

Bradshaw, Medical Staff, whose excellent sanitary advice was most valuable. His arrangements in regard to the dispositions of the field hospitals and the transport of the sick and wounded were also extremely good and judicious. The department throughout was most efficient.

Under the able direction of Captain H. F. Lyons-Montgomery, Chief Commissariat Officer, everything connected with the Commissariat Department was entirely satisfactory. In this department forethought and pre-arrangement are specially required. Captain Lyons-Montgomery never failed in this respect, and I had every confidence in his calculations and assurances as to supplies. The transport was supervised by Lieutenant J. W. G. Tulloch, a most valuable officer, far beyond his years in knowledge and experience, and possessed of high administrative ability. I would also beg to express my acknowledgments of Lieutenant-Colonel R. Patch, Commissary-General, Western Circle, for the readiness with which all demands on him were met.

In connection with the transport I have to acknowledge the services of First-Class Veterinary-Surgeon W. R. Hagger and his assistants. The veterinary arrangements of the force, including the lines of communication in India, were so well conducted that there was no epidemic sickness of any sort.

The postal arrangements were complete in every respect, and to Mr. W. T. Van Someren's care and attention in noting the changes in the disposition of troops the force is much indebted for the prompt delivery of their correspondence.

The telegraph service was conducted with the greatest efficiency by Mr. R. C. Barker, C.I.E., and a very capable staff. Mr. Barker is an officer of marked ability and energy, and he succeeded in inspiring the whole department with his own good qualities. The organisation of the field telegraph now leaves little, if anything to be desired. The incorporation of the military telegraphs with the Telegraph Department of India has been shown to work successfully in the field both as regards matériel and personnel. The rapidity with which lines were laid down behind advancing columns, over very difficult ground, and taken up when no longer required, augurs well for the successful construction of field lines in more ordinary conditions of warfare. I beg to bring Mr. Barker and his staff most prominently to notice.

The force was fortunate in having the services of Captain E. O. F. Hamilton, Royal West Surrey Regiment, Inspector of Army Signalling, whose experience was invaluable. All branches of this service worked most efficiently, and Captain Hamilton succeeded in bringing his stations into complete correspondence with the field telegraphs.

Major E. Balfe's duties as Provost-Marshal were light in respect to the administration of discipline. In the matter of sanitation they were more arduous. I am indebted to him for acting as my Judge-Advocate and legal adviser.

Captain R. A. Wahab, Royal Engineers, was able to make a finished survey on a large scale of a considerable tract of country hitherto imperfectly delineated. He is an accomplished military surveyor.

Captain W. H. Young's arrangements in regard to the treasure chest were all that could be desired.

To Mr. A. F. D. Cunningham, C.I.E., C.S., I am much indebted for his able assistance as

Chief Political Officer attached to the force. His intimate knowledge of Hazara and the frontier tribes, which he was always ready to impart, was of the greatest value, and his linguistic attainments enabled him to conduct negotiations and business generally with the tribesmen with ease and precision. I beg that His Excellency will bring his services to the favourable notice of the Government of India.

I desire to record my appreciation of the services of the officers of my immediate and personal staff.

Colonel G. R. J. Shakespear, Assistant-Adjutant-General, has throughout given me the most loyal and unremitting assistance. He is possessed of sound judgment, and is a thoroughly trustworthy staff officer.

Captain F. C. Carter, Northumberland Fusiliers, Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General, was also a most valuable assistant. He is quick and ready, and never wanting in resource.

Both these officers were employed in the preliminary work of organising and despatching the force, and I am greatly indebted to them for their exertions during many months.

Captain A. H. Mason, Royal Engineers, was of great assistance as Deputy-Assistant Quartermaster-General for Intelligence in procuring information, and his previous knowledge of the country was most valuable. I would here refer to Captain (now Major) Leslie Rogers, a commanding officer of Volunteers, who was deputed by His Excellency for employment with the force. He was attached to Captain Mason, and showed great zeal in acquiring information as to the working of troops in the field. The advantage to the Volunteer Force in the widening of the experience of its officers cannot but be productive of the best results, and I beg to recommend the extension on future occasions of the privilege here accorded to one of their number.

Captain A. E. Sandbach, Royal Engineers, Aide-de-Camp, and Lieutenants H. W. Wilberforce, 2nd Dragoon Guards, and His Highness Prince Christian Victor of Schleswig-Holstein, G.C.B., King's Royal Rifles, orderly officers, rendered me much ready help. Captain Sandbach has already seen considerable and varied service in the field, and was specially useful. Lieutenant Wilberforce is a most promising officer in every way. Prince Christian Victor of Schleswig-Holstein was most zealous in the performance of all duties that fell to him, and takes great interest in his profession. On his battalion being ordered for service in the field elsewhere, he requested and obtained permission to rejoin it.

23. A supplementary selected list of officers brought to notice by Brigadier-Generals and heads of departments is attached.

24. Before concluding I beg to acknowledge the obligations of the force to the Nawab of Amb. He rendered much valuable service in furnishing boats and supplies as well as guides. He accompanied the force during active operations, and was always ready to meet demands on his resources.

Supplementary selected List of Officers brought to notice by Brigadier-Generals and Heads of Departments.

Colonel J. F. Hilton, commanding the 2nd Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders.

Colonel V. Rivaz, commanding the 37th (Dogra) Regiment of Bengal Infantry.