

No. 28.

Captain M. Galwey, Commanding 1st Madras Fusiliers, to the Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General.

SIR, *Lucknow, November, 1857.*

IN reply to your letter dated 4th November, 1857, No. and subject as per margin,* I have the honour to state as follows.

About 2 P.M., on the 27th September, 1857, the Madras Fusiliers were ordered to parade for a sortie under command of Major Stephenson, commanding the same regiment, for the purpose of taking some guns in the enemy's Cawnpore battery.

The regiment was told off in three divisions, the strength of it not admitting of a larger number. Captain Fraser had command of No. 1, Captain Galwey No. 2, and Captain Raikes of No. 3 Division; Lieutenant and Adjutant Gosling, Lieutenants Beaumont and Cleland, and Lieutenant the Honourable J. Fraser, 1st Bengal Native Infantry, doing duty with the Fusiliers, fell in with the regiment. A few men of Her Majesty's 32nd Regiment, under Lieutenant Warner, 7th Bengal Cavalry, Captain Kemble, 41st Bengal Native Infantry, Lieutenant Huxham, 48th Bengal Native Infantry, Lieutenant Anderson, Bengal Engineers, and Lieutenant Meham, 27th Madras Native Infantry, accompanied the party.

The party proceeded in strict silence out of the Bailey Gate to the garden opposite, and passed through a door to the right, about half way down to the Garden, which led through bye-paths till it reached the road, at which place there was a considerable street fire from loopholes and from the top of houses, and from the guns of the enemy in position. A charge was made at the nearest gun, through long grass ruins, small breaches in walls, and a broad ditch. Our men entered by the embrasure, and the enemy immediately abandoned this gun. A considerable delay occurred in making preparations for bursting this gun, which, however, ultimately proved a failure, as some person had spiked it previously and in the hurry of the moment. During this time a party of No. 1 Division, under Captain Fraser, proceeded to reconnoitre a little further, when they came on another battery of the enemy, consisting of a 24-pounder and an 18-pounder gun. These were abandoned; but, the enemy being all round, and keeping such a fire on his party, Captain Fraser sent back to Major Stephenson to say he required a reinforcement. On this Captain Galwey, of No. 2 Division, proceeded with a few men. On reaching the spot, he found that, from the number of the enemy (which he calculated from their heavy fire), the position could not be held without a further reinforcement. The battery was surrounded with high walls, and apparently with no outlets. Captain Galwey returned, and reported this to Major Stephenson. It was now discovered that there were with us no means by which we could destroy or dismantle the guns; so Major Stephenson directed the advanced party to fall back on him, which, however, they did not then do. Captain Fraser spoke in the highest terms of the gallantry of Serjeant Lidster, Madras Fusiliers, who spiked the 24-pounder, and of Corporal William Dowling, Her Majesty's 32nd Regiment, who spiked the 18-pounder gun, being at the same time under a most heavy fire from the enemy.

Finding it impossible to burst the first gun, Major Stephenson left a party to protect that gun

* No. 147. Directing a report to be made of a sortie by the troops under command of Major Stephenson, Madras Fusiliers, on the 27th September, 1857.

under a subaltern, and proceeded with Captain Raikes' Division No. 3, which he had kept with him to the advanced battery, which, as before stated, was surrounded with high walls. At this time Serjeant Lidster, previously mentioned as having spiked a gun under heavy fire, was killed. Major Stephenson called on some of the Volunteers or Guides to point out the way to the next battery; but no one knew the way, or seemed at all aware of our locality, and at this time firing being heard in our rear, Major Stephenson was compelled to retire by the way we came, it being quite impossible to go forward without guides. The three guns were left spiked, owing to want of means to destroy them. On the return of the party, it was exposed to a very destructive fire from the enemy, from the tops of houses and loop-holes, and from want of means it was most difficult to take away our killed and wounded. One Serjeant, severely wounded, and since dead, must have been left on the ground, had not a private of the 32nd Regiment, in the most gallant manner, with the assistance of Captain Galwey, taken him up and carried him to a place of safety. Lieutenant Huxham, 48th Bengal Native Infantry, was wounded.

I enclose a return of the killed and wounded of the 1st Madras Fusiliers on this occasion.

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M. GALWEY, Captain,
Commanding 1st Madras Fusiliers.

No. 29.

Nominal Roll of Killed and Wounded of the 1st Madras Fusiliers, during the Attack on the Enemy's Batteries on the 27th of September, 1857.

Lucknow, November 5, 1857.

Killed.

6th Co. Serjeant Thomas Lidster.
2nd Co. Corporal Michael Shannahan.
9th Co. Corporal John Barrett.
3rd Co. Private William Gibbons.

Wounded.

10th Co. Serjeant Edward Edwards, severely.
Died 6th October, 1857.
2nd Co. Corporal Frederick Flegg, severely.
1st Co. Corporal John Traynor, slightly.
5th Co. Private Charles Brown, severely.
3rd Co. Private Thomas Quinlan, slightly.
8th Co. Private Timothy McCarthy, severely.
2nd Co. Private Joseph Hayes, severely. Died
29th September, 1857.

M. GALWEY, Captain,
Commanding 1st Madras Fusiliers.

No. 30.

Lieutenant A. C. Warner, Adjutant 7th Light Cavalry, to Captain Wilson, Officiating Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General, Lucknow Garrison.

SIR, *Lucknow, November 7th, 1857.*

AGREEABLY to instructions received, I have the honour to report as follows.

In consequence of there being no available officers with Her Majesty's 32nd Regiment, I was selected to command a party of that corps on the 27th September in a sortie for the purpose of capturing some of the enemy's guns, in a battery opposite to our Cawnpore battery.

We paraded about 2 P.M., with the Madras Fusiliers, and marched out of the Bailey Guard Gate,