

I cannot speak too highly of their conduct and exertions.

12. Distributed as the brigade has been since the 4th instant in a number of detached posts, almost all Commanding Officers have at one time or other been in exercise of independent commands. Lieutenant-Colonel Cave, Commanding the 24th Regiment, Punjab Infantry, assumed command at the Muchaie plateau at a time when the continued fire brought by the enemy upon the more exposed sentries was beginning to be very harassing. His excellent arrangements soon checked the annoyance, and I cannot let the opportunity pass of expressing my repeated obligations to this officer for the ready way in which he not only met, but often anticipated my wishes throughout the service. Lieutenant-Colonel McPherson, V.C., in command of the 2nd Goorkha Regiment at the post of Chittabut, relieved me of all anxiety on account of that post; whilst the ready and skilful way in which his regiment huddled itself attracted the admiration of all who saw it. To Lieutenant-Colonel Osborne, Commanding 1-6th Royal Regiment, the next senior officer to myself in the brigade, I am much indebted for the uniform and ready assistance he rendered on all occasions, and I would ask the Major-General's attention to the remarkable healthy condition of the 1-6th Royal Regiment, which I think is the best proof both of the excellence of Lieutenant-Colonel Osborne's regimental arrangements and of the high spirit by which the men were themselves actuated, and which has prevented them succumbing to hardships of no common nature. On the 14th instant, there were no men of the regiment sick, and but eight men were sent in to Oogie during the twelve days' operations.

13. To Major Mocatta, Commanding 3rd Seikhs, who commanded at the "Knolls" throughout the operations, and to Major Tytler, V.C., Commanding the 4th Goorkha Regiment, my best acknowledgments are also due for the uniformly zealous and efficient support I received from them. Captain Minto Elliot's service at the head of the Peshawur Mountain Battery will be more properly reported upon by the Brigadier-General Commanding No. 1 Brigade, to which the battery was attached from the 4th to the 11th instant; but I must express my admiration of the way in which he carried his battery over the very difficult ground traversed by the column on the 14th instant.

14. Captain Jackson's Mortar Battery (2-24th Royal Artillery) was not brought into prominent use, but though only organized for the present service, it never delayed the march of the column for an instant—no slight proof of the state of efficiency to which the battery has already been brought under great difficulties.

15. My obligations to Captain Cockburn, 1-6th Royal Regiment, Major of Brigade, during and before the period under report have been great, and I trust his name may be brought to the favourable notice of the Commander-in-Chief as a Staff Officer of the highest efficiency.

16. I have already noticed the resolute way in which the road by the Sumbulboot spur was reconnoitered by Lieutenant Lockhart, Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General, on the evening of the 3rd instant. His services have been equally valuable throughout the period under report, and I hope will be favourably mentioned by the Major-General Commanding.

17. Captain Graham, Deputy Assistant Commissary-General, attached to the brigade, has made excellent arrangements throughout, and his Department has been conducted with as much regularity during the period under report as if the troops had been in quarters.

18. Lieutenant MacPherson, 3rd Punjab Cavalry (on privilege leave from this regiment), has given me every satisfaction as Orderly Officer, and his services have been most useful.

19. Lieutenant Rowcroft, R.E., Assistant Field Engineer, attached to No. 2 Brigade, rendered constant and most valuable service, and directed the labours of the Company of Sappers and Miners (No. 2), under Lieutenant Murphy, R.E., which were most valuable to the brigade.

I have, &c.,

J. L. VAUGHAN, C.B., Brigadier-General,
Commanding No. 2 Brigade,
Hazara Field Force.

A. WILDE, Major General,
Commanding Hazara Field Force.

ANNEXURE VI.

(From Lieutenant Colonel E. Atlay, Field Brigade, Royal Horse Artillery, to the Assistant Adjutant-General, Hazara Field Force, No. 215.)

*Head-Quarters, Hazara Field Force,
Camp Oogie, October 22, 1868.*

SIR,
I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of Major General A. Wilde, C.B., C.S.I., the operations of the Royal Artillery of the Hazara Field Force under my command, as marginally noted,* since leaving this camp on the 3rd of October, 1868.

2. At 4 A.M., on the 3rd of October, the whole of the Royal Artillery of the Force was assembled at the village of Munchoora, about one mile from Oogie, and was detailed as follows:—

The Peshawur Mountain Battery, to the 2nd Brigade under Brigadier-General Vaughan, C.B.;

The Hazara Mountain Battery, to the 1st Brigade under command of Brigadier-General Bright.

D. Battery, F. Brigade, Royal Horse Artillery, with 4 9-pounder guns and 2 24-pounder howitzers on elephants, with the reserve;

A half-battery of 2nd Battery, 24th Brigade, Royal Artillery, with mortars on mules, also with the reserve, under the immediate command of Major-General Wilde, C.B., C.S.I. The other half-battery, 2-24th Royal Artillery, was left near Pumbul Gully, about two

* D Battery, F Brigade, R.H.A., with guns on elephants, commanded by Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel G. Renny, V.C., 4 9-pounder guns and 2 24-pounder howitzers. 2nd Battery, 24th Brigade, R.A., Mountain Mortar Battery, commanded by 2nd Captain C. S. Jackson, 4 5½-inch mortars.

Peshawur Mountain Battery, commanded by 2nd Captain Minto Elliot, Royal Artillery. 2 3-pounder guns, and 2 12-pounder howitzers.

Hazara Mountain Battery, commanded by Brevet-Major F. R. DeBude, R.A. 2 3-pounder guns, and 2 12-pounder howitzers.

Total 18 pieces of ordnance, with 120 rockets attached to 2nd Battery, 24th Brigade, Royal Artillery.