

The left column, under the command of Major Seymour, 2d Dragoon Guards, consisted of one squadron 2d Dragoon Guards, and 300 Police Cavalry; the right column, of the same strength, was under the command of Captain Stapylton, 2d Dragoon Guards.

I advanced myself with the infantry and guns against the enemy's position at Jamo, having the Police Infantry, under Captain Dawson, on the right.

The enemy's position was admirably chosen, the village being situated on high ground, completely commanding the whole plain over which we had to pass, and surrounded with dhauk jungle and numerous jheels. Fire was opened upon us from 4 guns about the village, and from numerous jingalls and matchlocks in the jungle. Our guns were immediately brought into action, the Rifles being thrown out in skirmishing order to the right, and the 88th to the left, leaving one company in support of the guns. The 7th Police Infantry were for the time kept in reserve.

The troops advanced steadily through the jungle, the right being well forward. The party of the Rifle Brigade, under Lieutenant Green, gallantly rushed up the high position in front of the village, and captured a 6-pounder gun; at the same time Captain Dawson, with the 3d and 6th Police Infantry, passed round the village, and completely turned their left flank, by which they were thrown into disorder, and commenced a precipitate retreat. The Oudh Police here captured three guns, and killed a great number of the enemy, who were at first encountered in good formation.

At one time the rebels made a show of turning our left flank, but the advance of the 88th prevented it, and they then dispersed through the jungle in full retreat.

The arrangements of cutting off the retiring enemy were completely successful; each column of cavalry came upon them in their retreat, and killed large numbers of them.

The total loss of the rebels is estimated at upwards of 1,000 killed, but it was impossible to judge accurately, owing to the great extent and very difficult nature of the ground passed over during the pursuit. They have however received a lesson which will keep the country clear for some time.

I much regret that our casualties were necessarily somewhat heavy, though chiefly among the native troops, but it was impossible to avoid, the troops being rather dispersed, owing to the extremely difficult nature of the country.

Among the wounded (and I am sorry to say he is dangerously so,) is Lieutenant Green, of the Rifle Brigade, who was attacked by a number of sepoy whilst leading his men through a thick piece of jungle; he received nine severe sabre cuts before his men could destroy the whole party, some 20 or 30. This officer had behaved so gallantly all through the day that I most deeply lament this misfortune.

It is my pleasing duty to record my thanks to Lieutenant Chamberlain, commanding the Oudh Police. I am much indebted to him for his active assistance during the engagement, and I owe to him the suggestion, of the plan of attack which was so successful.

To Captain Orr, Assistant Commissioner, I am much indebted for the very valuable and accurate information he obtained as to the position and intention of the rebels. To Major Maynard, commanding 88th Regiment, Major Seymour and Captain Stapylton, 2d Dragoon Guards, commanding respectively the left and right columns of cavalry, and to Lieutenant Green, commanding detachment of Rifle Brigade, great praise is due.

Major Seymour speaks highly of the conduct of Captain Carnegie, 2d Dragoon Guards, the squadron leader; and of Lieutenant Graham, commanding the Police Cavalry with the left column, whose zeal and intelligence rendered him of the greatest assistance; and also of Lieutenant Hawkins serving under him.

Major Seymour also speaks most highly of Lieutenant Green and Ensign Richards, of the Rifle Brigade, who, getting near the cavalry in the pursuit, most effectually cleared that part of the jungle for them. Major Seymour was with Lieutenant Green when he was wounded, and was himself struck by two sword cuts, but was fortunately not much injured.

Captain Stapylton speaks in praise of Lieutenants Calvert and Ormsby, 2d Dragoon Guards, and most highly of the dashing conduct of Lieutenant Drummond, of the Police Cavalry, whose tact and discretion in the management of his men enabled them to render valuable service. Captain Barow also did good service with this column. This officer speaks highly of Serjeant-Major Ward and Trumpeter Smith, 2d Dragoon Guards; the latter, a mere boy, engaged a sepoy, and had his horse shot under him.

Of Captain Dawson, commanding the Oudh Police Infantry, it is impossible to speak too highly; his dashing gallantry, and the admirable tact which he at all times displays, render the troops under his command most valuable assistance to an European force.

Captain Dowell, commanding the Artillery, performed good service with his guns at the commencement of the action, but, from the nature of the ground, it was afterwards impossible to make use of the artillery.

To Lieutenant Biddulph, Royal Artillery, my Brigade Major, I have to offer my best thanks; his energy and intelligence at all times render him a most valuable assistant.

Lieutenant Lawford, Hodson's Horse, with a small detachment of his own regiment and a few Police Cavalry, accompanied the centre column, and did good service, cutting up some 150 of the enemy.

I would also mention Lieutenant Worsley, commanding 7th Police Infantry; but the good services of the officers of the Oudh Police will be more prominently brought to the notice of Government by Lieutenant Chamberlain, through the Chief Commissioner.

Four guns were captured, but one has not yet been brought in, having been abandoned for the moment during the pursuit, and has not yet been found.

I beg to enclose a List of Casualties and a Return of captured Ordnance.

Several hackeries of ammunition were blown up, and much baggage taken. One elephant was also captured by the Oudh Police.

It is reported that two or three men of rank are amongst the killed, of whom the Moulvie is said to be one.\*

The force immediately opposed to us was about 5,000 men, with 4 guns; but some distance in rear there was a large body of about 2,000 men, with 4 more guns. These, however, retired across the Goomtee at the very commencement, and were untouched.

The Assistant Commissioner reports the country perfectly clear up to the Goomtee, with the exception of two or three small forts.

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GEO. R. BARKER,  
Brigadier, Commanding at Sundeela.

His ring has since been brought in.