

No. 3.

Brigadier Wilson to the Adjutant-General of the Army.

SIR, Ghazee-od-deen Nuggur, June 1, 1857.

In continuation of my demi-official express of last night's date, I have the honour to report, for the information of Major-General Sir H. Barnard, K.C.B., and through him of the Commander of the forces, that the insurgents attacked me again yesterday afternoon, at about one o'clock, in force.

They took up a position extending fully a mile on the high ridge, on the opposite side of the Hindun, about a mile from my advanced picquet, in front of the bridge, and commenced a fire with their guns from this long distance.

The guns of the Horse Artillery, supported by a squadron of Carabineers, immediately moved forward to reply to the fire; and the two 18-pounders under Lieutenant Light, moved to the bank of the river for the same purpose. The Rifles, leaving one company in camp, moved forward to the support of the picquet at the bridge, supported by two guns of Major Scott's battery and a troop of Carabineers.

Perceiving that the Horse Artillery were exposed to a very heavy fire, I advanced two more guns of Major Scott's battery, under Lieutenant Davidson, to support them.

For nearly two hours the action was one of Artillery chiefly.

The Rifles clearing the village on the left of the toll-bar, and the fire of the enemy's guns slackening, I ordered a general advance, the insurgents retiring, continuing their fire, until we drove them from their position and crowned the ridge, from which we could see them in full retreat to Delhi.

My men were so knocked up by the heat of the sun, by which many officers and men were struck down, that I could not follow them further, as I wished. I therefore withdrew the force into camp, after having first burnt a village on our right flank, from which the insurgents had given us much annoyance.

All the force performed their duty well, and to my satisfaction; and in addition to those officers whom I brought to notice in my Despatch of yesterday, detailing the action of the 30th, I wish to report favorably of Lieutenant Elliot, of Artillery, who supported the Rifles with two guns of Major Scott's battery, in the most steady and determined manner; Lieutenant Light also did admirable service with his 18-pounders. The Sappers and Miners under Lieutenant Maunsell, whom I brought up in support of Lieutenant Elliot's guns, performed most efficient service.

I have to regret the loss of Lieutenant Perkins, of Horse Artillery, an invaluable officer, and a great loss to me.

I beg to enclose Reports from the commanding officers, and a return of killed and wounded.

I regret to say that the insurgents were enabled to carry off all their guns, which appeared to me to consist of two heavy pieces, on the Delhi road, and five light guns, most probably the remains of Captain de Teissier's battery; one of their ammunition-waggons only was destroyed.

I have, &c.,

A. WILSON, Brigadier,
Commanding Field Force.

Field Force under the command of Brigadier A. Wilson.

Numerical Return of Killed, Wounded, and Missing, in the Action of Ghazee-od-deen Nuggur, on May 31, 1857.

Camp, Ghazee-od-deen Nuggur, June 2, 1857. Horse Artillery—1 subaltern, 3 rank and file, killed; total 4; 1 non-commissioned officer, 4 rank and file, wounded; total 5. Killed and wounded includes 5 men sun-struck.

Her Majesty's 6th Dragoon Guards—4 rank and file, wounded; total 4; 1 subaltern (Assistant-Surgeon), 2 rank and file, wounded; total 3. Killed and wounded includes 2 men sun-struck.

1st Battalion Her Majesty's 60th Rifles—1 non-commissioned officer, 3 rank and file, killed; total 4; 1 subaltern, 2 rank and file, wounded; total 3. Killed includes 3 men sun-struck.

Sappers and Miners—1 non-commissioned officer, wounded; total 1.

Total—1 subaltern, 1 non-commissioned officer, 10 rank and file, killed; total 12; 2 subalterns, 2 non-commissioned officers, 8 rank and file, wounded; total 12.

Horses—8 killed and 16 wounded. Return of wounded horses includes the chargers of Major Tombs, Horse Artillery, and Lieutenant-Colonel Custance, Carabineers.

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List of Officers Killed and Wounded.

Killed—Lieutenant H. G. Perkins, 2d troop, 1st brigade, Horse Artillery.

Wounded—Ensign Napier, 60th Royal Rifles, severely, leg amputated; Assistant-Surgeon Moore, 6th Carabineers, severely, grape-shot in the head; Captain Johnson, Brigade Staff, slightly contused.

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Commanding Field Force.

No. 4.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. G. Neill, of the Madras Army, to the Adjutant-General of the Bengal Army.

SIR, Benares, June 6, 1857.

I HAVE the honor to report, for the information of his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that I arrived here on the 3d instant with a detachment of the regiment under my command (1st Madras Fusiliers), and found sixty of my men and three officers, who had preceded me here. A company of men were about two days in rear, and three more were following up by bullock train. I had arranged to start with a detachment of the regiment for Cawnpore on the afternoon of the 4th, but on that afternoon intelligence was received from Lieutenant Palliser, in command of a detachment of fifty Sowars of the 13th Irregular Cavalry, sent out to escort treasure from Azimghur to this, that the 17th Regiment had broken out into open mutiny, and, joined by the city people and jail prisoners, had left the station and attacked his party and captured the treasure, his Infantry escort acting with them. On this intelligence reaching Benares, Brigadier Ponsonby consulted with me about taking the muskets from the 37th, leaving them their side-arms. He proposed waiting until the following morning to do this. I urged its being done at once, to which he agreed, and left my quarters to make his arrangements, directing me to be present with the Europeans, as per