

command in the Orakzai country. I could not wish for a more able Commanding Engineer in the field.

Lieutenant H. F. Kays, Highland Light Infantry, has superintended the signalling of the force since its concentration. The management of this important service has left nothing to be desired. I wish to record here my high appreciation of the work done by all ranks of signallers, who have been by far the hardest worked men in the field force.

Brigade-Surgeon R. Harvey, M.D., Indian Medical Service, has for the second time this year been my Principal Medical Officer in the field, and I again desire to express my indebtedness to him and to the other officers of the department which he has so ably conducted for the admirable state of efficiency in which it has been maintained, often under very unfavourable conditions.

Captain E. C. C. Sandys, Staff Corps, Chief Commissariat Officer, has, as on the occasion of the first Miranzai expedition this year, given me complete satisfaction. Thanks to him and his subordinate officers, the troops have wanted for nothing in spite of many difficulties.

Captain H. Wharry, Staff Corps, Divisional Transport Officer, has likewise for the second time this year proved himself a thoroughly efficient officer of his department.

Captain R. J. H. L. Mackenzie, Royal Engineers has satisfactorily conducted the survey work of the expedition. He has been successful in extending the survey of the Orakzai country to the Tsappar Range, south of Tirah, and to the Marghan Pass between the Khanki and Kurmana Valleys, thus completing the excellent work of Captain Wahab, Royal Engineers, whose name I brought to notice at the end of the last expedition.

Lieutenant the Honourable C. G. Bruce, 5th Gurkha Regiment, my orderly officer in the Hazara Field Force, accompanied me in the same capacity to the Miranzai Valley, but I regret that ill-health prevented him taking part in the capture of the Samana. He rejoined his regiment at his own request, and was present with it in the subsequent operations.

Lieutenant G. P. Brasier Creagh, 9th Bengal Lancers, who began as extra orderly officer, succeeded Lieutenant the Honourable C. G. Bruce, and has been my very efficient orderly officer throughout. He was present at every engagement on the Samana.

Captain O. S. W. Nugent, King's Royal Rifles, succeeded Lieutenant Brasier Creagh as my extra orderly officer. A keen and excellent officer, he has been of much assistance to me.

Colonel J. M. Sym, C.B., 5th Gurkha Regiment, commanded the First Column, and maintained his reputation as a good soldier in the field. His ability and war experience have always made me feel that any work entrusted to him would be thoroughly and satisfactorily carried out.

Lieutenant-Colonel A. H. Turner, 2nd Punjab Infantry, who commanded the Second Column, I have already had the honour to bring to favourable notice for his services in January and February last. He is an officer of great resource and dash, and I am glad the Government of India has shown its confidence in him by nominating him to command the Samana Posts until the final reduction of the garrison.

Lieutenant-Colonel C. C. Brownlow, 4th Sikh Infantry, I also mentioned favourably at the close of the last expedition. He has again done excellent service, and by the good disposition of his

troops at Mastan on the 20th April, he inflicted heavier loss on the enemy than the latter has sustained in any other engagement.

Colonel W. W. Biscoe, 19th Bengal Lancers, has commanded the cavalry of the field force throughout, rendering valuable service during the first advance, when he co-operated in the Khanki Valley, and since then on the communications along the southern base of the Samana.

I beg also to mention Lieutenant-Colonel W. J. Vousden, V.C., 5th Punjab Cavalry, who commanded the cavalry in January and February, and has again done good service in command of his regiment.

23. In a separate letter I shall have the honour to submit reports by column commanders and heads of departments. I endorse the favourable mention therein made of the following officers:—

Captain F. H. J. Birch, Royal Artillery, commanding No. 3 (Peshawar) Mountain Battery.

Lieutenant L. W. P. East, Royal Artillery, No. 2 (Derajat) Mountain Battery.

Captain H. S. King, Royal Engineers, Commanding No. 5 Company, Bengal Sappers and Miners.

Lieutenant S. H. Powell, Royal Engineers, Assistant Intelligence Officer.

Major B. J. C. Doran, Royal Irish Regiment, Brigade Major, First Column.

Colonel C. P. Cramer, Commanding the King's Royal Rifles.

Captain C. F. Gambier, 5th Punjab Cavalry, Brigade-Major, Third Column.

Major H. A. Abbott, commanding the 15th (Sikh) Bengal Infantry.

Lieutenant-Colonel W. O. Thompson, commanding the 3rd Sikh Infantry.

Captain E. J. N. Fasken, 3rd Sikh Infantry.

Lieutenant-Colonel H. Howell, commanding the 1st Punjab Infantry.

Captain A. Daniell, 1st Punjab Infantry.

Captain R. R. N. Sturt, commanding the 2nd Punjab Infantry.

Captain W. du G. Gray, 4th Punjab Infantry, Brigade Major, Second Column.

Lieutenant-Colonel A. N. Sandilands, commanding the 6th Punjab Infantry.

Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel R. A. Swetenham, commanding the 27th Bengal Infantry.

Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel A. J. F. Reid, commanding the 29th Bengal Infantry.

Captain F. C. Maisey, 29th Bengal Infantry.

Captain A. R. Martin, commanding the 1-5th Gurkha Regiment.

Captain H. P. Picot, Staff Corps, Commissariat Department.

Lieutenant G. H. Bretherton, Staff Corps, Commissariat Department.

Surgeon-Major J. T. B. Bookey, Indian Medical Service.

Surgeon L. T. M. Nash, Medical Staff.

And also of the following warrant officers, Native officers, non-commissioned officers and men:—

Conductor W. Cliff, Commissariat Department.

Conductor L. Manley, Commissariat Department.

Sub-Conductor L. Walters, Transport Department.

Sergeant H. Long, Military Works Department.

Sergeant J. M'Niven, Highland Light Infantry, Army Signaller.

Private W. Charlton, Wilts Regiment, Military Signaller, who distinguished himself during the attack on the convoy at the Darband Kotal, on the 23rd April.