

my party in advance, the whole under command of Major Stephenson, of the Madras Fusiliers. We proceeded through the "Terec Kotee," across the road in rear of the Clock Tower, and then took ground to our right. Immediately we had crossed the road, we became exposed to the enemy's fire, and made a rush across a large court-yard through a door-way to our right. After passing through a succession of narrow streets and holes in the walls, we arrived at the Cawnpore-road. We then came on one of the enemy's guns, which was firing grape down the Cawnpore-road. I took my party to one side of the embrasure, and on receiving the word of command, we rushed in, headed by Major Stephenson. The enemy abandoned their gun, and a Naick of the 13th Regiment, "Kalka Tewaree," spiked it. We then endeavoured to burst it; but owing to the absence of water and other materials failed.

While we were attempting to burst this gun, a party of men under Captain Fraser, of the Madras Fusiliers, went on to another battery of the enemy's which was further in advance.

Shortly after this, the party under my command went with Captain Galwey and some of his men to reinforce Captain Fraser. On arriving near his position, we found the enemy in great force on all sides of us, keeping up a very heavy fire. We then retreated, by order of Major Stephenson, on the main body. One of the Madras Fusilier Serjeants being badly wounded, Captain Galwey, Lieutenant Mecham, 27th Madras Native Infantry, Private Smith, Her Majesty's 32nd, and myself, with great difficulty, managed to get him back to the main body. This private was, I regret to say, killed in the retreat. Major Stephenson then ordered us to retreat, which was done by the same route by which we had advanced. During the retreat, we were exposed to a heavy fire from the houses. The conduct of Corporal Cooney and Private Smith, of the 32nd, who were both killed, was most noble.

I enclose a return on the killed and wounded of Her Majesty's 32nd Regiment on this occasion.

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ASHTON C. WARNER, Lieutenant,  
Adjutant 7th Light Cavalry,  
Commanding a party of H.M.'s 32nd Regiment.

No. 31.

*Return of Men of Her Majesty's 32nd Regiment Killed and Wounded in a Sortie made near the Cawnpore Battery, on the 27th of September, 1857.*

3 rank and file killed; 1 serjeant, 4 rank and file wounded.—Total, 8.

E. W. D. LOWE, Captain,  
Commanding H.M.'s 32nd Regiment.  
ASHTON C. WARNER, Lieutenant,  
7th Light Cavalry,  
Commanding Party of H.M.'s 32nd Regiment.

No. 32.

MEMORANDUM regarding the Sortie of the 27th September.

*Chuttur Munzil, Nov. 8th, 1857.*

ON the 26th September I was warned by Brigadier Inglis to lead a party from the brigade mess, and, having taken the guns in its front, to circle leftwards, taking or destroying all the guns on the way, till we should reach our own position at the jail or Terec Kotee. The party, however, that was told off for this purpose on the 26th, was re-

quired to help in the heavy guns and rear guard from the Motee Mehal, and the sortie was therefore temporarily deferred.

2. Having next morning mentioned the proposed sortie to Lieutenant Anderson, Garrison Engineer, at the Fureed Buksh, he stated his opinion of the advisability of the sortie debouching from the jail and going in rear of the square house, and proceeding thence in a direction parallel to the road, by which plan we should start fair from our own ground, probably hit on the enemy's usual route, and take the guns in rear.

3. The sortie having been re-arranged for the afternoon of the 27th, Lieutenant Anderson proposed to guide it himself. The party was (as I learnt on reaching the first house attacked) commanded by Major Stephenson, of the Madras Fusiliers, and the party to explode the guns consisted of artillerymen under the command of Captain Evans. Two Sepoys of the 13th Native Infantry accompanied us, under my orders, with picks, to help in knocking down obstacles, should it be necessary.

4. Lieutenant Anderson led the party out by the Terec Kotee and jail, and rear of the square house to the building now forming the left of the Highlanders' position. The enemy being in possession of it, it was attacked; but the party never appeared to enter the rooms and clear them; it only remained in or rushed through the court-yards and passages, shooting or bayonetting such of the enemy as voluntarily came out.

5. The correct place for debouching from the house was on the same side, only further advanced, as that at which we had entered it, and, as I afterwards found, Lieutenant Anderson was waiting there to lead the men out, as soon as they should have taken possession of the house. But waiting for no guidance, they left the house at the point which they reached on rushing through it, and immediately found themselves on the road. Hearing a call for an engineer officer, I went forward, and found the party on the road in front of an embrasure, which was shortly afterwards charged, and the gun taken. Not forty men were present for the first ten minutes, and although Captain Evans and my two Sepoys were there, the rest of the explosion party were among the absentees. After waiting ten minutes, and Major Stephenson getting impatient, Captain Evans, hopeless of the arrival of the bursting party and material, spiked the gun. This was no sooner done than they arrived, and the subsequent attempt to blow up the gun was a failure, from the vent being filled up by the spike. During the attempt to burst the gun, an officer (Captain Galwey I believe) came to report the capture of two other guns, the spiking of one of them, and the necessity for reinforcement. Major Stephenson having advanced towards them, asked me where we were, and what was to be done. As to what was to be done, on enquiry from Captain Evans it appeared that the men had drunk all the water reserved to moisten the clay to tamp the guns, that in fact he could not burst them, and there were no spikes present with which to spike them. I therefore said that, wherever we might go, we could destroy no more guns, and that consequently to return to the entrenchment seemed to me advisable. As to where we were, I said, I thought we were at the battery on the left of the Cawnpore road, which opinion was also expressed by Mr. Cavanagh. Mr. Phillips, our real guide, could give no opinion at all. To make certain of the locality, I told Major Stephenson I would cross the road and reconnoitre, which I accordingly did, and found that my conjecture had been correct. On my returning, the party had commenced its