

Mr. Loch volunteered to return with any orders, and Captain Brabazon Deputy Assistant Quarter-master-General, R.A., volunteered to accompany him.

They accordingly started, under a flag of truce, for Tang-chow, with my orders for Mr. Parkes, and the whole party to return at once to head quarters.

Meanwhile the Chinese cavalry advanced in great numbers, on both flanks, and their infantry poured down on our right front, which was enclosed ground and carefully entrenched. I was extremely anxious not to engage, for fear of compromising our officers, who were in their lines. I therefore covered both my flanks with cavalry and ordered the baggage to be hastened on, and massed on a village in our rear, where it could be defended by a small force. This latter operation occupied nearly two hours, during which time the enemy's cavalry had almost entirely surrounded our forces. Sufficient time had elapsed for all of our party to return from Tang-chow, and I became anxious for their safety, when suddenly a commotion appeared in the enemy's line. The guns and matchlock men in their centre opened fire, and Colonel Walker's party dashed out of the midst of their ranks. Colonel Walker reported that, whilst waiting for Mr. Parkes, a French officer joined

him, who was suddenly set upon and cut down by a Chinese soldier, and, on his riding up to prevent his being murdered, his own sword was snatched from his scabbard, and some men tried to throw him off his horse. Seeing that it was a deliberate attempt to assassinate the whole of them Colonel Walker set spurs to his horse and galloped out with his party, under the fire of the Chinese line. One of his men was wounded and one horse, Mr. Thompson receiving a spear-thrust in his back; but they fortunately managed to reach our lines, their wounds not being severe. It was now useless to wait longer, and the attack was immediately formed. General de Montauban advanced to turn their left, and with him I sent a squadron of Fane's horse, under Lieutenant Cattley. On the centre the 9-pounder battery opened, supported by a squadron of King's Dragoon-guards, and part of the 99th regiment advanced up the road.

The Armstrong battery with the 15th Punjaub Infantry took ground to the left, whilst Sir John Michel, with the 1st Sikh Cavalry, three 6-pounder guns, and the 2nd (Queen's), made a wide flank movement on the extreme left, so as to turn the right of the enemy.

The action commenced simultaneously on all points, and it was now apparent that the Chinese had carefully prepared a very treacherous recep-

NOMINAL Return of Casualties in the Force under His Excellency Sir J. Hope Grant, G.C.B., Commanding the Force in China, at the Action on the Chow-Ho, September 18, 1860.

Corps.	Rank and Names.	Nature of Wounds.				Remarks.
		Dangerously.	Severely.	Slightly.	Missing.	
1st Kings Dragoon Guards	Private John Collingwood ...	...	1	...	...	Gun shot wound left thigh
	Trumpeter James Phillips ...	...	...	1	...	Gun shot wound left leg
Probyn's Horse ...	Ressaldar Acoope Sing ...	...	...	1	...	Arrow wound
	Kote Duffadar Fuze Kan ...	...	...	1	...	
	Duffadar Pestah Sing ...	...	...	1	...	Matchlock ball
	" Sunt Sing ...	...	...	1	...	
	Sowar Mik Sing ...	...	1	...	...	Matchlock ball
	" Seewund Sing ...	...	...	1	...	
Fane's Horse ...	Kote Duffadar Jowahir Sing ...	1	...	...	...	Bullet in abdomen
	Duffadar Surroop Sing ...	...	...	1	...	Bullet in leg
	" Duswund A. Sing ...	...	...	1	...	Bullet in wrist
	Lance Duffadar Sundal Khan ...	...	...	1	...	Spear wound, head
	Sowar Low Sing ...	...	...	1	...	Breast
	" Jhunda Sing ...	...	1	...	...	Bullet wound, arm
1st Battalion Military Train	Captain W. R. Goodall ...	...	1	...	...	Contusion of right shoulder by large gingall ball
15th Punjaub Infantry	Naick Jeewunb Sing ...	...	...	1	...	Face and neck burnt by explosion of gunpowder
	Sepoy Sawun Sing ...	...	1	...	...	Struck on chest by round shot—since dead
	" Kaser Sing	1	...	Left fore arm broke by round shot
	" Peshaura Sing	1	...	Bullet in right thigh
	1	Name not ascertained
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* 1. Since dead.

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Deputy Adjutant-General.