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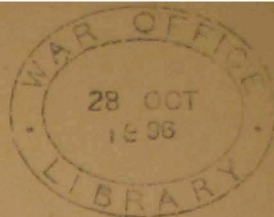


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## PREFACE.

These tables have been compiled with a view to facilitate the study of strategical questions in Central Asia.

Section I consists of routes from India through Afghanistan towards the Russo-Afghan frontier, and Section II, of routes from various points on the Trans-Caspian railway towards the same frontier.

As regards arrangement, in Section I, the three routes (i) from Peshawar to Herat, (ii) from Bannu to Ghazni, and (iii) from Chaman to Kandahar, have been taken as trunk lines. These are followed, until the point of departure of some important route leading frontier-wards is reached. This is traced in all its branches. A return is then made to the trunk line, and the same process repeated.

In Section II the routes lead southwards, but otherwise the arrangement is identical.

The spelling of names given in the Map of Afghanistan (1" = 2½ miles; 1891) has been adhered to, but any other spelling in common use has been added in brackets.

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## ROUTES TO THE RUSSO-AFGHAN FRONTIER.

### Section I. (Pages 1 to 3.)

#### Routes in Afghanistan towards the Russo-Afghan frontier.

NOTE.—Explanation of the abbreviations used in the column "Authority":—

- N.-W. F. 29 ... "Routes on the North-West Frontier" No. 29.
- A. B. C. (K) XXV ... "Afghan Boundary Commission Routes (Kabul Series)," No. XXV.
- The other series are (H) Herat, (D) Daolat-yar, (Hel.) Helmand, (T) Turkistan.
- Russ. (I), (II) or (III) 81 ... "Routes from Russian territory in Central Asia towards Afghanistan," Section I, II or III, No. 81.
- "C. R. F." 1 ... "Routes in Dir, Swat, Bajour and Chitral," Route No. 1.

Name of Route.	Number of stages.	Number of miles.	Authority.
Peshawar to Jalalabad ... ..	7	79½	N.-W. F. 29.
Jalalabad to Kabul:—			
<i>Via</i> Lataband ... ..	9	101½	N.-W. F. 29.
<i>Via</i> Dabali pass (5,600') ... ..	9	93¾	N.-W. F. 34.
<i>Via</i> Karkaoha ... ..	7	88¾	N.-W. F. 37.
Jalalabad to Chitral ... ..	15	171	N.-W. F. 31, and "C. R. F." 1.
Chitral to Faizabad <i>via</i> Dorah pass (14,800') ... ..	12	143 ?	A. B. C. (K) XXV.
	13	157	Russ. (II) 81.
Kabul to Charikar ... ..	4	40	A. B. C. (K) X.
Kabul to Khanabad:—			
<i>Via</i> Kaoshan pass (14,340') ... ..	19	217¾	A. B. C. (K) VIII & IX.
<i>Via</i> Chahardar pass (13,900') ... ..	19	230	A. B. C. (K) VIII & IX.
Khanabad to Faizabad ... ..	7	90¾	Russ. (II) 84.
Faizabad to Samti ferry ... ..	5	110	Russ. (II) 81.
Samti ferry to Kolab ... ..	1	18½	Russ. (II) 81.
Khanabad to Kunduz ... ..	1	12½	Russ. (II) 84, & A. B. C. (K) IX.
Kunduz to Kolab ... ..	10	116	Russ. (II) 80.
Kunduz to Hazrat Imam ... ..	3	35	Russ. (II) 80.
Kunduz to Kurghan Tapa ... ..	6	89	Russ. (II) 79.
Kunduz to Kieht Tapa ferry ... ..	4	63 ?	A. B. C. (T) XXII.
Kunduz to Tashkurghan ... ..	3	70½	A. B. C. (T) XXIV.

## Section I—contd.

Name of Route.	Number of stages.	Number of miles.	Authority.
Tashkurghan to Kisht Tapa ferry ... ..	1	30	Russ. (II) 77.
Kisht Tapa ferry to Kabadian ... ..	2	32½	Russ. (II) 77.
Tashkurghan to Patta Kesar (Hissar) ferry ... ..	4	26*	Russ. (II) 42.
Tashkurghan to Mazar-i-Sharif ... ..	3	31½	A. B. C. (T) XXIV.
<b>Kabul to Mazar-i-Sharif:—</b>			
<i>Vid</i> Charikar and Shibar pass (9,850') Bamian, Surkhab river and Tashkurghan.	34	393	A. B. C. (K) XV, VIII & XIV.
<i>Vid</i> Hajigak pass (13,000'?) or Irak pass (13,000'?) ...	27	318	A. B. C. (K) XIV.
<i>Vid</i> Charikar, Chahardar pass (13,900'), Surkhab river and Tashkurghan.	25	285½	A. B. C. (K) X, XV, XIV & VIII.
<i>Vid</i> Khinjan passes:—			
Kaoshan (14,340') ... ..	24	269½	A. B. C. (K) VIII.
Walian ... ..	25	279½	A. B. C. (K) IX, VIII & XIV.
Bajgah (12,300') ... ..	23	282½	A. B. C. (K) VII, XII, VIII & XIV.
<i>Vid</i> Khawak pass (11,240') ... ..	29	342	A. B. C. (K) I, XII, VIII & XIV.
Mazar-i-Sharif to Patta Kesar (Hissar) ferry ... ..	2	37	Russ. (II) 41.
Mazar-i-Sharif to Balkh ... ..	1	14	A. B. C. (T) XVII.
Mazar-i-Sharif to Kilif (Kelif) <i>vid</i> Khanabad ... ..	5	87½	Russ. (II) 40.
Mazar-i-Sharif to Kilif (Kelif) <i>vid</i> Balkh ... ..	5	89	Russ. (II) 39.
Mazar-i-Sharif to Shibarghan ... ..	2	34½	A. B. C. (T) XI.
Mazar-i-Sharif to Maimana <i>vid</i> Ak Kupruk ... ..	15	208¾	A. B. C. (T) XII.
Kilif to Karki (Kerki) ... ..	6	74	Russ. (II) 26.
Kabul to Daolatyar ... ..	20	224	A. B. C. (K) XIX & (D) I.
Daolatyar to Sar-i-Pul <i>vid</i> Dangak, Isfi Maidan and Saozma Kala.	11	177½	A. B. C. (D) III A.
Daolatyar to Sar-i-Pul <i>vid</i> Chiras, Faoghan and Astarab ...	8	156	A. B. C. (D) IV.
Sar-i-Pul to Shibarghan ... ..	5	84	A. B. C. (T) XI.
Shibarghan to Kilif (Kelif) ... ..	4	60½	A. B. C. (T) III & X Russ. (II) 39.
Shibarghan to Karki (Kerki) <i>vid</i> Andkhoi ... ..	8	114	Russ. (II) 25.
Sar-i-Pul to Maimana ... ..	6	103	A. B. C. (T) XIV.
Daolatyar to Maimana ... ..	13	154	A. B. C. (D) V.
Maimana to Shibarghan ... ..	4	78	A. B. C. (T) X.
Maimana to Bala Murghab ... ..	6	91½	A. B. C. (H) XXVI.
Daolatyar to Maimana ... ..	13	154	A. B. C. (D) V.

