

When near the town I sent forward a party to reconnoitre, under Brigadier Coke, C.B., and halted the column in the concealment of a tope of trees. The town was deserted, and the Brigadier found, on pushing on to the Fort of Phutteeghur, that it had also been evacuated by the enemy. The cavalry, following in pursuit, came up with their infantry, and cut up about thirty of their number.

Two guns were taken in the town and six in the fort, besides large quantities of grain, hammered shot, and ammunition, a return of which I enclose.

I am happy to say that the casualties attending these operations have been trifling. I annex a return.

The behaviour of the troops in the action of the 17th, was all his Excellency could wish. Young regiments acted like veteran soldiers, and the difficult nature of the ground (a jungle, the residence of wild beasts only), applied no mean test to their discipline and drill.

I beg to bring to the notice of the Commander-in-Chief the very able assistance afforded me by Brigadier Coke, C.B., in the field, in council, and in his intimate knowledge of the native character.

The Mooltanee regiment of cavalry was led by Captain Cureton and his officers in the most gallant and dashing style, and I trust his Excellency will notice this.

The manner in which Captain Austin brought his guns into action, notwithstanding the difficulty of the ground and the thickness of the jungle, afforded me the highest satisfaction.

Much praise is due to Major Palmer, commanding 1st Battalion 60th Rifles, for bringing his men so steadily and rapidly to the front. Also to Major Gordon, commanding 1st Seikh Regiment; to Captain Larkins, 17th Regiment Punjaub Infantry; and to Captain Lambert, of the 1st Punjaub Regiment, for the able way in which they moved their corps.

My thanks are due to Captain H. Drummond, commanding Field Engineer, who afforded me much assistance; to Captain Carter also, Officiating Deputy Commissary-General; and to Surgeon Innes, Field Surgeon, for their unflinching zeal.

I have received every assistance from my personal Staff, and I am much indebted for their exertions.

To Major Muter, Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General; to Captain Tedlie, Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General; and to Lieutenant H. Deedes, Aide-de-Camp, these acknowledgments are due.

I have, &c.,

JOHN JONES, Brigadier-General,
Commanding Roorkee Field Force.

No. 84.

STRENGTH OF THE ROORKEE FIELD FORCE.

- Artillery, 1st Company, 1st Battalion, 6 guns.
- Heavy Guns, two 18-pounders, two 8-inch mortars, two 8-inch howitzers, two 5-inch mortars (not joined).
- Cavalry, Mooltanee Regiment of Cavalry, 600 sabres.
- Cavalry attached to 1st Punjaub Infantry, 70 sabres.
- Infantry, 60th Rifles, 1st Battalion, 568 rank and file.
- Infantry, 1st Punjaub Regiment (Rifles), 692 rank and file.
- Infantry, 1st Seikh Regiment, 444 rank and file.
- Infantry, 17th Punjaub Infantry, 704 rank and file.
- Sappers and Miners, 103 rank and file.

No. 85.

CASUALTY Return of the Roorkee Field Force in Action near Bhagowla, on the 17th of April 1858.

Camp, Nujeebabad, April 20, 1858.

Corps.	European.	Native.							Missing.
	Wounded.	Killed.		Wounded.				Horses.	
		Sowars.	Horses.	Jemadars.	Duffadars.	Naib Duffadars.	Sowars.		
1st Battalion 60th Rifles	1
Mooltanee Regiment of Cavalry	1	1	1	2	1	12	19	4
Total.....	1	1	1	1	2	1	12	19	4

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