

my force; and, under cover of its fire, two large bodies of Cavalry at the same time riding insolently over the plain, the Infantry once more rallied. The beating of their large drums, and numerous mounted officers in front, announced the definitive struggle of the "Nena" for his usurped dominion.

10. I had previously ordered my volunteer Cavalry to adventure a charge on a more advanced party of the enemy's horse, and I have the satisfaction to report that they conducted themselves most creditably. One of their number, Mr. Carr, was killed in the charge.

11. But the final crisis approached. My Artillery cattle, wearied by the length of the march, could not bring up the guns to my assistance; and the 1st Madras Fusiliers, 64th, 84th, and 78th detachments, formed in line, were exposed to a heavy fire from the 24-pounder on the road. I was resolved this state of things should not last, so calling upon my men, who were lying down in line, to leap on their feet, I directed another steady advance. It was irresistible. The enemy sent round shot into our ranks until we were within three hundred yards, and then poured in grape with such precision and determination as I have seldom witnessed. But the 64th, led by Major Stirling and my Aide-de-camp, who had placed himself in their front, were not to be denied. Their rear showed the ground strewn with wounded; but on they steadily and silently came, then with a cheer charged, and captured the unwieldy trophy of their valour.

12. The enemy lost all heart, and after a hurried fire of musquetry gave way in total rout. Four of my guns came up and completed their discomfiture by a heavy cannonade; and as it grew dark, the roofless barracks of our Artillery were dimly descried in advance, and it was evident that Cawnpore was once more in our possession.

13. The points of this victory I shall have afterwards to describe. The troops had been thirteen hours in their bivouac when a tremendous explosion shook the earth. "Nena Sahib" in full retreat to Bithoor, had blown up the Cawnpore Magazine.

The first movements of the Marhatta indicated a determination to defend himself desperately. Reports from the front assured us that he had assembled 5000 men, and placed 45 guns in position for the defence of his stronghold; but his followers have since despaired, and I have taken possession of Bithoor without a shot.

14. I was joined by the steamer "Burrumputoor" this morning, which is now in easy communication with me.

15. I must reiterate my obligations to the officers commanding my detachments and batteries, to Major Stephenson, Madras Fusiliers; Colonel Hamilton, the leader of my Highlanders, who had his horse shot; Major Stirling, 64th, who is slightly wounded; Captain Currie, 84th, severely, I fear, dangerously wounded (since dead); Captain Maude, Artillery; Captain Brasyer, commanding the regiment of Ferozepore; and Captain Barrow, commanding my small body of horse. Lieut.-Colonel Tytler's zeal and gallantry have been beyond all praise.

16. It was my desire to have offered my thanks in like terms to Captain Beatson, Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General; but I can now only record my opinion over his grave. He was attacked by cholera on the morning of this fight, and though he did his duty throughout it, and bivouacked with the troops, he sunk in three days under the violence of his disorder. Lieutenant Moorsom, Her Majesty's Light Infantry, assisted in carrying my orders, and displayed great courage and much intelligence.

I have already mentioned the conduct of my Aide-de-camp in front of the 64th throughout the

fight: he was seen wherever danger was most pressing, and I beg specially to commend him to the protection and favour of his Excellency the Commander-in-chief.

I enclose returns of killed, wounded, and missing, and Ordnance captured.

I have, &c,
H. HAVELOCK, Brigadier-General.
Commanding Allahabad Moveable Column.

A Return shewing the number of Killed, Wounded, and Missing, of the Column under the immediate Command of Brigadier-General Havelock, C.B., at the action at Cawnpore, on the 16th instant.

Camp, Cawnpore, July 22, 1857.

Her Majesty's 64th Regiment—3 officers*, 1 serjeant, 1 corporal, 39 privates, wounded.

Her Majesty's 84th Regiment—2 privates killed; 1 officer†, 1 serjeant, 5 privates, wounded; 1 private missing.

Her Majesty's 78th Regiment—1 private killed; 1 corporal, 14 privates, wounded; 2 privates missing.

1st Regiment Madras Fusiliers—1 private killed; 2 serjeants, 1 corporal, 12 privates, wounded; 1 serjeant, 7 privates, missing.

Royal and Invalid Artillery—2 privates wounded. European Cavalry—1 corporal, 2 horses, killed; 1 private, 2 horses, wounded.

Ferozepore Regiment—1 sepoy killed; 1 havildar, 10 sepoys, wounded.

Bengal Artillery—1 private wounded.

Total—1 corporal, 4 privates, 1 sepoy, 2 horses, killed; 4 officers, 4 serjeants, 3 corporals, 65 privates, 1 havildar, 10 sepoys, 2 horses, wounded; 1 serjeant, 10 privates, missing.

Total casualties, 108.

H. M. HAVELOCK, Lieutenant,
Acting Deputy-Assistant-Adjutant
General.

Return of Ordnance captured in the two Actions of the 15th of July and the Action of the 16th July, 1857.

Brought into Camp.

15th July.

1 24-pounder iron gun.
1 24-pounder iron carronade.
2 6-pounder brass guns.

16th July.

2 24-pounder iron guns.
1 24-pounder iron carronade and limber.
2 12-pounder iron guns.
1 9-pounder brass gun.
2 6-pounder brass guns (found since the action.)

Total 12

Brigadier General Havelock, C.B.,
Commanding Moveable Column.

Camp Cawnpore, July 21st, 1857.

Total of above . . . 12
Captured on the 12th 12
Brought in from Bithoor 20

Grand total 44

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* Major Stirling, Lieuts. Dickins and Haldane, all slightly.

† Captain Currie (since dead).