

No. 4.

Lieutenant-Colonel E. H. Greathed, Commanding Moveable Column, to Captain Stewart, Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General, Delhi.

*Boolundshuhur,
September 29, 1857.*

SIR

IN continuation of my Report of yesterday's date, I have the honour to report to you, for the information of the Major-General commanding, that on my arrival at Boolundshuhur with the main column yesterday morning, I received a report that the enemy occupied a strong position at the fork of two roads behind a breast-work, in which two guns were at first said to be posted. It appeared afterwards there were six, of which two were 9-pounders. I immediately sent Her Majesty's 8th and two guns as a reinforcement to those already in advance. I afterwards brought up Captain Bouchier's Light Field Battery, Her Majesty's 75th Regiment, and the 2nd Punjaub Infantry, leaving Major Turner, H. A., in command of the Reserve, consisting of one troop of Horse Artillery, 4th Punjaub Infantry, and the 2nd Punjaub Cavalry.

The action was maintained on the part of the enemy's guns with great spirit for a very considerable time, notwithstanding the admirable practice of Captain Bouchier's Battery on the right and the cross fire from Captain Remington's guns on the left road. I had in the meantime pushed forward in the centre, between the guns, which were supported by cavalry and infantry, and in advance of the position first occupied by Major Ouvry, as mentioned in that officer's report, and also on the right of Captain Bouchier's Battery, in the centre of Her Majesty's 75th, and on the right Her Majesty's 8th and 2nd Punjaub Infantry, with directions to clear the strong positions held by the rebels. This duty was well performed by the 8th under Captain Hinde, the 75th under Major Gordon, and the 2nd Punjaub Infantry under Captain Green. Seeing that the flanks were protected, I ordered Captain Bouchier to advance, which he did at a gallop. At the same time Her Majesty's 75th cleared the enclosures in the centre, and advanced with a cheer, and the rebels deserted their entrenchments, leaving one 9-pounder in our hands.

The cavalry then advanced by the two roads at a gallop, and I have the honour to refer you, for the particulars of the conduct of both artillery and cavalry, to the Reports of Major Turner and Major Ouvry. During the action the enemy's cavalry menaced both my flanks in considerable numbers, but was uniformly driven off with considerable loss. After I had cleared the town, I encamped on the other side of the bridge, over the Kalee Nuddee, on the Anoopshuhur road with the intention of marching to Malagurh this morning. In the afternoon intelligence was brought to me that the fort had been completely evacuated, and that Wallee Dad had fled to Anoopshuhur.

I sent over 50 sowars immediately to take possession of this fort, which I visited this morning, and made arrangements for its immediate destruction: these will be completed to-morrow, and as soon as I have made arrangements for my wounded, I shall march towards Anoopshuhur.

I have the honour to request that you will draw the favourable consideration of the Major-General to the Reports of Major Turner and Major Ouvry, and to the mention they have made of the officers and soldiers mentioned in them. When all did their duty entirely, it is difficult and invidious to draw distinctions; but I must be permitted to express my best thanks to Major Turner for the

uniform assistance and kind counsel he has afforded me on every occasion. The conduct of Captain Bouchier and his officers and men in the management of their battery was the subject of my admiration, as they were immediately under my own eye throughout.

The activity and judgment of Major Ouvry has been conspicuous throughout, and in the affair of yesterday he gave me the most zealous assistance in every point where he could be of service. I trust that the wound of Captain Drysdale, commanding the 9th Lancers, whose horse was shot dead under him when most gallantly charging at the head of his regiment, will not deprive the Government of his services for any lengthened period. Every officer and man in the force appeared to forget fatigue in their determination to drive the rebels from the position they had taken in our front.

I received the most effective aid from those excellent officers, Captain Norman, Assistant Adjutant-General, and Captain Roberts, Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General; also from my Brigade Major, Captain Bannatyne, and my Orderly Officer, Lieutenant Ximeves, of the 8th Regiment.

Mr. Sapte, C.S., was kind enough to accompany me throughout, and to give me much assistance.

I have, &c.

E. H. GREATHED, Lieutenant-Colonel,
Commanding Moveable Column.

No. 5.

Major H. A. Ouvry, Her Majesty's 9th Lancers, Commanding Cavalry Brigade, to Lieutenant-Colonel Greathed, Commanding Moveable Column, Boolundshuhur.

*Camp, Boolundshuhur,
September 28th, 1857.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to inform you, that I preceded the column of march, according to your order this morning. On my advanced guard of Light Cavalry arriving near the town of Boolundshuhur, it was observed to be occupied by the enemy in force, who had a breast-work across the road and guns in position.

I immediately ordered guns to the front, which advanced within 500 yards of the breastwork. The enemy then opened with a round shot, which was replied to by our guns.

Having received most valuable information from Lieutenant Roberts, Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General, that there was a road on my right, by which I could take the enemy's breast-work in flank, I called a reinforcement of artillery to the front and posted them on this road, when they did excellent service.

The Kutcherry, a pukka building, I also occupied with 100 infantry, who were sent to the front at my request.

At this period, you having arrived on the spot with the infantry, I went to the left to take the command of the cavalry, with whom I had previously posted a division of Horse Artillery, which I ordered to open fire on the right flank of the enemy's position.

After a very hot and well-sustained fire of two hours, I observed you advancing your infantry and guns on the enemy's left flank, driving them before you from their position.

As I also observed that they were flying on the road to Gurmucktesir Ghât, and towards Malagurh, I ordered Her Majesty's 9th Lancers to advance in pursuit, followed by the division of artillery.