

The columns under Lieutenant-Colonel Carpenter and Major Ludlow marched from the encampment at half-past three o'clock P. M. on the 30th October, and took possession of the Table Land, fortunately without resistance from the enemy, and established themselves there; so as to cover the working party which was to be employed during the night, in constructing batteries. This service was performed under the immediate direction of Major Pennington, commanding the artillery, and Lieut. Blane, of the engineers, assisted by Lieutenants Elliott and Ellis, of the pioneers; and by daylight on the 31st, the following pieces of ordnance were ready to open on the Fort at the distance of about six hundred yards.

Two five and a half-inch howitzers, two twelve light-pounders, horse artillery; four six-pounders battalion guns, two five and a half-inch mortars.

Shortly after daylight the batteries opened on the Fort, and kept up a well directed fire.

The columns of attack, under Major Kelly and Captains Fast and Campbell, had previously moved, so as to be in readiness to make their attack at the same moment with the one from the Table Land. At two o'clock, A. M. Major Kelly moved on Kurnulle by the Jagherkeena road; Captain Fast at three o'clock towards the stockade, by the village of Luckhound, and Captain Campbell by the village of Ustull.

The signal for the columns moving to the assault, was to be fired from the batteries two hours previous to the moment of attack, which was to be repeated from the camp below.

The signal was fired at about eight o'clock, and the columns under Lieutenant-Colonel Carpenter and Major-General Ludlow shortly after moved to the assault, and carried, in a most gallant manner, the stockade thrown across the road leading to the fort, and pushed on close under the walls of the fort which were stockaded all round, and a small opening (the only one seen) had stockades within stockades; from this they were obliged to fall back, from the insurmountable difficulties that presented themselves, after a dreadful loss in officers and men, under shelter of the village between the first stockade and the fort which they had previously possession of. Soon after the columns for the Table Land moved, three additional companies of the 53d were ordered up from camp, and by the time they arrived on the Table Land, the columns in advance had been obliged to fall back to the village before alluded to. With this small force, and two six-pounders, the brave and gallant General moved on to the attack through the village, which had been set on fire, and after making two unsuccessful assaults on the fort, in the third, while nobly cheering on his men, within thirty yards of the gateway, he received a mortal wound, and fell, most sincerely lamented and regretted by the whole army.

It is impossible for me to state particulars of the assaults which occurred; having been directed by our lamented Chief, to remain with two companies of the 53d, (which had been sent for to reinforce the Table Land), and two companies of native infantry, to cover him, and protect the guns on the batteries; but I must beg leave to refer his Lordship to Captain Byers, Aide-de-Camp to Major-

General Gillespie, for more minute details than it is in my power to state. Captain Byers left camp this morning on his way to head-quarters, and I trust that the information he will be able to give his Lordship, will be most satisfactory.

The signal for the columns to move to the attack was not heard either by Major Kelly, Captain Fast, or Captain Campbell.

It is impossible I can conclude this report without expressing the highest satisfaction at the determined bravery of the troops employed yesterday. To particularize any, would be doing an injustice to the whole; and I trust that this general expression of approbation, will be equally satisfactory to all concerned, as it is intended by me, to convey in the fullest manner possible, the high sense I entertain of the zeal and courage of every officer and soldier of this army who were engaged yesterday.

Inclosed I have the honour to transmit a return of the killed and wounded; and have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) SEBRIGHT MAWBHEY, Colonel.

To Lieutenant-Colonel Fagan, Adjutant-General, Bengal Army.

P. S. I am apprehensive many circumstances which have occurred, have been left out in my report, from the many interruptions I have experienced, and the multiplicity of business I at present experience from the command of this force, as well as that of the 2d division of the field army devolving on me, but which I shall correct the moment I discover any; and I must crave his Lordship's indulgence in this particular.

Since writing the above, I perceive I forgot to mention having ordered a battering train from Delhi, to move with all possible expedition towards Seharunpore. It will have to pass the Timly pass, as that of Kerri is not practicable for heavy guns

(A true copy.)

(Signed) G. H. FAGAN, Adjutant-General.

*Return of the Strength of the different Columns of Attack on the Fort of Kalunga, October 31, 1814.*

1st Column, commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Carpenter.

17th Foot—2 field-officers, 1 captain, 8 subalterns, 2 assistants, 2 quarter-masters and interpreters, 2 assistant-surgeons, 10 native commissioned officers, 32 serjeants and havildars, 14 drummers, buglers, and trumpeters, 542 rank and file.

2d Column, commanded by Captain Fast.

17th Foot—1 captain, 3 subalterns, 8 native commissioned officers, 16 serjeants and havildars, 9 drummers, buglers, and trumpeters, 326 rank and file.

3d Column, commanded by Major Kelly.

7th Foot—1 field-officer, 2 captains, 8 subalterns, 14 native commissioned officers, 30 serjeants and havildars, 14 drummers, buglers, and trumpeters, 475 rank and file.