

of the river Pohooj under the following leaders, viz :—

Thakoor Burjoor Sing Bundelah, Thakoors Jowahir Sing, and Davie Sing Kenawalas, and Thakoor Maidnee Mull.

Continuous and heavy rain since the 31st ultimo prevented my attacking them on the 1st instant, in this position, which they had selected on account of its great natural strength, and being intersected by deep ravines.

On arriving at Mohoni we found the enemy in possession of the nullahs, from which they opened fire at our advanced guard. We threw out skirmishers, with the usual supports, and having found a good position for the guns, opened upon the enemy with shrapnel, which soon drove them from their position, and allowed of our advance close up to the town of Mohoni, into which, as my force of infantry is but small, and inadequate to the usual loss incurred in street fighting, I directed two or three shells to be thrown, which was done, and had the effect of clearing it thoroughly. We then advanced to the opposite side of the town, facing the fort of Mow, where the enemy were observed to be assembled, and had brought a gun to bear upon our approach by the road, and which they opened upon our skirmishers and advance; this gun was soon silenced by our's, and seeing that the enemy had withdrawn it, and fearing that it might be carried away, I ordered an advance of the whole line, at the same time directing a party of the 3d Light Cavalry, as per margin,* to mount.

These men, up to this time, had been dismounted as a support to our guns, to enable me to bring all my infantry into play.

No European cavalry officer being at that moment available, I requested Mr Veterinary-

* 2 European Officers, 3 Native Officers, 50 Rank and File.

Surgeon Lamb, to accompany and lead it in pursuit of the guns, which he most willingly undertook to do, but Lieutenant and Adjutant Moore coming up shortly afterwards, I despatched him also with them.

This party soon overtook the enemy, captured their two guns, which were at once turned on their former owners, and cut up about 30 of them, Mr Lamb being slightly wounded in the pursuit.

Owing to the difficult nature of the ground, which gave secure cover to the enemy, their loss in killed and wounded was not so severe as I could have wished, but I estimate it in all at from 80 to 100; their rout and dispersal was however complete, and the only two guns which they had are now in our possession, with all their ammunition, &c.

I beg to bring prominently to your notice the names of Mr Veterinary-Surgeon Lamb, Lieutenant and Adjutant Moore, and Subadar Soojat Khan, 3d Light Cavalry, for their gallantry in the capture of the enemy's guns in most difficult ground, and trust that Government may deem their services worthy of recognition.

I must not omit to bring to your notice the zeal and energy of Serjeant Murphy, of the Bhopal Contingent Artillery, who worked his guns most successfully until knocked down by a sun-stroke.

I am happy to say that we had no casualties from the enemy's fire; a few of the Europeans were knocked down by the sun, but are now doing well.

Enclosed is a list of our casualties, as also of the artillery and stores captured from the enemy.

I have, &c.,

W. ASHBURNER, Captain,
Commanding Field Detachment.

No. 40.

RETURN of Killed and Wounded of the Field Detachment under the Command of Captain W. Ashburner, in Action with the Rebels on the 4th of September 1858.

Camp, Mow, September 4, 1858.

Corps.	Rank and Name.	Wounded.	Remarks.
3d Regiment Light Cavalry ...	Veterinary-Surgeon W. Lamb	1	Slightly

3d Regiment Light Cavalry, 1 horse killed, 3 horses severely wounded.

W. ASHBURNER, Captain,
Commanding Field Detachment.