

## No. 9.

Numerical Return of Officers and Men of the Malwa Field Force, and Field Force Hyderabad Contingent, Killed and Wounded in the engagement with the Insurgents before and in the vicinity of Mundesore, from the 21st to the 24th of November 1857.

[See "London Gazette," March 11, 1858.]

## No. 10.

General Orders by the President of the Council of India in Council.

Fort-William, February 9, 1858.

No. 226 of 1858.

The Honourable the President of the Council of India in Council has much satisfaction in publishing the following Report of a successful attack made by Brigadier the Honourable A. Hope, on a large body of rebels at Shumshabad, on the morning of the 27th of January 1858.

2. To Brigadier Hope, as well as to the officers and men, his Honour in Council desires to offer his warm acknowledgments for the good services rendered on this occasion.

## No. 11.

Brigadier A. Hope, Lieutenant-Colonel 93d Highlanders, commanding 3d Brigade of Infantry, to the Chief of the Staff.

Camp, near Futteghur,

January 29, 1858.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to report that, in accordance with the Commander-in-Chief's orders, communicated by you, I marched from this camp (leaving the tents standing) on the 26th instant, at 11 P.M., with the troops noted in the margin,\* and, halting for three hours short of the village of Kooshiabad, proceeded at daylight on the 27th towards Shumshabad.

A thick fog compelled us to move cautiously, and it was 9 o'clock before the column closed up under cover of the village of Shumshabad.

The rebels, in considerable force, had taken post about three-quarters of a mile beyond that place. They occupied a commanding knoll on the edge of the plateau overlooking the plain, which stretches towards the river some six miles distant. On the knoll was a brick building, the shrine of a Mussulman saint, and the place was surrounded by the remains of an old entrenchment, upon which they had raised a sand-bag battery. Their front was defended by a ravine (impassable for Cavalry or guns) which runs at right angles across the road to Mhow, along which we moved, and to the right of which their position was.

As the head of our column emerged from the village the fog cleared off, and some Cavalry outposts of the enemy having been driven in, we moved over some broken ground towards their camp, now distinctly visible. They immediately opened upon us a well-directed fire of round shot, by which Lieutenant McDowell, of Hodson's Horse, a most active officer, was mortally wounded.

Captain Remington then led his troop of Horse Artillery at a gallop across the bridge where the road crosses the ravine, and, supported by Captain Hodson's Irregular Horse, wheeled to the right and opened fire on the flank of the enemy's camp.

The rebel sowars made a daring attempt to outflank and cut off these guns, but were very boldly

met by Captain Hodson, afterwards supported by the 9th Lancers under Captain Steele; and in the charge which ensued were driven over the steep bank into the plain below.

Meanwhile, Captain Blunt brought his guns into action in an excellent position on the right bank of the ravine, and the line of Infantry was formed on the right, consisting of the 4th Punjaub Rifles, under Captain Wyld; the 42d Royal Highlanders, under Lieutenant-Colonel Cameron, being on the extreme right; the 53d Regiment, under Major English, being in second line.

The enemy were unable to withstand the admirable fire of our guns, and I ordered the Infantry, who had been screened in a hollow of the ground, to advance; and, soon after, seeing the camp nearly abandoned, the 4th Punjaub Rifles were directed to secure it, which they did in a very spirited manner, shooting down many of the retreating enemy.

The 42d at the same time changed front to their right, and lining the crest of the high bank, fired down on some of the rebel Cavalry, who were moving on the plain towards our right flank.

The Cavalry and Horse Artillery advancing from our left flank, pursued the enemy across the plain, killing numbers of them.

A wing of the 53d was left to secure the position gained, the rest of the force moving some distance over the plain, till it was evident no further stand could be made by the rebels.

The Infantry and guns then returned, and our bivouac was formed near the rebel camp; the Cavalry, with two guns (the whole under Captain Johnson, 9th Lancers), following up the track of the enemy towards the ghaut for nearly ten miles, and returning at about 4 P.M.

In the enemy's camp were taken four brass guns, with a considerable quantity of ammunition, colours, &c.

I believe the enemy's force to have consisted of two regiments from Bareilly, the Pathans of Mhow, Shumshabad, Kaimgunge, &c., and a good many of the armed rabble collected by the hope of plunder. I should estimate their loss at 300 men, including two or three of their chiefs.

I inclose a list of our casualties, and his Excellency will see, with regret, that both Captain Steele and Captain Hodson have received severe sword-cuts while heading the pursuit.

The loss in the 4th Punjaub Rifles was almost entirely caused by the explosion of one of the enemy's tumbrils.

I beg to express my very sincere thanks to all the officers in command of corps and to the troops under their orders, and in particular to Captain Remington and to Captain Johnson, respectively the senior officers of Artillery and Cavalry, for the able assistance they rendered me.

Captain Hodson's local knowledge and information was most valuable.

Captain Cox, 75th Regiment, my Brigade Major, and Lieutenant Butter, 93d Highlanders, my orderly officer, were most active and useful to me.

The force returned to camp yesterday with the guns captured, of which I inclose a return, as also the reports of Captains Remington and Johnson.

## No. 12.

Return of Casualties in the Force which was under the command of Brigadier A. Hope, from the 26th to the 28th instant.

Camp, Futteghur, January 29, 1858.

Her Majesty's 9th Lancers—1 rank and file and 1 horse killed; 1 European officer, 1 rank and file, and 5 horses, severely wounded; 1 European officer and 1 horse slightly wounded.

\* Detail of Troops.—2 squadrons 9th Lancers; 200 Hodson's Horse; 1 troop Bengal Horse Artillery; Field Battery, Bengal Artillery (4 guns); 42d Royal Highlanders; 53d Regiment; 4th Punjaub Rifles.