

X. Captain A. G. F. Browne, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Gurkha Regiment, Superintendent of Signalling, has carried out his duties in an energetic and successful manner, and rendered valuable assistance, when communication had to be kept up with the Northern Column, and with parties sent out on reconnaissance duty. During the advance from the Upper Kolodyne to Haka, communication was kept open by the heliograph alone.

XI. Lieutenant W. J. Bythell, R.E., Assistant Superintendent, Survey of India, has worked very hard and successfully during the expedition, and to his energy is due the large amount of survey operations which have been carried out. He is I consider a most excellent and intelligent officer, and afforded great assistance to the engineer officers employed in tracing the road.

XII. Among regimental officers I would specially mention the following for the zealous, energetic, and successful manner in which they carried out their duties :

(1.) Colonel R. Westmacott, commanding the 28th Bombay Pioneers.

(2.) Lieutenant-Colonel F. W. Nicolay, commanding the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Gurkha Regiment.

(3.) Captain A. T. Weller, 9th Bengal Infantry.

(4.) Captain L. M. M. Hall, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Gurkha Regiment.

(5.) Lieutenant H. J. Sherwood, Royal Engineers, Bengal Sappers and Miners.

XIII. Surgeon-Major W. R. Murphy, Principal Medical Officer, carried out his duties in an able and intelligent manner, and his arrangements both in the distribution of the field hospitals along the line of communication, and for the return of the sick convoys were most satisfactory, and worked without a hitch. I have a very high opinion of this officer. The medical officers attached to the expedition have been worked very hard, and have one and all carried out their duties in a most zealous, careful, and praiseworthy manner. Troops and followers have been equally well looked after, and every assistance rendered to them. I would, however, specially mention the following officers :

Surgeon-Major S. F. Bigger, at Demagiri, had the heaviest work of the campaign in dealing with the sickness of the followers, and ensuring their satisfactory transit when invalidated to the base. His duties were discharged in a most able and admirable manner, and reflect the highest credit on his judgment and ability.

Surgeon E. Hudson dealt with the very critical and severe outbreak of cholera at Burkal with a conspicuous ability of which I cannot speak too highly.

XIV. Veterinary-Surgeon J. A. Nunn has carried out his duties in a most able and satisfactory manner, and his services during the expedition, in the care and treatment of the baggage animals, have been invaluable. He is, I consider, a very reliable and sound officer.

I would also bring to notice the names of the following officers who were employed with the Northern Column under Colonel Skinner, and on whom much labour and responsibility were thrown :

XV. Major F. R. Begbie, commanding the detachment of the 2nd Battalion 2nd Gurkhas, who accompanied, with 100 of his men, the flying column to Lienpunga's village, and commanded the column detached to punish the sons of Vutai.

XVI. Captain R. D. Petrie, Royal Engineers, as Field Engineer, was unremitting in his exertions in improving the road and river way, and planned and built the stockades at Aijol.

XVII. Lieutenant G. A. Brownrigg, 28th Bombay Infantry, who was severely wounded in

a skirmish near Lienpunga's village on the 23rd February, gave, with his detachment, most valuable assistance in road and river work.

XVIII. Lieutenant H. W. G. Cole, 2nd Battalion 2nd Gurkhas, gave me every assistance, and proved himself a thoroughly efficient Staff Officer.

XIX. Captain O. A. Chambers, Assistant Intelligence Officer, commanded two reconnoitring parties, and collected much information regarding the country and people.

XX. I was much indebted to Lieutenant (now Captain) W. H. Birkbeck, 1st Dragoon Guards, Assistant Superintendent of Army Signalling, whose duties necessitated a great deal of very hard hill climbing, and through whose arrangements the column was in almost constant communication with Lungeh as long as heliographic signalling was possible.

XXI. On Captain W. H. Allen, Brigade Transport Officer, ably seconded by the transport officers under him, the very important duty of pushing on supplies to Lienpunga's village devolved. The work was accomplished in, I believe, the shortest possible time, and supplies were always available when required.

28. I would also bring the names of the following warrant and non-commissioned officers to His Excellency's special notice, as having performed good work with the expedition, and who hold out promise of proving themselves worthy of advancement in their respective departments :

Conductor P. McBrien, Bengal Commissariat Department.

Sub-Conductor P. Lyons, Bengal Commissariat Department.

Sergeant W. G. Hoare, Bengal Commissariat Department.

Sergeant H. Fergusson, Bengal Commissariat Department.

Sergeant F. J. Skinner, Bombay Commissariat Department.

Sergeant W. Elliott, Highland Light Infantry, Signalling Department.

Lance-Corporal T. Elkin, Derbyshire Regiment, Signalling Department.

Assistant-Apothecary W. J. A. Hogan, Subordinate Medical Department, Bengal.

No. 266, Hospital Assistant Sheopurshun Singh.

No. 285, Hospital Assistant Bukrid Ali.

29. In conclusion, I would beg to tender my sincere thanks—

To Mr. D. R. Lyall, Commissioner of Chittagong, for the very valuable help he has at all times given me in carrying out the objects of the expedition.

To Brigadier-General W. L. Auchinleck, Commanding the Presidency District, and the Staff Officers serving under him, for all the heavy work which has been entailed upon them in connection with the expedition, both in its despatch from, and return to, Calcutta.

To the Marine Authorities at Calcutta, for their services in connection with the despatch and transport of all troops, baggage animals, materials, &c., to and from Chittagong.

E. H. H. COLLEN,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Foreign Office, September 11, 1890.

THE Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. L. Mavroidi as Consul at Larnaca, with jurisdiction over the Island of Cyprus, for His Majesty the King of the Belgians.