

in two previous frontier expeditions. I trust that his valuable services in Waziristan may receive recognition.

The 2nd Brigade was commanded by Brigadier-General W. P. Symons, C.B., who has fully maintained the reputation he had already established by services which are well known to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

The Bannu Column was commanded by Colonel C. C. Egerton, D.S.O., 3rd Punjab Cavalry. He has proved himself to be as good a leader as he was a Staff Officer in former expeditions under my command.

The divisional troops during the latter part of the operations were commanded by Colonel A. Gaselee, C.B., 5th Gurkhas, to my entire satisfaction. I also beg to bring to notice the services of Colonel W. H. Meiklejohn, C.M.G., 20th Bengal Infantry, who commanded the Delimitation Escort in the Tochi Valley.

Of the Officers brought to notice by Brigadier-Generals and the Column Commander, I beg to submit the names of the following for the favourable consideration of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief:—

1st Brigade.—Lieutenant-Colonel W. O. Thompson, Commandant, 3rd Sikhs; Major B. Duff, Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General; Captain F. H. J. Birch, Royal Artillery.

2nd Brigade.—Major C. J. Mackenzie, Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General; Captain K. S. Davison, Deputy-Assistant Quartermaster-General; Captain G. A. Travers, Royal Engineers.

Bannu Column.—Captain G. F. H. Dillon, Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General; Captain R. H. Ewart, Commissariat Department.

28. I also submit the names of the following warrant and non-commissioned officers for their excellent work during the operations:—

Conductor S. M. Mercer, Commissariat Department.

Sergeant A. Youles, Commissariat Department.

Sergeant G. H. Pulleyne, Commissariat Department.

Sergeant J. R. Arthur, Commissariat Department.

Sergeant W. E. Davis, Adjutant-General's Department.

29. I wish to record my recognition of the hearty co-operation given to me by the following Civil Officers, who have been associated with me during different periods of the expedition:—

Mr. L. White King, C.S., Deputy Commissioner of Dera Ismail Khan. I cannot speak too highly of this most able Officer, and I trust that his successful delimitation of the southern section of the Waziri-Afghan boundary, viz., from Domandi to Khwaja Khidr, may receive recognition, carried out as it was under conditions demanding not only great physical endurance, but also keen intelligence, patience, and resolution.

Mr. H. A. Anderson, C.S., Deputy Commissioner of Bannu, who made it possible for Colonel Egerton to march the Bannu Column through the Darwesh Khel country by the influence he possesses over that tribe, and who afterwards succeeded in overcoming all objections on the part of the inhabitants to my advance up the Tochi Valley. To those eminent services I have every confidence that he will add that of the completion of the Waziri-Afghan boundary.

My thanks are also due to the other civil officers who accompanied the Field Force.

30. Thanks to the never-failing energy of Mr. A. J. L. Gimes and those working under him, telegraphic communication with India and between the columns was established as fast as the troops

advanced, and was seldom interrupted for more than a few hours. The line was continually cut by the enemy, or brought down by gales, but it was invariably repaired within a very short time in spite often of long distances to be covered through heavy snow.

31. The Postal Department worked admirably under Mr. W. T. Van Someren, to whom the thanks of every member of the Field Force are due.

Waziristan Field Force.

Return of Casualties during the Expedition from 17th December, 1894, to 30th March, 1895.

Summary.

Officers—Killed, nil; wounded, 2; missing, nil. 2.

Non-commissioned officers and men—Killed, 4;* wounded, 18†; missing, nil. 22.

Nominal Return of Officers Wounded.

Captain A. G. Hunter-Weston, Royal Engineers, No. 2 Company, Bengal Sappers and Miners, slight, gunshot, left ear.

Surgeon-Lieutenant B. G. Seton, Indian Medical Service, severe, gunshot, left knee.

Nominal Return of Non-Commissioned Officers and Men Killed.

1st Sikh Infantry.

4943 Sepoy Kishen Singh, gunshot, head.

190 Sepoy Sher Singh, gunshot, head. This man was wounded on the 1st January and died on the 9th January, 1895, through its effects.

1-5th Gurkha Rifles.

2811 Rifleman Bilbahadur Gurung, knife wound, abdomen. This man was wounded on the 26th and died on the 28th February, 1895, through its effects.

No. 2 Company, Bengal Sappers and Miners. Followers.

7796 Muleteer Sher Khan, gunshot.

Nominal Return of Non-commissioned Officers and Men Wounded.

2nd Battalion Border Regiment.

399 Lance-Corporal G. Hanson, severe, gunshot, right thigh.

3246 Private T. Harris, severe, gunshot, region of spleen.

3548 Private T. Mackie, severe, gunshot, right arm and chest.

No. 2 Company, Bengal Sappers and Miners.

3917 Sapper Amirullah, slight, gunshot.

3979 Sapper Sham Singh, slight, gunshot.

4420 Sapper Basawa Singh, slight, gunshot.

4619 Sapper Fateh Singh, slight, gunshot.

14th (Sikh) Bengal Infantry.

586 Sepoy Sahib Singh, severe, knife wounds.

1554 Sepoy Hira Singh, severe, knife wounds.

1st Sikh Infantry.

158 Sepoy Sher Khan, slight, gunshot in thigh.

316 Sepoy Sarup Singh, severe, gunshot through leg.

375 Sepoy Miah Khan, severe, gunshot through thighs.

3rd Sikh Infantry.

2211 Sepoy Sawan Khan, severe, gunshot, left shoulder.

* Includes two men died of wounds; also includes one follower.

† Includes one follower.