

No. 51.

Brigadier St G. D. Showers, Commanding 1st Infantry Brigade, to Major R. S. Ewart, Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General, Delhi Field Force.

SIR, Camp, before Delhi, August 3, 1857.

I HAVE the honor to report, for the information of Brigadier-General Wilson, commanding the Field Force, that, in conformity with his instructions, I took command of the troops noted in the margin,* at about 10 o'clock A.M., of the 23d ultimo, destined to attack the enemy's force in front of the Cashmere Gate. In order to conceal the movement of my force from the view of the enemy, I moved off some distance to the left, so as to cross the ridge without being seen from the fort and town.

2. Before moving with the column, I sent instructions to Lieutenant-Colonel R. Drought, the Field Officer of the day, to collect all the Metcalfe-House picquets at the stables, and then to advance at once to his front, and, after clearing the grounds of the enemy's skirmishers, to endeavour to take their guns in flank, and to capture them.

3. Allowing a lapse of twenty minutes, so as to enable the picquets to get well to the front, I advanced the main column; a division of guns under Captain E. K. Money leading. On crossing the bridge in advance of the mound picquet, the detachments of Her Majesty's 8th Foot, under Lieutenant-Colonel Greathed, and of the 61st Foot, under Lieutenant-Colonel Deacon, were directed to move to the right and deploy, the 1st European Bengal Fusiliers and Coke's Rifles being held in reserve.

4. On this being effected, the guns moved forward on the road in a line with the Infantry on the right. We now soon came up with the enemy, who had their guns in position on the road. These were immediately opened upon us; upon which our own guns unlimbered and fired. The infantry on the right, in the meantime, continued their advance, and the enemy, fearing to be outflanked, retired, after having fired but two rounds.

5. I then advanced with the guns at a gallop, and again came up with those of the enemy. They were now not more than 120 yards from us. It was here that the Metcalfe-House picquets, after having driven back the enemy into an orange garden with a walled inclosure, rushed forward into the road.

6. As the enemy were firing from the inclosure, I directed three companies of the 1st European Bengal Fusiliers, under Lieutenant-Colonel T. Seaton, to move to the left, and drive the enemy from the orange garden. These were supported by Major Coke with his Punjaub Rifles; and, while our guns continued firing, the Metcalfe-House picquets, composed of Her Majesty's 75th Regiment, that had formed up on the road, were thrown rapidly forward, in the hope of coming at once upon the enemy's guns. Their progress was, however, intercepted by the wall of a range of out-offices. A short delay took place in moving round this; and, when the men came again to the front, the enemy with their guns had disappeared.

7. I was now in position opposite Ludlow Castle, beyond which I was directed not to advance; and the enemy having escaped with their guns and retired, I returned to camp with the force, having been engaged with the enemy about two hours.

8. I have to record my satisfaction with the conduct of the troops engaged, and to offer my

* Six guns, under Major F. Turner; Her Majesty's 8th Foot, 130 rank and file; Her Majesty's 61st Foot, 78 rank and file; 1st European Bengal Fusiliers, 200 rank and file; Coke's Punjaub Corps, 360 rank and file; Metcalfe-House picket, 280 rank and file.

thanks to the officers commanding the different corps and detachments for the manner they conducted their men during this short and rapid skirmish. To Major F. Turner, commanding the Artillery; to Lieutenant-Colonels Greathed and Deacon, commanding Her Majesty's 8th and 61st Regiments; to Major G. O. Jacob, commanding 1st European Bengal Fusiliers; Major J. Coke, commanding 1st Punjaub Rifles; and to Lieutenant-Colonel R. Drought, commanding the Metcalfe-House pickets; to Lieutenant-Colonel T. Seaton also, I must record my thanks, who, with his usual zeal and gallantry, accompanied the brigade to which he is attached.

9. My thanks are also due to my Major of Brigade, Captain C. F. Simpson, and my Orderly Officer, Lieutenant F. C. Innes, of the late 60th Native Infantry, who accompanied me during the operations.

10. I beg to forward a return of the killed and wounded.

I have, &c.,

Sr. G. D. SHOWERS.

No. 52.

Numerical Return of the Killed, Wounded, and Missing, in the Field Force under the command of Brigadier-General A. Wilson, during the operations of the 23d of July, 1857.

Camp, before Delhi,
July 24, 1857.

ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

Head-Quarters and 2d and 3d Troop, 3d Brigade, Horse Artillery—1 captain, 1 subaltern, 2 rank and file, 2 horses, wounded.

1ST INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Her Majesty's 75th Regiment—8 rank and file wounded.

1st European Bengal Fusiliers—2 rank and file killed; 5 rank and file wounded.

Attached to Brigade—1 field officer wounded.

2D INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Sirmoor Battalion—1 rank and file killed; 1 field officer* wounded.

3D INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Her Majesty's 8th Regiment—1 subaltern, 7 rank and file, wounded.

Her Majesty's 61st Regiment—4 rank and file wounded; 1 rank and file missing.

4th Sikh Local Infantry—1 subadar, 1 rank and file, killed; 4 rank and file wounded.

Corps of Guides, Infantry—1 rank and file killed.

1st Regiment Punjaub Infantry—1 subaltern, 1 non-commissioned officer, 4 rank and file, killed; 4 rank and file wounded.

Total—1 subaltern, 1 subadar, 1 non-commissioned officer, 9 rank and file, killed; 2 field officers, 1 captain, 2 subalterns, 34 rank and file, 2 horses wounded; 1 rank and file missing.

No. 53.

Nominal Roll of European Commissioned Officers Killed, Wounded, and Missing, in the Field Force under the command of Brigadier-General A. Wilson, during the operations of the 23d of July, 1857.

Killed.

Brevet Captain W. G. Law, 10th Native Infantry, attached to 1st Punjaub Infantry.

* Lieutenant-Colonel Drought, 60th Native Infantry, attached to the 2d Brigade.