

with a colour in his hand, officers and men rallying round him; and on this spot his body was found.

Here too fell Captain William Hamilton McMath, a gallant soldier, and one who would, had his life been spared, have risen to distinction in Her Majesty's service.

Close by Second Lieutenant Harry James Outram Barr was shot dead over one of the colours.

Captains Ernest Stephen Garratt and Francis James Cullen were both killed on the field in front of the nullah, up to the last moment commanding their companies and giving their orders with as much coolness as if on an ordinary regimental parade.

Captain Walter Roberts was mortally wounded in the garden, where the last stand was made; and here also fell Lieutenant Maurice Edward Rayner, Lieutenant Richard Trevor Chute, Second Lieutenant Walter Rice Olivey, and Second Lieutenant Arthur Honeywood.

The two latter officers were seen holding up the colours, the pole of one of which was shattered to pieces, as rallying points; and Lieutenant Honeywood was shot down whilst holding a colour high above his head, shouting—"Men, what shall we do to save this!"

Sergeant-Major Alexander Cuppage was shot dead outside the garden whilst carrying a colour; and many other non-commissioned officers and men laid down their lives in the attempt to save the colours of their regiment on that day.

With the gallant band who made this last grand effort, fought and died Major George Frederick Blackwood, Royal Horse Artillery; Lieutenant Thomas Rice Henn, Royal Engineers; and Lieutenant Charles William Hinde, 1st Bombay Grenadiers, Native Infantry, with some of his men.

The men of the 66th on baggage guard, under the command of Captain J. Quarry, did excellent service during the retreat.

The party told off to man the smooth-bore battery under Lieutenant G. De la M. Faunce worked their guns steadily and well during the fight.

No. 599.—The Governor-General in Council is pleased to direct the publication, for general information, in continuation of G. G. O. No. 582 of 1880, of the following Correspondence and Despatch, relating to the part taken by the troops of the Kandahar garrison, under the command of Lieutenant-General J. M. Primrose, C.S.I., in the action of the 1st September last, near Kandahar.

From Colonel Allen Johnson, Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Adjutant-General in India,—(No. 8853-K.,—"Kabul Field Operations"—(dated Simla, the 27th October, 1880).

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 5754-A., dated the 14th instant, forwarding a Despatch from Lieutenant-General J. M. Primrose, C.S.I., detailing the part taken by the troops under his command in the operations of the 1st September, 1880, near Kandahar.

2. With reference thereto, I am to state that the Governor-General in Council concurs in the remark made by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in paragraph 12 of your letter No. 5585-A., dated the 7th instant, that these troops rendered good service on the occasion referred to.

3. Lieutenant-General Primrose's report will be published in the Gazette of India on an early date, for general information.

From Major-General G. R. Greaves, C.B., Adjutant-General in India, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department,—(No. 5754-A.,—"Kabul,"—(dated Simla, the 14th October, 1880).

In continuation of my letter No. 5585-A., dated 7th instant, paragraph 12, I am instructed by the Commander-in-Chief to forward herewith Despatch No. 999 of the 27th ultimo, from Lieutenant-General Primrose, C.S.I., reporting the part taken by the troops under his command on the 1st September.

2. His Excellency concurs in the remarks already made by Sir Frederick Roberts, that the Kandahar Force rendered good service in the engagement.

From Lieutenant-General J. M. Primrose, C.S.I., Commanding the 1st Division, Southern Afghanistan Field Force, to Lieutenant-General Sir F. S. Roberts, K.C.B., Commanding in Southern Afghanistan,—(No. 999-K.,—"Field Operations,"—dated Kandahar, 27th September, 1880).

I HAVE the honour to report that, in compliance with instructions received from you early on the morning of the 1st September, 1880, I issued the following orders:—

"I.—E-B Royal Horse Artillery, escorted by two companies of the 7th Fusiliers and four companies of the 28th Native Infantry, will march from Kandahar, via the Edgah Gate, so as to reach the hill behind the village of Gandizan by 9 A.M.

"II.—The Officer in command of this party will report himself to Brigadier-General Gough, V.C., Commanding the Kabul Field Force Cavalry Brigade, which is to be formed up behind the Gandizan Hill by 9 A.M.

"III.—The infantry and guns will precede the cavalry, and clear the way for them.

"IV.—The detachment of infantry with E-B Royal Horse Artillery, at Gandizan, will remain stationary when the cavalry advances.

"V.—The troops as per margin,* under the command of Brigadier-General Burrows, will be formed up at Kalacha-i-Haidar (the old cavalry lines) at 8 A.M., for the purpose of threatening the Baba Wali Kotal and watching the Kotal-i-Murcha.

"VI.—The Commanding Royal Engineer will detail a party of sappers to accompany the force.

"VII.—This force will remain stationary during the day.

"VIII.—The Officer Commanding the Royal Artillery will see that a good position is taken up by No. 5-11th Royal Artillery, for firing at the guns on the Baba Wali Kotal; and, in doing this, he will bear in mind that the object of the movement on the right is entirely to hold the enemy on and about the pass, whilst the real attack is delivered by the left in the direction of Pir Paimal.

"IX.—The following troops, under the command of Brigadier-General Daubeny, will at once occupy a line of pickets (in relief of those of the Kabul Field Force) extending from Picket Hill on the right by Karez Hill to Chil-Zina on the left:—

4 Companies 66th Regiment.
2 " 1st Bombay Native Infantry.
2 " 28th " " "

"X.—The whole of the available cavalry of regiments as per margin,† under the command of

* No. 5-11th, Royal Artillery, four guns, 40-pounders. 4 companies, 7th Fusiliers. 4th Regiment, Bombay Native Infantry. 19th Regiment, Bombay Native Infantry.
† 3rd Light Cavalry. Headquarters Poona Horse. 3rd Sind Horse.