

No. 8.

General Return of Killed and Wounded of the Moveable Column under command of Colonel Seaton, C.B.

Camp, December 14, 1857.

Detachment Her Majesty's 6th Dragoon Guards.

Killed in action—2 Captains, 1 Lieutenant, 3 privates—Total 6.

Wounded mortally—1 private.

Wounded severely—2 serjeants, 2 privates—Total 4.

Wounded slightly—1 farrier, 8 privates—Total 9.

Detachment Her Majesty's 9th Lancers.

Killed in action—2 privates.

Wounded dangerously—1 Captain.

Wounded slightly—2 privates.

Hodson's Horse.

Killed in action—1 resaldar, 3 sowars—Total 4.

Wounded dangerously—1 duffadar, 1 sowar—Total 2.

Wounded severely—6 sowars.

Wounded slightly—1 duffadar, 10 sowars—Total 11.

Grand Total—3 Captains, 1 Lieutenant, 2 serjeants, 1 farrier, 18 privates, 1 resaldar, 2 duffadars, 20 sowars—Total 48.

Captain Wardlaw, Her Majesty's 6th Dragoon Guards, killed.

Captain Hudson, Her Majesty's 6th Dragoon Guards, killed.

Lieutenant Vyse, Her Majesty's 6th Dragoon Guards, killed.

Captain Head, Her Majesty's 9th Lancers, dangerously wounded.

J. B. BROUGHAM, Medical Surgeon,
Senior Surgeon with the Force.

No. 9.

Lieutenant-Colonel Seaton, C.B., Commanding Moveable Column, to Captain Stewart, Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General.

SIR, Camp, Puttiallee, December 18, 1857.

I HAVE the honor to report, for the information of the Major-General commanding Delhi Field Force, that I marched with the force, as per margin,* from Suhawur, at daylight yesterday.

Having reason to believe the enemy might be at Puttiallee, I strengthened my advanced guard with Cavalry and 2 Horse Artillery guns, whilst Captain Hodson went forward with a large party of his regiment, throwing out reconnoitring parties on each flank, so as to give timely notice and prevent all chance of a surprise.

Soon after the column had cleared the village of Serai Nawabgunge, about four miles west of this place, I received intimation from Captain Hodson that the enemy's videttes were close in his front, had fired on his party, and retired slowly as he advanced. I immediately sent on the two Horse Artillery guns attached to the advance guard under Lieutenant Deroin to join Captain Hodson, at the same time forming the infantry up in quarter distance columns, at deploying distance to the right of the road, with guns on each flank, and the whole of my cavalry on my extreme right.

* ARTILLERY.—2 18-pounder guns. 1 8½-pounder howitzer. 6 9-pounder H. A. guns. 2 6-pounder H. A. guns.

CAVALRY.—1st Troop 6th Carabineers. Detachment 9th Lancers. Hodson's Horse.

INFANTRY.—1st Bengal Fusiliers. 100 3rd Europeans. 7th Punjab Infantry. 2 Cos. Sappers.

Having sent orders to Captain Hodson not to engage the enemy further, I took the opportunity of serving out the bread and grog to the men, thus allowing time for the heavy guns, under Lieutenant Gillespie, to arrive. By this time the enemy had opened fire from three guns at Captain Hodson's party, unreplied to by us, until I had got my infantry near enough to act effectively, should the enemy stand. I now directed Lieutenant-Colonel Kinleside to bring his artillery into action, which was at once and most effectually done.

Four Horse Artillery guns, under Lieutenants Deroin and Griffin, dashed to our immediate front, whilst four more, under Lieutenant Bishop, taking a detour to the right and wheeling into line, took the enemy in flank. The enemy, meantime, had shown his strength, and opened eleven guns, some of heavy calibre, upon us. By this time the infantry and heavy guns topped the rise which had previously hidden them, and the sun, being to the back of the foe, shone directly on us, exposing a front so formidable as to deprive him of all further courage to resist. His fire slackened, and at last ceased altogether, and the Horse Artillery, limbering up, charged, with some of Hodson's Horse, right into the enemy's camp, capturing several guns in position, all the camp, magazine, &c., and cutting down numbers of the gunners.

My object in keeping so large a body of my cavalry on my right was now attained, as, instead of going through the town, and being checked by the numbers of enclosures, gardens, &c., which extend for more than a mile to its east, they went round, and thus came into the open plain beyond, on more even terms with the enemy. Colonel Kinleside got quickly through the town, and, joining the cavalry beyond, carried on the pursuit with them. This was kept up for seven miles. The enemy were cut down on all sides, whilst many were drowned in endeavouring to cross the wheels of the Boor Gungha to our left, or shot in the water. Several guns, tumbrils, &c., were taken in this pursuit.

Meantime, directing Captain Stafford with his regiment to take charge of the enemy's camp and the captured guns, I requested Major Eld to skirmish through the gardens with the infantry. This was most efficiently performed, and numbers of the enemy killed.

In this engagement 12 guns and many tumbrils were captured, a list of which I have the honor to enclose, and I estimate the loss of the enemy to be over 700 killed. I might with safety estimate their loss much higher.

My own loss, as the Major-General will perceive from the accompanying return, was most trifling.

In this, as in the late affair at Gungeree, the artillery and cavalry were principally engaged, and in fact the action was fought by them. I cannot speak too highly in their praise, and I beg to mention to the Major-General, Colonel Kinleside, who commanded the whole of the artillery, and Lieutenants Bishop, Deroin, and Griffin, who served under him.

To Lieutenant Russell, who commanded the Dragoons, and his brave comrades, my thanks are specially due for their gallantry in action, and the vigour of their pursuit.

After the action at Gungeree, I specially mentioned Captain Hodson and his regiment. I can but repeat what I then said, and beg that the Major-General will be good enough to bring this officer, and his great and important services, to the special notice of his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief. The infantry had no opportunity of coming in contact with the enemy; but I must beg to mention to the Major-General that, on all occasions,