

ing the detachment\* which I ordered to march on the night of the 22d, against Husteé Dhull Chowtra.

With the sincerest satisfaction I have the honour to transmit, for the information of his Excellency the Commander in Chief, a subsequent report from Major Patton, and to add, that the rout and dispersion of that Chief's selected force is fully confirmed. Some have returned to Almora, but by no means the whole force, if we can credit reports. With sentiments of regret for the death of a gallant Chief, mixed with those of joy for the removal of an active and vigilant enemy, I have to announce the death of Husteé Dhull Chowtra, uncle to the reigning Rajah of Nepal; he was shot through the temple, and died upon the road to Almorah.

A Sirdar, named Jeyrookah, has also been brought into Almorah, dangerously wounded through the body.

I hope to open the eight-inch mortars upon Sittolee to-morrow, and, under the prevailing alarm and dejection, I dare say the apprehension of these formidable engines will induce the enemy to an early evacuation of that post.

I transmit herewith a list of the killed and wounded, which is not as great as might have been expected, a circumstance on which I very heartily congratulate his Excellency the Commander in Chief.

Major Patton's conduct in directing this enterprise, entitles him to my warmest approbation; his decision and promptitude were only equalled by his skill and gallantry.

I wish he had named the Officers, European and native, who have had, and embraced opportunities of distinguishing themselves, in order that I might have performed the grateful duty of bringing their achievements to the notice of his Excellency.

This delightful task is, however, only postponed, as I feel that my pleasure at this success, cannot be complete, until I have held up the gallant promoters of it to the grateful admiration of their honourable employers, their country, and their Sovereign.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) J. NICOLLS, Colonel.

To Lieutenant Webb, Acting Major of Brigade.

SIR, Camp.

I HAVE the honour of sending you a return of killed and wounded of the detachment in action with the enemy on the 23d of April 1815.

I am most anxious to remove the wounded, as soon as practicable, into your camp, and as Mr. Davis has reported five most dangerous cases, which cannot be properly attended to in this camp, I have directed them (provided we can find means) to be conveyed to Kutra Mull, with as little delay as possible, under an escort of a few regulars and a party of Colonel Gardner's irregulars.

We have a report in camp, that Husteé Dhull has been very desperately wounded, and carried into Almora, and there is certainly another of their Chiefs killed, his embroidered belt, musket, &c. having been brought into camp.

All the reports I have received this morning state, that the enemy have all retired to Almora.

I have, &c.

R. PATTON, Major Commanding Detachment.

P. S. Let me beg of you to expedite supplies to us. The country has hitherto produced nothing.

\* 1 six-pounder field piece; 1 four two-fifth mortar; detail of artillery; five companies 2d battalion 5th regiment; five ditto flank battalion; Havildars; and a day's provision; and a ghole of irregulars.

*Return of Killed and Wounded of a Detachment under Major R. Patton, in Action with the Enemy, April 23, 1815.*

*Killed.*

Detachment Flank Batt.—1 sepoy.

Detachment 2d Batt. 5th Native Reg.—1 sepoy.

*Wounded.*

Detachment Flank Batt.—1 ensign, 1 havildar, 7 sepoys.

Detachment 2d Batt. 5th Native Reg.—1 havildar, 16 sepoys.

Total—2 sepoys killed; 1 ensign, 2 havildars, 23 sepoys, wounded.

*Name of Officer wounded.*

Flank Batt.—Ensign Blair, severely and dangerously.

Five of the above wounded cases are reported to be extremely dangerous.

(Signed) ROBERT PATTON,  
Major, Commanding Detachment.

To the Adjutant-General, Head-Quarters, Futtyghur.

SIR, Almora, April 25, 1815.

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you, for the information of His Excellency the Commander in Chief, that I advanced at one P. M. with the 1st battalion 4th regiment, and flank battalion, towards the enemy's principal stockade, upon the north end of the Sittolee ridge. It was my intention to have established the heavy mortars in battery within six or eight hundred yards of that work, and I had taken up the ground for that purpose, when finding that our troops were confident, and the enemy disheartened, I ordered their two stone breast-works to be carried by assault—a service cheerfully performed by the 1st battalion 4th, gallantly led by Captain Faithful.

The irregular infantry, under Lieutenant-Colonel Gardner's personal command, advanced by a ridge, parallel to ours, and animated by the gallantry of the 1st battalion 4th regiment, they diverged to the right when near the summit. They very easily possessed themselves of the three remaining breast-works upon the Sittolee ridge.

Whilst this was passing, fifty men of the 4th possessed themselves of a small breast-work on the left.

The 1st battalion 4th regiment was halted on the ridge until the flank battalion came up; I then ordered Captain Leys to advance upon the retreating enemy, and finding five roads, the troops pursued them by each of them, until they possessed themselves of one stockade leading to Kulmuttea, a small stone fortification, and the Rajah's palace.

We have thus cut off all retreat to Kulmuttea, and perfectly divided the enemy's force, which must fall as soon as our small mortars and six-pounders come up.

Lieutenant Wright and Captain Faithful led their men into the embrasure of the breast-work, in doing which, I regret to say, the former was dangerously wounded. I saw Captain Faithful immediately cut the Goorkha down.

The only other Officer of that corps, or any other of whom I have received any reports as yet, of having been wounded, is Lieutenant Purvis, a very gallant Officer, who led the advance in a style that will ever do him honour.

I suppose about forty men may be killed and wounded.

I congratulate His Excellency the Commander in Chief on the glorious result of the noble exertions of the troops, whom it will be a source of pride to me to the end of life to have commanded.