

troops the Arabs fled, leaving two guns. Capt. Lloyd took possession of the hill, supported by Captains Macon and J. Macdonald, Lieutenants Watson, W. Macdonald, and Campbell. Lieutenant and Adjutant Grant, 1st Battalion 24th Regiment Native Infantry, who had been twice wounded during the night, in the defence of the hill, was here killed; and I beg leave to offer my tribute of praise, and to express my regret for the loss of a most gallant officer. Shortly after the Arabs beginning to collect in considerable numbers in front of the hill, and the cavalry having by this time returned with their captured guns to the Residency, a charge of a troop of cavalry, led by Cornet Smith, round the base of the hill, in which he cut up numbers of them, seemed so totally to dispirit them, that from this time their attacks in every quarter began to slacken, and at twelve entirely ceased.

I can never sufficiently express my admiration of the conduct of the troops on this occasion. To Major M'Kenzie, second in command, and to every Officer and individual engaged, I have to offer my thanks, which are feebly expressed in my orders issued on the occasion, and of which I inclose a copy. Mr. Jenkins, Resident, was present during the whole of the action, and his animating conduct tended, in a very considerable degree, to excite the troops to their duty. I have to deplore the death of Mr. Sotheby, his First Assistant, a gallant gentleman, who had also been present from the first, and exposing himself in every situation, was severely wounded towards the close of the action, and died in the course of the day.

I shall, by to-morrow's tappal*, forward regular returns of the killed and wounded, which I am sorry to say is considerable, amounting to 14 officers and 333 killed and wounded, of all other ranks. I have, &c. &c.

H. S. SCOTT,
Lieut.-Col. commanding at Nagpore.

Camp, Nagpore, 29th Nov. 1817.

P. S. From the best information I can obtain, and my observations, the enemy opened upwards of 35 guns upon us. The number of their cavalry is said to amount to 12,000, and their infantry 8,000, 3,500, of which are Arabs from whom we met our principal loss.

Orders by Lieutenant-Colonel Scott.

Parole, Seetabaldy.

The Commanding Officer congratulates the troops on the happy results of their gallant conduct on the 26th and 27th instant. The detachment of three troops of the 6th regiment Bengal Cavalry have covered themselves with glory, in charging so greatly a superior body of the enemy's cavalry; and, in the capture of two of their heavy guns, have secured a trophy of their gallant conduct on this occasion, and the Commanding Officer will consider it a most pleasing part of his duty in rendering to Captain Fitzgerald, for his promptitude and decision in seizing the critical moment for making his attack, and to the officers and every individual of his detachment, that

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degree of praise which he considers their conduct entitles them to, in his report to his superiors.

The numerous list of 149 killed and wounded in the 1st battalion 24th Native Infantry, sufficiently marks the arduous task that corps had to perform in the maintenance of their post on the night of the 26th instant. The Commanding Officer has to deplore the loss of Captain Sadler, the officer who commanded the corps in the earlier part of the night, and Captain Charlesworth being wounded who succeeded him; but he can never sufficiently admire his cool, determined, and officer-like conduct, when he had an opportunity of observing him in the command of the corps, as well as that of Captain J. M'Donald, on whom this important charge devolved afterwards, and has fixed those officers in his high estimation as worthy to hold so important a trust.

The gallant enthusiasm of those officers and men of the different corps (particularly those of the 1st battalion 24th regiment Native Infantry) who were first to rush forward in the charge to recover the hill in the temporary possession of the Arabs, will ever remain impressed on his mind as worthy of his lasting admiration, and the subject of his praise in his report to the Commander in Chief, in which he will not fail to record the name of Captain Lloyd, and those officers who accompanied the attack.

With respect to the Artillery he needs merely to say that Lieutenant Maxwell and the men conducted themselves, as the Coast Artillery are ever known to do, as gallant and steady soldiers in the execution of their duty; and he has to regret the numerous casualties in that corps. To Major Jenkins he offers his thanks for his exertions while in command of the Artillery.

To Lieutenant Dun, the Pioneers, and men employed in strengthening the hill on the left of the position, the Commanding Officer considers great praise is due for their exertions.

To Captain Stone, Lieutenant Richie, and Doctor Gordon, he offers his best thanks for their gallantry in the attack, capture, and spiking of two of the enemy's twelve pounders, defended by a body of Arabs.

To the officers who acted on his immediate Staff, Captains Taylor, Stone, and Hindley, he offers his sincere thanks for their indefatigable exertions under the fatigue they had to endure, and to Captain Bayley, who continued those exertions even after he was severely wounded.

It is the intention of the Commanding Officer that every corps, officer, and individual present at the defence of Seetabaldy shall be considered as participating in the praises and thanks conveyed in the above orders, which is to be fully explained by Major M'Kenzie to the 1st battalion 20th Native Infantry, as the Commanding Officer could not so extend his orders as to mention every individual to whom he acknowledges commendations are due.

Present states of corps and detachments, as they stood on the 26th instant, previous to the commencement of the attack, as also the returns of the killed and wounded, specifying the names of officers, to be sent to the Major of Brigade as soon as possible.

Captain J. Charlesworth to assume the imme-