

List of Ordnance Captured at Bithoor,

19th July, 1857.

- 1 24-pounder iron gun.
- 1 12-pounder iron carronade.
- 1 9-pounder brass gun.
- 7 6-pounder brass guns.
- 2 Ditto ditto dismantled.
- 2 5½ inch brass mortar.
- 1 2-pounder brass gun.
- 4 Ditto ditto different patterns.
- 4 1-pounder brass gun.
- 1 Model gun.

Total 20

T. N. HARWARD, Lieut.
Company Beugal Artillery.

L. STEPHENSON, Major.
Company detachment and Reconnoissance.

No. 26.

*The Deputy Adjutant-General of the Army to the
Secretary to the Government of India.*

SIR, *Calcutta, August 8, 1857.*

IN forwarding for submission to the Right Honorable the Governor-General in Council,* a dispatch, in original, from Brigadier-General H. Havelock, C. B., commanding the moveable column, No. 39, of the 29th ultimo, detailing his operations against the mutineers near the towns of Unao and Buseerut Gunge, I have the honour to request you will state to his Lordship in Council, that the Commander-in-chief considers that the best acknowledgments of Government are due to the Brigadier-General for the true soldierly skill and ability with which these brilliant affairs were conducted.

2. I am further to solicit the attention of the Governor-General in Council to the officers named by the Brigadier-General as most conspicuous. His Excellency considers them especially worthy of commendation.

I have, &c.,

W. MAYHEW, Major.
Deputy Adjutant-General of the Army.

No. 27.

Brigadier-General Havelock to the Deputy Adjutant-General of the Army.

Camp, Buseerut Gunge, July 29, 1857.

(Extract).

I MOVED forward from the strong position of Munghowar on the 19th instant, and soon became engaged with the enemy near the town of Unao.

2. It is necessary to describe the enemy's position: his right was protected by a swamp which could neither be forced or turned; his advance was drawn up in a garden enclosure, which in this warlike district had purposely or accidentally assumed the form of a bastion. The rest of his force was posted in and behind a village, the houses of which were loopholed. The passage between the village and the large town of Unao is narrow. The town itself extended three-quarters of a mile to our right. The flooded state of the country precluded the possibility of turning in this direction. The swamp shut us on the left. Thus an attack in front became unavoidable.

3. It was commenced by the 78th Highlanders and 1st Fusiliers with two guns, and soon became

* Forwards reports of Brigadier-General Havelock's operations against the mutineers near the towns of Unao and Buseerut Gunge.

exceedingly warm. The enemy were driven out of the bastioned enclosure, but when our troops approached the village a destructive fire was opened upon them from the loopholed houses. It became necessary to bring up the 64th under Colonel Wilson, K. H. Here some daring feats of bravery were performed: Private Patrick Cavanagh, 64th, was cut literally in pieces by the enemy, whilst setting an example of distinguished gallantry. Had he lived I should have deemed him worthy of the Victoria Cross. It could never have glittered on a more gallant breast.

4. Lieutenant Bogle, 78th Highlanders, in an attempt to penetrate into a house filled with desperate fanatics of the Mussulman faith was badly wounded. The village was set on fire. Still its defenders resisted obstinately. Finally, the guns were captured, and the whole force was enabled to debouch by the narrow passage between the village and the town of Unao, and formed in line. It found the enemy rallied and re-formed in great force. Infantry guns and cavalry were drawn up in line on the plain. They were attacked in direct echelon of detachments and batteries, their guns taken, and the Infantry and Horse put to flight. During the whole of the action a large detachment of the troops of Nena Sahib threatened our left flank.

5. The troops halted three hours, and then moved on towards Buseerut Gunge. It is a walled town with wet ditches. The gate is defended by a round tower, on and near which four pieces of cannon were mounted, the adjacent building being loopholed and otherwise strengthened. In rear of the town is a broad and deep inundation, crossed by a narrow chaussée and bridge. The guns pushed on in admirable order, supported by the 1st Fusiliers skirmishing, and the 78th Highlanders, and 64th Regiment in line.

6. The enemy's cannonade was well sustained; nevertheless, our force continued to gain ground. The 64th were then directed to turn the town by our left, and penetrate between it and the swamp, thus cutting off the enemy from the chaussée and bridge. The Fusiliers and the Highlanders precipitated themselves on the earth-works, broke through the entrenchment, and captured the town.

7. The whole of the guns of 5th Company of 7th Battalion Artillery were taken by us, with nearly all its ammunition. It had come from Fyzabad and Lucknow. The ground on both sides of the road at Unao was so flooded that it was impossible for Cavalry to act. My Volunteer Horse were therefore reduced to inactivity, though most anxious to engage.

8. The loss of the enemy at Unao is estimated by Native report at 1,500 killed and wounded. It might in truth amount to 500. It was lighter at Buseerut Gunge, in consequence of the mistake already noticed.

9. In these two combats 19 guns were captured from the enemy.

10. I must praise the conduct of all my staff-officers. Lieutenant-Colonel Tytler, hardly able from indisposition to sit on his horse, set throughout the day an example of daring and activity; Lieutenant Havelock, Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General, had a horse shot under him; Lieutenant Seton, my Acting Aide-de-camp, was severely wounded. Major Stephenson, at the head of the Madras Fusiliers, showed throughout the day how the calmest forethought can be united with the utmost daring.

11. I forward returns of killed and wounded, and of captured ordnance.