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Army Headquarters, India.

Simla, 24th May, 1922.

From His Excellency General Lord Rawlinson of Trent, G.C.B., G.C.V.O., K.C.M.G., A.D.C., Commander-in-Chief in India, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Army Department.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit herewith, for the information of the Government of India, a report on the operations of the Waziristan Force for the period 1st April to 31st December, 1921.

1. The period under review is of particular interest in reference to the general results of our policy in Waziristan. During this time southern Waziristan has been occupied continuously by regular troops. The summary of events recorded shows that during the last five months of the year 1921 there was a complete absence of hostile action on a large scale within Waziristan, and raids across our own administrative border showed a very marked reduction. The construction of roads has been steadily pushed on, and when completed they have been protected by our regular troops. There is no doubt but that the tribesmen generally have become alive to the fact that

their raids are both more dangerous to carry out and less productive in the shape of looted arms and supplies. The result has been to curb their energy in this direction, to improve their attitude towards us, and to render them more amenable to negotiation and discussion through the medium of the jirgas. Altogether our continued occupation of their country has brought about a distinct improvement in the situation in Waziristan generally, though certain irreconcilables are still implacable and have so far refused to agree to our terms.

2. The distribution of troops on the 1st April was as given in Appendix I.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS.

3. During the month of April the tribes, who had been anxiously awaiting the result of the Kabul negotiations, resumed aggressive action. The surrender of rifles by the Wana Wazirs had practically ceased, the hot weather was approaching, and the decision to remain in occupation of Wazir country for a further period necessitated the despatch up the line of hot weather requirements in face of considerable enemy activity.

4. On the Wana line the enemy's activity consisted chiefly of sniping of convoys at long range with the apparent object of interfering