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THE following Despatches have been received by the Secretary of State for India from Lieutenant-General Sir Alfred Gaselee, G.C.I.E., K.C.B., Commanding the British Contingent, China Expeditionary Force:—

No. 380 S.

Head-Quarters Staff Office,
British Contingent, China Field Force,

MY LORD, July 6, 1901.

NOW that I have received the orders of His Majesty's Government for the gradual reduction of the China Field Force, I submit, for your Lordship's information, what I presume will be my final Despatch as the General Officer Commanding the China Field Force.

2. In my Despatch No. 198 S, of the 17th January, I reviewed the events of last year, and brought to your Lordship's notice a number of Officers whom I considered worthy of commendation. In this, my final Despatch, it will therefore only be necessary to allude to what has since occurred, and to submit to your Lordship a further list of Officers who have done good service during the present year.

3. Military operations during this phase have, as far as the British troops are concerned, been confined to the repression of brigandage, the only operations of any importance being the affair near Funing, in which the late Major Browning lost his life, vide my Despatch, No. 4227 of the 5th May, in which I specially brought to notice the Officer commanding the column, Lieutenant-Colonel O. C. Radford, 4th Punjab Infantry.

4. The only other feature of the occupation worthy of note has been the transfer of the Peking-Shanhaikwan Railway from the Russian military authorities to German headquarters, and thence to the Railway Administration under the control of the British military authorities. I have fully described the history of this transfer in my Despatch No. 205 S, dated 23rd January, 1901, and my Despatch No. 337 S, dated 8th April, 1901, in which I dealt with the so-called Tientsin incident.

5. The troops have been mainly employed on detached duties, guarding the 250 miles of railway, and have performed these duties in a thoroughly satisfactory manner which reflects credit on all ranks.

6. I have now the honour to bring to your Lordship's notice the following Officers who have not been mentioned in my previous Despatches:—

Brigadier-General W. T. Shone, C.B., D.S.O.,

occupied the important position of Chief Engineer from 31st August, 1900, to 25th February, 1901, and rendered me valuable assistance therein.

Brigadier-General H. Pison, C.B., Commanding Royal Artillery, an Officer thoroughly versed in artillery questions, has been a useful adviser to me in all such matters.

Colonel J. McB. Davis, M.D., C.B., D.S.O., Indian Medical Service, Principal Medical Officer, has performed his duties to my satisfaction.

Major F. T. Williams, 26th Madras Infantry, Deputy-Assistant Quartermaster-General, 4th Infantry Brigade.

Captain J. A. Houson Craufurd, 7th Bombay Infantry, Deputy - Assistant Quartermaster-General, 2nd Infantry Brigade.

Captain A. Nicholls, 2nd Punjab Infantry, Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General, 3rd Infantry Brigade.

Captain P. W. Drake Brockman, 5th Bengal Infantry, Deputy-Assistant Quartermaster-General, Line of Communications.

Major T. F. B. Renny-Tailyour, Royal Engineers, Survey of India.

Major A. L. M. Turner, Royal Artillery, Principal Ordnance Officer, has controlled the Ordnance efficiently.

Lieutenant-Colonel H. E. Passy, Indian Staff Corps, Field Controller.

Major H. E. F. Gould Adams, Royal Artillery, has been invaluable in his dealings with the Chinese in the Shanhaikwan District.

Major C. M. Ducat, 4th Bombay Cavalry, has done good service in a similar capacity under the Tientsin Provisional Government.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. R. L. Macdonald, C.B., Royal Engineers, has been a tower of strength as Director of Railways. I cannot too highly commend his energy, tact, and good sense in a difficult post. He has been ably supported in railway business by—

Major C. A. R. Browne, Royal Engineers.

Captain P. G. Twining, Royal Engineers.

Lieutenant H. E. C. Cowie, Royal Engineers.

Lieutenant H. D. Pearson, Royal Engineers.

Major F. V. Whittall, 1st Infantry, Hyderabad Contingent.

Captain L. C. Dunsterville, 20th Punjab Infantry.

Captain H. C. Holman, 16th Bengal Lancers.

Lieutenant E. F. Orton, 26th Bombay Infantry.

Lieutenant C. G. W. Hunter, Royal Engineers.

I would also bring to your Lordship's favourable notice Messrs. C. W. Kinder, C.M.G., J. E. Foley