

Begbie, the Superintendent of Army Signalling, also merits the acknowledgments of the Government of India.

The Governor-General in Council is much indebted to Rear-Admiral Sir F. W. Richards, K.C.B., for the very complete and prompt manner in which His Excellency placed the whole force under his command at the disposal of the Government of India, and for the admirable manner in which the Naval Brigade was organized and equipped.

The Governor-General in Council expresses his hearty thanks to Mr. C. E. Bernard, Chief Commissioner, British Burma, Colonel E. B. Sladen, Chief Political Officer of the Force, and the other civil officers who have assisted them during the recent operations. To Mr. Bernard His Excellency is much indebted for the valuable assistance and personal energy which so much lightened the labour of organizing the force and the flotilla which carried it to Mandalay; also to Colonel Sladen, to whose tact and knowledge of the Burmese people and their language the peaceful surrender of the King was in a great measure due.

The Governor-General in Council also records his appreciation of the assistance rendered by the management of the Irrawaddy Steam Flotilla Company, and the skill shown by the commanders of their vessels.

During the operations which were being conducted in Upper Burma, troubles arose on the frontiers of British Burma consequent on raids committed by lawless soldiery and dacoits. These were very promptly suppressed by the troops of the British Burma Division who had not the good fortune to form part of the Expeditionary Force. The thanks of the Government are due for these services, and specially to Major-General L. W. Buck, Commanding the British Burma Division, and Mr. E. S. Symes, Secretary to the Chief Commissioner, for the very efficient measures taken by them to secure and maintain the tranquillity of the province.

The labours of the troops have not yet ended, and they may still be called on to undergo privations and to perform harassing duties; but the Governor-General in Council confidently hopes that, with the aid of the civil officers, the work of pacification and the suppression of dacoity will soon be effected.

It remains for the Governor-General in Council to place on record his gratitude to the Local Governments and Army Departments for the manner in which the Expeditionary Force was organized and despatched. On the 19th October, warning was given to the Commander-in-Chief in India, the Government of Madras, and the Director of Marine that an Expeditionary Force would probably be required for Burma; and on the 21st October orders were issued for the despatch of a division of 3 brigades of Infantry, 6 batteries of Artillery, 6 companies of Sappers, and a Naval Brigade, part of the force embarking at Calcutta and part at Madras. Embarkation took place simultaneously from both ports on the 1st November, and by the 6th November the entire force had sailed from India completely equipped for service. On the 14th, the force which was in course of concentration on the British Burma frontier crossed the frontier, and hostilities commenced. On the 28th November, Mandalay had fallen and the King surrendered. Few expeditions have been conducted to a successful issue with such rapidity and completeness.

The Governor-General in Council desires to express his cordial appreciation of the energy displayed by the Government of Madras, the Provincial Commander-in-Chief of the Madras

Army, and the Departments working under their orders for the expeditious and efficient manner in which every detail of the organization and embarkation of the Madras force was carried out. The Government of Madras have very fully acknowledged the services of the following officers as deserving of notice, and the Governor-General in Council wishes now to add to these commendations an expression of his own appreciation of their services:—

Colonel H. P. Hawkes, Commissary-General.

Major-General S. H. E. Chamier, Inspector-General of Ordnance.

Surgeon-General J. Irvine, M.D., Medical Staff.

Surgeon-General M. C. Furnell, Indian Medical Department.

Lieutenant J. H. Taylor, R.N.R., Master Attendant.

The Governor-General in Council also desires to thank the Government of Bombay for their cordial response to the requisitions made by the Government of India, and for the rapidity with which their troops were equipped and despatched.

The Governor-General in Council takes this opportunity to thank Sir Donald Stewart, who was Commander-in-Chief in India when the Expeditionary Force in India was organized, for his co-operation and advice; also His Excellency Sir Frederick Roberts for the assistance rendered since his arrival in India. The Governor-General in Council also acknowledges the services rendered by the Adjutant-General and Quartermaster-General in India, and the staff and departmental officers who, under their orders, have carried out the various details connected with the organization and despatch of the force.

The thanks of the Government of India are due to the following officers and their subordinates for the energetic part taken by them in the equipment of the force:—

Colonel J. V. Hunt, C.B., Commissary-General-in-Chief.

Colonel R. C. Low, C.B., Commissary-General for Transport.

Major-General T. E. Hughes, C.I.E., Director-General of Ordnance in India.

Surgeon-General C. D. Madden, Medical Staff.

Surgeon-General B. Simpson, M.D., Indian Medical Department.

Colonel B. Walton, C.I.E., Superintendent and Agent for Army Clothing.

Captain J. Hext, R.N.; Director of Marine, for the promptitude and efficiency with which the transports were taken up and fitted; Captain G. O'B. Carew, C.I.E., Deputy Director, and Commander H. A. Street, R.N., Assistant-Director.

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From Major-General Sir T. D. Baker, K.C.B., Adjutant-General in India, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

I am directed by the Commander-in-Chief to submit, for the information of Government, the accompanying despatch\* from the General Officer Commanding the Burma Field Force, detailing the operations carried on by the troops under his command from the date of embarkation at Rangoon to the capture of Mandalay and the surrender of King Theebaw.

2. His Excellency desires to record his appreciation of the able manner in which Lieutenant-General Sir Harry Prendergast, K.C.B., V.C., has carried out his orders; and considers that great credit is due to him and all concerned for the

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