

Chester, and Colonel Young, Judge Advocate-General of the Army, who accompanied me during the whole of the action.

No. 6.

Major-General Sir H. Barnard to the Adjutant-General of the Army.

SIR, Delhi Cantonment, June 11, 1857.

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of General Reed, commanding the forces, that the enemy attacked the position occupied by the troops under my command this morning in force. The troops acted throughout with gallantry and coolness, and the affair ended in the total repulse of the enemy, who have retreated to the city. At about a quarter to 5 A.M., the attack first began. On my ascertaining that both flanks were being attacked, the usual supports were not only sent up to the position on the heights, but the whole of the troops under my command were speedily under arms, and marched up to reinforce the picquets, and to drive back the enemy. This was first accomplished on the left, the enemy falling back under the fire of the troops; and after being beaten back from the right, they came on again for a second attack, under cover of the thickly-wooded gardens near the Subjee Mundee. The 1st Bengal European Fusiliers were sent against them, under the command of Major Jacob, and succeeded most gallantly in not only driving the enemy back, but pursued them, skirmishing all through the thickly-wooded gardens of the Subjee Mundee. It was about half-past 7 A.M. when the troops began to be recalled, and the assembly first sounded for the skirmishers.

In comparison with the strength of the attack, our loss was small, and I trust to be able to send in without delay the official returns of the killed and wounded. I have heard as yet of only one casualty among the officers, Captain Knox, 75th Regiment, who was killed when reinforcing the picquet at the Flag-staff Tower, and while driving back the enemy. The loss on the other side, to the enemy, must have been considerable, and although difficult to estimate, could not have been less than 250.

No. 7.

Major-General Sir H. Barnard to the Adjutant-General of the Army.

SIR, Delhi, June 12, 1857.

WITH reference to my hurried Despatch of the 8th instant, I have now the honour, for the information of the General Commanding the forces, to submit a more detailed account of the action of Badulee Ke-Serai, and seizure of the position on the ridge above the cantonments of Delhi, necessary to hold with regard to ultimate operations against that city.

Having been joined by the force under Brigadier-General Wilson, I broke up the camp at Allipore without delay, and on ascertaining that the enemy had made preparations to oppose our advance, and had occupied a fortified position at Badulee Ke-Serai, made the following disposition of the forces:—Brigadier-General Grant, C.B., with the force as per margin,* was to gain the opposite side of the canal, and recross it below and in rear of the enemy's position, so soon as he heard the action commence, with a view of taking the enemy in flank. The 1st Brigade under Brigadier-

* Six guns, 3d troop, 3d battalion, Horse Artillery; four guns, 2d troop, 1st battalion Horse Artillery three squadrons 9th Lancers.

General Showers, was to act on the right side of the main-trunk road, along which the column was to advance, and the 2d Brigade, under Brigadier-General Graves, was to take the left; the heavy guns were to remain in position on the road, the rest of the Artillery to act on either side. As soon as our advanced picquet met the enemy, these brigades deployed, leaving the main road clear. The enemy soon opened a very heavy fire upon us, and finding that our light field pieces did not silence their battery, and that we were losing men fast, I called upon the 75th Regiment to make a dashing charge, and take the place at the point of the bayonet; this service was done with the most heroic gallantry, and to Lieutenant-Colonel Herbert, and every officer, non-commissioned officer, and men of the 75th Regiment, my thanks are most especially due; the 1st Europeans supported the attack, and on the 2d Brigade coming up and threatening their right, and Brigadier-General Grant showing the head of his column and guns on their left rear, the enemy abandoned the position entirely, leaving his guns on the ground. The action lasted nearly one hour, and I regret to say cost many valuable lives.

Although the men were much exhausted, I determined to push on, under the impression that if I halted, a similar difficulty might be opposed to me the following day in gaining the requisite position, and on the road separating, it became desirable to act in two columns, sending one along the main trunk road, and taking the other to the left through the cantonments. To Brigadier-General Wilson, supported by Brigadier-General Showers' brigade, I confided the conduct of this column, which had to fight its way through gardens with high walls, and other obstacles, the whole way; and taking the 2d brigade, with Brigadier-General Graves, with myself, I proceeded to the left. I soon found that the enemy had posted himself strongly on the ridge over the cantonments, with guns in position, and under the range of which we soon found ourselves, upon which I determined on a rapid flank movement to the left, in the hope of gaining the ridge under cover of the cantonments, and taking the position in flank.

This was happily successful; the enemy got their guns hastily into a position to meet me; and Brigadier-General Graves' brigade, consisting of the 60th Rifles, under Lieutenant-Colonel Jones, supported by the 2d Europeans, under Captain Boyd, advanced gallantly, supported by Captain Money's troop of Horse Artillery, carried the position, and the enemy, finding himself taken in flank and rear, abandoned his guns, and we swept the whole ridge from the Flag-staff to Hindoo Rao's house, where I had the satisfaction of meeting Brigadier-General Wilson; and the object of the day having been thus effected, the force was at once placed in position before Delhi.

I have already mentioned to the Commander-in-Chief the names of officers to whom I am indebted, and whom I desire in justice to call to his notice, and to whose names I beg to add those of Major Ewart, Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General, Captain Shute, Assistant Quartermaster-General, and Captain Maisey, Deputy Judge-Advocate-General, and beg to state that I fully concur in the merit of those recommended by my Brigadiers.

Nominal Roll of Officers Killed and Wounded.
Colonel C. Chester, Adjutant-General of the Army, killed.
Captain J. W. Delamain, 56th Regiment, Native Infantry, killed.
Captain C. W. Russell, 54th Regiment, Native Infantry, killed.
Lieutenant A. Harrison, Her Majesty's 75th Regiment, killed.