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Government rations for the women and children, for whom no allowance is made at home; no company washing to wear one to skin and bone; natives do all the menial work of the quarters; very possibly, if the husband has a good billet, a pony for the wife to drive; plenty of money and plenty of amusement--theatricals, dances, picnics, etc.--who would not envy the soldier's wife under the parental care of the Indian government? But there is the second dinner-bugle; we had better be off and see how the men are going to put in their time this fine afternoon. As we cross the square we see the subaltern of the day, with his sword...



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