

of a ditch, opening on the enemy a flanking fire, which, together with the remainder of the field battery, now came up in half an hour's time, completely silenced the enemy's fire, and put them in full retreat.

A force of the rebels' cavalry upon this came up to try and take our guns; but the 9th Lancers, under Major Ouvry, the 5th Punjaub Horse, under Lieutenant Younghusband, and Hodson's Horse, under Lieutenant Gough, the whole commanded by Brigadier Little, advanced upon them, drove them away, and Lieutenant Younghusband, who was sent out in pursuit with his men, cut up some 80 or 90 stragglers, and took three standards.

The movement of our cavalry towards the rear of the enemy, no doubt, had the effect of hurrying their retreat from their guns; but the ground was of such a nature as to prevent the possibility of getting at them before they had got under cover of trees and houses.

The infantry brigade, under Brigadier the Honorable Adrian Hope, was of great use in supporting the advance of the cavalry; but before they reached the ground, the enemy were in retreat.

As soon as possible, I sent up the Seikh infantry to secure the guns, and am happy to say 14 brass guns and 1 18-pounder, with limbers, waggons, &c., and a large quantity of ammunition, were taken.

The success was complete, and I am truly grateful to God, and happy to say, though the fire of grape from the enemy was most severe and well-placed, falling amongst the artillery like hail, I had not a single man even wounded, and only one horse of Captain Middleton's battery killed. It was truly marvellous and providential. 13 guns, most of them 9-pounders and 24-pounder howitzers, were playing with grape on the gallant artillery, and with round shot upon the cavalry, the former within about 500 yards—and his Excellency is well aware with what precision these rebels fire their guns—yet not one single man was wounded.

I gave directions at once to remove every thing from the spot, and the Highlanders, 53rd Regiment, and Seikhs, with a most praiseworthy zeal and activity, brought off all the guns, waggons, &c., from the quicksands, beyond which they had been placed. The troops had been marching since 1 o'clock on the 8th, with occasional halts; and the moving in of the guns to a position I had taken up for them within about three quarters of a mile of the camp, was not accomplished till dusk the following day. They had little to eat or drink for nearly twenty-four hours; but there was not a complaint.

I beg to request you will lay the names of the undermentioned Officers before his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief:—Captain Middleton, who commanded the whole of the artillery, rendered the greatest services, both in the action and in the moving of the guns; Lieutenant Millman, who commanded the battery; Captain Remington, who worked his guns admirably, and who was most zealous in giving every assistance to Captain Middleton; Brigadier A. Little, to whom I was much indebted for his cavalry support to the guns, and for the way in which he brought his force to the front on the advance of the enemy;—

Major Ouvry, commanding the 9th Lancers, a most active and zealous Officer;—

Lieutenant Younghusband, commanding 5th Punjaub Cavalry, and Lieutenant Gough, commanding Hodson's Horse; to all of whom my thanks are due for the very able way in which they commanded their regiments;—

Lieutenant Malcolm, commanding the Royal Engineers, and Lieutenant Forbes, commanding

the Bengal Engineers, who, with their men, executed the work entrusted to them with great ability and zeal;—

Brigadier the Honourable A. Hope, commanding the infantry brigade, was of the greatest possible assistance, and behaved with his usual well-known gallantry;—

Lieutenant-Colonel Thorold, commanding 42nd Highlanders; Colonel Faber, commanding 53rd Regiment; Lieutenant-Colonel Leith Hay, commanding 93rd Highlanders; and Captain Ryves, commanding 4th Punjaub Infantry;—

My thanks are also due to these Officers for the able manner in which they commanded their regiments:—Captain McLeod, 42nd Highlanders, commanding the rear guard; Lieutenant Smith, commanding two 9-pounder guns, who performed the duties entrusted to them to my satisfaction. Captain Anderson, ex-commissariat officer, whose duties were very severe, and Captain Carey, Deputy-Assistant Quartermaster-General, were most attentive and zealous. Captain Sarel, Brigade-Major of Cavalry, Captain Cox, Brigade-Major of Infantry, deserve my warmest approbation. Captain the Honourable G. A. Anson, my Aide-de-Camp, afforded me on this, as on every other occasion, the greatest assistance. Lieutenant Havelock, Extra Aide-de-Camp, was very useful. Brigadier the Honourable A. Hope talks in the highest strains of Lieutenant A. Butter, 93rd Highlanders, his Acting Aide-de-Camp. Captain Bruce, head of the Intelligence Department, rendered me very great assistance in procuring information regarding the movements of the enemy.

I have, &c.,

HOPE GRANT, Brigadier-General,  
Commanding Force.

No. 8.

*Return of Ordnance, Ammunition Waggons, Ammunition, &c., captured on the 9th of December, 1857, at Serai Ghât.*

*Camp, Serai Ghât, December 10, 1857.*

ORDNANCE.

Brass—Eight 9-pounder guns, three 12-pounder howitzers, two 24-pounder howitzers, and one native gun.

Iron—One 18-pounder gun.

Total—15 pieces of Ordnance.

AMMUNITION WAGGONS.

Six for 9-pounder guns, one for 12-pounder howitzers, two for 24-pounder howitzers, one for 18-pounder guns, one 9-pounder waggon body, and four store carts.—Total 15.

AMMUNITION (ROUNDS OF).

540 for 9-pounder guns, 90 for 12-pounder howitzers, 100 for 24-pounder howitzers, and 12 for 18-pounder guns—Total rounds, 742.

SHOT, WITHOUT POWDER.

150 for 6-pounder guns, 80 for 9-pounder guns, 70 for 24-pounder howitzers, and 10 for 18-pounder guns.—Total 310.

W. W. MIDDLETON, Captain R.A.,  
Commanding.

H. W. NORMAN, Captain,  
Assistant Adjutant-General of the Army.