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India Office, November 5, 1897.

THE following General Order, dated 1st October, 1897, with Despatches from Brigadier-General W. H. Meiklejohn, C.B., C.M.G., and Major-General Sir B. Blood, K.C.B., regarding operations at the Malakand and in the Swat Valley, has been received from the Government of India:—

GENERAL ORDERS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Simla, the 1st October, 1897.

FIELD OPERATIONS.—MALAKAND.

No. 1089.—THE Right Honourable the Viceroy and Governor-General of India in Council directs the publication of the subjoined communications from the Adjutant-General in India, submitting, under the orders of the Commander-in-Chief in India, (i) a despatch from Brigadier-General W. H. Meiklejohn, C.B., C.M.G., Commanding the Malakand Brigade, on the operations of the troops under his command from the 26th July to the 1st August, 1897, (ii) despatches from Major-General Sir B. Blood, K.C.B., Commanding the Malakand Field Force, describing the operations at the Malakand and in the Swat Valley from the 1st to 3rd August, 1897, including the defence and relief of Chakdarra, and (iii) a despatch from Major-General Sir B. Blood, K.C.B., giving an account of the operations of the force under his command from the 4th to 26th August, 1897.

2. The successful defence of the Malakand and the undaunted resistance offered to the tribesmen at Chakdarra command the special admiration of the Governor-General in Council, who shares with His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief his appreciation of the bravery and discipline displayed by all ranks in these and subsequent operations, and of the excellent dispositions ably made by Brigadier-General Meiklejohn for the defence of the Malakand.

3. His Excellency in Council also entirely concurs with the Commander-in-Chief in his approbation of the ability, energy, and skill shown by Major-General Sir Bindon Blood in the operations at the Malakand, in the Swat Valley, and at the action of Laudakai on the 17th August.

No. 727-F., Field Operations—Malakand, dated Simla, 15th September, 1897, from Major-General G. de C. Morton, C.B., 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 forward for the information of the Government of India the accompanying report from Brigadier-General W. H. Meiklejohn, C.B., C.M.G., giving details of what

occurred at the Malakand from the 26th July to the 1st August, 1897, on which latter date Major-General Sir B. Blood, K.C.B., took over command of the Malakand Field Force.

2. The Commander-in-Chief desires to draw attention to the success with which the first sudden attack of the tribesmen was promptly met and repulsed, while he considers that the subsequent arrangements made to hold the position reflect great credit on Brigadier-General Meiklejohn and the force under his command.

3. Sir George White wishes to express his entire concurrence with the remarks of Brigadier-General Meiklejohn in paragraph 42 as regards the admirable behaviour of the troops during the defence of the Malakand. For five consecutive nights large numbers of the enemy, led on by their Mullahs and strongly imbued with a spirit of fanaticism, attacked the position with determination, during which time the troops had no rest or sleep. Each successive attack was met and repulsed with steadiness and success.

4. The incident mentioned in paragraph 29, when an advanced post in the line of defence was held by a party of a native Officer and 25 men of the 31st Punjab Infantry, cannot pass unnoticed. The small party detailed for this duty gallantly maintained their position for 6½ hours, and resisted what is described as a most determined attack, until at length the Serai they were holding was set on fire and rendered untenable. Out of the party of 26 men detailed for the duty, 19 were either killed or wounded, which in itself testifies to the gallant stand they made.

5. His Excellency also wishes to express his admiration of the manner in which the Corps of Guides marched at very short notice from Mardan, a distance of 32 miles. Despite the intense heat they had gone through the corps arrived in such a soldierlike condition that, on reaching the Malakand, the Infantry of the Guides at once took up the position allotted to them in the line of defence, and were under arms and fighting throughout the same and ensuing nights. Nor can Sir George White omit a reference to the march of the 35th Sikhs and the 37th Dogras, under Colonel Reid, which regiments proceeded to reinforce the Malakand Brigade as rapidly as possible. The march was carried out under the most trying conditions and in exceptionally sultry weather, but all ranks pushed on to reinforce their comrades, notwithstanding that they left 18 of their number dead from heat apoplexy *en route*, a loss which His Excellency deeply deplures.

Sir George White has also heard with the deepest regret of the death of Lieutenant-Colonel J. Lamb, 24th Punjab Infantry, Major W. W. Taylor, 45th Sikhs, Lieutenant L. Manley and the non-commissioned officers and men mentioned in the report.

6. In conclusion, the Commander-in-Chief desires to recommend to the favourable consideration of the Government of India Brigadier-General W. H. Meiklejohn and the Officers mentioned by him in this report.

No. 2, dated Malakand, 13th August, 1897, from Brigadier-General W. H. Meiklejohn, C.B., C.M.G., Commanding Malakand Brigade, to the Adjutant-General in India (through General Officer Commanding, Malakand Field Force).

I HAVE the honour to submit, for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, my report of the fighting that took place at Malakand between the dates of 26th July and 1st August.