

in musketry training and the manner in which the troops work and run up shelter at the shortest possible notice. Sangars and pits quickly covered the bivouacs and the pickets were secured against a rush at night by wire entanglements, &c. Constant night work now forms a regular part of infantry training and the results were very plainly visible. As far as hill fighting is concerned our troops had little to learn from the Afridis.

The various departments of the Force were all satisfactory and especially the transport service, where the discipline and order that prevailed were very noticeable.

The good conduct of the Khyber Rifles, many of whom were actually serving against their own kith and kin, is a remarkable testimony to their efficiency and loyalty. Not a rifle was lost by the corps, nor was there a single desertion.

30. The enemy's losses, as far as can be ascertained at present, have been at least 70 killed and the wounded may reasonably be put at a much higher figure.

31. I have much pleasure in bringing to the favourable notice of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief the names of the following officers and others who have rendered exceptionally good service:—

Divisional Staff.

Brigadier-General H. Mullaly, C.B., Chief Staff Officer.—I cannot speak too highly of this Officer. From start to finish his work was done with a thoroughness which left nothing to be desired. His knowledge of Staff duties, his ability and his untiring energy in the field have all helped considerably in bringing the operations to a successful issue. I specially recommend him for advancement in the service.

Colonel A. W. Money, Royal Artillery, Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster-General.—An excellent Staff Officer who materially helped in organising the force. His past experience in the field, combined with his decided ability, energy and zeal, have been of the greatest assistance and I specially commend him to the Commander-in-Chief's notice.

Captain A. B. Whatman, D.S.O., Somerset Light Infantry, Chief Signalling Officer.—No Officer in the Force did better work. The signalling to and from India and tactically in the field was of a very high order. His energy, perseverance under trying conditions, and his coolness in all circumstances are remarkable and I strongly recommend him for advancement.

Captain N. J. C. Livingstone-Learmonth, 15th Hussars.—A fine soldier. Did very good work in the field and was most helpful in all the duties of a Staff Officer.

Lieutenant A. P. Y. Langhorne, Royal Artillery, Aide-de-Camp.—An exceptionally good Officer, very zealous and energetic and possesses plenty of common sense. He rendered me valuable aid in the field and I specially commend him to the Commander-in-Chief.

Captain E. T. Rich, Royal Engineers.—A very good Officer, most energetic and always to the fore. His maps and reports were of great assistance during operations. He has completed a very careful survey of the Bazar Valley.

Major A. Mullaly, D.S.O., Divisional Transport Officer.—A very practical and useful Officer in the field. Under his orders everything worked most satisfactorily.

First Brigade.

Brigadier-General C. A. Anderson, C.B.—Twice commanded columns with marked success, also covered the retirement from the Bazar Valley, which operation was conducted with skill. He is a very good Brigadier and possesses the thorough confidence of all ranks.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. M. Stewart, 2nd Battalion, 5th Gurkhas.—An excellent Battalion Commander who was frequently assigned difficult duties which he invariably carried out most satisfactorily.

Captain C. de Sausmarez, D.S.O., R.A., 22nd Mountain Battery.—A gallant soldier and very good gunner; did splendidly on every occasion that the battery was employed.

Captain A. L. Tarver, 124th Baluchistan Infantry, Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General, 1st Brigade.—A good Staff Officer whose work in the field was exceedingly well performed.

Second Brigade.

Major-General A. A. Barrett, C.B.—Commanded the Brigade in the first advance into Bazar and again on 18th February near China when the enemy were very severely handled. He has much frontier experience and is a most reliable soldier.

Captain and Adjutant K. G. Buchanan and Major R. S. Vandeleur, 1st Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders.—I specially bring these two Officers to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief's notice. The Seaforths have throughout the operations proved themselves a very fine battalion and have done a great share of the work of the Force. Had Major the Honourable Forbes-Sempill lived I should have recommended him for a reward for his distinguished services.

Lieutenant-Colonel K. J. Buchanan, 54th Sikhs (Frontier Force).—An able and energetic Commanding Officer. Has a fine regiment and has shown himself a capable leader of men.

Captain H. A. H. Rice and Lieutenant S. R. Shirley, 54th Sikhs (Frontier Force).—These two Officers behaved with great gallantry before China on 18th February, and I recommend them for some mark of distinction.

Captain J. P. Villiers-Stuart, 55th Rifles, Orderly Officer to General Barrett.—A good soldier, active and resourceful. Did very good work in the field.

Lieutenant C. B. Harcourt, 28th Punjabis.—Acted with coolness and much judgment on 21st February during the withdrawal from China hills.

Khyber Rifles.

Captain H. A. H. Bickford, 56th Rifles (Frontier Force).—Commanded the corps with ability and showed how well trans-border soldiers will work even against their own people when well led.

Political.

I strongly commend to the favourable notice of the Commander-in-Chief and of Government the services of:—

Lieutenant-Colonel G. O. Roos-Keppel, C.I.E., Chief Political Officer with the Force.—He commanded the column which advanced from Lundi Kotal on 15th February. This duty was very well carried out. He also accompanied me every day with the various punitive columns. It is due to his tact, judgment and thorough knowledge of all the Afridi tribes that the settlement