

12th Native Infantry, and Lieutenant Kelly, who reports favourably of Messrs. Barber, Nicholl, and Burrows.

13. The Veterinary Surgeon Siddall has also rendered me good service.

14. The field hospital could not be better managed than that under the superintendence of Assistant-Surgeon Eteson, whose zeal and soldierly conduct have been conspicuous. Staff-Sergeant Melvill, of the Artillery, has proved himself a most deserving and excellent soldier. To him I confided the howitzer for the protection of my rear, which was at one time threatened, and was preserved intact by his skill and judgment.

15. It would be unjust to omit the valuable aid I have received from Syed Azeem-ood-deen, Deputy Collector of Arrah, in assisting me to procure the best information. Mr. B. N. Samuels, Head Clerk of the Shahabad Office, furnished me with an admirable map of my route to Jugdispore, and acted as my guide on the line of march. I always found his information most accurate, and consider him well deserving of reward.

I have, &c.,

V. EYRE, Major,  
Commanding Field Force.

P.S. —Mr. Littledale, the Civil Judge of Arrah, volunteered to accompany the expedition, and I was glad to avail myself of his experience.

No. 6.

*Captain L'Estrange to the Assistant Adjutant-General, Dinapore Division.*

SIR, *Jugdispore, August 13, 1857.*

I HAVE the honour to report that an expeditionary field force left Arrah on the 11th instant, having been detained here since the 3rd instant, waiting for the arrival of reinforcements, in order to attack the rebel chief, Koer Sing, and the remainder of those mutineers who had been so completely routed by us on the 2nd instant, at Beebeegunge, and who had taken refuge in Koer Sing's stronghold at Jugdispore.

The difficulty attending the enterprise was, by universal report, very great. The roads were represented as being, at this season of the year, almost impassable: and the position of Koer Sing and his followers was deemed, by all who had any knowledge of the country surrounding him, as being inaccessible.

Under all these circumstances, a feeling of doubt, if not of apprehension, as to the success of our expedition, might easily have pervaded troops less confident than ours were, in the judgment, talent, and courage of our leader.

Our force consisted of two 9-pounder guns, one 24-pounder howitzer, 197 men, Her Majesty's 10th (commanded by Captain Patterson), my detachment Her Majesty's 5th Fusiliers (137 men), 150 Sikhs from Arrah and Patna, and 16 mounted volunteers, the great number of whom had been with us, and had rendered us such great assistance at Beebeegunge.

We marched on the evening of the 11th instant, about half-way between Arrah and Jugdispore, and there got intelligence that we might expect to meet the enemy at a village called Dullaur, about two or three miles from Jugdispore, and close to a nullah, which was rather broad, but supposed to be fordable.

Our order of march was as follows:—

An advanced guard of 50 men of the 5th Fusiliers, commanded by Captain Scott, and 50 Sikhs,

commanded by H. Wake, Esquire, Magistrate of Arrah;

The two 9-pounder guns, flanked on either side by the remainder of the 5th Fusiliers in single file;

A division of 100 men, Her Majesty's 10th Regiment, formed up in column of sections;

The baggage elephants, &c.;

The 24-pounder howitzer, defended by the remainder of the 10th and Sikhs;

The rear-guard, consisting of the Patna Sikhs, under command of Lieutenant Robertson, late 7th Bengal Native Infantry.

In consequence of the rain which fell during the night of the 11th instant, we found the roads very heavy; but all hands went cheerfully to work, and, as we expected, came in sight of the enemy about 11 A.M. They appeared in considerable numbers, and could be plainly seen moving about through the woods. Our skirmishers immediately rushed forward, and opened a brisk fire on the rebels, who occupied the wood to our front and right, and very soon forced the mutineers to "right incline," and join one of their strong reserves which was entrenched behind a parapet  $4\frac{1}{2}$  feet high, and about 60 yards in length.

This body of men was completely hidden in dense jungle, and protected in front by the nullah, which I have before observed was between us and the village of Dullaur, and had they remained concealed a short time longer, until our main body had reached this nullah, our loss must have been very great. Our skirmishers brought right shoulders forward, and charged the entrenchment. I immediately gave notice to our main body of the position of the enemy, which very soon indicated itself by a tremendous fire upon us all, while our skirmishers rushed upon the rebels in front; the division, in column of sections, Her Majesty's 10th Regiment, attacked them in flank and rear, and I ordered my men, who were protecting the guns, to contribute their fire at long ranges, as occasion might require. The rebels, whose number I estimate at about 1,200 men, stood their ground with unexpected obstinacy, but our charge could not be resisted, and we soon saw them flying through the jungle and making for the village, closely pursued by the skirmishers; our main body then crossed the nullah, advanced through the village, and previous to re-entering the jungle I reinforced the skirmishers, who effectually cleared the way for us, although the enemy kept up a dropping fire upon us until we arrived in the heart of the city. The time between our first meeting the enemy and finding ourselves in possession of Koer Sing's boasted stronghold was about two hours and a half, during the first hour of which a tremendous fire and very hard fighting was kept up on both sides.

From this account it will be seen that our skirmishers carried everything before them in the most gallant style; our main body was at the same time exposed to great danger, and was remarkable for its extreme steadiness throughout the engagement. I have now great pleasure in bringing before your notice the distinguished gallantry of Captain Scott, Ensign Oldfield, Colour-Serjeants Cattermole and McMames, all of the 5th Fusiliers; on this occasion, the former officer's courage and daring in the field are equalled only by the cheerfulness and zeal with which he performed every branch of duty. Captain the Hon. E. P. Hastings was, as usual, conspicuous in the thick of the fight, and I cannot sufficiently thank him for all the services he has rendered to us; our Interpreter's (Lieutenant Wyld) conduct fully justifies the report which I had the pleasure of