

trition for their misconduct, and acknowledge the justice of their punishment. I trust that these tribesmen, who have proved themselves as brave foes as the Sikhs did, may, like the latter, become our firm friends. No finer fighting material can be found on the borders of India; and if, by firm yet sympathetic treatment, we succeed in gaining the confidence and affection of these hardy mountaineers, we may hope to utilize their services more fully than before in the defence of the Empire.

10. In bringing this narrative to a close, I would wish to record my appreciation of the soldier-like behaviour of the troops under my command, not only while actively engaged in the field, but also while employed on the tedious and monotonous duties of a blockade. Their conduct during the second phase of the campaign has been as creditable as were their gallantry and endurance during the first. The force can congratulate itself on having carried out, in the most thorough manner, the task entrusted to it. In no previous campaign on the North-West Frontier of India has a more exemplary punishment been inflicted, or a more complete submission enforced.

11. In conclusion, I have to record my obligations to Brigadier-General I. S. M. Hamilton, C.B., D.S.O., Commanding the 3rd Brigade, who has performed his duties with marked ability and energy; also to Brigadier-General J. W. Otley, C.I.E., who has rendered valuable service as Commanding Royal Engineer of the Force, more particularly in connection with the improvement of communications and the restoration of the Khyber posts.

12. During the period dealt with in this despatch the following officers have been brought to my notice as deserving of favourable mention:

Major C. St. L. Barter, 2nd Battalion, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.

Captain H. Wells-Cole, 2nd Battalion, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.

Lieutenant A. K. Robb, 2nd Battalion, Durham Light Infantry, attached to the 2nd Battalion, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.

Surgeon-Lieutenant M. Dick, Indian Medical Service.

13. Since the publication of my previous despatches, the undermentioned officers, whose names were omitted in the first instance, have been specially recommended for their good services by the General Officers concerned:

Lieutenant-Colonel C. H. W. Cafe, 2nd Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment.

Major G. F. A. Norton, Royal Artillery, Commanding No. 1 Mountain Battery, Royal Artillery.

Major E. Hegan, 5th Dragoon Guards, Deputy-Assistant Quartermaster-General.

Major H. R. Marrett, Assistant Commissary-General, Base Commissariat Officer.

Major A. B. Helyar, Royal Artillery, Commanding the 57th Field Battery.

Surgeon-Major A. E. C. Spence, Army Medical Staff.

Captain H. B. H. Wright, Royal Engineers, Commanding No. 4 Company, Madras Sappers and Miners.

Surgeon-Captain J. C. Jameson, Army Medical Staff.

Captain C. E. Lloyd, Deputy-Assistant Commissary-General, Base Transport Officer.

Captain A. Nicholls, 2nd Punjab Infantry, Deputy-Assistant Quartermaster-General for Intelligence.

Captain U. W. Evans, Royal Engineers, in charge Engineer Field Park.

Captain F. A. Hoghton, 1st Bombay Infantry, Field Intelligence Officer.

Captain G. W. Palin, Assistant Commissary-General, Commissariat-Transport Officer, Headquarters.

Veterinary-Captain A. E. Richardson, Army Veterinary Department.

Captain H. Smyth, 1st Battalion, Cheshire Regiment, Transport Officer.

Captain H. F. Walters, 24th Bombay Infantry, Field Intelligence Officer.

Captain W. R. Birdwood, 11th Bengal Lancers, Orderly Officer.

Captain G. C. Rigby, 1st Battalion, Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regiment), Assistant Superintendent of Army Signalling.

Captain W. S. Nathan, Royal Engineers, Field Engineer.

Captain H. J. M. Macandrew, 5th Bengal Cavalry, Brigade Transport Officer.

Lieutenant J. Hill, 15th Sikhs.

Lieutenant C. S. D. Leslie, Deputy-Assistant Commissary-General, Brigade Commissariat Officer.

Lieutenant L. N. Beatty, 1st Bombay Lancers, Transport Officer.

Lieutenant H. O. Parr, 7th Bengal Infantry, Orderly Officer.

Lieutenant C. R. Ballard, 1st Battalion, Norfolk Regiment, Transport Officer.

Lieutenant P. T. C. Herbert, Royal Horse Artillery, Transport Officer.

Lieutenant S. H. Sheppard, Royal Engineers, Bengal Sappers and Miners.

Lieutenant A. E. Turner, Royal Engineers, Assistant Field Engineer.

Lieutenant H. D. Hammond, Royal Artillery, Orderly Officer (dangerously wounded and since dead).

Second Lieutenant A. Young, Unattached List, Indian Staff Corps, attached to 1st Battalion, Gordon Highlanders.

14. I am much indebted to Subadar-Major Yasin Khan, Bahadur, 24th Punjab Infantry, for his assistance in dealing with the Afridi representatives, and I trust that his services may be duly recognized.

15. I have the honour to forward, for favourable consideration, lists of the British non-commissioned officers and men and of the native ranks who have shown conspicuous gallantry in the field during the operations subsequent to the 26th January, 1898, and whom I recommend for the Distinguished Conduct Medal and the Order of Merit. The necessary documents are appended.

16. A return of casualties from January 27th up to the present date accompanies this despatch.

#### Tirah Expeditionary Force.

I.—Return of Casualties in Action at Shinkamar on 29th January, 1898.

##### Summary.

Officers, British—Killed, 5; wounded, 3; missing, nil.

Non-Commissioned Officers and Men, British—Killed, 26; wounded, 31; missing, 1.

Non-Commissioned Officers and Men, Native—Killed, 2; wounded, 2; missing, nil.

##### Nominal Return of Officers Killed.

2nd Battalion, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.

Lieutenant Malcolm Reginald Walker, gunshot.

Lieutenant Thomas Percy Dowdall, gunshot.

Second Lieutenant Ernest St. George Hughes, gunshot.