

scenes can conceive what the difficulties of a commissariat officer's duties are in such a country as we are acting in, more especially while long marches are being daily made, thus affording very little time for procuring supplies from the neighbourhood.

9. I have the honour to submit, for the favourable consideration of the Brigadier-General, in addition to the two officers mentioned above, the names of the following officers who commanded detachments this day in the battle of Beejapoor:— Captain Poore, 8th Hussars; Captain Foster, 95th Regiment; Captain Rice, 25th Regiment Bombay Native Infantry, who also had with him the detachment of the 86th Regiment, which had no officer; Lieutenant Stewart, (13th Regiment Light Infantry), Meade's Horse; Lieutenant Roome, 10th Regiment Bombay Native Infantry.

10. In conclusion, I must strongly recommend to the consideration of the Brigadier-General commanding, Havildar Ram Lal, 1st company 10th Regiment, and Havildar Dowlut Sing, Grenadier company 25th Regiment. The services of these two men have been invaluable. They have acted as spies, and risked their lives in procuring information in a country where Maun Sing's influence is paramount, and where the villages were deserted as we approached them. It is difficult to say how we could have proceeded without the aid of these two havildars.

I have, &c.,

G. H. ROBERTSON, Lieutenant-Colonel,
Commanding Pursuing Column,
Gwalior Division.

No. 52.

GENERAL ORDER BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA.

Military Department.

No. 455 of 1858.

THE Right Honourable the Governor-General is pleased to direct the publication of the following Despatch from Brigadier Rowcroft, commanding the Gorruckpore District, transmitting a report from Major Cox, Her Majesty's 13th Light Infantry, of a successful attack made by a detachment under his command, on a body of rebels at Debreheah, in the Gorruckpore District, on the 1st September 1858.

R. J. H. BIRCH, Major-General,
Secretary to the Government of India, Military
Department, with the Governor-General.

No. 53.

Brigadier Rowcroft to Lieutenant-Colonel Mayhew, Adjutant-General of the Army, Headquarters, Allahabad.

Camp, Bustee, District of Gorruckpore,
September 11, 1858.

SIR,
I HAVE the honour to forward, for the information of his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, copy of a report from Major Cox, 13th Light Infantry, reporting a successful attack made by the detachment under his command on the rebel force of Mahomed Hoossen, on the 1st September, at Debreheah, about 12 miles north of Hurryah Bridge.

2. While the detachment was out, I had sent to reinforce my two outposts. When attacked on the 29th August, I considered it advisable to make a return attack on the rebels, as tending to prevent the two outposts to the westward being again soon

molested. Major Cox marched from Hurryah Bridge, early on the morning of the 1st September, for Debreheah, where he met the rebel force, about 50 sowars, 1,000 infantry, and 3 guns; and immediately boldly and ably attacked them, defeating and pursuing the enemy a considerable distance; the enemy's loss reported to be 90 killed and wounded; some sowars, supposed to be of the 12th Irregular Cavalry, and most of them, by their appointments, old sepoy of the 1st, 10th, and 38th Regiments Native Infantry. The late Nazim Mahomed Hoossen is reported to be wounded.

3. The troops are reported to have gone through much fatigue under heavy rain, and over bad swampy roads and country, with great cheerfulness and willing endurance, experiencing, I am happy to say, few or no casualties, and without suffering in health; and I beg to recommend Major Cox, the officers and men of all arms, to the most favourable notice of his Excellency Sir Colin Campbell.

4. The Deputy Magistrate, Shekh Khyrooddeen, accompanied Major Cox, and was present in the field, rendering much useful assistance. I had ordered him to collect a number of bildars to proceed with the detachment, to assist the troops and guns, and to destroy Debreheah; and during the day that place and a large serai was burnt, and completely destroyed; the detachment returning to Hurryah the next morning, 2d September.

5. An attack on Bungaon, 6 miles further north-west, was also contemplated, but I left it to Major Cox to use his own judgment in doing so, according to circumstances, as Mahomed Hoossen immediately removed what property he had into the forest and jungle close by, and all able to take refuge there; there was little chance of successful results attending the movement, and the troops would have had much exposure and fatigue; I therefore consider Major Cox was quite right and prudent in not moving on.

6. I had meditated a return attack on the Rajah of Gonda, and rebels at Raneepore and Lumtee, beyond Belwa, and to have joined Major Cox with more troops on his return to Hurryah; but I heard the Rajah was alarmed, and preparing to retreat into Oudh; the distance was great, I could not follow them, and I could not remain there, and my attention was recalled to the rebels collecting in the north; and I very soon received urgent reports from Mr Wingfield, the Commissioner at Gorruckpore, and from Lieutenant Pullan at Bansee, with 250 Seikh Military Police Battalion, and 200 of the Rajah's Nujeebs, that he, the Rajah, and Mr Wilson, Assistant Magistrate, was nearly surrounded and besieged. The rebels had attacked them on the 3d September, on both sides the river Raptee, plundered the town, and burnt the treasury, but were repulsed with the loss of some 50 killed.

7. The arrival of the detachment pushed on from this, with 100 men of the 27th Madras Native Infantry, called in from outpost duty, the safety of all, and relief of Bansee on the 8th September, I have already reported by service message. The rebels made another attack on the night of the 6th September, when 60 of the Rajah's Nujeebs deserted to the enemy; I heard it was planned by the rebels to have attacked Bansee and my two outposts to the westward on the same day.

I have, &c.,

H. ROWCROFT, Brigadier,
Commanding Corruckpore District.