

No. 2.

Brigadier Wilson to the Adjutant-General of the Army.

Sir, Ghazee-od-deen Nuggur, May 31, 1857.

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of Major-General Sir H. Barnard, K.C.B., commanding the Umballa force, that, as reported in my brief dispatch of last night, my advanced pickets were driven in at about four o'clock yesterday afternoon, and that I was attacked by a large force of mutineers, accompanied by heavy guns, from Delhi.

I immediately sent off a company of Her Majesty's 60th Royal Rifles, with another in support, to hold the iron bridge, which is the key of my position; and I detached the four guns of Major Tombs' troop, supported by a squadron of Carabineers, right along the bank of the Hindun river.

The insurgents opened upon these advanced parties with heavy guns. I ordered two more companies of the 60th to support their advance, and brought up four guns of Major Scott's battery, the Sappers, and a troop of Carabineers to their support, leaving two guns and a troop of Carabineers to protect the camp.

The first few rounds from the insurgents' guns were admirably aimed, plunging through our camp; but they were ably replied to by our two 18-pounders, in position under Lieutenant Light and Major Tombs' troop, most admirably led by Lieutenant-Colonel M. Mackenzie, who, raking them in flank with his 6-pounders, first made their fire unsteady, and in a short time silenced these heavy guns.

On remarking the unsteadiness of their fire, I ordered Lieutenant-Colonel Jones to advance his Rifles and attack. This was done in a most spirited manner. They drove the enemy from the guns; but in the act of taking possession of two heavy pieces on the causeway, close to the toll-house, I regret to say, that Captain Andrews and four of his men, were blown up by the explosion of an ammunition waggon, fired by one of the mutineers.

The insurgents were now in full retreat, leaving in our hands ordnance, ammunition, and stores, as detailed in the accompanying statement. They were followed for a considerable distance on the Delhi road by Lieutenant Colonel Custance, commanding the Carabineers with the force.

Where all behaved so well and showed such gallant conduct it is almost invidious to particularise, but I wish to bring to Major-General Sir H. Barnard's notice, and through him to the Commander of the Forces, Lieutenant-Colonel Mackenzie, 1st Brigade Horse Artillery, who so ably led; Major Tombs, who so gallantly fought the 2nd troop of that brigade (the latter had his horse shot under him); Lieutenant-Colonel Custance, commanding the Carabineers; Lieutenant-Colonel Jones, who so gallantly led the 60th Royal Rifles, and Major Scott, who ably supported that regiment.

I beg to inclose the reports I have received from officers commanding detachments, with a return of killed and wounded, and of the captured ordnance and ammunition.

Mr. Greathed, the Commissioner, attended on me during the whole of the action. From this gentleman and four of my own personal staff—Captain Johnson, Staff Officer of the Force; Captain O'Hamilton, Officiating Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General; Captain Russell, of the 54th; and Lieutenant Barchard of the 20th Native Infantry; my orderly officers; and Lieutenant Waterfield, of the Commissariat Department, I received every assistance.

The casualties may not be considered great under the advantages we have gained; but with my small force I cannot afford to lose men. I have applied to Major-General Hewitt, commanding Meerut Division, for a reinforcement, as I consider my present force much too small for the position I am placed in—liable to constant attacks from Delhi. Parties of horse have been seen from that quarter reconnoitring my position all the morning, and it is very harassing to the men to be kept so constantly on the alert.

I have, &c.,

A. WILSON,
Brigadier, Commanding Field Force.

Numerical Return of Killed, Wounded, and Missing, in the Action of Ghazee-od-deen Nuggur, on May 30, 1857.

Camp, Ghazee-od-deen Nuggur, June 1857.

Horse Artillery—1 non-commissioned officer, 5 rank and file, wounded; total 6.—6 horses killed, wounded, and missing.

Her Majesty's 6th Dragoon Guards—2 rank and file killed; total 2; 1 subaltern (Lieutenant De Bourbel severely), 1 non-commissioned officer, 3 rank and file, wounded; total 5.—9 horses killed, wounded, and missing.

1st Battalion Her Majesty's 60th Rifles—1 captain (Andrews), 1 non-commissioned officer, 7 rank and file, killed; total 9; 1 non-commissioned officer, 7 rank and file, wounded; total 8; 2 rank and file missing; total 2.

Total—1 captain, 1 non-commissioned officer, 9 rank and file, killed; 1 subaltern, 3 non-commissioned officers, 15 rank and file, wounded; 2 rank and file missing.

Killed 11

Wounded 19

Missing 2

A. WILSON, Brigadier,
Commanding Field Force.

List of Ordnance, Carriages, and Ammunition, brought in from the enemy yesterday and this morning.

Camp, May 31, 1857.

Carriages, siege, with limber and E.S. complete, gun 24-pounder - - - - 1
 Carriages, siege, with limber and E.S. complete, gun 18-pounder - - - - 1
 Carriages, siege, with limber and E.S. complete, howitzer, 10-inch - - - - 1
 Carriages, siege, with limber and E.S. complete, howitzer 8-inch - - - - 1
 Carriages, siege, light field, with limber complete, gun 24-pounder - - - - 1
 Ordnance iron gun light field with limber complete, 24-pounder - - - - 1
 Ordnance iron gun light field with limber complete, 18-pounder - - - - 1
 Ordnance iron gun light field, with limber complete, howitzer, 10-inch - - - - 1
 Ordnance iron gun light field, with limber complete, howitzer 8-inch - - - - 1
 Ordnance brass field, with limber complete, gun 24-pounder - - - - 1
 3 treasure tumbrels, containing cartridges, serge-filled, 18-pounder gun, and 8-inch howitzer.
 3 carts, containing case shot, 24-pounder gun 10 and 8 inch howitzer.
 1 platform cart, with sand-bags.
 1 platform cart, with entrenching tools.
 41 24-pounder grape in a waggon.
 1 9-pounder waggon complete, with 57 round shot, 12 shrapnell and 4 grape.

MILES McCARTHY,
Officiating Conductor.