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*Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,  
April 9, 1898.*

**NOTICE** is hereby given, that the Queen's Birthday will be Celebrated, in London alone, on Saturday, the 21st of May next, and at all other Stations, Naval and Military, on Tuesday, the 24th of May next.

*India Office, April 18, 1898.*

**T**HE following General Order, dated 25th February, 1898, publishing a Despatch from Major-General Sir B. Blood, K.C.B., regarding the operations of the Buner Field Force, has been received from the Government of India:—

**MILITARY DEPARTMENT.**

*Fort William, the 25th February, 1898.*

**FIELD OPERATIONS.—BUNER.**

No. 217.—THE Right Honourable the Governor-General of India in Council directs the publication of the subjoined communication from the Adjutant-General in India, submitting, under the orders of the Commander-in-Chief in India, a Despatch from Major-General Sir Bindon Blood, K.C.B., describing the operations of the Buner Field Force, recently under his command.

2. His Excellency in Council concurs in the opinion expressed by the Commander-in-Chief regarding the skill with which the operations of the Buner Field Force were conducted by Major-General Blood, and the discipline and good conduct displayed by the troops throughout these short but successful operations.

From Major-General G. de C. Morton, C.B., Adjutant-General in India, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department,—(No. 669-F, dated Fort William, the 14th February 1898).

I HAVE the honour, by direction of the Commander-in-Chief, to submit, for the information of the Government of India, the accompanying Despatch from Major-General Sir B. Blood, K.C.B., describing the operations of the Buner Field Force, recently under his command.

2. The object with which these operations were undertaken was to coerce into submission the tribes of Buner and Chamla, who had failed to comply with the punitive terms imposed upon them by Government for their complicity in the recent disturbances in Swat. It will be seen

from the Despatch that this object was effected within twelve days from the commencement of operations, both the Bunerwals and Chamlawals having fully submitted to, and complied with the terms of, Government during that period.

3. The celerity with which this successful result has been attained is undoubtedly due to the skilful dispositions made by the Commander of the Force, and to the enterprise, judgment, and vigour with which the operations were carried out, particularly in the attack and capture of the Tanga Pass.

4. His Excellency now commends to the notice of Government the services of Major-General Sir B. Blood and of the brigadiers and others mentioned in the Despatch.

5. The discipline and conduct of the troops, British and Native, have been all that could be desired, and reflect the greatest credit on all ranks.

From Major-General Sir Bindon Blood, K.C.B., Commanding the Buner Field Force, to the Adjutant-General in India,—(No. 1, dated Ambela Pass, the 19th January, 1898).

I HAVE the honour to submit the following account of the operations lately carried out by the Buner Field Force under my command.

2. It having been determined that the period of grace given to the Bunerwals, to enable them to comply with the terms offered them by Government, expired on the 6th January, 1898, and that they were to be attacked next day, the force under my command was disposed as under on the evening of the 6th January, namely:—

(a.) At Sanghao, about 21 miles north of Mardan.

The 1st Brigade under Brigadier-General W. H. Meiklejohn, C.B., C.M.G., consisting of:—

- 1st Battalion, Royal West Kent Regiment.
- 2nd Battalion, Highland Light Infantry.
- 16th Bengal Infantry.
- 20th Punjab Infantry.

The 2nd Brigade under Brigadier-General P. D. Jeffreys, C.B., consisting of:—

- 1st Battalion, The Buffs.
- 21st Punjab Infantry.
- 3rd Bombay Light Infantry (5 Companies).

The Artillery under Colonel W. Aitken, C.B., consisting of:—

- The 10th Field Battery.
- No. 7 Mountain Battery, Royal Artillery.
- No. 8 (Bengal) Mountain Battery.