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**T**HE following General Order, dated 10th June, 1898, publishing a Despatch from Lieutenant-Colonel R. C. G. Mayne regarding the operations in Mekran in January and February, 1898, has been received from the Government of India :—

**MILITARY DEPARTMENT.**

*Simla, the 10th June, 1898.*

**FIELD OPERATIONS.—MEKRAN.**

No. 648.—THE Right Honourable the Governor-General in Council is pleased to direct the publication of the subjoined letter from the Adjutant-General in India, dated the 20th May, 1898, submitting, under the orders of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in India, a Despatch from Major (temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) R. C. G. Mayne, Commandant of the 30th Bombay Infantry and Commanding the troops in Mekran, reporting the particulars of the operations of the detachment under his command in Mekran in January and February last.

From Major-General G. De C. Morton, C.B., Adjutant-General in India, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department,—(No. 2250-A,—“Disturbances,”—dated Simla, the 20th May, 1898).

I HAVE the honour, by direction of the Commander-in-Chief, to submit, for the consideration of the Government of India, the accompanying letter from the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Bombay, enclosing a Despatch from Lieutenant-Colonel R. C. G. Mayne, 30th Bombay Infantry, describing the operations of the troops which recently proceeded under his command to Mekran, for the purpose of quelling the disturbance which had taken place there.

2. His Excellency fully concurs in the remarks made by Lieutenant-General Duncan, and considers that great credit is due to Lieutenant-Colonel Mayne and the officers and troops employed, for the creditable manner in which the operations were carried out. Lieutenant-Colonel Mayne's skilful dispositions during the action at Gok Parosh, and the gallantry shown by the small body of troops under his command against large numbers of the enemy, who were completely routed, are deserving of special mention, especially as this is the first time the 30th Bombay Infantry has been employed on active service.

3. The Commander-in-Chief endorses the commendation bestowed by Lieutenant-Colonel Mayne

on the officers named in the despatch, and also desires to bring to the notice of Government the promptitude with which all arrangements for the despatch of the force were made by Brigadier-General T. A. Cooke, Commanding the Sind District, the Staff of that District, and the regimental authorities.

From Lieutenant-General J. Duncan, Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Bombay, to the Adjutant-General in India,—(No. 1043-A—M, “Field Operations—Mekran—Despatches,” dated Mahableshwar, the 9th May, 1898).

I HAVE the honour to forward, for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in India, a letter\* from Lieutenant-Colonel Mayne, submitting a report on the operations conducted by him in Mekran, from the 13th January to about the middle of February, 1898.

2. I desire to bring to notice, for His Excellency's favourable consideration, the skill and vigour with which these operations were successfully carried out by Lieutenant-Colonel Mayne, in the face of considerable difficulties and with a comparatively small force.

From Lieutenant-Colonel R. C. G. Mayne, Commanding the 30th Bombay Infantry and the troops in Mekran, to the Deputy Adjutant-General, Bombay Command, Poona,—(dated Karachi, the 12th April, 1898).

I HAVE the honour to submit, for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Troops, Bombay Command, the accompanying report of the operations in Mekran.

2. A further detailed diary of the expedition and reports on the roads traversed will be forwarded if required, but there will be some little delay in doing so, as the regiment under my command is on the move to Chaman, and there is a press of work.

**Report on the Operations in Mekran.**

On the 11th January, 1898, orders were given me by Brigadier-General T. A. Cooke, Commanding the Sind District, to embark the same evening for Ormara with 250 rifles of the 30th Bombay Infantry (3rd Baluch Battalion), with the object of relieving that place, which was in danger of being attacked by Sardar Baluch Khan, Chief

\* Dated 12th April, 1898.