

*Casualty Return of the Engineer Staff and Bombay Sappers and Miners, at the storm of the City of Mooltan, on the 2d January 1849.*

*Camp near Mooltan, January 4, 1849.*

Engineer Staff—1 Lieutenant wounded.

Sappers and Miners—10 privates, killed; 1 corporal, 1 native officer, 2 havildars, 3 naicks, 1 bugler, 43 privates, wounded; 1 private missing.

*European Officer Wounded.*

Engineer Staff—2d Lieutenant J. A. Fuller, wounded.

*Major-General W. S. Whish, C.B., Commanding Mooltan Field Force.*

*Camp, Mooltan, January 21st 1849.*

In my letter of the 19th instant, I mentioned having had another messenger from Dewan Moolraj, with a note requesting permission to send a confidential agent to me. In reply, I desired his unconditional surrender at 8 A.M. next day; and when I received the answer from Major Edwardes to sign and send, I took occasion to notice emphatically to the messenger, that I should confine to the guard any men that brought any documents or message from the Dewan, who were not authorized to the above effect. Nothing transpired regarding it yesterday, and I issued the orders for making the assault at both breaches at daylight this morning. The counterscarp on the city side not having, however, been blown in, as was calculated upon, I postponed the attack until 6 A.M. to-morrow. However, at 11 A.M. to-day, just as Major Edwardes had called to speak on matters connected with our march hence, the vakeel who had waited on me on the 9th instant, Dia Bux, came under a guard from our picquets, with a letter from the Dewan to each of us, the purport of which was, that he required assurance of his life, and that the females of his family should not be disgraced. I said in reply that, regarding the former, I had only authority to require the Dewan's unconditional submission to the justice of the British government, and that no stipulation was necessary regarding the latter, for women and children, as a matter of course, would not be molested. Dia Bux then said his master would certainly come in, and suggested 9 A.M. to-morrow for the time of his doing so; but I could not agree to so late an hour. I told him the fire of all my batteries would continue until 5 o'clock to-morrow morning, and that the Dewan must, at latest, present himself and garrison at the Dowlut gate of the city at sunrise where arrangements would be ready to facilitate their surrender, and to afford protection to their families.

I will, in conclusion, venture my opinion, that the Dewan is now sincere in his desire to submit. His followers are leaving him in large numbers, and our cavalry took prisoners about 300, who stole from the citadel last night; but, if it prove otherwise, I shall have nothing to regret in having attended to a third reference from him for the sake of humanity, and for the welfare of my troops; and the only difference it will make in my arrangements will be that the assault on the citadel will commence an hour later, and be equally attended, under Providence, with, I trust, complete success.

*Major General Whish, C.B. to the Adjutant General of the Army.*

*Camp, Mooltan, January 23, 1849.*

Although I have in due course taken leave to bring to the notice of the Right Honourable the

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Commander-in-Chief from time to time the services rendered by the allied troops under Major Edwardes, C.B. Assistant Resident, as I am about to part with that officer, whose willing and valuable aid I have frequently experienced since our first encamping before Mooltan, I will venture upon a brief recapitulation of what has been done by the forces under him and Lieutenant Lake, Engineers, respectively. The latter officer having had unassisted charge of the contingent of the Nawab of Bahawalpore, until he was wounded on the 12th of September last, when he was for a month relieved by Lieutenant Taylor, 11th Light Cavalry, Assistant Resident, who was prevented from continuing during the siege, by a chivalrous expedition he undertook to recover our captives from Peshawur. General Van Cortlandt commanded the regular regiments and artillery of the Durbar, and, as far as came under my observation, executed an arduous trust, under occasionally critical circumstances, with much judgment and zeal. Lieutenant Lumsden, Assistant Resident, with a detachment of the guide corps, performed useful service for the two months he was in the allied camp. Lieutenant Pollock, 49th Regiment Native Infantry, Assistant Resident, has more than once distinguished himself at the head of a detachment during the siege, and joined his corps for the storm of the city on the 2d instant. Lieutenant Young, Engineers, had charge of the Irregular Sappers and Miners, and, under the orders of Major Scott, Chief Engineer, Bombay division, was eminently useful on the line of attack on the city side. Dr. Cole has been, as usual, foremost in the cause of humanity; and, after attending to his own sick, a very large hospital of the wounded of the enemy experienced the benefit of his skill and care.

Before I conclude this brief notice of the officers attached to the allied forces that, exclusive of, on various occasions, having been successfully engaged with the enemy, maintained our communication with the Sutlej and Chenab, and furnished escorts for our supplies, &c., I beg to notice two gentlemen, at present non-military, who have done good service, Messrs. Hugo James and Mc Mahon, volunteers; the former having joined Major Edwardes in the hot season, and thence done duty with three companies of infantry, that he had raised and drilled; the latter having joined early last month, and, on the 29th ultimo, distinguished himself, when the enemy twice unsuccessfully attacked the troops commanded by Major Edwardes and Lieutenant Lake, by cutting down the leader of the Sikh infantry in single combat, and by joining the storming column of Brigadier Markham, in the assault of the city on the 2d instant.

As the detachment of Bombay troops under Major Hallett, consisting of 5 troops of Scinde Horse (under Lieutenants Malcolm and Merewether), Captain Turnbull's light field battery, and 3d regiment native infantry, joined me a fortnight before the main body, and performed during that time most useful service, I beg to acknowledge my obligations to Major Hallett for the same.

*Major-General Whish to the Adjutant-General.*

*Camp, Mooltan, January 23, 1849.*

In the haste of despatching to you my letter of yesterday's date, I had not leisure to examine the fair copy previous to signature. I find to-day a clerical error in the omission of Major Day's (of Artillery) name immediately before that of Brevet-Major Blood, in the fifth paragraph thereof, which I shall be obliged by your causing to be