

out-post duty on this as on former occasions, was most active and energetic.

Lieutenant-Colonel Maberly, commanding the Artillery, who, though suffering from bad health, was most active in the discharge of his duties.

Lieutenant-Colonel Kelly, commanding 38th Regiment; Lieutenant-Colonel Hill, commanding 2nd Battalion Rifle Brigade; Major Sir W. Russell, commanding 7th Hussars; Major Horne, 7th Hussars, who had command of the detachment covering the rear.

Major Nicholson, Royal Engineers, commanding Engineers and Sappers and Miners, who was most energetic and active; Captain Hume, commanding 1st European Bengal Fusiliers; Captain Middleton, commanding Battery, Royal Artillery; Captain Mackinon, commanding troop Bengal Horse Artillery; Captain Talbot, Royal Artillery, commanding Heavy Battery; Captain Hutchinson, commanding squadron, 2nd Dragoon Guards; Lieutenant Stewart, commanding 1st Sikh Cavalry; Lieutenant Lawford, commanding squadron Hodson's Horse; Lieutenants Hunter and McLeod, Bengal Artillery; Lieutenant Prendergast, 1st Sikh Cavalry, who was wounded in the charge on the advanced guard; Lieutenant Topham, 7th Hussars; the troop under this officer's command met the enemy's cavalry at the charge, when one man of the 7th was killed, and Lieutenant Topham and six men wounded.

Major Mollan, 75th Regiment Major of Brigade of Infantry, and Captain the Honourable J. Fienes, Major of Brigade of Cavalry.

Captain Reid, Deputy Commissioner, and who had charge of the Intelligence Department, rendered important service.

To my personal staff—Captain the Honourable A. Anson, 84th Regiment, aide-de-camp, Captain Wolsley, 90th Light Infantry, Deputy-Assistant-Quartermaster-General, and Major W. Hamilton, 9th Lancers, Deputy-Assistant-Adjutant-General, my acknowledgments are also due.

On arrival at Barree, it was found to be evacuated by the rebels; a quantity of military stores were found in it, which were destroyed.

I arrived at Mamadabad on the 15th instant, there had been a large body of rebels here, but on the approach of the column they dispersed. In the fort was found one brass gun and a quantity of gunpowder. The Nawab's house, a large building in the fort, was blown up and completely destroyed by the Engineers in the course of the afternoon.

The force arrived at Ramnugger on the 19th. The Rajah's house here I had also destroyed, as he was assisting the rebels.

At Ramnugger I received intelligence that the large force which was assembled at Bitowlee had dispersed on the approach of the column.

On the 22nd, on the march from Munsowlee to Nawabgunge, three native iron guns were found in the fort of Jungerabad, which was given up without resistance, and a 24-pounder native iron gun was found at a village about three miles from Nawabgunge. The four guns were all destroyed.

On the 23rd instant I made over command of the column to Brigadier Horsford, C.B., and it will be encamped to-morrow at Chenute, four miles from the iron bridge.

I have, &c.,

J. HOPE GRANT, Major-General,
Commanding Lucknow Field Force.

No. 32.

No. 153 of 1858.

Allahabad, May 20, 1858.

THE Right Honorable the Governor-General is pleased to direct the publication of the following despatches from Major-General G. C. Whitlock, commanding Saugor and Nerbudda Field Division, dated 24th and 30th April, 1858; the former reporting the particulars of a general action with the troops of the Nawab of Banda on the 19th April, and the latter bringing to notice the valuable service of Major Ellis, Political Assistant for Bundelkund.

No. 33.

Major-General G. C. Whitlock, Commanding Saugor Field Division, to Major-General Mansfield, Chief of the Staff, Bengal.

Camp, Banda, April 24, 1858.

SIR,

No. 130.

I HAVE the honor to report, for the information of his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief of India, that the force under my command, as per margin,* fought a general action with the troops of the Nawab of Banda, on the 19th instant.

Nawab Ali Babadoor, determined on opposing my advance on Banda, took up, during the 18th instant, a position about five miles from the left bank of the River Kane, selected with consummate judgment, and in every respect well adapted for the protection of his capital.

His artillery commanded the main road on which my force was moving, enabling him to withdraw his guns if hard pressed—broken ground, with numerous ravines and nullahs covered his whole front, affording excellent cover to a swarm of skirmishers, who not only knew their value, but most skilfully availed themselves of them, whilst every desired movement on my part on the enemy's flanks, was impeded by ground most difficult for the combined operations of artillery and cavalry.

The enemy, 6,000 in number, with 3,000 in reserve, were under the personal command of the Nawab, and principally composed of mutineers of the three arms, the infantry with percussion muskets. Videttes on our flanks and front watched our advance, and a near approach to reconnoitre disclosed the enemy's position, from which a sharp fire of artillery was opened.

An advanced party under Colonel Apthorp, 3rd Madras Europeans, first encountered their infantry, and soon found themselves under a heavy fire; every nullah was vigorously disputed, and the judgment and decision with which that officer conducted his movements, thus avoiding much severe loss, called forth my highest commendations.

It now became necessary to dislodge a battery on our right flank, which would have swept through our skirmishers had they further advanced, and no men ever charged more nobly than the squadron of the 2nd Hyderabad Contingent Cavalry, under their gallant leader, Captain Macintire; one gun was captured; the other in the *melée* escaped for a time, but the object was effected.

* A Troop H. A. European, 110; E. Troop H. A. Native, 176; H. A.'s 12th Lancers, 227; 1 Squadron Hyd. Cavalry, 136; Detachment Royal Artillery, 111; Detachment Madras Foot Artillery, 75; No. 1 Horse Battery, 84; Detachment Sappers and Miners, 101; 3rd Madras European Regiment, 538; 1st Regiment Native Infantry, 255; Detachment 50th Native Infantry, 156. Total of all arms, 1,899.