

in pursuit, and captured several guns which had been abandoned by the enemy in their rapid flight. Colonel Gough brings to notice the aid he received from Lieutenant J. P. Brabazon, 10th Royal Hus-sars, his Orderly Officer.

12. Colonel Drew brings forward the names of the following officers, who rendered excellent service on this occasion :—

Lieutenant-Colonel E. Tanner, who took command of the 8th Foot on Colonel Drew succeeding to the command of the brigade.

Surgeon-Major G. Gibsons, who was most active in his attendance on the wounded.

Major Sidney Parry, R.A., commanding the artillery of Brigadier-General Cobbe's force, whose guns were exposed to a heavy fire during the greater part of the day.

Captain R. G. Kennedy, Deputy Assistant-Quartermaster-General.

Captain A. Scott, V.C., Brigade Major.

Captain T. A. A. Barstow, 72nd Highlanders, Orderly Officer.

13. Brigadier-General J. B. Thelwall, C.B., who commanded an infantry brigade in the turning force, mentions the following officers as deserving of commendation :—

Lieutenant-Colonel H. Tyndall, commanding the 2nd Punjab Infantry, whose fine corps rendered excellent service during the day, especially when left in charge of the advanced position to the north of the Kotal.

Lieutenant-Colonel A. A. Currie, commanding the 23rd Pioneers.

Captain F. S. Carr, Deputy Assistant-Quartermaster-General.

Captain G. de C. Morton, Brigade-Major.

Lieutenants G. V. Turner, 8th Foot, and S. Grant, R.E., Orderly Officers to Brigadier-General Thelwall.

14. Colonel J. J. H. Gordon and the officers and men of the 29th Punjab Native Infantry deserve to be mentioned for the assistance they afforded. I noticed that the detachments under Major G. N. Channer, V.C., and Lieutenant H. P. Picot were most forward.

15. Lieutenant-Colonel A. H. Lindsay, commanding the Royal Artillery in this force, reports that he has received valuable assistance from Lieutenant E. G. Osbornè, R.A., his Adjutant, and that this officer was most useful in aiding the officers of No. 1 Mountain Battery, especially after Captain J. A. Kelso had been killed.

16. Brigadier-General Cobbe has begged me to mention the assistance he received on all occasions from his Orderly Officers, Lieutenants F. W. Reader, 17th, and E. L. Maisey, 8th Foot.

17. In conclusion, I desire to bring to the notice of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief the excellent services which have been performed by the 23rd Pioneers since the commencement of the campaign. The men of this corps began to work on the Kohat-Thull road on the 2nd November, and they have been continuously employed ever since. Whether in action or at work, the conduct of this distinguished regiment is equally admirable, and I wish to place on record my high appreciation of the services which have been rendered by Lieutenant-Colonel Currie and the regiment under his command.

SAPARI PASS, 13th December, 1878.

Dated Camp, Fort Kuram, 18th December, 1878.

From Major-General F. S. Roberts, C.B., V.C., Commanding the Kuram Field Force, to the Quartermaster-General in India.

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BAZAR VALLEY, December, 1878.

Dated Camp, Jamrud, 26th December, 1878.

From Lieutenant-General F. F. Maude, C.B., V.C., Commanding 2nd Division Peshawar Valley Field Force, to the Quartermaster-General in India.

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that on receipt of the Adjutant-General's telegram, dated the 2nd instant, I addressed a letter to Major Cavagnari, C.S.I., Chief Political Officer, forwarding my instructions for his information, and requesting his views regarding paragraph 5 of that telegram.

2. That officer replied to my letter on the 9th December, and with special reference to that part of my instructions which alluded to the village of Chura, remarked as follows: "I am of opinion that the conduct of the Zakka Khels of Bazar and Bara necessitates their being punished as soon as the military arrangements for doing so are completed. The Malikdin Khel of Chura are professedly friendly, and up to date their conduct has not been such as to render chastisement necessary."

3. On receipt of this communication I considered it advisable to ask for further particulars connected with the attack on Bazar, and this I accordingly did in my letter No. 105 K, dated the 12th December.

4. Major Cavagnari replied by heliogram that he wished me to attack Bazar in co-operation with Sir Samuel Browne, and that Captain Tucker, Political Officer at Ali Musjid, had been instructed to put himself in communication with me, and to afford me information. I have mislaid the heliogram, but, to the best of my recollection, this was the purport of it.

5. On the 16th I received a letter from Sir Samuel Browne, dated the 14th, to which I at once replied.

6. On the same date I received a heliogram from Sir Samuel Browne, saying that, with reference to his letter dated the 14th, the survey officer had reported the intended road from Lundi Khana to be impracticable, and that he could not therefore co-operate as originally intended.

7. On receipt of this communication I at once decided to proceed with the attack myself, and issued orders for the march on the 18th and attack at daybreak on the 19th.

8. On the 17th, however, I received a letter from Colonel C. M. Macgregor, on special service, which stated that he had the previous day been able to remove Lieutenant-General Sir Samuel Browne's objections to co-operation from the Dakka side, and that Brigadier-General Tytler, C.B., V.C., was prepared to lead a force into Bazar by the Sasobai Pass on any date that might be agreed upon between Colonel Macgregor and myself.

9. As I understood from Captain Tucker, Political Officer, that it was important to cut off the enemy's retreat by the Sasobai Pass, I considered it advisable under these circumstances to put off my proposed attack by one day, and in pursuance of this resolve I sent Lieutenant-Colonel M. Heathcote, Assistant Quartermaster-General, to arrange all further details with Colonel Macgregor at Ali Musjid.

10. By this arrangement it was settled that two guns of No. 11-9th, Royal Artillery, Mountain Battery, should march on the 18th for Lundi Kotal, and being there joined by 250 of the 27th Native Infantry, should proceed next day to effect a junction with a detachment of 300 of the 17th Foot near the west mouth of the Khyber