

these operations foresight and determination overcame all obstacles, and the organisation of the Lines of Communication worked perfectly smoothly throughout. Every individual on the staff was impressed with the one idea of assisting the officers and troops by passing all stores as rapidly as possible up and down the Lines. The most advanced troops were never short of anything which was obtainable.

The equipment and clothing of the troops and followers and the generous scales of rations for all personnel and animals left nothing to be desired, and enabled them to stand the hardships of this campaign, which was carried out under most trying climatic conditions.

55. The Joint War Committee of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England and the British Red Cross Society established depôts within the Force under the able direction of the Revd. C. F. Hall, and ministered to the comfort of the troops in hospitals, both at the base and on the Lines of Communication. Their Christmas gifts to the troops were most welcome, and were highly appreciated. My grateful thanks are also due to the late Punjab Comforts Fund (Lady Maclagan) and to the Seal War Fund (Mrs. Simpson, Calcutta) for their kind gifts to the troops. Her Highness the Begum of Bhopal generously presented mufflers for distribution to the troops, and Indian gentlemen of Bannu, Tank and Dera Ismail Khan presented game and fruit to the hospitals and money for the comfort of the troops, which enabled many a want to be met. My special thanks are due to Mr. W. C. Lintott, proprietor of Lyons Cinema, Rawalpindi, who generously sent two cinematograph establishments, which visited the various camps during the last eight months and provided excellent entertainments free of all charge.

56. Major-General S. H. Climo, C.B., D.S.O., commanded the Waziristan Field Force to my entire satisfaction. In every theatre of war in which he has been employed he has proved himself to be an exceptionally able and resolute commander, and especially so in this arduous campaign, which has demanded the highest qualities of leadership. His knowledge of frontier warfare and the best means of dealing satisfactorily with the complex problems created thereby has been most marked. His extensive acquaintance of administrative detail enabled him to provide successfully for the comfort and health of his troops. This was especially noticeable on the Lines of Communication, where the provision of Rest Camps, wherein the sick were attended to and relieving troops provided with ample food and shelter, largely contributed to the efficiency of the Force and the success of the operation.

I desire here to express my indebtedness to the advice and assistance which the Hon'ble Sir A. H. Grant, K.C.I.E., C.S.I., Chief Commissioner, North-West Frontier Province, has given throughout these operations. His knowledge of the local conditions, which he has readily placed at the disposal of my officers, has been of the greatest help.

Major-General A. Skeen, C.M.G., commanded the Tochi and Derajat Columns. His special knowledge of staff duties and his administrative ability have been of great advantage to the large body of troops under his command. As a commander in the field he was faced with problems of unusual difficulty and

with situations which demanded high qualities of leadership and of military discernment. His determination, judgment and expert knowledge of frontier warfare won for him from his troops their high regard and confidence.

Brigadier-General H. C. Tytler, C.M.G., D.S.O., has carried out the duties of I.G.C. with striking success. He has devoted his abilities and powers of organisation wholeheartedly to the welfare of the Force.

Brigadier-General W. S. Leslie, C.M.G., D.S.O., who was Brigadier-General, General Staff to the Headquarters of the Waziristan Force, is a staff officer of high calibre and of great mental vitality. His foresight and the precision with which he carried out his duties have been of the highest value to the Force.

Brigadier-General C. R. Bradshaw was D.A. and Q.M.G. to the Headquarters of the Waziristan Force. His considerable powers of organisation and of administration have been of great value to the Force. He has anticipated the wants of the troops throughout, and has proved himself absolutely reliable.

Colonel C. W. Profeit, C.M.G., D.S.O., R.A.M.C., was D.D.M.S. of the Force. His administrative ability and devotion to duty has ensured the remarkable success of the Medical Service.

Colonel H. A. P. Lindsay, C.M.G., C.B.E., D.D.S. and T. of the Force, has laboured unceasingly to ensure efficient maintenance of the Force. He has shown himself to be an officer of high administrative ability.

57. A list of the names of those whose services have been of particular value is herewith enclosed

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant,

C. C. MONRO, General,

Commander-in-Chief in India.

APPENDIX No. 1.

TROOPS COMPRISING WAZIRISTAN FORCE,
1919-20.

Commander.—

Major-General S. H. Climo, C.B.,
D.S.O.

Headquarters, Waziristan Force.—

Dera Ismail Khan.

Attached Troops—

Royal Air Force.

52nd Wing, Headquarters, Dera Ismail
Khan.

No. 20 Squadron, Tank and Bannu.

1 Flight, No. 97 Squadron, Mianwali.

No. 99 Squadron, Mianwali.

Details.—

Draught Cable Section of 38th Divisional
Signal Company.

Draught Cable Section of 40th Divisional
Signal Section.

2 Mobile Pigeon Lofts.

Headquarters No. 10 Armoured Motor
Brigade.

One Survey Section.

1 Co. 4 Litho. Section.