

Previously to their plunging into the river, they threw their guns overboard, and blew up one of their boats, which had been boarded by a party of Infantry, whereby, I regret to say, one man of Hill's 5th was killed, and ten more or less injured (of whom five were Europeans and five natives). All the officers mentioned above distinguished themselves highly; and the conduct of the men was all that could be desired.

Lieutenant Impey, of the Engineers, and Mr. Volunteer Tarbey, have likewise, by their zeal and usefulness, merited my thanks and commendation.

VINCENT EYRE, Major,  
Commanding Field Force.

P.S.—Having heard of another party of rebels at a ghaut higher up the river, I have dispatched the Cavalry to reconnoitre.

No. 41.

*Major V. Eyre, commanding Field Detachment,  
to Colonel Napier, Military Secretary.*

*Camp, Futtehpore,  
September 12, 1857.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour, herewith, to forward a correct Return of killed and wounded on the late expedition to Koondun Puttee.

In the postscript of my despatch of the 11th instant, I mentioned having sent the forty 12th Irregular Cavalry troopers, under Captain Johnson, to reconnoitre, and, if possible, to intercept a party of Oude rebels said to have landed at Ukree Ghaut.

They had, however, retreated across the river before Captain Johnson's troop could get at them; but a small fort which had been recently erected near the ghaut by the rebels was destroyed by Captain Johnson.

I was informed by Mahomed Zuboor Khan, the Thanadar of Koondun Puttee, that, had not the Oude invaders been checked, and a portion of them destroyed by our troops, it was their intention to overrun the whole country between Futtehpore and Allahabad, with a view of interrupting our communication and impeding our operations.

He also assured me that the following persons on this side of the river had taken an active part in these disturbances and hostile designs, viz., Bhunmur Sing Zemadar of Ukree, Ramsahae (haet) of Hutgaen (an active confederate of the former), Seetta Bux and Pulwan Sing of Burgulla, and Nur-lusta Kumaroodeen Hoossain of Puttee.

I take this opportunity of mentioning that the detachment of the 12th Irregulars had already marched twenty-four miles when they received the sudden order to join me at Hutgaen, and although both men and horses had been a whole day without food they galloped on the whole way to meet me, a distance of nine miles further, guided by that energetic officer, Lieutenant Dawson, of the ; who also took a conspicuous part in their subsequent operations.

I have, &c.

VINCENT EYRE, Major, late  
Commanding Field Detachment.

*Numerical Return of Killed and Wounded with  
the Field Force under command of Major V.  
Eyre, Artillery, on the 11th September, 1857.*

*Camp, Futtehpore, September 12, 1857.*

1 Jemadar, killed.

Her Majesty's 5th Fusiliers—6 privates, wounded.  
Artillery—Tent Lascars 2, wounded.

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Irregular Cavalry—1 trooper, wounded.  
Camp followers—3 wounded.

R. H. BARTRUM, Assistant-Surgeon,  
Late 3rd Oude M. Infantry, in  
medical charge.

V. EYRE, Major, commanding Field Force.

*Numerical Return of Killed and Wounded with  
the Field Force under command of Major V.  
Eyre, Artillery, on the 11th September, 1857.*

*Camp, Futtehpore, September 12, 1857.*

Her Majesty's 5th\*—Privates Isaac Money, Stephen Lally, Thomas Walker, Charles Helford, slightly burnt; Private Wm. Berant, severely burnt; Corporal Henry Evans, slightly burnt, sword-cut in head.

Artillery—tent lascars, severely burnt; tent lascars, bullet-wound, severely.

12th Irregular Cavalry—Hoossein Bux, slight sword-cut.

Commissariat—Jemadar of Mahouts, killed.

Camp followers, 3 (names unknown), severely burnt.

R. H. BARTRUM,  
Assistant-Surgeon, in medical charge.

VINCENT EYRE, Major,  
Commanding Field Force.

No. 42.

*Brigadier-General G. St. P. Lawrence, Officiating  
Governor-General's Agent, Rajpootana, to the  
Secretary to the Government of India.*

SIR, *Camp, Chellawur, September 19, 1857.*

FOR the information of the Governor-General in Council, I have the honour to report that I marched, yesterday morning, with the force as per margin,† upon Ahwa, a walled town, and ghurree of Marwar, where the mutineers of the Jodhpore Legion, joined by the troops of Ahwa and other disaffected thakoors, had taken up a position, which they had been at every pains to strengthen to the utmost.

2. The very vigilant suspicion of the rebels had baffled all attempts to get accurate information of their position by my scouts, and the place, being surrounded by jungle, could not be reconnoitred out of range. I determined to reconnoitre in force, and, if circumstances justified me, to assault at once.

3. I had a strong advanced guard, as per margin, ‡ and, as we came on through the thick jungle, I sent on a small party of the Cavalry at a gallop, with Lieutenant Heathcote, Deputy-Assistant Quarter-master-General, and Lieutenant Bannerman, Adjutant, Kotah Contingent, to feel where the rebels actually were. A few of their sowars, who were looking out, hastily retreated before this party, and one of them, who had dismounted to fire, was taken

\* These were chiefly injured by one of the enemy's boats being blown up after it had been boarded by our troops.

† Five Horse-Artillery guns, under Captain Petrié; 195 Her Majesty's 83rd, under Major Heathy; 2 squadrons (about 200 swords) Bombay Lancers; 250 Mhairwarra Battalion, under Lieutenant Carnell; detachment (30) 12th Bombay Native Infantry.

‡ 2 Horse-Artillery guns; 1 troop 1st Lancers; 50 Her Majesty's 83rd Infantry; 50 Mhairwarra Battalion.