

before assaulting the battery. The position was duly secured, and the men occupied the buildings for the night.

In the morning, after giving the men breakfast, and arranging with the Artillery to open fire from the entrenchment, the troops advanced. A severe fire was opened from the barricade, flanking the lane on the right; but Major Haliburton detached Lieutenant Creagh, Madras Fusiliers, with a party to turn the barricade by the Cawnpore Road, which was effectually done. The troops then doubled out through the lane, and forced a way through a stockade into the enemy's batteries; the 5th Fusiliers and detachment of 64th in advance, under Lieutenant Brown, supported by the Madras Fusiliers and Her Majesty's 32d. The enemy was immediately driven from the battery, and Phillips' house occupied without further opposition. A picquet being left in possession, the troops advanced on the guns which had been withdrawn to the end of the garden, and to the streets adjoining, and captured two 9-pounders and one 6-pounder gun, driving off the enemy, who defended them with musketry and grape. The guns were immediately dragged to the garden and burst, their carriages completely destroyed, and their ammunition sent to the entrenchment. Phillips' house was blown up by a party under Lieutenant Innes, Engineers, and at dark the troops withdrew to their position of the previous night.

In all the arrangements I was most fortunate in having the aid of that very able and brave officer, Major Haliburton, Her Majesty's 78th Highlanders, who deserves particular notice.

I beg to recommend to your favourable notice Captain Shute, Her Majesty's 64th, and Lieutenant Brown, 5th Fusiliers, who led the party into the battery, and were foremost in capturing the two 9-pounders. I also beg to recommend to your notice Private McHale, Her Majesty's 5th Fusiliers, who was the first man at the capture of one of the guns.

Lieutenant Limond, of the Engineers, was very active in the duties of the Engineer Department, and in reconnoitring the enemy's position. Captain Dawson and Lieutenant Hewett attended me zealously as Field Orderly Officers throughout the operations; and Mr Cavanagh, Superintendent, Chief Commissioner's Office, accompanied the party as a guide, and was always to be found at the front.

The guns were destroyed by Sergeant Smith, with the party of Artillery.

The position of this battery was so inaccessible, and the locality so little known, that the enterprise of taking it was considered by the experienced Chief Engineer of the Garrison as one of very serious difficulty. Owing to our laborious investigation of its position, which enabled us to obtain command of it from the adjacent mass of buildings, I was able to take it at the comparatively small loss of 2 killed and 11 wounded.

I have only to add, that although I have mentioned the names of those officers who had the good fortune to be at the points of attack, yet the conduct of the whole of the officers and men was in every way deserving of your commendation; they were most eager to assault the battery on the night of the 1st, but I restrained them, as I was convinced that I could effect the desired end without the serious loss that would have then been incurred.

That attack, when made, was carried out with their unflinching gallantry.

It is impossible to estimate the loss of the enemy. I have, &c.,

R. NAPIER, Colonel,  
Military Secretary, &c.

No. 21.

Nominal Roll of Killed and Wounded in the Attack and Capture of "Phillips' Garden Battery," under Colonel R. Napier, on the 1st and 2d October 1857.

Lucknow, October 28, 1857.

Private J. Whelan, 5th Fusiliers, wounded.  
Private C. Scollan, 5th Fusiliers, wounded.  
Private M. Sheady, 5th Fusiliers, wounded.  
Private W. Deacon, 5th Fusiliers, wounded.  
Private H. Murray, 5th Fusiliers, wounded.  
Private J. Foster, 32d Regiment, wounded.  
Private J. Healy, 64th Regiment, killed.  
Private J. Mulcahy, 64th Regiment, wounded.  
Corporal J. Fraser, 78th Highlanders, killed.  
Private A. Brag, 78th Highlanders, wounded.  
Private W. Rankin, 78th Highlanders, wounded.  
Private J. Spinoks, 78th Highlanders, wounded.  
Private J. McKay, 78th Highlanders, wounded.

1 corporal, killed.

1 private, killed.

11 privates, wounded.

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Total, 13

R. NAPIER, Colonel,  
Military Secretary, &c.

No. 22.

Major-General H. Havelock, Commanding Oude Field Force, to Captain Dodgson, Acting Military Secretary.

SIR, Lucknow, November 21, 1857.

I HAVE much pleasure in forwarding for submission to Major-General Sir James Outram, G.C.B., the accompanying report from Colonel R. Napier, Chief of the Staff, detailing the late operations at the advance posts in the Palace of Fureed Buksh.

I have, &c.

H. HAVELOCK, Major-General,  
Commanding Oude Field Force.

No. 23.

Colonel R. Napier, Military Secretary, &c., to Captain Hudson, Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General, Oude Field Force.

SIR, Lucknow, November 20, 1857.

THE Chief Engineer of the Oude Field Force being wounded at the time of our arrival at Lucknow, and further prevented, until the 8th ultimo, from personally attending to his duties, by an accidental lameness, produced by his arduous exertions in constructing the bridge at Cawnpore for the passage of the force across the Ganges, there devolved upon me many duties not pertaining to my office, which it is proper that I should report through you, as I believe no officer except myself is acquainted with all that has taken place, and the course of those duties gave me an opportunity of noticing the valuable services of officers which could not otherwise be brought to Major-General Havelock's knowledge.

On the morning of the 27th ultimo, the escort, with the heavy train, occupied the range of palaces called the Chutter Munzil and Fureed Buksh.

Major-General Havelock is aware that these palaces afford the only shelter that our troops could have occupied, and that as mere shelter they give excellent accommodation; as a military position they have very great disadvantages. The northern face is well protected by the river Goomty; but the east and south-east faces are surrounded by buildings, and in contact with the city.