

Brigadier Hope's Brigade was in advance in one line, Brigadier Inglis's Brigade being in rear of Brigadier Hope.

At the same time Brigadier Walpole, assisted by Captain Smith's field battery, Royal Artillery, was directed to pass the bridge immediately to the left of Brigadier Greathed's position, and to drive the enemy from the brick-kilns, keeping the wall of the city for his guide.

The whole attack then proceeded, the enemy quickly responding from his proper right, to the fire of our heavy and field artillery.

Good use was made of these guns by Captain Peel, C.B., R.N., and the Artillery Officers under Major-General Dupuis, C.B., R.A., Brigadier Crawford, R.A., and Major Turner, B.A.

The Seikhs, of the 4th Punjaub Infantry, thrown into skirmishing order, supported by H. M.'s 53rd Foot, attacked the enemy in some old mounds and brick-kilns to our left, with great vigour.

The advance then continued with rapidity, along the whole line, and I had the satisfaction of observing, in the distance, that Brigadier Walpole was making equal progress on the right.

The canal bridge was quickly passed, Captain Peel leading over it with a heavy gun, accompanied by a soldier of H. M.'s 53rd, named Hannaford.

The troops which had gathered together, resuming their line of formation with great rapidity on either side as soon as it was crossed, and continuing to drive the enemy at all points, his camp being reached and taken at 1 P.M., and his route being complete along the Calpee road.

I must here draw attention to the manner in which the heavy 24-pounder guns were impelled and managed by Captain Peel, and his gallant sailors.

Through the extraordinary energy and good-will with which the latter have worked, their guns have been constantly in advance throughout our late operations, from the relief of Lucknow, till now, as if they were light field pieces, and the service rendered by them in clearing our front has been incalculable. On this occasion there was the sight beheld of 24-pounder guns advancing with the first line of skirmishers.

Without losing any time, the pursuit with cavalry, infantry, and light artillery was pressed with the greatest eagerness to the fourteenth milestone on the Calpee road, and I have reason to believe that every gun and cart of ammunition, which had been in that part of the enemy's position, which had been attacked, now fell into our possession.

I had the satisfaction of accompanying the troops engaged in the pursuit, and of being able to bear witness to their strenuous endeavours to make the most of the success which had been achieved.

When I passed the camp and went forward on the Calpee road, Major-General Mansfield was desired by me to make arrangements for the attack of the position called the Subadar's Tank, which extended round the left rear of the enemy's position in the old cantonments. As this operation was a separate one, I beg to enclose, for your Lordship's consideration, the Major-General's own narrative.

The troops having returned from the pursuit at midnight on the 6th, and their baggage having reached them on the afternoon of the next day, Brigadier-General Grant was detached in pursuit on the 8th, with the cavalry, some light artillery, and a brigade of infantry, with orders to destroy public buildings belonging to the Nana Sahib at Bithoor, and to press on to Serai Ghât, twenty-five miles from hence, if he had good tidings of the retreating enemy. This duty was

admirably performed by the Brigadier-General, and he caught the enemy when he was about to cross the river with his remaining guns.

The Brigadier-General attacked him with great vigor, and by the excellent disposition he made of his force, succeeded in taking every gun the enemy possessed, without losing a single man. I have the pleasure to enclose the Brigadier-General's report for your Lordship's perusal.

It now remains for me to bring to your Lordship's notice, the officers who have distinguished themselves during the series of operations which have occurred under my own eyes, since this field force left the neighbourhood of Lucknow.

I have a particular pleasure in again bringing to your Lordship's notice the zeal and great ability with which Major-General W. R. Mansfield, chief of the staff, has conducted the very important duties of his high position, and of my obligations to him for the most valuable assistance he has afforded me during the whole of the recent operations. I desire also to call your Lordship's attention to the able and distinguished manner in which he conducted the troops placed under his orders, after the enemy's centre had been divided, to the attack of their strong position at the Subadar's Tank, and to recommend to your Lordship's favourable consideration the names of the officers who assisted him.

I have to thank Brigadier-General Hope Grant, C.B., very particularly for the admirable manner in which he has conducted the duties of the force, and more particularly for his exertions on the 6th December, and the capital operations he performed on the 8th and 9th. The Brigadier-General speaks in the highest terms of his divisional and personal staff, viz., Captain W. Hamilton, Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General; Lieutenant F. S. Roberts, Deputy-Assistant Quartermaster-General; Captain the Hon'ble A. H. Anson, Aide-de-Camp; Lieutenant C. W. Havelock, Extra Aide-de-Camp; and Captain H. M. Wilson, Deputy Judge Advocate General.

I have the greatest satisfaction in bringing to your Lordship's notice, Brigadiers Greathed, the Honourable A. Hope, Walpole, and Inglis. These officers have all exerted themselves to the utmost, and have fully justified my expectations. They desire to record their obligations to the officers commanding corps in their respective brigades, and to their brigade staff, as follows:—

Captain Hinde, Her Majesty's 8th Regiment; Lieutenant-Colonel Wells, Her Majesty's 23rd Fusiliers; Major Lowe, Commanding Her Majesty's 32nd Regiment; Lieutenant-Colonel Kelly, Her Majesty's 38th Regiment; Lieutenant-Colonel Thorold, Her Majesty's 42nd Highlanders; Colonel Faber, Her Majesty's 53rd Regiment; Major Bingham, Her Majesty's 64th Regiment; Lieutenant-Colonel Hale, Her Majesty's 82nd Regiment; Lieutenant-Colonel Leith Hay, Her Majesty's 93rd Highlanders; Lieutenant-Colonel Horsford, 3rd Battalion Rifle Brigade; Lieutenant-Colonel Fyers, 2nd Battalion Rifle Brigade; Captain Green, Commanding 2nd Punjaub Infantry; Lieutenant W. C. L. Ryves, Commanding 4th Punjaub Rifles; Captain J. M. Bannatyne, Brigade Major 3rd Brigade; Captain J. H. Cox, Brigade Major 4th Brigade; Captain Lightfoot, Brigade Major 5th Brigade; Lieutenant C. A. Barwell, Brigade Major 6th Brigade.

Owing to his knowledge of the ground, I requested Major-General Windham to remain in command of the entrenchment, the fire of which was a very important feature in the operations of the 6th December, although I felt and explained to General Windham, that it was a command hardly worthy of an officer of his rank. He gave me