. Mr. Kettle had in the absence of other Officers several times charge of the Facado station, and I have had reason to observe his careful arrangement of his sick mules. Mr. Wilson's conduct at Goose Plain, when a number of Arab muleteers deserted the mules in a body, shewed decision and judgment.

10. The posts up to Ashangi have been lately placed under my orders, and I would beg to bring to the Commander-in-Chief's notice the good services of Major Armstrong, commanding at Ashangi, who with a small force at his disposal, has, with much exertion, maintained order, and the arrangements for bringing in supplies, as also for native carriage to the front—all of which were, from evil disposed persons, in danger of interruption.

11. I was much pleased with the conduct of Lieutenant Wilson, Madras Army, attached to the 10th Native Infantry, in marching a party of his men from Attila to the Belago Pass at very short notice; his presence there and his attention to his duty have effectually stopped the annoyances to stragglers and the postal sowars upon that part of the road.

12. I would also mention Captain Calwell, Deputy-Assistant Commissary-General at Attila, who has had a most difficult duty to perform, and has had much trouble in encouraging the native carriage. If sufficient grain and forage have not been collected at Attila, Balago, and

Messeek for the return army, it must be attributed to the disturbed state of the country, and not to want of exertion on the part of Captain Callwell.

13. The native officers commanding at the different posts have generally shown much discretion in conducting their duties, and in purchasing grain and forage. The jealousies of the chiefs, in the matter of native carriage, have latterly given much trouble in this respect. I would mention the name of Sabedar Bhica, 3rd Regiment Native Infantry, who was promptly sent and as promptly marched with his company from Ashangi to Mukkum, where his arrangements for good order and security have been most successfully exerted. Russuldar Hurry Sing, of 12th Bengal Cavalry, at Agoola, was placed in a most difficult position at one time; his good arrangements and cool forbearance had a most salutary effect.

14. Our arrangements have been materially assisted by the telegraph and the unwearied exertions of Captain St. John, R.E., and his subordinates, in completing and repairing the line; we owe them our best thanks.

15. I must not omit to mention Mr. Murchawarké, His Highness Prince Kussa's Envoy, to whom I am much obliged for his assistance in maintaining friendly relations between us and the chiefs, and in providing native carriage, and doing his utmost to rectify all misunderstandings.

16. I would also beg to make favorable mention of my Aide-de-Camp, Lieutenant Heath, 33rd Foot, who has given me assistance in many ways, and is a promising young officer.

I must, in conclusion, apologize for the length of this report, but the duties performed in this division have been in great part those of departments and detached officers. Their careful attention and zealous co-operation was essentially necessary and has been well given. I have called for reports from Brigadier-Generals and Lieutenant-Col. Little as to the duties performed by the officers under their respective command, which on receipt I shall forward for submission to His Excellency. Our duties were but careful, and I may say anxious attention to assist the troops in front, in performing the more brilliant part of the campaign which has been brought to such a speedy and successful termination.

I have, &c.,

G. MALCOLM, Major-General,
Commanding 2nd Division Abyssinian
Expeditionary Force.

No. 8.

(Major-General Russell, Commanding at Zoolla, to the Military Secretary to his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, Abyssinian Expeditionary Forces.)

Camp Zoolla;

SIR,

3rd June, 1868.

I HAVE the honour in giving over the command of the Zoolla district to submit for the information of his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, the services of the troops and Departmental Officers under my command.

On taking command of the Zoolla district about the middle of March last, the troops were thus distributed:—

AT ZOULLA.

The 5th Battery 25th Royal Artillery, the head-quarter wing of the 18th Regiment Native