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THE following General Order, dated 28th August, 1891, together with a Despatch from Major-General W. K. Elles, C.B., reporting the operations of the Hazara Field Force, have been received from the Government of India:—

**MILITARY DEPARTMENT.**

GENERAL ORDER.

FIELD OPERATIONS.—HAZARA.

*Simla, the 28th August, 1891.*

THE Most Honourable the Viceroy and Governor-General in Council is pleased to direct the publication of the following letter from the Adjutant-General in India, dated the 8th of July, 1891, submitting, under the orders of the Commander-in-Chief in India, a despatch from Major-General W. K. Elles, C.B., reporting the operations of the Hazara Field Force between the 12th March and the 17th June, 1891.

2. The Governor-General in Council, in concurrence with the Commander-in-Chief, desires to record his entire approval of the careful and thorough manner in which the work of the expedition was carried out by Major-General Elles, and of the good discipline and soldierlike conduct displayed by the troops on various occasions in the presence of the enemy.

His Excellency in Council has perused with much satisfaction the favourable mention of the various officers whose good services during the campaign have been brought to notice.

3. The Viceroy is glad to have an opportunity of expressing his sense of the valuable services rendered by Mr. A. F. D. Cunningham, C.I.E., C.S., as Chief Political Officer to the Force, and His Excellency notices with pleasure the efficiency of the arrangements made by the medical, commissariat-transport, and other Army departments in connection with the expedition, and by the postal and telegraph services under Mr. W. T. Van Someren and Mr. R. C. Barker, C.I.E., respectively.

No. 244-H—“Field Operations—Hazara,”—dated Simla, 8th July, 1891.

From the Adjutant-General in India to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

I HAVE the honour, by direction of the Commander-in-Chief, to submit, for the information of the Government of India, a despatch from Major-General Elles, C.B., describing the

operations of the Hazara Field Force between the 12th March and the 17th June, 1891.

2. The objects of the expedition were as stated in the second paragraph of Major-General Elles' letter, and, as far as it is possible to judge at present, these objects have been fully accomplished; the submission of the offending tribes has been more complete than on any former occasion; they have assented to the construction of roads and dominating posts upon the frontier, and to the permanent expatriation of their chief, Hashim Ali, who for years has been the moving spirit in all border outrages; and a small force remains in their country to observe the fulfilment of their pledges.

3. The Commander-in-Chief considers that great credit is due to Major-General Elles for the careful and thorough manner in which he has carried out the orders of the Government of India, and His Excellency commends this distinguished officer to the favourable notice of the Government; also the officers mentioned by him as well as those included in his supplementary list of officers brought to notice by Brigadier-Generals Williamson and Hammond and heads of departments.

In endorsing these selections, His Excellency has much pleasure in bringing to notice the good discipline of the troops and their soldierlike conduct in the presence of the enemy in the affairs of the 23rd, 25th, and 26th of March at Diliári, Darbandrái, and Sarmal Ferry, and more particularly in the gallant defence of Gházikot by the Dogra company of the 4th Sikh Infantry against a fanatical night attack on the 19th March.

4. The health of both fighting men and followers throughout the expedition was phenomenal, the average daily sick having been less than one per cent. of the force.

No. 305-H—dated Murree, 22nd June, 1891.  
From Major-General W. K. Elles, C.B., late commanding the Hazara Field Force to the Adjutant-General in India.

I HAVE the honour to submit, for the information of the Commander-in-Chief in India, the following report of the operations of the Hazara Field Force, 1891.

2. The objects of the expedition were defined as follows:—

First, to carry out the purpose for which the movement of troops was made last October,—