

their submission. Occasional offences committed by irreconcilables, such as the sniping of camps and piquets, the damaging of roads, and the cutting of telegraph lines still continue and may be expected to occur, from time to time, until minor unrest finally subsides.

The tribes as a whole have made their peace with Government and the normal khassadar system has been restored throughout Waziristan.

(ii) *The Administered Districts.*

Abnormal raiding into the Bannu and Dera Ismail Khan Districts from tribal territory has been controlled and the situation in these districts has been restored to normal. The tribes have been forced to surrender all individuals whom they have, from time to time, kidnapped and taken captive into tribal territory.

(iii) *Fines.*

In addition to large fines in money, deducted from tribal allowances, fines in rifles have been imposed on the tribes. The fines of rifles, which have all been paid, are the heaviest which have been imposed for many years.

(iv) *Extension of "Protected Areas" in Tribal Territory.*

Certain areas in tribal territory have been proclaimed "protected areas", wherein Government will provide facilities for the tribesmen for the peaceful settlement of their quarrels and will undertake to protect them from the depredations of their neighbours. It is hoped that this policy will, in time, eliminate tribal blood feuds and will provide a greater feeling of security which will pave the way for the extension of civilizing influences.

(v) *New Road Construction.*

The completion of the newly constructed road system will enable all parts of the country, which lie within the Bannu-Razmak-Jandola circular road and the Administrative Border, to be visited and much wider facilities for dealing quickly with disorder and unrest will thus be afforded than existed in the past.

CONCLUSION.

20. I again desire to place on record my appreciation of the able manner in which the operations were conducted by General Sir John F. S. D. Coleridge, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.D.C., General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command, and of the very valuable assistance and advice given to General Coleridge by His Excellency Sir George Cunningham, K.C.S.I., K.C.I.E., O.B.E., Governor of the North West Frontier Province, and by the Resident in Waziristan, Major H. H. Johnson, C.I.E., M.M., and his staff.

The Deputy Commissioners of Bannu and Dera Ismail Khan Districts rendered valuable assistance in the restoration of normal conditions in settled districts.

The plan of operations was ably carried out by the two Divisional Commanders, Major-General E. de Burgh, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., and Major-General A. F. Hartley, C.B., D.S.O.

The sick rate throughout the operations was lower than in any previous campaign on the

Frontier. This excellent result was mainly due to the able administration of the Medical Services by the Deputy Director of Medical Services, Northern Command, and the close co-operation between the medical units and all other branches of the service. Major-General W. H. Hamilton, C.B., C.I.E., C.B.E., D.S.O., was indefatigable in his efforts to ensure that sick and wounded received the most suitable treatment at the earliest moment and to secure for the troops all possible amenities to alleviate the discomforts and hardships associated with the campaign. He arranged in conjunction with Royal Air Force authorities for the transfer of serious cases by air to base hospitals at Rawalpindi.

The Tochi and South Waziristan Scouts, under command of Majors A. Felix-Williams, D.S.O., M.C., and P. R. H. Skrine, D.S.O., respectively continued to play an important part in the operations. The Frontier Constabulary, assisted by troops, ably discharged the arduous and difficult task of guarding the settled districts of Bannu and Dera Ismail Khan from the incursion of tribal raiding gangs.

Throughout the operations accurate and detailed information was supplied by Mr. H. J. Vickers, C.I.E., Deputy Director of the Intelligence Bureau and his staff.

I desire to bring to notice again the high standard of the work of all the troops of the Waziristan Force and to record my appreciation of their fine bearing in the many and varying tasks with which they were confronted. The ancillary services continued to carry out their duties most efficiently, under conditions which were frequently trying and arduous.

Finally I cannot speak too highly of the work which the Royal Air Force continued to carry out throughout the operations. I wish to record again my appreciation of the high example and unflinching co-operation of Group Captain N. M. Bottomley, C.I.E., A.F.C., and his successor Group Captain A. Lees, A.F.C.

(Sd.) R. A. CASSELS,
General,

Commander-in-Chief in India.

Dated the 6th April, 1938.

APPENDIX I.

FINAL WAZIRFORCE ORDER OF BATTLE.

16th January, 1937-15th December, 1937.

HEADQUARTERS—

Headquarters, Wazirforce.
Headquarters, Waziristan Division.
Headquarters, 1st Indian Division.
Headquarters, Bannu Brigade.
Headquarters, Razmak Brigade.
Headquarters, Wana Brigade.
Headquarters, 1st (Abbottabad) Infantry Brigade.
Headquarters, 2nd (Rawalpindi) Infantry Brigade.
Headquarters, 3rd (Jhelum) Infantry Brigade.
Headquarters, 9th (Jhansi) Infantry Brigade.