

and that I was quite satisfied with the conduct of all.

I beg to return lists of the killed and wounded.

I have, &c.

J. CHRISTIE, Captain,  
Commanding the Detachment.

*From Major-General W. Nott, Commanding Field Force, Afghanistan, to T. H. Maddock, Esq.*

*Camp, Gonine, 38 miles S.W. of Ghuznee,  
31st August, 1842.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you, for the information of the Right Honourable the Governor-General of India, that Shumshodeen, the Affgham Governor of the Fortress of Ghuznee, brought nearly the whole of his army, about 12,000 men, into the vicinity of my camp yesterday, at three o'clock P.M.

I moved out with one-half of my force: the enemy advanced in the most bold and gallant manner, each division cheering as they came into position, their left being upon a hill of some elevation, their centre and right along a low ridge, until their flank rested on a fort filled with men: they opened a fire of small arms, supported by two six-pounder horse artillery guns, which were admirably served: our columns advanced upon the different points with great regularity and steadiness, and, after a short and spirited contest, completely defeated the enemy, capturing their guns, tents, ammunition, &c. &c., and dispersing them in every direction. One hour's more daylight would have enabled me to destroy the whole of their infantry.

Shumshodeen fled in the direction of Ghuznee, accompanied by about thirty horsemen.

I enclose a list of killed and wounded on the 28th and 30th instant; also a return of ordnance, ammunition, &c. &c., taken from the enemy.

The behaviour of the troops, both European and Native, was such as I anticipated, and afforded me complete satisfaction.

I beg leave to bring to the favorable notice of the Right Honourable the Governor-General of India the undermentioned Officers: many of them have served under my command for the last three years, and have been conspicuous for their zeal and gallantry in the various affairs which have occurred with the enemy during that period, and especially in the action of the 12th of January last, and have invariably upheld the reputation of our arms, and the honour of our country:

Brigadier Wymer, commanding the 1st infantry brigade; Lieutenant-Colonel McLaren, commanding 16th regiment native infantry; Major Hibbert, commanding Her Majesty's 40th regiment; Captain Burney, commanding 38th regiment native infantry; Captains Christie and Haldane, commanding corps of Bengal irregular cavalry; Major Sothaby, commanding the artillery; Captain Blood, commanding Bombay foot artillery; Major Sanders, Bengal engineers; Lieutenants North and Studdert, Bombay engineers. Majors Leech and Rawlinson, of the political department, attended

me in the field, and rendered me great assistance in conveying my orders.

My best thanks are due to my Staff, Captain Polwhele, Deputy Assistant-Adjutant-General, Captain Waterfield, Aide-de-Camp, Lieutenant Tytler, Deputy Assistant-Quarter-Master-General.

Annexed is a letter from Brigadier Wymer, speaking in the highest terms of his Brigade-Major, Captain T. H. Scott, of the 38th regiment native infantry. I fully appreciate this excellent officer's merits; he has been with me in four actions. I trust I shall not be thought presumptuous in expressing a hope that he will receive some mark of the favour of Government, by Brevet or otherwise.

I cannot close this despatch without expressing my admiration of the dashing and gallant conduct, rapid movement, and correct practice of Captain Anderson's troop of Bengal horse artillery; nothing could exceed it; and I beg leave to bring this officer, and Lieutenant Turner, attached to the same troop, to the particular notice of his Lordship, as officers who have on many occasions rendered me most essential service.

I have, &c.

W. NOTT, Major-General,  
Commanding Field Force, Afghanistan.

*From Brigadier G. P. Wymer, Commanding 1st Infantry Brigade, to Major-General Nott, Commanding Field Force.*

*Camp, Chuppakhana, Sept. 1, 1842.*

SIR,

ADVERTING to division orders of yesterday, expressive of your praise and thanks to the troops employed under your command in action with the enemy, on the afternoon of the 30th instant, I hope you will not consider it ill-judged on my part, bringing to your favourable notice the valuable assistance I derived from the active services of Captain Scott, Major of Brigade to the 1st Infantry Brigade, under my command, whose exertions during the fight on that day, demand and merit my best praise and acknowledgments. This being the second time of the display of Captain Scott's abilities when in action with the enemy as my personal Staff, will, I hope, plead my apology for recommending him to your notice, and the favourable consideration of Government, in any way you may have it in your power to mention him as a meritorious and deserving Officer.

I have, &c.,

G. P. WYMER, Brigadier,  
Commanding 1st Infantry Brigade.

*Return of Killed, Wounded, and Missing of the Field Force under the Command of Major-General William Nott, in the Engagements with the Enemy on the 28th and 30th of August 1842.*

2d Troop Bengal Irregular Horse Artillery—1 syca, 1 horse, wounded.

3d Company 1st Battalion Bombay Artillery—1