\* Under-estimated, 40 miles by map.



## Section I—concl'd.

Name of Route.	Number of stages.	Number of miles.	Authority.
Daolatyar to Herat ... ..	21	241	A. B. C. (H) XLVI.
Herat to Ak Tapa (Panjdeh) :—			
<i>Via</i> Kala Nao and Bala Murghab (trade route) ...	16	196	A. B. C. (H) XXIII.
<i>Via</i> Kushk ... ..	12	158½	A. B. C. (H) XX.
<i>Via</i> Sheikh Junaid (Kushk post) ... ..	11	134½	A. B. C. (H) XIX.
Herat to Sheikh Junaid ... ..	6	76	A. B. C. (H) XIX.
Herat to Ak Robat ... ..	11	151	A. B. C. (H) XII.
Herat to Pul-i-Khatun ... ..	10	151½	A. B. C. (H) XIII.
Herat to Maimana <i>via</i> Naratu, Kadis and Baraghan pass (9,100').	17	239	A. B. C. (H) XLIV.
Pul-i-Khatun to Sarakhs ... ..	2	39	A. B. C. (H) XIII.
Bannu to Ghazni :—			
<i>Via</i> Tochi ... ..	12	187½	N.-W. F. 71.
<i>Via</i> Khost ... ..	8	119	N.-W. F. 70.
Ghazni to Kabul ... ..	11	106½	Russ. (I) 63.
Ghazni to Band-i-Amir <i>via</i> Zard Sang pass (13,000')	11	126¼	A. B. C. (K) XX.
Band-i-Amir to Mazar-i-Sharif ... ..	14	174	A. B. C. (K) XVII.
Chaman to Kandahar ... ..	7	78	N.-W. F. 147.
Kandahar to Ghazni ... ..	21	221½	Russ. (II) 52.
Kandahar to Farah ... ..	18	245	A. B. C. (Hel.) VI Appendix.
Farah to Herat ... ..	11	162	A. B. C. (Hel.) VI Appendix.

## ROUTES TO THE RUSSO-AFGHAN FRONTIER.

## Section II.

*Routes in Russian territory towards the Russo-Afghan frontier.*

(Information taken wholly from "Routes from Russian territory in Central Asia towards Afghanistan" Parts II and III.)

Name of Route.	Number of stages.	Number of miles.	Authority. (Route No.)		
Samarkand to Kolab <i>vid</i> Hissar ...	23	338½	53	} Section II.	
Kolab to Hazrat Imam ...	7	80½	80		
Samarkand to Kurgban Tapa <i>vid</i> Hissar and Narak.	21	347	52, 70 & 76		
Samarkand to Kabadian ...	17	260½	54		
Samarkand to Patta Kesar (Hissar) ferry ...	21	273	52, 70 & 73		
Samarkand to Kilif (Kelif):—					
<i>Vid</i> Karshi and Guzar ...	18	311	45 & 29		
<i>Vid</i> Karshi ...	17	235½	47		
<i>Vid</i> Karshi and Shirabad ...	15	217½	47 & 31		
Kilif to Karki (Kerki) ...	6	76	26		
Samarkand to Karki (Kerki) ...	10	186½	46		
Samarkand to Bokhara ...	10	155	21		
Bokhara to Kilif (Kelif) ...	17	247½	26		
Bokhara to Kerki (Kirki) ...	11	173½	25		
Bokhara to Charjui ...	6	75	23		
Charjui to Karki (Kerki) ...	11	147½	24		
Merv to Ak Tapa (Panjdeh) ...	11	137½	21	} Section III.	
Ak Tapa (Panjdeh) to Bala Murghab ...	4	54	19		
Merv to Sheikh Junaid (Kushk post) ...	14	203½	19 B		
Merv to Sarakhs ...	6	91½	32 A		
Merv to Tejend (Tejen) ...	...	79	Pages 16 & 17		
Tejend to Ak Tapa (Panjdeh) ...	11	181	23		
Tejend to Sarakhs ...	4	79½	26 & 27		
Tejend to Dushak ...	...	30	Page 16		
Dushak to Sarakhs ...	4	86	23		

