

- 1st Punjab Infantry.
 1004 Sepoy Shamsber Khan, gunshot, thigh.
 Levies.
 Jemadar Shah Murad, gunshot, body.
 Telegraph Department.
 Signaller Kalka Pershad, gunshot, two
 wounds.
 Commissariat Transport.
 Sarwan (unknown), gunshot.
 Nominal Return of Non-Commissioned Officers
 and Men wounded.
 Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.
 3276 Lance-Corporal J. Ward, slight, gunshot,
 left leg.
 1st Punjab Cavalry.
 2185 Sowar Karimdad Khan, slight, gunshot,
 head.
 6th (Bombay) Mountain Battery.
 2432 Gunner Lance-Naick Uttam Chand, severe,
 gunshot; died of his wounds.
 6th Bengal Light Infantry.
 995 Sepoy Ranji Nal, dangerous, gunshot, right
 knee; leg amputated.
 33rd Punjab Infantry.
 1069 Sepoy Karm Din, slight, sword-cut, arm.
 1st Sikh Infantry.
 4877 Sepoy Kharak Singh, slight, gunshot, head.
 4879 Sepoy Sundar Singh, slight, gunshot, face.
 1391 Muleteer Chuhar, severe, gunshot; died of
 his wounds.
 D. P. W.
 One follower, severe, sword-cut.
 One follower, slight, sword-cut.
 Commissariat-Transport.
 Two camel drivers, severe, sword-cuts.
 One follower, severely, sword-cut.
 Postal.
 Two mail drivers, slight, gunshots and
 sword-cuts.
 G. CORRIE BIRD, Major-General,
 Commanding Tochi Field Force.

India Office, February 5, 1898.

THE following General Order, dated 24th
 December, 1897, publishing a Despatch
 from Major-General A. G. Yeatman-Biggs, C.B.,
 regarding the operations which took place on
 the Samana Range and in the Kurram Valley in
 August and September, 1897, has been received
 from the Government of India:—

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Fort William, the 24th December, 1897.

No. 1417. — The Right Honourable the
 Governor-General in Council is pleased to direct
 the publication of the subjoined letter from the
 Adjutant-General in India, submitting despatches
 from Major-General A. G. Yeatman-Biggs, C.B.,
 Commanding the Kurram-Kohat Force, describing
 the operations which took place on the Samana
 Range and in the Kurram Valley in August and
 September last.

2. The Governor-General in Council concurs
 with His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in
 his appreciation of the conduct of these operations,
 and of the behaviour of the troops engaged.

3. The Governor-General in Council desires
 especially to express his admiration of the
 brilliant defence of Fort Gulistan by the 36th
 Sikhs, and of the post of Saragarhi by a party of
 twenty men of the same regiment under the
 command of Havildar Ishar Singh, who died
 fighting to the last, displaying a heroic devotion
 which has never been surpassed in the annals of
 the Indian Army.

From Major-General G. de C. Morton, C.B.,
 Adjutant-General in India, to the Secretary to
 the Government of India, Military Department

—(No. 2485-F—dated Simla, the 8th December,
 1897).

I HAVE the honour, by direction of the
 Commander-in-Chief, to forward, for the informa-
 tion of the Government of India, despatches*
 from Major-General Yeatman-Biggs, C.B., com-
 manding the troops in Kohat-Kurram, which
 describe the measures taken by that officer to
 repel attacks made by the Afridis and Orakzais
 on our frontier posts on the Samana Range in
 August and September 1897, and also the attack
 on Sadda camp on the night of the 16th-17th
 September, 1897.

2. His Excellency is of opinion that the opera-
 tions in question were well planned and skilfully
 carried out. The march to the relief of Gulistan
 was performed under very trying circumstances,
 owing to the heat and to a great scarcity of
 water *en route*, but the force successfully accom-
 plished its object with the same gallantry and
 cheerfulness as have been evinced on every
 occasion by our troops during the various
 operations which have recently taken place on
 the North-West Frontier.

3. The Commander-in-Chief wishes to draw
 attention to the admirable conduct and steadi-
 ness of the 36th Sikhs, under the command of
 Lieutenant-Colonel Haughton, during the attack
 on the various posts held by that regiment on
 the Samana Range.

At Sangar, the small garrison made a sortie
 and gallantly captured a standard from the
 enemy, while the brilliant defence of Fort Guli-
 stan by the detachment, under the command of
 Major Des Vœux, reflects the greatest credit on
 that officer and the garrison of the post.

The Government of India will, His Excellency
 is assured, appreciate fully the intrepid manner
 in which the late Havildar Kala Sing led the
 sortie from the Gulistan Fort, and also the con-
 duct of Havildar Sundar Singh, who assisted his
 comrades at a critical moment.

4. The Commander-in-Chief deeply regrets
 the loss of the garrison of Saragarhi, a post held
 by 21 men of the 36th Sikhs, and he wishes to
 record his admiration of the heroism shown by
 those gallant soldiers. Fighting against over-
 whelming numbers they died at their post, thus
 proving their loyalty and devotion to their Sove-
 reign while upholding to the last the traditional
 bravery of the Sikh nation.

5. The creditable manner in which the attack
 of the enemy on the post at Sadda was repulsed
 is due, in His Excellency's opinion, not only to
 the steadiness and good discipline of the garrison,
 but also to the satisfactory arrangements for the
 protection of his camp which were made by
 Colonel G. L. R. Richardson, C.I.E.

6. In conclusion, the Commander-in-Chief
 recommends to the favourable consideration of
 Government the services of Major-General
 Yeatman-Biggs, C.B., and those mentioned by
 him in his despatch. Among the names brought
 specially to notice is that of Miss Theresa
 McGrath, whose heroism is described in terms
 which His Excellency cordially endorses.

From Lieutenant-General Sir G. B. Wolseley,
 K.C.B., Commanding the Forces, Punjab, to
 the Adjutant-General in India, Simla—(No.
 705-K, dated Camp Rawal Pindi, 8th Novem-
 ber, 1897).

WITH reference to your letter No. 1637-F, of
 the 15th October, 1897, I have the honour to
 forward, for the information of His Excellency

* Received with Lieutenant-General Commanding the
 Forces, Punjab, Nos. 705-K and 706-K, dated 8th and
 15th November, 1897, respectively.