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The Road to Pol-e-Khomri

may also be the road to Nahrain
further

to Jang 'Ali, and Na'man
north

to Baghlan, Kunduz, and Bu'in.
Be wary.

To the south you will meet Golbahar
where bombs

are often heavy and shallow
buried.

No one will offer you shelter
in Ghazni

or Gardez. You will not sleep
until

Qalāt-e Ġilzay is well
behind you.

Though the road continues, you
will cease

in Kandahar—perhaps at last
a city you know.