

report that, in compliance with your orders, I started to dislodge them at 1 P.M., with a force as per margin.*

The intelligence procured from villagers on the road, corroborated our information both as to the numbers and position of the enemy; and, on approaching, we found them in occupation of the town, and partially ruined fort of Nuggur, which is situated at the extremity of a dense bamboo jungle, about two miles in length, the jungle being bordered by a large lake with swampy ground about it; on the further extremity of the town there are thick groves of trees, which, as well as the bamboo jungle, were occupied by the enemy.

By making a slight detour, we kept the jungle about half a mile on our right as we advanced, covered by a flanking party of the 13th, and the Sikhs, who skirmished with the enemy, and kept them back until the column came opposite the town and fort.

I then halted, and wheeled into line to the right, while I directed the two guns and rocket to take up a position on a slight rise of ground 500 yards from the town, and sent the cavalry round beyond the groves, to intercept any force which might escape in that direction.

The guns and rocket under Lieutenant Grant, Royal Navy, then opened, with precision and effect, and, after about 40 shells and rockets had been thrown, the enemy's fire began to slacken; I

* Left Wing, Her Majesty's 13th Light Infantry.—5 officers and 151 men, under command of Captain Kerr, 13th Light Infantry.

"Pearl" Naval Brigade.—5 officers and 91 men, with 2 12-pounder howitzers and 1 24-pounder rocket, under Lieutenant Grant, Royal Navy.

Bengal Yeomanry Cavalry.—9 officers and 58 men, under command of Captain Jenkins, Bengal Yeomanry Cavalry.

Gorucknath Regiment of Goorkhas.—11 officers and 281 men, in charge of Captain Barclay, 68th Regiment Native Infantry.

Sikhs of the Bengal Police Battalion.—1 officer and 46 men, under Lieutenant Burlton, Honorable East India Company's Service.

then sent orders for the guns to cease firing, directed Captain Kerr's Company of the 13th and the Sikhs to clear the groves beyond the town, wheel to their right and enter from that side, while the remainder of the Naval Column, gallantly led by Lieutenant Pym, Royal Marines, Light Infantry, and the Goorkhas by Captain Barclay, having arrived within 100 yards, we made a simultaneous advance on the town and fort which was completely successful; the enemy were driven through both town and fort, some of them being killed in houses which they ineffectually attempted to defend, and were pursued for a considerable distance into the swamps and jungle, leaving 40 or 50 dead on the field.

As soon as we had got possession of the town, I sent orders for the cavalry to pass round to the rear, and endeavour to intercept the enemy in their retreat; this was promptly done by Captain Jenkins, but the extremely unfavorable nature of the ground prevented him from cutting off many of the fugitives.

Four standards were captured during the day, two of them being handsome silk colours; we also found a quantity of powder and ammunition, and a large number of baggage animals, with other property.

The conduct of the whole of the troops was excellent, and they were ably and gallantly led by their respective commanding officers.

Mr. Wingfield (the Civil Commissioner) accompanied me during the action, and I feel much indebted for the valuable and accurate information he afforded me; he was also good enough to convey my orders to the cavalry, and guide them to the position I wished them to take up.

Lieutenant Leet, 13th Light Infantry, acted as Staff Officer on the occasion, to my entire satisfaction.

I beg to inclose a return of casualties which, I am glad to say, are not of a serious nature.

I have, &c.,

J. W. COX, Major,
13th Light Infantry.

No. 4.

NOMINAL RETURN of Casualties in the Force under Command of Major Cox, 13th Light Infantry, in the Engagement at Nuggur, April 29, 1858.

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Corps.	Rank and Names.	Remarks.
13th Light Infantry ...	Serjeant Thomas Hughes...	Slightly, musket shot wound of lower jaw
do ...	Private James Larkin ...	Severely, musket shot wound over left eye
Royal Naval Brigade ...	A.B. Charles Cloak ...	Severely, musket shot wound of right thigh

J. W. COX, Major,
Commanding Left Wing, 1st Batt. 13th Light Infantry.

F. ROWCROFT, Brigadier,
Commanding Field Force.