

sufficient rice for their own consumption and are most unwilling to part with it. Unhusked rice was obtained occasionally, and considerable labour was required to husk it. I cannot speak too highly of the conduct of all ranks under trying circumstances, and trust that the operations will meet with the approval of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

38. My recommendations and casualty return are attached.

I have the honour to bring to favourable notice the names of the following officers, non-commissioned officers and men:—

#### Staff.

39. Major C. A. R. Hutchinson, 41st Dogras, General Staff Officer, 2nd Grade. I am greatly indebted to this officer for much valuable assistance. He has shown himself a hard-working and capable staff officer.

Captain L. S. H. Smithers, 17th Infantry (The Loyal Regiment), was acting Brigade-Major, Assam Brigade, at the time preparations were being made, and a great deal of General Staff work devolved on him. During the expedition he has often been of considerable assistance in other capacities than that of orderly officer. He is well fitted for staff employment.

Captain W. B. Hore, 120th Rajputana Infantry, Intelligence Officer, has an exceptionally good knowledge of the Abor-Miri language and was of the greatest assistance.

Captain H. S. Becher carried out the duties of Provost Marshal efficiently.

I am much indebted to Mr. A. Bentinck, I.C.S., Assistant Political Officer, for useful advice and assistance. He has an extensive knowledge of the tribes on this frontier and conducted under difficult circumstances several exploration parties, showing tact in his dealings with the villages. His services are well worthy of commendation.

#### Line of Communications.

40. Colonel D. C. Macintyre, Indian Army, Base Commandant and Inspector, Line of Communications, has performed his duties to my complete satisfaction. He conducted missions to the Pangri and Padam countries, being in both political and military charge. Largely owing to his tact in dealing with savage people these missions were most successful, and resulted in the establishment of excellent relations and a large increase to our geographical knowledge.

#### Corps and Departments.

41. *Assam Valley Light Horse Dismounted Detachment.*—The members of this detachment showed a most soldierlike spirit in volunteering, in many cases at great personal inconvenience and pecuniary loss, to accompany the expedition. They underwent considerable hardship in a most cheerful spirit and played an important part in the taking of the Kekar Monying position. Captain C. L. Lovell commanded the detachment in an efficient manner.

42. *No. 1 Company (K.G.O.) Sappers and Miners.*—The work done by this company is above all praise, and it is to the skill and energy displayed by all ranks that the success of the expedition is largely due. During six months of arduous work this energy has never flagged.

Major E. C. Tylden-Patterson is an officer of exceptional ability, and his advancement would be to the good of the service.

Lieutenant W. Cave-Brown did much good work, particularly in the hazardous enterprise of getting a steel cable for rafting across the Dihang.

The good work done by the following was noticeable:—

No. 3165 Acting Sergeant-Major J. F. Eltham.

Jemadar Sultan.

No. 12 Havildar Diwan Ali.

43. *1st Battalion, 2nd (K.E.O.) Gurkha Rifles.*—This corps well maintained its reputation for efficiency both on the Ledum Column and guarding the Line of Communications. An excellent spirit pervades the regiment.

Colonel J. Fisher commanded the Ledum Column and acted for some time as Officer Commanding Defences, Line of Communications. He performed both duties to my satisfaction.

Major A. B. Lindsay is a very capable officer with great enterprise. He acted as staff officer with the Ledum Column, and accompanied the Pangri and Padam missions as intelligence officer, and brought back very useful reports. He has all the qualities that go to make a good staff officer, and his advancement would be to the good of the service.

The good work done by the following was noticeable:—

Lieutenant H. F. F. Marsh.

Subadar-Major Dalman Ale, I.O.M.

No. 2912 Havildar Siri Lal Thapa.

No. 3280 Rifleman Budhiman Gurung.

No. 4144 Rifleman Deosur Thapa has been the subject of a separate communication.

44. *32nd Sikh Pioneers.*—This corps has done much useful work on the Line of Communications.

Lieutenant-Colonel F. H. Peterson, D.S.O., is an officer of sound judgment and has commanded his regiment and carried out the duties of Officer Commanding Defences, Line of Communications, to my satisfaction.

The good work done by the following was noticeable:—

Major E. H. S. Cullen, M.V.O.

Captain the Honourable M. deCourcy.

Subadar Sundar Singh.

No. 2969 Havildar Budhe Singh.

45. *1st Battalion, 8th Gurkha Rifles.*—On this corps devolved most of the fighting and the very hard work involved in escorting exploration parties. I cannot speak too highly of the manner in which it carried out its different duties. A better corps for jungle warfare it would be hard to find.

Lieutenant-Colonel F. Murray, D.S.O., commanded to my complete satisfaction, and carried out various important detached duties in a most capable manner. His services are well worthy of recognition. He was invalided as a result of the hardships involved in campaigning in such a difficult country.

Major J. A. Wilson commanded when Lieutenant-Colonel Murray was invalided, and carried out his duties to my satisfaction. He has shown energy and enterprise throughout, and has commanded detached bodies on several occasions.

Captain J. F. S. D. Coleridge is a most reliable officer of sound judgment, and has done excellently in military charge of exploration parties.

Captain A. L. Molesworth has done well in command of exploration parties.

Lieutenant M. A. C. Kennedy is a good