

sisted of Mahsuds with a few Darwesh Khel of Shakai and Baddar, and appear to have been composed of two classes; first, the followers of Mulla Powindah, who for the most part had come from the neighbourhood of Makin and Maidan, and contained the fanatical element; and secondly, the Nana Khel, including the Abdul Rahman Khel, who were principally bent on plunder. The bravery and disregard of death shown by the men who made the first rush into camp, can only be spoken of in terms of the highest admiration.

25. I would especially desire to bring to the notice of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief the conduct of all corps on this occasion. The brunt of the fighting fell on the 1st Gurkhas. This regiment, although taken at a disadvantage, behaved with the utmost gallantry and steadiness, and succeeded after severe hand-to-hand fighting in clearing their camp of the enemy. The whole of the troops displayed excellent discipline, and a noticeable feature of the fight was the perfect order and absence of all confusion in the camp under very trying circumstances; there was little wild firing, and in the parts of the camp, not directly attacked, there was no firing at imaginary enemies. The manner in which the pursuit was carried out was also most commendable.

I would beg to bring to the favourable notice of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief the following Officers who distinguished themselves during the attack on our camp on the 3rd instant:—

Major G. H. Robinson, Commanding 1st Battalion, 1st Gurkha Rifles, for the steady bravery and resolution with which he held his own on the first assault, and rapidly restored order in his regiment, repelling all further attempts of the enemy.

Colonel W. H. Meiklejohn, C.M.G., Commanding 20th (Duke of Cambridge's Own Regiment) Bengal Infantry, for excellent service in assisting in clearing the camp of the enemy, and for the manner he carried out my orders when in command of the pursuing column.

Major W. A. D'O. O'Mealy, Commanding Squadron, 1st (Prince Albert Victor's Own) Punjab Cavalry, for the vigour of the pursuit and the gallantry with which he made repeated charges amongst the mass of the flying enemy. This commendation must be extended to all Officers and men of the small number of cavalry.

The Officer Commanding, 1st Gurkha Rifles, brings to notice the following Officers:—

Lieutenant and Adjutant R. D. Angelo, 1st Gurkhas, as being conspicuous in getting his men together, and encouraging them to do their duty.

Lieutenant C. Herbert, 1st Gurkhas, who behaved with gallantry under trying circumstances, his command being attacked in front and rear whilst extended in single rank.

Lieutenant M. L. Hornby, 24th (Baluchistan) Regiment of Bombay Infantry, Orderly Officer, who, though severely wounded, on arriving with a message, gave great assistance after the above Officers were disabled.

The Officer Commanding Squadron, 1st Punjab Cavalry, brings to notice the services of:—

Lieutenant E. W. McK. Ballantyne, both for his pluck and dash in the charges, as well as in going into the horse lines and killing one or more of the enemy who were cutting loose the horses.

Captain A. W. Chaldecott, for the example he set his men by his coolness and personal bravery.

All these commendations I would beg cordially to endorse.

I will take another opportunity of bringing to notice the services of other Officers of corps and

departments, as well as of the Staff who have served me so well on this occasion as well as always since the brigade was formed.

Memorandum from the Adjutant-General in India.—(No. 137 W, dated Fort William, the 16th February, 1895.)

The following Despatch is forwarded for the information of the Government of India in the Military Department:—

Letter from Brigadier-General A. H. Turner, Commanding the Waziristan Delimitation Escort, to the Adjutant-General in India.—(No. 143, dated Camp Wano, the 29th November, 1894.)

IN continuation of my Letter No. 99, dated 16th November, 1894, I have the honour to submit, for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, the following brief report bringing the operations of the Waziristan Delimitation Escort up to the present date, on which it ceases to exist as a separate command.

2. On the 17th November, the 2nd Battalion, Border Regiment, arrived at Wano, and joined the force under my command.

3. Subsequent to the attack on our camp on the morning of the 3rd instant, the Mahsud Waziris, with the exception of petty offences, such as firing on the grass-cutters' guard, carrying off camels, and interfering with our line of communications, have remained inactive. Reports have been received from time to time of large gatherings with the object of again attacking the camp, but up to the present date no such attack has taken place.

4. On this occasion I would beg to bring to the favourable notice of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief the services of the following Officers in addition to those mentioned in my former report:—

Lieutenant-Colonel W. O. Thompson, Commanding 3rd Sikhs, is an Officer in whose ability and judgment I have learned to place much confidence, and to whom I am grateful for the readiness he always displays to undertake any duties with his regiment, however arduous.

Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel G. McB. Davis, Indian Medical Service, Principal Medical Officer with the Escort, possesses thoroughly good administrative abilities and sound common sense; under him the department has been distinguished by smooth working.

Lieutenant-Colonel A. H. Mason, D.S.O., Deputy-Assistant Quartermaster-General for Intelligence, has been of inestimable service to me, not only for his intimate knowledge of the frontier and the tribes, but also in matters outside his own department.

Veterinary-Major G. J. R. Rayment, Army Veterinary Department, is an Officer devoted to his profession, who has done admirable work in the treatment of sick and wounded animals, and also by his sound advice in all matters connected with his department.

Major B. Duff, Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General, has earned my entire confidence by his excellent abilities, thorough knowledge of his work, and admirable tact.

Captain F. H. J. Birch, Commanding No. 3 (Peshawar) Mountain Battery, is an Officer of whose great value as commandant of a mountain battery I have had previous experience; with him in command of my guns, I have always had perfect confidence that all a battery can do will be done.

Captain H. Wharry, Brigade Commissariat Officer, by the excellence of all his arrangements,