

No. 47.

RETURN of Ordnance, Military Stores, &c., captured from the Enemy near Munnihar, on the 11th of April 1858.

Camp, Tigra, April 11th, 1858.

Description.	No.	Length.	Weight.	Remarks.
Ordnance Iron Gun, 8-pounder	1	ft. 6 in. 5	cwt. 15	Unserviceable trunnion secured by an iron band round the gun; mounted upon a field carriage of native construction
do do 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ -pounder	1	4 6	5	Unserviceable, mounted on a similar carriage
Shot, round, of different sizes ...	50	—	—	Unserviceable
Grape ... ..	16	—	—	Unserviceable

C. S. B. RIDDELL, Lieutenant-Colonel, Royal Artillery,  
Commanding Artillery.

No. 48.

Brigadier-General Sir E. Lugard, K.C.B., Commanding Azimghur Field Force, to the Chief of the Staff.

Camp, Azimghur, April 16, 1858.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to report to you, for his Excellency's information, that the field force under my command marched from Tigra to Deedar Gunge, 13 miles, on the 13th instant, and the following morning, learning from Azimghur that the bulk of the garrison had been sent towards Mhow, in order to cover Ghazeepore, which was threatened by a large body of the enemy with 2 guns, which had quitted Azimghur the previous night, I moved on 24 miles to Raneekaserai; and the same evening sent forward a squadron of cavalry, 3 guns, and 4 companies of the 10th Foot, under Lieutenant-Colonel Fenwick of that regiment, to reconnoitre the bridge which the enemy had thrown over the Tonse, to the west of the city, with instructions to seize it if possible, as, from the plan of the entrenchments and town (annexed), which had been furnished me from Azimghur by Lieutenant-Colonel Longden, Chief of the Staff, Azimghur Field Force, it occurred to me that by crossing a portion of my force over this bridge I should be able to turn the enemy's position, and attack it in the front and rear at the same time.

2. On nearing the Jounpore masonry bridge, Lieutenant-Colonel Fenwick found the enemy, who had crossed over the westward bridge in force, commencing an attack upon a picquet of the 37th Foot, posted in the Judge's house there. It appeared from subsequent intelligence, that, unacquainted with my immediate vicinity, and aware of the departure of most of the garrison, they had contemplated a general attack upon the entrenchments that night.

3. The consternation of the rebels was great on finding themselves opposed by this fresh party, and after exchanging a few shots, they retired over the broken ground towards their bridge, where our troops could not follow them in the dark. Lieutenant-Colonel Fenwick therefore bivouacked for the night.

4. At daybreak of the 15th I advanced with my whole force on Azimghur, having heard during the night that Kooer Singh, with a considerable body, was still in position. The reconnoitring

party before mentioned, under the guidance of Lieutenant-Colonel Longden and Mr Venables, proceeded at the same time to the enemy's bridge, which, after a sharp skirmish, they succeeded in carrying, and driving the rebels from the factory house on the left bank.

5. The position was a very strong one, and was held with much determination by a party of about 300 rebel sepoys of the late 7th, 8th, and 40th Regiments Native Infantry, as shown by the uniforms upon the bodies of those found slain on the field.

6. The bridge had been partially destroyed, but was speedily repaired by a party of Punjab Sappers under Lieutenant Keith, Royal Engineers, whom I had sent with Lieutenant-Colonel Fenwick's party, and I at once crossed over 3 guns of Royal Horse Artillery, a squadron of the Military Train, and all the available Sikh Cavalry.

7. In the meantime, the main column under Brigadier Douglas, C.B., had advanced over the Jounpore Bridge direct upon the city, and learning that the whole of the rebels remaining in Azimghur had fled on losing their bridge, I directed the Horse Artillery and Cavalry, under Major Mitchell, Royal Artillery, to pursue, and use their utmost endeavours to capture Kooer Singh. In this, I regret to say, they failed, owing to the regularity and devoted courage with which the retreat was covered by a band of the rebels; 3 guns, however, and nearly all their ammunition and baggage fell into our hands. The pursuit was continued up to the vicinity of the village of Jewunpoor, where the road turns off to Azimghur, and ascertaining that the rebels had thrown themselves into a small fort there, and had been joined by the strong body with 2 Horse Artillery guns (said to be of the Neemuch troops), who had quitted Azimghur about the 12th and 13th instant, I directed the pursuing party to halt, until reinforced by infantry and heavier guns and mortars. These are now proceeding thither under Brigadier Douglas, when the fort will be attacked should the rebels remain in it, and the pursuit continued. In the meantime, I have sent an express to Colonel Cumberlege, whose force is at Mhow, covering Ghazeepore, to patrol in strength towards Ghasee, where a portion of the rebels, it is expected, will proceed. My loss at the western bridge amounted to one killed and six wounded of the 10th Foot and