

and experience. By his lamented death, Her Majesty's Service has lost a most distinguished officer.

The arrangements at the British and Native Field Hospitals, superintended by Surgeon-Major S. B. Roe, Army Medical Department, and Surgeon W. Coates, Indian Medical Department, respectively, were all I could wish.

Lieutenant-Colonel M. H. Heathcote, Director of Transport, deserves high praise for the arrangements connected with the despatch of the various expeditions.

Major A. R. Badcock, Chief Commissariat Officer, fully maintains the good opinion which I formed of him during a former campaign. The collection of supplies under circumstances of difficulty has been steadily carried on, and I have been freed from much anxiety under this head. Captains H. V. Hunt and T. L. Lewis, Sub-Assistant Commissaries-General, have done excellent service both here and when out with moveable columns.

I cannot overrate the value of the work done by the Army Signallers with this force, and I consider that the success which has attended their efforts is mainly due to the energy and intelligence of Captain E. Straton, 22nd Regiment, the Superintendent of Army Signalling.

Captain T. H. Holdich, R.E., Major R. G. Woodthorpe, R.E., and Captain G. W. Martin, all of the Survey Department, having expressed a wish that their services might be utilised; I placed them at the disposal of Colonel Perkins, C.B., Commanding Royal Engineer, who testifies to the great assistance they afforded him, and also to the good service done by Lieutenant G. K. Scott-Moncrieff, R.E.

Major M. P. Moriarty, Bengal Staff Corps, has carried on the duties of his department entirely to my satisfaction.

P. S. V. Luke, Esq., C.I.E., and H. A. Kirke, Esq., of the Government Telegraph Department, have worked well, and assisted me greatly by rapidly constructing a telegraph line which placed head-quarters in direct communication with the sectional commands.

Rev. J. W. Adams, Chaplain, Church of England, the Rev. G. G. W. Manson, the Presbyterian, and the Very Rev. Father Browne, the Roman Catholic Chaplain, were most attentive to the sick and wounded.

The great experience in political matters of Surgeon-Major H. W. Bellew, C.S.I., and his knowledge of the Afghan character, have been of great service to me. I regret that ill-health has compelled his return to India.

Major E. G. Hastings, Senior Political Officer, has afforded me every assistance, and by his quiet, kind way of dealing with the Sirdars and other people of Afghanistan, has done much to reassure them. He desires to bring to favourable notice the services of Lieutenant H. L. Ramsay, Bengal Staff Corps, Assistant Political Officer.

H. M. Durand, Esq., has been of the greatest use to me. He is able, intelligent, and most reliable. He rendered valuable service on the 11th December, when aiding Colonel Macgregor in the recovery of the lost guns.

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him to keep me informed of the feelings of the people, and to procure reliable information.

My thanks are due to my personal staff—

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I would also here mention Sirdar Ahmed Ali Jan, grandson of the late Amir Sher Ali. This young Sirdar has been attached to me as Honorary Aide-de-Camp from my first arrival at Kabul; he has shown himself most anxious and willing to do service, and has made himself useful in many ways. On the 11th December, he was with me during the Horse Artillery and cavalry action; and had his horse shot under him.

94. I shall have the honour of submitting, on an early date, a separate report regarding the operations of the troops under the command of Brigadier-General Charles Gough, C.B., V.C., and of Colonel F. B. Norman:

95. The following Appendices are attached—

1. Numerical roll of casualties.
2. Nominal roll of casualties.
3. Average effective strength between 15th and 23rd of December, 1879.
4. Returns of gun, Henry-Martini, and Snider ammunition expended.
5. Plan of Sherpur and its vicinity, showing position occupied by British force, December, 1879.—Scale 12 inches = 1 mile.
6. Map of country round Kabul, explanatory of the military operations carried on in December, 1879.—Scale 1 inch = 1 mile.
7. Panorama of Kabul as seen from Sherpur.

*Numerical List of Killed, Wounded, and Missing of the 1st Division, Kabul Field Force, during the Operations around Kabul, from the 10th to the 23rd December, 1879.*

F-A, Royal Horse Artillery—1 British officer killed; 2 rank and file wounded. Total 3.

G-3rd, Royal Artillery—1 Bhistie killed; 1 rank and file, 1 Lascar, 1 Bhistie, 1 Syce, wounded. Total 5.

No. 1 Mountain Battery—1 rank and file, 1 Syce, wounded. Total 2.

No. 2 Mountain Battery—2 rank and file killed; 1 British officer (Lieutenant Montanaro, since dead), 1 sergeant, 7 rank and file, wounded. Total 10.

9th Lancers—3 British officers, 3 sergeants, 18 rank and file, 1 camp follower, killed; 4 British officers, 2 sergeants, 17 rank and file, 1 camp follower, wounded. Total 49.

5th Punjab Cavalry—2 havildars, 3 rank and file, 1 Syce, killed; 1 British officer, 3 Native officers, 1 havildar, 11 rank and file, 3 Syces, wounded. Total 25.

12th Bengal Cavalry—3 rank and file killed; 4 rank and file, 2 camp followers, wounded. Total 9.

14th Bengal Lancers—1 British officer, 1 havildar, 6 rank and file, killed; 1 Native officer, 1 havildar, 7 rank and file, 3 camp followers, wounded. Total 20.

Corps of Guides—1 Native officer, 2 havildars, 13 rank and file, killed; 1 British officer, 2 Native officers, 4 havildars, 2 drummers, 33 rank and file, 1 camp follower, wounded. Total 59.