

The manner in which the movement from Goubat to Gakdul has been carried out reflects the greatest credit upon General Buller as a leader and upon all ranks under him. Every retrograde step is regarded by uncivilized races as a sign of weakness and of fear, and to withdraw troops in the face of a savage enemy is neither an easy nor a grateful task. Sir Redvers Buller has, however, done this with little loss, and in a way which has won him the confidence of all who served under him.

I have, &c,

(Signed) WOLSELEY,

The Right Honourable General.
Marquis of Hartington.

CHIEF OF THE STAFF,

IN continuation of my last, I have to report, that shortly before dusk the enemy, on the 16th, occupied a hill commanding the camp, and distant about 1,200 yards from it. From this position they kept up a constant fire all night upon our position.

I attach a return of our killed and wounded. The wounded are all doing well.

On the 17th we drove the enemy away from their position with some loss, as they were seen to carry several bodies away, and left six dead behind them. I have now established a post up on the hill, and anticipate no further annoyance.

I am much indebted to Major Wardrop, Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General, for his services. He threatened the enemy's rear with a party of only three other mounted men and Lieutenant Tudway, Mounted Infantry, and by appearing himself at several points, and firing rapidly, made them believe that what was really a very strong position was threatened in rear, and they consequently evacuated it.

(Signed) REDVERS BULLER,
Major-General.

Abu Klea, 18th February, 1885.

CHIEF OF THE STAFF,

1. I LEFT Abu Klea on the 23rd instant, and arrived here with the whole force about noon to-day.

2. About 11 A.M. on the 23rd the enemy received a strong reinforcement which was estimated to be not less than 8,000 men.

3. At 2 P.M. I sent out all my baggage with a convoy of 300 men, under Colonel Stanley Clarke, with instructions to camp on the Oh Mit Handel plain, out of gunshot range of the Abu Klea hills.

4. At 6.40 P.M. I withdrew the garrisons of my outposts, and at 7.30 P.M. marched out of Abu Klea; we were not interfered with.

5. The enemy's scouts turned up about midday on the 24th, and fired a few shots, they then retired, and we have seen nothing of them since.

6. Having barely camels to move my stores and supplies all the men and officers had to march; this, in this weather, on three quarts of water per man per day, was most exhausting, but nothing could have been better than the spirit shown by all ranks.

7. I attach a state. We brought in here 32 all ranks sick and wounded; all the wounded have done well on this march.

8. I wish expressly to remark on the very excellent work that has been done by the small detachment of the 19th Hussars, both during our occupation of Abu Klea and during our retirement. Each man has done the work of ten, and

it is not too much to say that the force owes much to Major Trench and his 13 troopers.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) REDVERS BULLER,
Major-General.

Gakdul, February 26, 1885.

NOMINAL ROLL of Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men wounded in action at Abu Klea, on the 16th and 17th February 1885:—

16th February.

Officers.

Mounted Infantry—Somersetshire Light Infantry.
Captain H. A. Walsh, dangerously.

Light Camel Regiment—7th Hussars.
Captain H. Paget, slightly.

1st Royal Irish.
Quartermaster W. Jamieson, severely.

Medical Staff.
Surgeon S. L. O'Neill, slightly.

Non-Commissioned Officers and Men.
Mounted Infantry—19th Hussars.

Sergeant-Major Horwood (died in Hospital, 16th).

Mounted Infantry—1st Battalion, Somersetshire Light Infantry.

1260 Private Nicholson, severely.

Light Camel Regiment—3rd Hussars.
1851 Private Bigg, severely.

1st Battalion, Royal Irish Regiment
11 Sergeant Hanrahan, severely.

2627 Corporal Farrell, slightly (duty, 17th).

268 Private Phillips (died in Hospital 16th).

1453 Kerwick, severely, amputation of left arm.

154 Devaney, slightly.

653 Daley, slightly.

299 McLoughlin, severely.

1910 Murphy, slightly (duty, 17th).

197 Porter, severely.

Naval Brigade.

A.B. Brewer, severely.

17th February.

Mounted Infantry—Royal Scots Fusiliers
348 Lance-Corporal Fraser, slightly.

Mounted Infantry—King's Royal Rifles.
1478 Private Savage (died in Hospital).

Mounted Infantry—Royal Scots Fusiliers.
459 Private Monaghan, slightly.

Mounted Infantry—2nd Battalion Rifle Brigade
4280 Private King, slightly.

Light Camel Regiment—15th Hussars.
1052 Private Eveling, severely.

1st Brigade 1st Battery Southern Division
Royal Artillery.
23555 Gunner Barker, slightly.

1st Battalion, Royal Irish Regiment.

1883 Private Norris, slightly.

1842 Healey, slightly (duty 17th).

981 McKeavor, slightly (duty 17th).

351 Glashier, slightly (duty 17th).

370 McGuire, slightly (duty 17th).

1st Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment.

1391 Private Loder, slightly.

341 Kane, severely.