

the village of Goraria, their right centre covered by a date nulla and lines of date-trees, their battery of six guns on rising ground, with a large mud hut protecting their gunners, and their left stretched along the ridge running east from the village. My line advanced, covered by skirmishers; the enemy's infantry, with banners flying (many of them green), moved down to meet us through the intermediate fields of high jowarree, and their guns opened fire. I immediately halted my line, and replied to the fire with Captains Hungerford and Woolcombe's batteries, at a range of about 900 yards. After a few rounds, I again advanced the line, and permitted Captain Hungerford to move his half battery to a position on our right front, from which he could enfilade the enemy. After an advance of about 300 yards, our line was again halted, and firing resumed, that from both batteries being very effective. A most gallant charge was then made on the enemy's guns by the escort of Her Majesty's 14th Light Dragoons attached to Captain Hungerford, under Lieutenant Martin, who found, however, that the position was still very strongly held by the enemy's infantry, and was compelled to retire, he himself being very severely wounded. Captain Hungerford's half battery was again advanced to within 100 yards, and, after a round or two of grape, the guns were at once again charged and captured, the enemy flying in great numbers into the village to their right. The 3rd Regiment Cavalry Hyderabad Contingent, under Captain S. Orr, was just at this moment rapidly advanced by our right front, and, having been wheeled to the left, it swept down upon them in their retreat, and killed great numbers. Our line then changed front about the eighth of a circle, right thrown forward, and moved steadily on the village, which evidently held great numbers of the enemy; their skirmishers disputed our advance, but were soon driven back. Having halted within about 300 yards of the village, our artillery opened upon it with shot and shell, after which I directed the infantry to advance and carry it. The men of the 86th and 25th Regiments dashed forward in the most gallant manner, and, having entered the village, commenced to drive all before them. They soon met, however, with very warm opposition, the enemy having taken possession in great force of many houses, from which a most harassing fire was kept up on our men. Under these circumstances, and as, moreover, I could get no satisfactory accounts of what was passing in my rear, which I knew, from the firing I heard, as also from the pressing applications I had received for reinforcements, had been warmly engaged, I recalled the infantry, and posted strong picquets all round the village, and moved the remainder of the men a short distance off, to where the baggage had been passed up from the rear. I then learnt that during the afternoon, when we were hotly engaged in the front, a strong body of the enemy from Mundisore attacked our rear, and endeavoured to carry off the siege train, baggage, &c.; they were, however, most gallantly repulsed on every occasion. In one of these attacks I regret to say that Lieutenant Redmayne, Her Majesty's 14th Light Dragoons, was killed, while most bravely leading his men against the enemy. Notwithstanding the many attempts made by the enemy to press upon and harass our rear, it gives me great satisfaction to be able to state that not a particle of baggage was lost, nor a follower injured. On this occasion Lieutenant Leith, commanding a squadron 14th Light Dragoons, appears to have done good service; as also Lieutenant Fenwick, 25th Regiment Native Infantry, in charge of the baggage. Gunner Maitland, of the Bengal Artillery; and Gunner Thomson, of the Bombay Artillery, also distinguished themselves, by assist-

ing to work the heavy guns most effectively against the enemy.

5. On the 24th instant, I arranged with Captain Hungerford, Commandant of Artillery, that the village of Goraria, in which the rebels had taken refuge, should be well shelled and again assaulted by the infantry. Accordingly, I moved up to it about noon, and found that the enemy were as I had left them the preceding evening, excepting that a few had attempted to escape, nearly all of whom were killed. After a heavy fire of three hours duration, the detachment, Her Majesty's 86th Regiment, under command of Major Keane, and the 25th Regiment Native Infantry, under Major Robertson, again stormed the village, and carried it, killing great numbers of the enemy, they themselves also suffering severely. At sunset I withdrew the troops, intending to move against the fort of Mundisore the next day. Early, however, on the morning of the 25th instant, intelligence reached me that the enemy had during the night completely evacuated Mundisore, and were scattered in flight throughout the country in various directions, having lost, it is computed, about fifteen hundred of their number during our operations against them. I accordingly removed my camp to Mundisore, and am now engaged in dismantling the fort, destroying the guns, &c., before leaving this neighbourhood.

6. By the successful operations of the Malwa Field Force and Field Force Hyderabad Contingent in the vicinity of Mundisore, the Neemuch garrison has been relieved from the assault with which it was threatened; the insurgent rebels have been dispersed from their stronghold, in which for months past they have been daily collecting all those disaffected to our rule, and peace and order will now, it is to be hoped, be re-established in these districts.

7. I must now, in conclusion, place on record my grateful acknowledgments to Colonel Durand, Officiating Agent to the Governor-General for Central India, for his cordial assistance to me on all occasions. He was present in the field throughout the operations, and gave me the benefit of his advice, which proved of great service to me. Major Orr, Commanding Field Force Hyderabad Contingent, most ably co-operated with me on all occasions; and to him, and all under his command, I am very much indebted. To Major Boileau, Field Engineer, and his assistants, Lieutenants Prendergast (severely wounded) and Gordon; to Captain Mayne, Intelligence Department; to Captain Coley, Major of Brigade; to Lieutenant Macdonald, Deputy-Assistant Quartermaster General; to Lieutenant Thain, Sub-Assistant Commissary General; and to Surgeon Mackenzie, Staff Surgeon, my warmest thanks are due; the assistance rendered me by these officers left me nothing to wish for. A perusal of the report made by Captain Gall, commanding left wing Her Majesty's 14th Light Dragoons, will convey to his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief some idea of the good service performed by all ranks under his command. I most fully concur in Captain Gall's report, and beg to commend to the consideration of his Excellency all the officers and men mentioned by him. Of Captain Gall himself, I must in justice add, that a more able, zealous, and hard-working officer I have never met with, nor one more worthy of distinction. Of Captain Orr, 3rd Regiment Cavalry Hyderabad Contingent, and the officers and men under his command, I have already had reason to send the most favourable report to the Resident at Hyderabad. On this last occasion nothing could surpass the bravery shown by all ranks of this regiment. Captain Orr himself