

On the evening of the 25th, after the first column of the relieving force arrived, I heard the shouts of the second column in the city in the direction of the jail, and thinking they might get entangled in the lanes, and might suffer from the guns under the Clock Tower, I took 12 armed Sepoys of the regiment, with pick-axes and shovels, for the purpose of clearing away, if possible, the battery under the Clock Tower. We got over without opposition, as the head of the second relieving column was by this time in the lane and close up to the guns. As I thought this a good opportunity to occupy at least a portion of the Teree Kotee, I took upon myself the responsibility to take the Sepoys through a door made in the wall by the insurgents. We advanced some distance quietly without meeting any one. At last in a court-yard we came upon a small body, eight in number, and took them prisoners, without firing a shot. I left the Sepoys in charge of a havildar in this court-yard for the night, and reported the circumstance for the information of Brigadier Inglis, who ordered me to occupy the Teree Kotee with a stronger body in the morning.

Early next morning, we advanced to the bank of the river, and shot a few of the insurgents, who attempted to swim the river. At this time I observed a body of men on the top of a building with a gateway. We attempted to get in by breaking in the principal gate, which was barricaded; but found this impossible. Havildar Ramnarain Pande, however, succeeded in breaking down one of the small doors at the side of the gate, and was the first man who made an entrance. We killed some five or six men in the gateway, the others, having got into the rooms above, and on the terraces which ran towards the Fureed Buksh. A party of the 32nd came up at this time under a Serjeant, and some 25 men altogether were shot and bayoneted. We had two Sepoys wounded, and one man of the 32nd was killed. I ought to mention that Captain Lowe, of Her Majesty's 32nd, arrived with some men after we had got into the rooms, he having been employed in driving the insurgents out of the Captain's Bazaar. All the Sepoys behaved well, and I beg to bring to the notice of the Brigadier the gallant conduct of Lieutenant Cubitt, who was most forward throughout the affair.

Unfortunately three of our Sepoys were wounded by the Europeans of the Second Relieving Column on the night of the 25th, after we got over the Battery under the Clock Tower, they having been mistaken for insurgents.

I have, &c,
B. M. M. AITKEN, Lieut., 13th Native Infantry.
Commanding Treasury Guard.

No. 26.

Captain E. W. D. Lowe, Commanding Her Majesty's 32nd Regiment, to Brigadier J. Inglis, Commanding Lucknow Garrison.

*City Residency, Lucknow,
September 27, 1857.*

SIR,
I HAVE the honour to acquaint you that, agreeably to your instructions, I proceeded yesterday morning in command of 150 men of the 32nd Regiment for the purpose of clearing the Captain's Bazaar, and adjoining posts occupied by the enemy.

The party was in three Divisions:—the first, under Captain Bassano, on the right; the second, in reserve, under Captain Hughes, 57th Native Infantry (attached to the Regiment); and the third, under Lieutenant Lawrence. The first and second advanced under cover of the thick bushes between our trenches and the road, whilst the third, passing through Innes' outpost, came out on the

road through the houses in front, taking two small guns as they entered it, and which they dismounted from their carriages. The enemy were taken quite by surprise, and fled precipitately to the river, leaving a 6-pounder gun in the road. They were pursued by our men, and were nearly all shot or drowned in endeavouring to swim the river. Lieutenant Lawrence then led his party towards the Iron Bridge, and most gallantly succeeded in capturing a 9-pounder gun, just as a second round of grape was about to be fired at them. This gun having been brought away, they returned, and we took possession of the ruined mosque, and clearing the Captain's Bazaar, killed some of the enemy there, and captured an 18-pounder gun, and four small guns (two of them without carriages).

I then proceeded to the Teree Kotee with part of the men; but found it unoccupied. A gate by the river, leading into the Fureed Buksh Palace, was then forced, and several of the enemy inside killed. We were here met by a party of the 13th Native Infantry, under Lieutenant Aitken, who had come in by another entrance. Having your orders not to proceed further in this direction, I withdrew the men.

Captain Hughes had, in the mean time, led a party again towards the iron bridge, and killing a great number of the enemy in the houses about, spiked two large mortars, which, however, he was unable to bring away. He was, I regret to say, dangerously wounded whilst forcing the door of a house. As the party retired, they blew up a large magazine of the enemy's powder.

The objects contemplated having been obtained, not without loss, as the adjoining return will show, I withdrew the party to the Residency, leaving guards at the ruined mosque and Teree Kotee.

In conclusion, I beg to bring prominently to your notice the great zeal and gallantry displayed by all engaged—both officers and men—so equally, that it would be invidious to particularise any one; but Lieutenant Lawrence has, however, begged me to report the distinguished bravery of Corporal Samuel Cole, and Private Michael Power, in charging and capturing the 9-pounder gun.

Lieutenant Innes, of the Engineers, accompanied the party throughout, and afforded me every assistance.

I have, &c.
E. W. D. LOWE, Captain,
Commanding Her Majesty's 32nd Regiment.

No. 27.

Return of Killed and Wounded of a Party of Her Majesty's 32nd Regiment, under Command of Captain E. W. D. Lowe, on the morning of the 26th of September, 1857.

2 rank and file killed; 1 officer (Captain Hughes, 57th N.I., doing duty, severely wounded), 8 rank and file, wounded.—Total 11.

1 Volunteer (Mr. Sinclair) severely wounded.

E. W. D. LOWE, Captain,
Commanding H.M.'s 32nd Regiment.

Return of Casualties.

2 privates killed; 1 officer (Captain Hughes, 57th N.I., doing duty), 8 privates, 1 volunteer (Mr. Sinclair, Merchant), wounded.—Total 12.

Return of Guns brought in.

1 18-pounder gun, 1 9-pounder gun, 1 6-pounder gun, 2 small guns with carriages, 2 small guns without carriages.

E. W. D. LOWE, Captain,
Commanding H.M.'s 32nd Regiment.