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THE following papers have been received at the East India House.

No. 1.

Major-General H. G. Roberts, Commanding Rajpootana Field Force, to the Adjutant-General of the Army, Bombay.

Camp before Kotah, April 7, 1858.

SIR,

No. 97.

I HAVE the honor to report, for the information of his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, the successful assault of Kotah, on the 30th of March last, by the troops I have the honor to command. I arrived with the 1st Brigade, opposite Kotah, on the morning of the 22nd ultimo, and encamped to the westward, on the left bank of the Chumbel. The 2nd Brigade and siege train joined in the evening; the 13th Native Infantry, under Captain Adams, had joined the previous evening, having made forced marches to do so.

2. A reconnoissance having been made, it was determined by the Commanding Engineer, that two batteries should be erected on this side the river, one near the village of Sukkutpore, and the other at Kennaree; the object was to keep down the fire of some of the enemy's guns, which enfiladed the ferry, and, by high elevation, threw round-shot into my camp; these batteries were completed and opened fire on the morning of the 24th.

The enemy were 6000 in number.

3. On the 26th instant, I sent 200 men of Her Majesty's 83rd, and the Rifle Company of the 13th Regiment Native Infantry, under command of Lieutenant-Colonel Heatley, of the former regiment, into the portion of the town held by the Maha Rao, who, since my arrival, had, on two successive mornings, been assaulted by the rebels, and an attempt made by them to carry the place by escalade. I have to thank Lieutenant-Colonel Heatley for the able manner in which he commanded this detachment, and the service it rendered up to the time of the assault, and beg to bring Colonel Heatley's services, on this account, prominently to his Excellency's notice. On the 28th I was joined by the Belooch Horsemen, under Lieutenant Macauley.

4. On the 28th, the position of the left battery was changed to the left of the village of Kenaree. Late on the evening of this day, Her Majesty's 8th Hussars arrived, under Lieutenant-Colonel De Salis.

5. On the 27th and 28th, two 12-pounders and six 8-inch mortars were, by the indefatigable

labour of the artillery officers and men, aided by working parties of infantry, got into position in the town. A slack fire of two shots per hour from each piece, at certain points named, was opened from these guns; and, towards evening, a large magazine of the enemy, followed by several smaller ones, was exploded.

6. Up to this time, a strong fire had been kept up on the Rajah's quarter of the town by the enemy.

7. On the morning of the 30th, quick firing was commenced from all the guns and mortars, and continued till about $\frac{1}{2}$ -past 11 A.M., when, all being reported ready, the firing ceased by signal, and the troops, who had been passed over the river in the morning, told off into their respective columns of assault, entered the rebels' quarter through the Khetonepole gate. The 1st column, as per margin,* under Brigadier Parke, led; they at once wheeled off to the right, and on reaching the Futteydar bastion, they wheeled to the left, thus outflanking and turning all the enemy's guns in position, in the various streets leading directly towards the defences occupied by us.

8. Brigadier Parke then continued his march as directed, on the Joorawan Boorz, the broad ramp of which I had the gratification of seeing the detachment of his noble regiment ascending, under command of Major Thellusson, as steadily as on parade.

The enemy, on his nearing the top, ran for it, or let themselves down by ropes, abandoning 3 guns to the Brigadier, who moved rapidly on, turning again to his left, to the Soorujpole gate, which, after slight resistance, he also occupied, with its large bastions, on which were 3 more large guns. Brigadier Parke had thus outflanked, and at length taken the enemy's position in this portion of the city in reverse; and, on finding this, and on the steady advance into the heart of the city of the 2nd column,† under Lieutenant-Colonel Holmes, who followed the 1st column till he reached the 3rd bastion from the Futteydar bastion, and then turned to his left for the Soorujpole gate, and of the 3rd column,‡ under Lieutenant-Colonel Raines,

* 250 Her Majesty's 72nd Regiment, under Major Thellusson; 250 13th Regiment Native Infantry, under Captain Adams, accompanied by a party of Sappers, under Lieutenant Paterson, Royal Engineers.

† 250 Her Majesty's 83rd Regiment, under Major Steele; 250 12th Regiment Native Infantry, under Lieutenant Howison.

‡ 250 Her Majesty's 95th Regiment, under Major the Hon. E. Massey; 250 10th Regiment Native Infantry, under Lieutenant Roope; each accompanied by a party of Sappers, under an Engineer Officer.