

Taintwar, where the dispersed rebels had their rendezvous. I proceeded in that direction, and found several bodies of the enemy on my left, and I also understood that they were holding the village; it being nearly dark, and the country thickly wooded, I did not consider it advisable to advance further, and bivouacked within two miles of Taintwar. During this night no spies came in; we were under arms at 2 A.M. on the 21st; but at this time a spy came in, saying that the enemy had collected all their forces in a dry tank close to the village, and our reconnoitring party made the same statement, which prevented my moving off till daylight. On advancing, I found that the enemy had moved off, and I am led to believe that they went at a very early hour. I immediately pushed the Cavalry and Horse Artillery on, as quickly as possible, to the ghaut here, where it was reported the enemy intended to cross the Ganges, but, from all information, I was led to believe that they had no boats, and must ford on elephants, in which case I should have been up in time to have prevented their crossing; the information, however, on this head, proved false, as they were provided with boats, and the Cavalry and Horse Artillery arrived only in time to cut up about 200, and sink one of the last boats that crossed; on this march we took another Horse Artillery brass 9-pounder gun, belonging to the Honourable East India Company's service, complete in every respect, and several elephants. I enclose a return of the killed and wounded in the two actions, which must be considered very small, in comparison with that of the enemy, which I believe could not have been less than 1,000 men. I believe the original number of the enemy to have been between 4,000 and 5,000 men, nearly all sepoys; a good many of them are still on this side of the river. I beg to bring to your notice the admirable

manner in which the troops performed this rapid and arduous march of nearly 120 miles in five days, many hours in each day under a burning sun, and never under canvass. I beg to thank Colonel Riddell, Royal Artillery, for the assistance he rendered me during the action of the 17th, and whose orders were to return to Azimgurh; I have also to thank Major Cotter, Madras Artillery; Captain Lightfoot, commanding the 84th Regiment; Captain Harrison, commanding 37th Regiment; Captain Wyatt, commanding Military Train; Captain Pearce, commanding 3d Seikh Cavalry; Captain Broome, commanding detachment Madras Rifles; Lieutenant Fulford, commanding Punjaub Sappers, —for their able co-operation during the two actions; also Major Mitchell, Royal Horse Artillery, who was several times detached in command of cavalry and artillery; also Lieutenants Jennings and Beaden, 3d Seikh Cavalry, for the assistance they gave in reconnoitring and collecting information. I also beg most particularly to mention Captain Stevenson, 79th Highlanders, Major of Brigade, and Major Turner, Royal Artillery, who acted as artillery staff officer, and who both rendered me valuable assistance. In conclusion, I beg to return my best acknowledgments to Mr R. A. Davies, the Collector of Azimgurh, who accompanied me throughout the operations, and gave me the greatest assistance by his valuable information; he also carried orders for me during the actions, and behaved in the most gallant manner.

I have, &c.,

JOHN DOUGLAS, Brigadier, Commanding Brigade of the Azimgurh Field Force.

P.S.—It has just been reported by the magistrate at Chuprah, that Koer Sing is wounded in the thigh and arm.

No. 9.

NUMERICAL RETURN of Casualties in a portion of the Azimgurh Field Force, detached under Command of Brigadier J. Douglas, C.B., in the pursuit of the Rebels from Azimgurh, in the Engagements at Azimgurh on the 17th, at Munnihur on the 20th, and at Sheopore Ghat on the 21st of April 1858.

Corps.	Killed.			Wounded.				
	Rank and File.	Total.	Troop Horses.	Subalterns.	Serjeants and Havildars.	Rank and File.	Total.	Troop Horses.
E. Troop Royal Horse Artillery .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...
2d Battalion Military Train .....	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Her Majesty's 37th Regiment	1	1	...	1	...	7	8	...
... 84th Regiment .....	...	...	...	...	...	8	8	...
3d Seikh Cavalry .....	...	...	1	...	*1	4	5	3
Total	1	1	2	1	1	20	22	3

* 1 Duffadar, 1 Syce wounded.

Total Casualties.

1 man killed. 22 wounded.
1 follower wounded.
2 horses killed. 3 wounded.

E. LUGARD, Brigadier-General,
Commanding Azimgurh Field Force.