

No. 2327 A., dated the 25th May, 1880, forwarding, for submission to the Government of India, reports describing the operations of the troops under the command of Brigadier-General H. T. Macpherson, C.B., V.C., and Colonel F. H. Jenkins, C.B., A.D.C., at Charasiah, on the 25th April, 1880.

2. I am to request that you will inform the Commander-in-Chief that the Governor-General in Council entirely concurs with his Excellency as to the excellence of the arrangements made for the defence of his position by Colonel Jenkins, and the ability, promptitude, and judgment in attack displayed by Brigadier-General Macpherson.

3. The Governor-General, I am to state, shares with Sir Frederick Haines his admiration of the gallantry and steadiness evinced by the troops on this as on all other occasions.

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No. 2327-A., dated Simla, 25th May, 1880.

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

I HAVE the honour, by direction of the Commander-in-Chief, to forward, for submission to Government, the accompanying reports describing the operations of the troops under the command of Brigadier-General H. T. Macpherson, C.B., V.C., and Colonel F. H. Jenkins, C.B., at Charasiah, on the 25th April, 1880.

2. His Excellency concurs with Sir Frederick Roberts as to the excellent arrangements made for the defence of his position by Colonel Jenkins, and as to the ability, judgment, and promptitude in attack displayed by Brigadier-General Macpherson, and begs to bring these officers' services on this occasion prominently to the notice of Government.

3. It is further a source of great gratification to Sir Frederick Haines to refer to the gallantry and steadiness shown by the troops engaged.

4. The usual nominal returns of casualties have been called for; and these, with the sketches referred to in the Despatches, which are being lithographed, will be forwarded hereafter.

Field Operations.

No. 1815, dated Camp Zahidabad, Logar Valley, 11th May, 1880.

From Lieutenant-General Sir F. S. Roberts, K.C.B., V.C., C.I.E., Commanding the Kabul Field Force, to the Adjutant-General in India.

I HAVE much pleasure in submitting, for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, the accompanying reports from Brigadier-General H. T. Macpherson, C.B., V.C., and from Colonel Jenkins, C.B., A.D.C. to the Queen, commanding the Corps of Guides, descriptive of their operations at Charasiah on the 25th of April last.

2. I beg to bring to His Excellency's notice the excellent arrangement made by Colonel Jenkins for the defence of his position when he found the enemy's number increasing, and the success which attended his efforts to preserve the baggage animals from the long-range fire of the enemy.

3. The dispositions made by Brigadier-General Macpherson, C.B., V.C., display skill and judgment, and the promptitude with which that officer attacked, and in conjunction with the troops under Colonel Jenkins, C.B., drove off the enemy with heavy loss to them, deserves my cordial acknowledgments. It affords me great pleasure to bring the valuable services of Brigadier-General Macpherson and Colonel Jenkins to His Excellency's most favourable notice.

4. I would also remark on the gallantry and

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steadiness of the troops engaged, and on the excellent spirit they displayed during a long and exhausting day.

5. The doubtful attitude of the Kohistanis made it impossible for me to detach permanently from Kabul a force of any considerable strength; but as Charasiah could be easily reached from Kabul, and as speedy communication by means of the heliograph could be kept up with Colonel Jenkins, I considered that his force was amply sufficient to hold its own in case of attack until reinforcements could be despatched, and in this decision I was borne out by the circumstances that actually occurred.

6. Had I arrived sooner on the ground after the termination of the engagement, I should have made the troops bivouac there for the night; but finding, as I did soon after leaving Sherpur, that Brigadier-General Macpherson had ordered the tents and baggage of Colonel Jenkins' force back to Sherpur, and knowing that the troops had had a severe day, I considered it expedient to allow them to return. Moreover, the enemy never ceased their flight until they had reached the further end of the Logar Valley; and the decisive character of their defeat, prevented, therefore, any impression which otherwise might have arisen that our withdrawal to Sherpur was in any way compulsory.

7. The following officers are reported as having done good service on this occasion:—

Lieutenant-Colonel G. H. Parker, commanding the 92nd Highlanders.

Lieutenant-Colonel R. B. P. P. Campbell, commanding the Corps of Guides.

Lieutenant-Colonel F. M. Armstrong, commanding the 45th Native Infantry.

Lieutenant-Colonel G. Stewart, commanding the Cavalry of the Corps of Guides.

Major G. S. White, commanding a wing of the 92nd Highlanders.

Major G. Swinley, commanding No. 2 Mountain Battery.

Major R. G. Kennedy, Deputy Assistant-Quartermaster-General.

Captain L. C. Singleton, 92nd Highlanders.

Captain A. H. Turner, 2nd Punjab Infantry, Political Officer.

Captain R. E. C. Jarvis, 67th Regiment, Brigade-Major.

Captain A. D. M'Gregor, 92nd Highlanders, Orderly Officer.

Captain W. Hill, commanding the detachment of the 2nd Goorkhas.

Captain M. A. Alves, Royal Engineers.

Lieutenant the Honourable J. S. Napier, 92nd Highlanders.

Lieutenant J. H. Wodehouse, F-A Royal Horse Artillery.

Lieutenant S. Grant, Royal Engineers.

Lieutenant F. F. Ramsay, 92nd Highlanders.

Lieutenant C. H. Manners Smith, Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General.

Surgeon J. Lewtas, M.B., Corps of Guides.

Surgeon J. J. Morris, M.D., 92nd Highlanders. Ressaldar-Major Ghulam Nakshband Khan, late 19th Bengal Lancers, Political Officer.

Subadar Mahabir Bhis, 2nd Goorkhas.

Subadar Shér Singh, Corps of Guides.

Dated Kabul, 30th April, 1880.

From Brigadier-General H. T. Macpherson, C.B., V.C., Commanding 1st Brigade, Kabul Field Force, to the Deputy Adjutant and Quartermaster-General, Kabul Field Force.

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of Lieutenant-General Sir Frederick Roberts, K.C.B., V.C., commanding the Kabul