

under Lieutenant Palliser, proceeded to a village about three miles off, in which it was reported certain people resided who had plundered the dāk bungalow, and carried off the Government bullocks from Sydadabad. Lieutenant Palliser's party secured several prisoners, who were brought into camp and tried by court-martial. A party of the Fusiliers proceeded to another village belonging to the same people, but it was found deserted, and I ordered it to be burned. A few Government bullocks were recovered. Two villages were burned by the Irregular Cavalry.

10. On the morning of the 18th June, the detachment arrived at Allahabad. I found the road clear the whole way, and am of opinion that any party of European troops, however small, may now travel the road with safety; but to keep the dāk open, I believe it is necessary, in the meantime, to establish a post of Europeans at Gopaegunj, and another half way between that place and Allahabad, and Colonel Gordon, commanding Benares, has, I understand, ordered this to be done.

11. It is impossible to speak too highly of Mr Chapman's services, and I am convinced that the measures adopted by him as magistrate at the different places we passed through, if carried out by the police authorities, will have the effect of keeping the road perfectly quiet in future.

12. The conduct of the Fusiliers on the march was most praiseworthy in every respect.

13. The Irregular Cavalry gave me every satisfaction, and I requested Lieutenant Palliser to convey my thanks to his men for their services.

14. Dāk letters, I understand, arrived last night from Benares for the first time, and I trust that there will be no further interruption on this line.

I am, &c.,

J. G. FRASER, Captain, Commanding Detachment Madras Fusiliers.

No. 12.

The Acting Adjutant-General of the Army to the Secretary to the Government of India.

SIR, July 2, 1857.

I HAVE the honor, by desire of the Commander-in-Chief, to inclose for submission to the Right Honourable the Governor-General in Council, copy of a Dispatch from Major-General Sir H. Barnard, K.C.B., Commanding the Field Force before Delhi, inclosing copy of a report from Brigadier H. Grant, C.B., of an action fought with the mutineers in rear of our camp on the 19th ultimo, in which the troops engaged behaved with great gallantry, and the Brigadier who conducted the affair, displayed much coolness and judgment.

2. Major-General Reed desires to support Major-General Sir H. Barnard's recommendation in favour of the officers and men who distinguished themselves on this occasion.

I have, &c.,

N. CHAMBERLAIN,
Brigadier-General, Acting Adjutant-General of the Army.

No. 13.

Major-General Sir H. Barnard, K.C.B., Commanding Field Force, to the Adjutant-General of the Army.

SIR, Camp, before Delhi, June 23, 1857.

I HAVE the honor to submit, for the information of the Commander-in-Chief, the report of Brigadier Grant, C.B., of the affair of the 19th instant.

These repeated attacks upon our position with

the small force we have to repel them, are rendered most harassing by the uncertainty of the point on which it is to be threatened, it being always doubtful whether it is to be confined to one, and can only be successfully repulsed by the untiring and unflinching gallantry of the small bodies who alone can be directed against the enemy, and I can assure you that under no circumstances did officers and men merit greater praise.

I have to deplore the loss of Lieut.-Colonel Yule, 9th Lancers, an officer of great merit, and Lieutenant Alexander, of the 3d Native Infantry, a young officer of much promise; also, that Colonel Becher, Quarter-Master General, and Captain Daly, of the Guides, were wounded, and that I shall be deprived for some time of the services of these officers,—an irreparable loss at this moment.

The Native Irregular Cavalry-man mentioned by Brigadier Grant, C.B., has been rewarded by the Order of Merit, which carries the highest pension; and I would venture to recommend Privates Hancock and Purcell, 9th Lancers, for the Victoria Cross.

My thanks are due to Brigadier Grant, C.B., who on this, as on all occasions, evinces the highest qualifications for a cavalry officer.

Our loss I regret to say was severe, but taking the great superiority of the enemy in number into consideration, I am only thankful it should not have been greater.

I inclose a return of casualties.

I have, &c.,

H. BARNARD.

No. 14.

Brigadier J. H. Grant, C.B., commanding Cavalry Brigade of the Field Force, to the Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General of Division.

SIR, Camp, Delhi, June 22, 1857.

ON the afternoon of the 19th instant information was brought in that the camp was to be attacked in the rear.

The safety of the camp being under my direction, I immediately proceeded with a squadron of Her Majesty's 9th Lancers, two guns of Major Scott's, two of Captain Money's, and two of Major Turner's, under command of Lieutenant Bishop, to prevent the near approach of the enemy to our camp. When this force got to the right of the Ochterlony Gardens a heavy fire of artillery was opened upon it, to which our guns replied. The troops from camp now began to arrive, and the action became general.

The enemy had taken up a position about half a mile in rear of the Ochterlony Gardens, and from thence opened a very severe fire of round shot, grape, and canister. I advanced our guns right up to them, and our artillery replied to their fire with the greatest spirit.

As long as it was light we succeeded in driving the rebels back, but in the dusk of the evening the enemy, who were in great numbers, very nearly succeeded in turning our flank, and for some time two guns were in great jeopardy.

It now became very dark, but I succeeded, with Lieut. Martin, of the 9th Lancers, in getting a few men together, and we charged into the enemy.

The guns, I am happy to say, were saved, but a waggon of Major Scott's battery was blown up. I must not fail to mention the excellent conduct of a Sowar, of the 4th Irregular Cavalry, and two men of the 9th Lancers, privates Thomas Hancock and John Purcell, who, when my horse was shot down, remained by me throughout. One of these men and the Sowar offered me their horses, and I