

No. 19.

Captain Boileau to Lieutenant-Colonel Gordon.

SIR, Benares, July 7, 1857.
In reply to your letter of this day's date, calling upon me to report upon the conduct of the sowars employed yesterday under my command, I have the honor to state that, although the sowars cut up nearly every man of that portion of the enemy to which they were immediately opposed, they nevertheless did not show that alacrity in closing with them which might have been expected.

Whether to attribute their conduct to timidity or want of zeal I am in doubt.

Their number was small (only twenty.) The insurgents appealed to their religious feelings, and they were exposed to a sharp fire of matchlocks, as is apparent from the number of casualties in horses of officers and men.

These men are quite unknown to me, having only been very recently placed at my disposal as an escort.

I have, &c.,
GEO. BOILEAU, Captain,
Oude Irregular Cavalry.

No. 20.

Major-General Reed, C.B., to the Secretary to the Government of India.

SIR, Camp, before Delhi, July 16, 1857.

On the morning of the 14th the mutineers moved out of the city and attacked our batteries at Hindoo Rao's house* and picket in the Subzee Munde suburb, all under the command of Major Reid, of the Sirmoor Battalion. Our troops remained on the defensive until 3 P.M., maintaining their position against a force believed to consist of twenty regiments of infantry, a large body of cavalry, and several field pieces, and supported by a fire of heavy artillery from the walls.

2. At 3 o'clock a column was formed as per margin,† under command of Brigadier Showers, to drive the enemy out of the suburbs; Major Reid, with the troops from Hindoo Rao's picket, co-operating on the left.

3. This service was effectually and gallantly performed, and the enemy driven in confusion, and with much loss, under the cover of a very heavy fire of grape and musketry from the walls of Delhi, and very nearly losing some of the field guns they had brought outside.

4. Our own loss, I am sorry to say, was severe, as will be seen by the accompanying return, and I extremely regret to report that Brigadier-General Chamberlain, the Acting Adjutant-General of the Army, who accompanied Brigadier Showers' column, was severely wounded. The duties of the Adjutant-General's department have therefore again devolved on Captain Norman.

5. Yesterday and to-day the enemy have remained perfectly quiet, with the exception of a fire of artillery at intervals from the walls, to which our heavy batteries have replied.

I have, &c.,
THOMAS REED,
General, Commanding Field Force, and
Provisional Commander-in-Chief.

P.S. Inclosed is a copy of the state of this field force, dated 13th instant.

* Pickets at the batteries; Detachments of Her Majesty's 60th Rifles, and 75th Regiment, Sirmoor Battalion, Guide Infantry; Subzee Munde Picket, 180 of Her Majesty's 8th and 61st Regiments.

† Six Horse Artillery guns of Major Turner's and Capt. Money's troops; both these officers under command of Brigadier Showers. 1st Fusiliers, under Major Jacob; 1st Punjab Infantry, under Major Coka.

Numerical Return of Killed, Wounded, and Missing, in the Field Force under the Command of Major-General T. Reed, C.B., during the operations of the 14th July 1857.

Camp, before Delhi, July 15, 1857.

STAFF.

1 field officer, 1 subaltern, wounded.

ARTILLERY FORCE.

2d and 3d Troops 3d Brigade Horse Artillery—1 non-commissioned officer, 1 horse, killed; 1 subaltern, 1 non-commissioned officer, 5 rank and file, 4* horses, wounded.

4th Company 6th Battalion—3 rank and file wounded.

ENGINEER BRIGADE.

Engineers—3 subalterns wounded.

Pioneers—3 rank and file wounded.

1ST INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Her Majesty's 75th Regiment—2 subalterns, 6 rank and file, wounded.

1st European Bengal Fusiliers—2 rank and file killed; 1 subaltern, 8 non-commissioned officers, 54 rank and file, wounded; 2 rank and file missing.

2D INFANTRY BRIGADE.

1st Battalion Her Majesty's 60th Rifles—1 non-commissioned officer, 4 rank and file, wounded.

2d European Bengal Fusiliers—1 non-commissioned officer, 1 rank and file, wounded.

Sirmoor Battalion—3 rank and file killed; 3 subalterns, 1 non-commissioned officer, 30 rank and file, wounded.

3D INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Her Majesty's 8th Regiment—1 rank and file killed; 1 rank and file wounded.

Her Majesty's 61st Regiment—1 rank and file wounded.

4th Sikh Local Infantry—1 rank and file wounded.

CORPS OF GUIDES.

Cavalry—2 rank and file, 2 horses, wounded.

Infantry—3 rank and file killed; 3 subalterns, 1 jemadar, 2 non-commissioned officers, 19 rank and file, wounded.

1st Regiment Punjab Infantry—1 non-commissioned officer, 4 rank and file, killed; 1 subaltern, 1 subadar, 4 non-commissioned officers, 23 rank and file, wounded.

Major Coka's Cavalry Troop—1 horse killed; 2 rank and file, 1 horse, wounded.

Lieutenant W. S. R. Hodson's Sikh Irregular Horse—1 jemadar, 1 rank and file, wounded.

Total—2 non-commissioned officers, 13 rank and file, 2 horses, killed; 1 field officer, 15 subalterns, 1 subadar, 2 jemadars, 18 non-commissioned officers, 156 rank and file, 7 horses, wounded; 2 rank and file missing.

Grand Total—15 officers and men, 2 horses, killed; 193 officers and men, 7 horses, wounded; 2 rank and file missing.

T. REED, Major-General.
Commanding Field Force.

R. S. EWART,
Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General.

* One of these horses is missing.