

brought to my notice by Captain Little, commanding that regiment. After an entrance had been effected into the city, a number of rebels were found to have taken refuge in the recesses of a large well, the only approach to which was by narrow and steep stairs, having a sharp turning, at which one resolute man could have kept off any number; whilst measures were being arranged for seizing these rebels, Havildar Shaik Dawood volunteered to capture them; so, fixing his bayonet he boldly descended the well, and being followed by others, brought up thirteen of the enemy.

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SIR, *Camp Jhansi, April 29, 1858.*

IN obedience to orders received through you, the brigade under my command moved in two columns on the morning of the 3rd of April, to the assault of the town of Jhansi.

The left column led by Captain Robison, 3rd Bombay European Regiment, the right by Lieutenant-Colonel Liddell, advanced with great steadiness through a very heavy fire of musketry and wall pieces towards the ladders, on reaching which they were assailed with rockets, earthen pots filled with powder, and, in fact, every sort of missile.

On arriving at the temple where the reserve of which I was in command was to take up its position, Major Boileau, Madras Engineers, came to me, and reported that the ladders were without protection, and requested me to give him some Europeans to protect them. I therefore gave him the hundred men of the 3rd Bombay European Regiment that were with the reserve.

Lieutenants Meiklejohn and Dick, of the Bombay Engineers, led the way up the ladders of the right column, both of whom were unfortunately killed. Lieutenant Bonus, Bombay Engineers, Lieutenant Fox, Madras Sappers, led up the ladders of the left column, both of whom were wounded—the latter severely.

The ladders were found in some instances too short, in others too weak, breaking under the men, who were withdrawn from the heavy fire to which they were thus unnecessarily exposed, and the movement was made with great precision and coolness.

Shortly after this, Captain Robison, 3rd Bombay European Regiment, was informed by Captain Baily, executive engineer, that some of the 86th Regiment had entered by the breach to his left, and he doubled some of his party round to that point, at which he effected an entry and cleared the ramparts, so as to enable the remainder to mount the ladders unopposed. Lieutenant-Colonel Liddell, on finding his ladders of no use, ordered Lieutenant Goodfellow, of the Bombay Engineers, to try a bag of powder at a postern, but from being built up inside, no entry could be effected; however, by this time, Captain Robison had made good his lodgment, and was followed by the right column, when all proceeded towards the palace, which, as the Major-General is aware, was taken after a desperate resistance.

Both columns behaved with great coolness and gallantry, and I trust I may be pardoned for bringing their leaders to the notice of the Major-General, as also Captain Sandwith and Lieutenant Park, 3rd Bombay European Regiment, Lieutenant Goodfellow, Bombay Engineers, and also Privates Fen and Whirlpool, 3rd Bombay European Regiment, of whom Lieutenant-Colonel Liddell speaks in the highest terms. Captain Robison's conduct, in doubling round with some of his men to the breach, speaks for itself, but he has brought to my notice Corporal Hard, Privates Roger and Archibald, all of the Grenadier Company, and Private Drummond, No. 1, and Private Doran, No. 3 Company of the 3rd Bombay European Regiment, all of whom fought most gallantly at the head of the ladders, till they gave way. Ensign Newport and Private Gillman, of No. 1 Company, 3rd Bombay European Regiment, assisted by Corporal Hard, of the Grenadiers, carried off the body of Lieutenant Fox, of the Madras Sappers and Miners, through the hottest of the fire, after Captain Robison had ordered the troops to retire. Lieutenant Bonus, Bombay Engineers, has also been especially brought to my notice for the gallant manner in which he led up and maintained his position on the ladders, until disabled and knocked over by the blow of a stone.

Captain Tod, Brigade Major, and Captain Leckie, Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General of the 2nd Brigade, on this, as on every previous opportunity, have afforded me every assistance; and it is only to the circumstance of all former operations in which they have been engaged, being conducted so entirely under the Major-General, as to render any special report from me unnecessary that I have failed in earlier bringing my sense of their worth to his notice, a circumstance which I feel sure will not act to their detriment.

I have, &c.,

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