

below Ava had been sighted, the envoys again came in their gilded boats with 40 rowers bearing a royal mandate received by telegraph, of which the following is a translation:—

No. 1 sent by Royal Order.

From the Hlot Dau to Bo Hmoo, Atwin Woon; Pen Myo-sa Maythit, Atwin Woon; Kyouk-Myoung, Atwin Woon; Wet Ma Soot, Woon-douk; Pentalai, Woon-douk.

"When the English ships arrive you are on no account to fire on them. Let all the troops keep quiet. Publish this abroad everywhere. The King concedes unconditionally to all the demands made by the Commander of the English Forces as contained in his letter of yesterday's date. You are to let the English Commander know this as quickly as possible."

40. In addition to the redoubt of Ava, the fortified walls of Ava, the Sagain redoubt, and the redoubt of Thabyadan, other entrenchments and batteries had been prepared, and the river had been blocked from bank to bank, so that our vessels and troops might be detained under the fire of the enemy's artillery.

41. Having explained to the envoys that I could not leave a large force with artillery in my rear, I demanded the immediate surrender of the arms in Ava and the adjacent works. They considered reference to Mandalay necessary on this point; but, while awaiting the reply, the envoys accompanied me on board the "Palow" to point out the easiest place for making a passage through the barrier; and the "Palow" advanced to Ava, the other ships keeping station.

42. After a channel had been found and buoyed out by Commander Carpenter, R.N., I again demanded the arms, and when there was still delay I signalled to the ships placed under Captain Woodward's orders to prepare to engage the batteries, and to the troops to land.

On this one envoy went on shore, and at once returned with the royal mandate for the surrender of the arms.

43. Colonel Sladen went on shore at Ava, with the envoys, to give orders for the guns and muskets to be relinquished quietly; the Royal Welsh Fusiliers landed, and the Burmans, filing past, laid hundreds of muskets, rifles, and swords at their feet; and fatigue parties of his brigade were employed by Brigadier-General Norman till after dark in carrying off guns from the batteries and small arms from the places where they had been laid down. So at Sagain and Thabyadan, the guns and small arms were taken by Brigadier-General White and his brigade on the afternoon of the 27th, and early on the 28th all the disbanded soldiers were set free. A return of ordnance captured is appended.

44. The three redoubts were designed and built by the Italian Barbieri. Those of Ava and Thabyadan are provided with excellent casemates. Sagain and Ava redoubts are very well placed for disputing the passage of the river at the point where the fair way is contracted by natural rocks and shoals.

45. On the 28th November the force advanced to Mandalay. No soldiery appeared, but thousands of peaceful Burmans crowded to the bank to see the fleet. In the afternoon the force marched unopposed to the palace, and took charge of the gates of the city and palace. Colonel Sladen had a long interview with the King in the palace. Brigadier-General White, C.B., V.C., remained with the Hazara Battery, Hampshire Regiment, and 1st Pioneers, to guard His Majesty.

46. On the 29th November, at 2 p.m., accompanied by my staff and the principal ministers of

State, I visited the King in a pavilion within the precincts of the palace, and assured him that it was for the good of his country that he should leave it without delay. The Queen-mother and Queens were present during the interview. At 3.30 p.m., Theebaw and the ladies of his family were led forth from the palace through the throne-room, between avenues of British soldiers, to the bullock carriages prepared to carry them to the S.S. "Thoooreah," in which, guarded by two companies of the Liverpool Regiment, and escorted by the "Nga-woon," manned by the Royal Navy, they were conveyed to Rangoon.

Brigadier-General Norman, C.B., commanded the escort consisting of No. 9-1st Brigade, Cinque Ports Division, Royal Artillery, the Mounted Infantry Corps, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, and the 23rd Madras Light Infantry.

47. At Mandalay were captured not only 1,177 guns, 369 wall pieces, and 6,723 stand of small arms, but also the Royal dockyard, powder factory, saw mills, gun factory, arsenal, and powder magazine, some crown jewellery, and more than a lakh of peacock rupees.

48. A return of casualties from all causes will be forwarded with the next despatch. The enemy's casualties included about 180 killed, 333 prisoners, and 100 wounded, but cannot be correctly estimated.

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Commanding Burma Field Force.

Appendix A.

Return of casualties at Minhla and Gwe-gyoun-Kamyoo, 17th November, 1885.

11th Bengal Infantry.

Lieut. R. A. T. Dury, 17th Nov., killed; shot in thigh. Minhla.

Sepoy Dasadeen Singh, 17th Nov., killed; shot in head. Minhla.

Sepoy Kuujan Ram, 17th Nov., killed; shot in thigh. Minhla.

12th Madras Infantry.

Sepoy Syad Mir, 17th Nov., killed; shot in chest. Minhla.

Staff,—Deputy Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster-General.

Major J. G. R. D. Macneill, Madras Staff Corps, 17th Nov., wounded knee and ankle, severe. Minhla.

Liverpool Regiment.

Private A. Crawford, 17th Nov., gunshot wound, leg. Gwe-gyoun-Kamyoo.

2nd Bengal Infantry.

Sepoy Dhonday Singh, 17th Nov., thigh, severe. Minhla.

Sepoy Ajmere Singh, 17th Nov., penis, slight. Minhla.

11th Bengal Native Infantry.

Havildar Bhawal Khan, 17th Nov., abdomen, dangerous. Minhla.

Sepoy Mehr Ali Khan, 17th Nov., genital regions, severe. Minhla.

Sepoy Kallay Khan, 17th Nov., angle of left orbit. Minhla.

Sepoy Hassun Khan, 17th Nov., thigh wound. Minhla.

Sepoy Bodhy Khan, 17th Nov., wounded in hand. Minhla.

Sepoy Hussein Khan, 17th Nov., wounded in forearm. Minhla.

Sepoy Ausan Singh, 17th Nov., wounded in leg. Minhla.