

for his charge on the guns : and to Captain Larkins, commanding the 17th regiment, who did good service in the town. I have received much assistance from Captain Drummond, commanding Field Engineer, and his subordinates ; also from Surgeon Innes, Field Surgeon, and Captain Carter, Officiating Deputy Commissary General.

I am much indebted to Major Muter, Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General ; to Captain Tedlie, Deputy Assistant Quarter-Master-General ; to Lieutenant Deedes, Aide-de-Camp ; and to Lieutenant Tyler, 20th Native Infantry, Orderly Officer, for their untiring zeal and ability. I have much pleasure in forwarding Captain Cureton's report of the gallant conduct of Mr. Hannah, of the Roorkee College ; and in seconding the application of Brigadier Coke, that this brave young gentleman may obtain a commission for his conduct in the field.

I have, &c.,

JOHN JONES, Brigadier-General,  
Commanding Roorkee Field Force.

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No. 50.

*Lieutenant-Colonel J. Coke, C.B. Commanding Infantry Brigade, to the Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General, Roorkee Field Force.*

*Camp Dhanpore, April 22, 1858.*

SIR,

WITH reference to the attack yesterday, on the rebel force posted in front of the town of Nuggeenah, I have the honor to report, for the information of the Brigadier-General commanding, that, while the force was passing the bridge over the canal, the advanced guard of the 60th Royal Rifles, reported the enemy advancing in our front. I sent an order to the rear, to bring up the Infantry. The Mooltanee Cavalry, Captain Austen's Battery, and the 60th Royal Rifles, had already crossed the above-mentioned bridge.

The artillery, under Captain Austen, moved rapidly to the front, and opened fire in reply to the enemy's advance guns, which were in a grove of trees about nine hundred yards to our front. The 60th Royal Rifles formed line, and advanced steadily to the front. The 1st Punjaub Infantry were formed to their left, and the Mooltanee Cavalry on the left front of the 1st Punjaub Infantry.

Observing the rebel cavalry advance to turn our left, I directed Captain Cureton, commanding the Mooltanee Cavalry, to attack them, and after driving them back to turn the right of the enemy's infantry. The 1st Punjaub Infantry were ordered by me to advance, and take the guns in flank, while the 60th Royal Rifles moved to the front.

These orders were well and rapidly carried out ; the rebels finding their flank completely turned, retreated hastily, abandoning their guns, and were followed up for nearly two miles by the artillery, 60th Royal Rifles, and 1st Punjaub Infantry.

Simultaneously with this move on the left, I sent directions to Major Gordon, commanding 1st Sikh Infantry on the right, to move down both

banks of the canal, which were thickly wooded, and full of the rebel infantry. This was carried out in a most satisfactory manner ; and the enemy, defeated at all points, fled rapidly.

The 17th Punjaub Infantry were held in reserve. Soon after our arrival at Nuggeenah, when the pursuit of the infantry had ceased, Captain Larkins was ordered with his corps to clear the city of the rebels. Numbers were killed and taken prisoners ; numbers in their retreat threw themselves into large walled gardens near the town, from which but few escaped alive.

It is quite unnecessary for me to say anything in praise of the 60th Royal Rifles, who have always distinguished themselves. On the 17th and 22nd instant they proved themselves to be the perfection of light infantry.

My thanks are due to Major Palmer, commanding the 60th Royal Rifles ; Major Gordon, commanding 1st Sikh Infantry ; Captain Lambert, commanding 1st Punjaub Infantry ; and Captain Larkins, commanding the 17th Punjaub Infantry ; who carried out their orders most efficiently.

Captain Anderson, Major of Brigade, has shown himself on this and all other occasions a most efficient staff officer.

Captain Parrott, of the Haupper Stud, attached to the camp, and Captain Smith, of the Pathan Horse, acted as my orderly officers ; I am much obliged to them for their exertions.

I beg to forward herewith a report from Captain Cureton, which was forwarded at my request, of the conduct of a young student of the Roorkee College, in the hopes that his gallant conduct may lead to his advancement, or to his obtaining a commission, of which he appears most deserving.

I have, &c.,

JOHN COKE, Lieutenant-Colonel,  
Commanding Infantry Brigade.

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No. 51.

*Captain Charles Cureton, commanding the Mooltanee Regiment of Cavalry, to Brigadier Coke, C.B., commanding the Infantry Brigade.*

*Camp, Dhanpore, April 22, 1858.*

SIR,

WHEN ordered by you to advance and outflank the enemy yesterday morning, I was joined by a young gentleman, who I thought was a young officer, but who I have since learnt was Mr. Hannah, of the Roorkee College. He begged permission to join my regiment as a volunteer, which I gladly assented to.

During the charge and pursuit, Mr. Hannah behaved with great gallantry ; but I regret exceedingly to say that he has received two dangerous wounds. I trust he will soon recover from these, and that he will not be ultimately a sufferer for his distinguished conduct.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES CURETON, Captain,  
Commanding the Mooltanee Regiment  
of Cavalry.