

No. 103.

Captain J. R. M'Mullin, Commanding Detachment, to Major Sir H. M. Havelock, Bart., Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General.

SIR, Camp, Bulliah, August 25, 1858.

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of Brigadier Douglas, C.B., commanding, that I marched from Bulliah on the morning of the 23d instant, at 8 A.M., with a detachment as per margin,* for Reotee, distant 17 miles. I halted at Gherowlee for a couple of hours, to enable the Military Train to have their dinner; proceeded again at 2 P.M., and reached Gaighat at 6 P.M., where I found that the rebels in force had occupied a village about a mile and a half this side of Reotee.

A large jheel covered the right of their position, and thick fields of Indian corn extended round the other sides. I ordered out 50 Seikhs as skirmishers, who, on reaching the village itself, were unable to effect an entry. I then advanced with the remainder of the Seikhs, and at their head stormed the position, cleared it, and followed up the enemy for a quarter of a mile, when, night coming on, I was compelled to halt.

The Military Train could not follow up the advantage we had gained, the lateness of the hour

* Her Majesty's 2d Battalion Military Train, 1 officer and 49 men, under Lieutenant De Vine; 3d Regiment Sikh Cavalry, 6 officers and 21 men, under Lieutenant Battye; 2d Regiment Sikh Police Battalion, 6 officers and 252 men, under Captain M'Mullin.

and the very high standing crops completely hiding the hurried retreat of the rebels. They were however of great assistance in enabling me to bring forward the whole of the Seikhs out on rear guard.

Our loss, I regret to say, was rather heavy, but to be expected, owing to the strong position and large numbers of the enemy, who, I should say, could not have counted less than 500 sepoy, 25 of whom were killed, and about 40 wounded; among the former one native officer.

Several Cabul, Sutlege, and Punjab medals were found on the bodies of the killed.

Night having completely set in, even before the village had been cleared, I bivouacked in a tope on the Reotee side of it for the night. It rained heavily from midnight till 11 A.M. the following day, when, on receipt of intelligence that the enemy had made off across country in the direction of Huldee and Bulliah, I returned with my wounded (a list of whom is enclosed) to the latter place.

I beg to bring to the notice of the Brigadier the services rendered by Mr Probyn, Joint Magistrate, Lieutenant Champain, Engineers, and Mr Dunne; these officers rode on some miles ahead of the detachment with a few Sikh sowars, and brought me back intelligence of the enemy, having ridden up close to their position.

I have, &c.,

J. R. M'MULLIN, Captain,
Commanding Detachment.

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NOMINAL ROLL of Casualties in the Detachment, on the 23d August 1858.

Camp, Bulliah, 25th August 1858.

Corps.	Rank.	Names.	Nature of Casualty.
2d Sikh Police Battalion	Native Adjutant	Golab Sing	Wounded severely
..	Subadar	Phoolah Sing	Wounded do
...	Naick	Nujeah	Killed
...	...	Khurrug Sing	Wounded slightly
...	...	Dawa Sing	Do do
...	...	Bheer Sing	Do do
...	...	Jowahir Sing, 1st	Do severely
...	...	Goordial Sing	Do do
...	...	Agra	Do slightly
...	...	Soojawun Sing	Do severely
...	...	Nundha Sing	Do do
...	...	Khaum Sing	Do slightly
...	...	Jowahir Sing, 2d	Do do
...	...	Hera Sing	Do do
...	Sepoy	Hem Sing	Do do

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