

Return of Killed, Wounded and Missing of the outlying Picquet of H. M. 11th Light Dragoons, and a Foraging Party of the 4th Regiment Light Cavalry, on the 20th and 21st December 1825.

H. M. 11th Light Dragoons—1 lieutenant, 2 privates, 4 horses, wounded.
4th Light Cavalry—1 corporal, 2 privates, 4 horses, wounded.

Officer wounded.

Lieutenant Wymer, slightly.

W. L. WATSON, Adj.-Gen.

Extract of a Dispatch from His Excellency General Lord Combermere, G. C. B. Commander in Chief, to the Right Honourable Lord Amherst, Governor-General, &c. &c. dated Head-Quarters, Camp, before Bhurtpoor, 26th December 1825.

I HAVE the honour to acquaint your Lordship that, since my dispatch of the 23d instant, the works against the town of Bhurtpoor, have proceeded as regularly as I could have expected, and with very little opposition from the enemy, except on the night of the 24th, when the working parties were a good deal annoyed by the enemy's match-lock men.

On the morning of the 24th, a battery of eight eighteen-pounders in front of Kuddam Kundee, and one of six mortars, which in the course of the day was increased to fifteen in front of Buldeo Singh's garden, were opened, and this morning the advanced battery between those positions, as shewn in the sketch sent to your Lordship, was completed with five eighteen-pounders and five twenty-four pounders at a distance from the north-east angle of about two hundred and fifty yards, by means of which the defences on the east face of the work as far as the large projecting bastion have been in a great measure destroyed.

The approach from Buldeo Singh's garden, towards the north-face of the town, will be commenced this night.

I beg to inclose a return of casualties to the 24th instant, inclusive; I fear that I shall be for some time deprived of the very efficient services of Captain Smith, of the Engineers, who has unfortunately received a severe contusion on the left shoulder from a spent shot from a jingal.

My endeavours to save the unfortunate women and children have failed. Several Ryots with their families have however escaped from the town.

General Return of Casualties in the Army before Bhurtpoor, from the 23d to 25th December 1825, inclusive.

7 privates killed.
1 captain, 1 ensign, 1 serjeant, 1 havildar, 3 naiks, 38 privates, wounded.

Names of Officers wounded.

Captain Smith, Engineers; Ensign Geils, 60th Regt. N. I.

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Copy of a Dispatch from His Excellency General Lord Combermere, G. C. B. Commander in Chief, to the Right Honourable Lord Amherst, Governor-General, &c. &c. dated Head-Quarters, Camp, before Bhurtpoor, 29th December 1825.

MY LORD;

I HAVE the honour to acquaint your Lordship that the engineers were employed from the night of the 26th instant, (the date of my last dispatch), until the morning of the 28th, in forming the approach to and constructing a battery bearing on the north-face of the north-east angle of the town at a distance of about two hundred and fifty yards from the walls, and on the same afternoon the battery was armed with four eighteen-pounders and eight twenty-four-pounders; last night a second parallel connecting the two advanced batteries was commenced and is now completed.

The next work intended is to run a trench to the southward, and construct a battery bearing on the curtain to the southward of the large northern bastion.

I beg to acquaint your Lordship that, on the evening of the 26th, a small party of the enemy's horse effected their escape from the west of the town: an attempt having been again made by about two hundred horsemen on the night of the 27th, they were attacked by our picquets and nearly all either killed or taken prisoners. I regret to observe that three Officers were wounded on this occasion, though otherwise our loss was trivial. Enclosed I transmit, for your Lordship's information, Brigadier-General Sleigh's report of the affair.

I have likewise the honour to enclose a return of the casualties in this army since the 26th instant, inclusive.

I have, &c.

COMBERMERE.

Copy of a Report from Brigadier-General Sleigh to Lieutenant-Colonel Watson, Adjutant-General, dated Camp, Munswarra, 28th December 1825.

SIR,

FOR the information of his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, I have the honour to report about two hundred of the enemy's horse left the Uttell Bund, between eight and nine o'clock last night, and after feeling the picquet on the Arah-road, fell back under the walls of the fort until eleven o'clock, when they endeavoured to force their way by the Koombeer-road, and between the villages of Munswarra and Bussie. They were obliged to retire in the direction of the fort with the loss of thirty or forty men killed, fifteen wounded, and one hundred and seven prisoners; ten or twelve succeeded in forcing their way through a part of the camp.

I regret to add, Captain Chambers, commanding the 9th light cavalry, with Captain Palmer and Lieutenant Brooke, have been wounded; Captain Palmer severely by sabre cuts on the arm and leg.

I have, &c.

J. N. SLEIGH, Brigr.-Genl.
Commanding the Cavalry.