

formation received there, it appears that the fugitives avoided all main tracks, and were making for China by the round-about road via the amber-mines, whither it was impossible to follow them.

30. The movement of the Northern and Mogaung Columns on the jade-mines, and the establishment at that place of a military post, brought the operations of the Wuntho expedition, I think, to a satisfactory conclusion, as the establishment of this fort forms a connecting link in the chain of posts on our northern frontier, extending from the Irrawaddy to the Chindwin river, and thence to Kohima. The Northern Column returned to Katha via Mohnyin, thus opening up another bit of hitherto unexplored country, whilst the rest of the troops returned via Mogaung, where in personal consultation with the Commissioner, Northern Division, and with the sanction of the General Officer Commanding the Burma District, field operations were closed on the 30th April.

31. Although the ex-Sawbwa and his father have not been captured, I still confidentially claim for the troops engaged that all three objects of the expedition were successfully accomplished. No troops could have behaved better, and throughout the operations but one single case of undiscipline came under my notice.

From the start to finish they evinced throughout a cheerful and willing spirit, which, considering the hard and trying marches, reflects great credit upon all the officers and men concerned.

32. From the time the troops took the field to the close of the operations not a single village was burnt or damaged which had not offered resistance to us, with the solitary exception of Sana, which, for political reasons, it has long been intended to have destroyed, and it was at the time of its destruction abandoned.

Bearing in mind the heat of the sun by day and the heavy dews which usually prevailed by night, the absence of camp equipage and all other shelter usually found in Burma, beyond such temporary cover as the men themselves could hastily improvise after long fatiguing marches, often not reaching camp till five and six in the evening, the health of the force was, I think, on the whole satisfactory.

33. The medical and sanitary arrangements were, as I knew they would be, thoroughly well worked out, at first by Surgeon R. S. F. Henderson, and subsequently by Surgeon G. E. Hale. I cannot speak in too high terms of these valuable medical officers.

I am also pleased to endorse Lieutenant-Colonel Macgregor's warm approval of the good services rendered to his column by Surgeon R. H. Castor, Indian Medical Service (Madras).

34. The commissariat arrangements were well looked after by Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. M. Francklyn at Mandalay, and rations admirably supplied to the different troops in the field under the careful supervision of Lieutenant Taylor, Chief Commissariat Officer to the expedition.

35. The transport and general supervision along the line of communications were energetically and intelligently conducted by Major H. E. C. Kitchener, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry. My special thanks are due to Captain Barwick, of Her Majesty's Indian Marine, for the energetic and eminently successful way in which he conducted the marine transport during the expedition.

36. The lateness of the season at which the operations were begun, precluded all hope of constructing new roads, but the services of the Public Works Department were conspicuous by the energetic and willing way in which Mr. Richard, Superintendent Engineer, met all my wishes with regard to the construction of posts and the improvement of the roads between Tigyain and Wuntho and between Wuntho and Pinlebu, in which work he was ably assisted by Mr. Bligh, Lieutenant Fraser, Royal Engineers, and Mr. Walling. This latter officer is also brought prominently to my notice by Lieutenant-Colonel Macgregor. The Queen's Own Sappers and Miners under Lieutenant L. P. Chapman, Royal Engineers, also rendered valuable service in the construction of other posts.

37. My thanks are also due to the Telegraph Department for the speed with which they completed the line of wire to Wuntho, and hurried on the opening up of the line from Katha to Mansè; and to the Postal Department for the arrangements made by them for the speedy delivery of the letters and papers to the several columns engaged in the operations.

38. My duties as Chief Political Officer to the expedition were materially lightened by the ever-willing and energetic manner in which Mr. E. Fowle assisted me throughout. This officer joined me at Wuntho on my assuming personal control of the operations, and remained with me till they closed. I cannot speak too highly of the valuable services he rendered to the expedition. Colonel Macgregor brings to notice the good service rendered to him and his column by Mr. Emile Martini, and my personal experience of that officer enables me, I am happy to say, to endorse Colonel Macgregor's favourable report. I am also much indebted to Mr. Collins for his assistance to the Northern Column and advice and help afforded to me throughout the operations. My thanks are also due to the civil officers acting under him, all of whom have done well.

39. I would here also mention the good services rendered by Mr. George, Survey of India, who volunteered to remain in Kawlin during the trying times when it was in a state of siege, and actively employed himself in the defence of the place.

40. I desire to bring to special notice the services of the Military Police. They have been associated with regular troops throughout the operations, and have invariably done well. This was the first occasion on which men of the Karen Police were associated with regular troops on field service. They were always very keen to fight.

41. I have much pleasure in furthering Colonel Macgregor's wishes that the names of Mr. Prendergast and Mr. Folger should be brought to favourable notice, whilst respectively in command of this detachment of the Karen Battalion. Had Captain Hutchinson lived, it would have been my pleasing duty to have specially mentioned him for favourable consideration. Captain A. D. C. Pond, who succeeded him in command of the Ye-u Battalion, deserves mention; also Lieutenant W. G. H. Stirling, Katha Battalion, and Inspector Trotter, Burma Police.

42. I desire to bring prominently to notice the brilliant services of Captain H. D'U. Keary, Commanding the Shwebo Battalion of Military Police. I consider that the advancement of this officer would be to the benefit of the service. The spirit of dash and confidence inspired by his presence at Kawlin, and the prompt manner