

No. 3.

Moveable Column Orders by Brigadier-General Nicholson, Commanding Camp Goordaspore.

July 17, 1857.

THE last remaining party of the Sealkote mutineers was yesterday morning destroyed and its gun captured.

The object of the forced march of the column from Umritsur to this place having been thus successfully accomplished, the Brigadier-General desires to return his sincere thanks to officers and men of all arms and grades for the cordial and valuable assistance he has received from them throughout these operations.

The Brigadier-General considers that the column has reason to feel proud of the service it has rendered the State within the last few days.

By a forced march of unusual length performed at a very trying season of the year, it has been able to preserve many stations and districts from pillage and plunder, to save more than one regiment from the danger of too close a contact with the mutineers; and the mutineer force itself, 1,100 strong, notwithstanding the very desperate character of the resistance offered by it, has been utterly destroyed or dispersed.

It will be the pleasing duty of the Brigadier-General to bring prominently to the notice of Government in detail the services rendered by officers and men on this occasion, and he entertains no doubt but that those services will be appreciated and acknowledged as they deserve to be.

SEYMOUR BLANE, Captain,
Major of Brigade.

No. 4.

General Return of Killed and Wounded in the Field Force under Major V. Eyre, on the 12th August, 1857.

Camp, Jugdispore, August 12, 1857.

Artillery—None.

Her Majesty's 5th Fusiliers—Private W. Burrows, gun-shot wound right ankle, severe; Serjeant Walton, gun-shot wound, index and middle fingers, slight; Private W. Pottle, cannon-shot wound, left leg, slight; Private H. Arnop, cannon-shot wound, right leg, mortally (since dead).

Her Majesty's 10th Foot—Private Nicholas Welsh, gun-shot wound, left fore-arm, severe; Private Maurice Carey, ditto.

Detachment of Rattray's Sikhs—None.

Shahabad Yeomanry—None.

Killed, none; grand total of wounded, 6; missing, none.

ALFRED ETESON,
Acting Field-Surgeon.

No. 5.

Major Eyre to the Assistant Adjutant-General, Dinapore Division.

*Koer Sing's Palace, Jugdispore,
August 13, 1857.*

SIR,

MY letter of yesterday will have informed you of the successful march of my force upon this place, and the complete route and dispersion of the rebel Koer Sing and his army.

2. Leaving Arrah at 2 P.M. on the 11th, I

marched eight miles, and encamped for the night on the bank of the Gagur Nuddee.

3. Resuming the route next morning at 6-30 A.M., I proceeded without difficulty as far as Rumneacon, where for two miles the road passed over rice-fields, and was in many places under water; had heavy rain fallen, this road must have been impassable for guns.

4. At 9 A.M. I halted to refresh the troops and animals for an hour; at 10-30 we detected parties of the enemy's horse and foot occupying the village of Tola Narainpore, evidently with the view of disputing our passage of the river immediately beyond it. I forthwith pushed forward skirmishing parties from the 5th Fusiliers and Wake's Sikhs in that direction, backed up by Jackson's valuable little troop of Shahabad Volunteer Yeomanry. This elicited a sharp fire, which was maintained on both sides with great spirit; as our main body approached nearer, I advanced two guns to the front, and opened a fire of grape on a party of the enemy, whose heads I could just discern in ambush, about 300 yards distant.

5. This caused them to rise in some confusion, discovering large masses who had been lying in close concealment. The men of Her Majesty's 10th now became so impatient to be led to the charge that, instead of continuing the fire from the guns as I had intended, I yielded to them the honour of putting the foe to flight. With loud and continued shouts they advanced and charged, led on in the most noble manner by Captain Patterson, impetuously driving all before them. The sepoys fell back on the large village of Dullaur across the river, where entrenchments had been thrown up. There they endeavoured to make a stand, but were driven out by the joint efforts of the gallant 10th and 5th Fusiliers, the latter under Captains L'Estrange and Scott.

6. Thence our route lay through a dense and difficult jungle, for one mile and a-half to Jugdispore, throughout which a running fight was maintained, during which two guns were captured.

7. Jugdispore was but feebly defended, and at 1 P.M. we took possession of Koer Sing's noted stronghold, wherein we found large stores of grain, ammunition, and other materials of war.

8. Koer Sing has fled to the Jutoorah jungle, south of this, with a few followers, and the villagers around Jugdispore are sending in tokens of their submission.

9. It now remains for me to recommend, to the favour of his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and of Government, those to whose gallant deeds I am indebted for the success that has (under Providence) attended my efforts. Besides those already named above, Captains L'Estrange and Patterson make special mention in their reports of the individuals named in the margin.*

10. Mr. A. C. Wake, of the Bengal Civil Service, at the head of his Arrah Sikhs, nobly sustained the reputation already acquired by his heroic defence of the fortified house at Arrah, against overwhelming odds; he was gallantly seconded by Mr. J. C. Colvin, Civil Service.

11. The Honorable Captain Hastings, behaved with his accustomed gallantry and devotion, everywhere making his presence felt beneficially. Lieutenant Wylde, my Acting Quartermaster, in like manner seconded me most ably and bravely.

12. The Volunteer Yeomanry of Shahabad were admirably headed by Lieutenant Jackson,

* Her Majesty's 5th Fusiliers—Captain Scott, Ensign Oldfield, Colour-Serjeants Cattermole and McMames. Her Majesty's 10th Foot—Lieutenant Beale, Serjeant Neate, Corporal Baldwin, Privates Macdonald, Purcell, Raby (Grenadiers), Yates, Connorton.