

entirely due to his knowledge of the tribes, his perfect command of their language, which enabled him to deal directly with the jirgas, and his firmness in dealing with the jirgas. His judicious selection of subordinates greatly contributed to the success of the expedition. My movements were almost entirely based on information obtained by him regarding distances and water. I am under the greatest obligations to Mr. Merk for the manner in which he conducted the political business throughout.

Lieutenant B. C. Waterfield, Assistant Political Officer, carried out his work very firmly, and in great harmony with the military officers at the various posts.

Captain H. V. Cox, in charge of the Imperial Service Troops, the Patiala and Nabha Regiments, carried on all work connected with them with great smoothness, and was most zealous in his work.

Major W. J. Bythell, Royal Engineers, Survey Officer, did excellent work under the difficulty of marching daily, and was most keen and energetic.

Mr. C. J. Stowell carried out all postal arrangements entirely to my satisfaction. Everything was carried on most creditably by him and his subordinates.

Mr. H. S. Pike, Assistant Superintendent of Telegraphs, ably assisted by his subordinate, Mr. J. C. Murphy, laid the telegraph line rapidly and well, and the telegraph work was most satisfactory; all concerned working very willingly.

*India Office, March 16, 1898.*

THE following General Order, dated 18th February, 1898, publishing amendments in Major-General Sir B. Blood's Despatch of the 27th October, 1897 (published in the London Gazette of the 11th January, 1898), has been received from the Government of India:—

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

*Fort William, the 18th February, 1898.*

FIELD OPERATIONS.—MALAKAND.

No. 178.—THE Governor-General in Council directs the publication of the subjoined communication from the Adjutant-General in India forwarding a list of amendments to Major-General Sir Bindon Blood's Despatch No. 5, dated 27th October, 1897, detailing the operations of the Malakand Field Force from the 6th September to 27th October, 1897, published in G.G.O. No. 1317, dated 3rd December, 1897.

Letter from the Adjutant-General in India, No. 639-F., dated 11th February, 1898, Field Operations, N.-W. F., Malakand, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

I HAVE the honour, by direction of the Commander-in-Chief, to forward the enclosed list of amendments to Major-General Sir B. Blood's Despatch No. 5, dated 27th October, 1897, and to request that it may be published in an early Gazette.

Amendments to Despatch No. 5, published in General Orders, Military Department, No. 1317, dated 3rd December, 1897.

Paragraph 62.—After the full stop in line 2 dele "The Heads of Departments were—" and insert—"Accordingly I have the honour to recommend the heads of these departments to the favourable consideration of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief as having by their conduct and direction of their several departments, given assistance of the greatest value in the operations I have described. Their names are as under—"

Paragraph 64.—After the last full stop insert—"I have the honour to recommend all these officers for favourable consideration."

Paragraph 65.—Dele the whole paragraph and substitute—

"I have further the honour to recommend the following Staff and Regimental Officers to the favourable consideration of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, on account of the entirely satisfactory and efficient manner in which they carried out their several duties, and thereby gave most valuable assistance in the operations under reference; namely—

1st Brigade Staff.

Major E. A. P. Hobday, Royal Artillery, Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General.

Captain G. F. H. Dillon, 40th (Pathan) Regiment of Bengal Infantry, Deputy-Assistant Quartermaster-General.

Lieutenant C. R. Gaunt, 4th Dragoon Guards, Orderly Officer.

2nd Brigade Staff.

Major E. O. F. Hamilton, 1st Battalion Royal West Surrey Regiment, Deputy - Assistant Adjutant-General.

Major C. H. Powell, 2nd Battalion 1st Gurka (Rifle) Regiment, Deputy-Assistant Quartermaster-General.

Major E. Blunt, Royal Engineers, Field Engineer.

Captain G. A. Hawkins, Staff Corps, Brigade Commissariat Officer.

Captain D. Baker, 2nd (Prince of Wales's Own) Regiment of Bombay Infantry, Brigade Transport Officer.

Lieutenant J. Byron, Royal Artillery, Orderly Officer.

3rd Brigade Staff.

Captain A. H. G. Kembell, 2nd Battalion 5th Gurkha (Rifle) Regiment, Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General.

Major H. R. B. Donne, 1st Battalion Norfolk Regiment, Deputy - Assistant Quartermaster-General.

Lieutenant C. H. G. Moore, Staff Corps, Brigade Commissariat Officer.

Lieutenant E. de V. Wintle, 15th Bengal Lancers, Brigade Transport Officer.

Lieutenant D. W. Maxwell, 2nd Battalion Highland Light Infantry, Assistant Superintendent Army Signalling.

Captain R. J. G. Elkington, Royal Horse Artillery, Orderly Officer.

Staff at Malakand and on Line of Communications.

Captain A. B. H. Drew, 29th (Punjab) Regiment of Bengal Infantry, Deputy - Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster-General.

Captain A. R. Burlton, Staff Corps, Commissariat Officer, Advanced Depôt.

Staff at the Base.

Captain H. Scott, 2nd Battalion the Royal Sussex Regiment, Base Staff Officer.

Captain S. W. Lincoln, Staff Corps Commissariat Officer, Base Depôt.

Medical Officers.

Brigade - Surgeon - Lieutenant - Colonel A. S. Reid, Indian Medical Service.

Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel J. Ring, Army Medical Service.

Surgeon - Lieutenant - Colonel Z. A. Ahmed, Indian Medical Service.

Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel P. F. O'Connor, Army Medical Service.

Surgeon-Major C. R. Tyrrell, Army Medical Service.