

No. 34.

Lieutenant J. C. Anderson, Garrison Engineer, to  
Colonel R. Napier, Military Secretary, &c.

Lucknow, October 19, 1857.

**SORTIE** on the 29th September, from the left square brigade mess, for the object of destroying the enemy's guns left in front of brigade mess, in front of Cawnpore battery, and on the left of the Cawnpore road.

**THIS** sortie proceeded simultaneously with two others— one from the Seikh Square to the right of the Brigade Mess, and another from the Redan towards the Iron Bridge, led by Captain McCabe, Her Majesty's 32nd Regiment, with a few of the men of his regiment, who had, during the siege, been on duty on the posts opposite the position to be attacked. The whole strength of the sortieing party was 200 men, with a reserve of 150 men.

At daylight the party issued from an opening in the Brigade Mess wall, and formed up under cover of a wall which runs parallel to the other at the distance of a few paces. The advance was then made in file, the men having to scramble over the debris of a house which had been blown down on a former occasion, and a rush made direct on the enemy's gun, 18-pounder, which lay behind a breastwork, at a distance of 80 yards from the Brigade Mess. The gunners fired two rounds at us when we made our appearance, but before they could fire again, we had scaled their battery and driven them to flight. We then proceeded to force a building immediately to the left of the gun. The lower story was quickly occupied. Captain McCabe, the gallant leader of many former sorties, was mortally wounded in the operation, and some delay having in consequence occurred, a few of the enemy in the upper story had time to kill and wound several of our men before they were attacked and bayoneted. After the house had been taken possession of, a picquet of 25 men was left to hold it, while the main body of our men proceeded along a narrow lane, under command of Major Simmons, Her Majesty's 5th Fusiliers, to occupy two large buildings, about 60 and 80 yards, respectively, in advance of the first, with several other smaller buildings adjoining; the loss to the enemy in all being probably above 30 men. On our side we had the misfortune to lose Major Simmons, who was killed by a musket shot while leading his men into the most advanced building. We had now progressed to a position from which we had a view of the enemy's 18-pounder gun in front of the Cawnpore battery. It lay in a lane running towards the Cawnpore road, the end of which was barricaded and loopholed; and directly in line with it, on the opposite side of the road, the enemy occupied a house from which they kept up a hot musketry fire on our position.

I then sent for the reserve, and desired that an officer of rank might be sent to command the whole party. General Sir J. Outram having become acquainted with our progress, sent word that, unless further advance could be made without danger of considerable loss, the design of proceeding against the enemy's gun, now in our view, should be abandoned, and that the party should retire after destroying in succession the houses we had taken possession of. After consulting with Captain Evans (attached to the Artillery), who had meanwhile destroyed the enemy's gun, which we left at the first house, and also a 6-pounder gun in its neighbourhood, I returned a reply to the General that further advance could not be made without considerable loss, and I proceeded to demolish the three large houses we held, commencing with the one furthest in advance, and withdrawing

the party gradually to the rear. This operation, in which 13 barrels of powder were expended, destroyed the principal musketry cover of the enemy against our defences between the Brigade Mess and Cawnpore Battery, and the destruction of the guns in front of the latter, together with that effected by the sortieing parties acting in conjunction with us to the right, has relieved a considerable portion of our work from serious annoyance.

The party returned about 9½ A.M.

J. C. ANDERSON, Lieutenant,  
Garrison Engineer.

No. 35.

Lieutenant J. C. Anderson, Garrison Engineer,  
to Captain Wilson, Deputy Adjutant-General,  
Lucknow Garrison.

SIR,

Post Office, October 28, 1857.

I HAVE the honour to forward for the Brigadier's information, and for transmission to Colonel Napier, reports of the three sorties which took place on the 29th ultimo.

These Reports were prepared by Colonel Napier's order, conveyed in a demi-official note.

I have, &c.,

J. C. ANDERSON, Lieutenant,  
Garrison Engineer.

No. 36.

Return of Casualties—Sortie from left Square,  
Brigade Mess, on 29th September, 1857.

Lucknow, October 19, 1857.

	Killed.	Wounded.	
Her Majesty's 5th Fusiliers—			
Major Simmons . . . .	1	0	
Rank and File . . . . .	0	6	
Her Majesty's 32nd Regiment—			
Captain McCabe . . . .	0	1	Since dead.
Rank and File . . . . .	1	2	Since dead.
Her Majesty's 90th Light Infantry . . . . .	0	0	
Total . . . . .	2	9	

J. C. ANDERSON, Lieutenant,  
Garrison Engineer.

No. 37.

Return of the Number of Casualties which occurred  
in the party of the 78th Highlanders, commanded  
by Captain G. A. Lockhart, on the 29th ultimo,  
against the Right Front Brigade Mess.

Lucknow, October 21, 1857.

Captain G. A. Lockhart, wounded.  
Private James Scott, killed.  
Sergeant James Young, wounded.  
Corporal Joseph Andrews, wounded.  
Private Robert Kerr, wounded.  
Private Francis Morris, wounded.  
Private David Rewitt, wounded.  
Private James Callaghan, wounded.

1 Officer, wounded.

1 Private, killed.

1 Sergeant, 1 corporal, and

4 privates, wounded.

G. A. LOCKHART, Captain,  
Commanding 78th Highlanders.