

Her Majesty's 95th Regiment, the enemy made off in every direction in which they could see a chance of escape.

9. Many were shot and bayoneted; many escaped by letting themselves down by ropes from the walls, and others threw themselves over, and were dashed to pieces. Some occupied houses, and fought till slain. Lieutenant-Colonel Holmes, finding that Brigadier Parke had possession of the Soorujpole gate and Joorawan bastion, both considered the keys of the place, with marked spirit and energy pushed on, and took a number of guns, particularly those in a detached work called the Futtay ghurree; and entering through the gate from the Rampoor division of the town, took the Lalpoora gate. The reserve,* under Brigadier Macan, was pushed along to the left, and went on gallantly, till it communicated with Colonel Holmes's column at the Rampoor gate.

10. By half-past 2 p.m., Kotah was completely in our hands. I left in the afternoon sufficient troops in the city, and at the gates, to secure our success, and withdrew the remainder to our camp.

11. From several explosions of powder our loss has been more than I had expected. I may, however, be permitted to congratulate his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief on the smallness of it, when compared with the magnitude of the work to be accomplished. The gallantry of the troops, European and native, and good judgment of the officers in command of the columns, greatly tended to this.

12. I beg to bring to his Excellency's notice the immense aid I received from Major Tremehere, commanding Engineers, and of Captain Cumberland, and the officers of Her Majesty's and the East India Company's Engineers, and Sappers and Miners. The work of the Artillery has been almost beyond belief, Lieutenant-Colonel Blake commanding up to noon 29th inst.; Captain Aitken and Petrie, and Lieutenant Brown, with their officers under them, deserve the highest praise. There being no reserve artillerymen, I was obliged to take men from the Horse Artillery and Field Batteries; and Lieutenant-Colonel Price, of the Royal Artillery, who arrived and took command on the 29th, and to whom I am much indebted, informs me that the men working the siege guns had been on duty without intermission for 36 and 48 hours.

13. To Major Wray, Field Commissary of Ordnance, my most especial thanks are due for the uninterrupted hard work and the energy he has displayed throughout. The several Brigadiers have conveyed to me their marked approbation of their Staff Officers.

14. The superintendence of the Medical Department, under Doctor Burn, and the arrangements for the Field Hospital, under Field-Surgeon Hockin, were very satisfactory.

15. The Commissariat, under that able officer, Captain Lucas, left me nothing to desire. His arrangements have been most complete throughout.

16. The able and ever ready assistance afforded me by my personal Staff, I have most thankfully to acknowledge. The nature of the operations required much energy and exertion from them all; it was unsparingly given, and I would beg to bring to his Excellency's most favourable notice the names of Captain Hardy, Assistant Adjutant-General, Captain Ballard, C.B., Assistant-Quartermaster-General, and Lieutenant Newall, my aide-de-camp, all of whom were nearly the whole day engaged in the city with the columns conveying

my orders. I should not omit to bring to his Excellency's favourable notice the good services rendered by Lieutenant Heathcote, Deputy Assistant-Quartermaster-General.

I need hardly say that the arrangements for crossing the river, and march of the columns through the Rajah's part of the town, were so good that no confusion occurred of any sort. I must not omit a conspicuous act of gallantry performed by Lieutenant Cameron, Her Majesty's 72d Highlanders, reported by Brigadier Parke, as having headed an attack up a narrow entrance of a house, defended by a party of desperate men, two of whom he slew, and was himself desperately wounded.

17. My escort, composed of a party of Guzerat Irregular Horse, under a most able native officer, Meer Mahomed Ally, did me good service.

18. Above 400 of the enemy were killed, and numbers of prisoners taken, some of whom have been tried and executed; others await trial.

19. The conduct of the detachments of native infantry, of the 10th, 12th, and 13th Regiments, deserve the highest praise.

20. I regret there was no opportunity for the Cavalry to distinguish themselves in these operations; but the 1st Lancers, under Captain Anderson, detachment of the 2nd Cavalry, under Captain Simpson, and Scinde Horse, under Major Malcolm Green, the whole under the direction of Lieutenant-Colonel Owen, have shown the best spirit throughout, and performed the harassing duties of outpost and patrol in a manner to have earned my warmest thanks. They are now joined by a squadron of Her Majesty's 8th Hussars and Colonel Blake's Troop of Horse Artillery, in pursuit of the enemy, and, should opportunity offer, I have no doubt of having the gratification of reporting a splendid result.

21. As the first object of attack was to seize the Joorawan bastion and Soorujpole gate, I had placed the Cavalry at Gaumuchford to watch the only outlet, namely, the Lalpoora gate; but the rebels had in the morning taken their moveable guns out at the Soorujpole gate, many accompanying them, and, when they saw how the day went, they fled. These two gates, two miles apart, are separated by a belt of thick jungle, stretching out for many miles, quite unfit for cavalry manœuvres, and, moreover, entirely secured the enemy from view.

22. I cannot close this despatch without tendering to Brigadier-General Lawrence, Officiating Governor-General's Agent in Rajpootana, who accompanied me from Nusseerabad, and was with me during the assault, my best thanks for the unwearied aid afforded me by him. I would also beg to bring to most favourable notice the services of Captain Macdonald and his corps of Meenas, who joined me on the march. They have most willingly made themselves useful in many ways, guarding baggage, escorting prisoners, and, as working parties, have elicited the admiration of both Engineer and Artillery Officers observant of them. They were at the Pattunpole gate, and most eager to be employed in the assault, had I required their services on that duty.

23. I beg to enclose a list of casualties and return of captured Ordnance. The latter has subsequently been found not complete; a supplementary return shall be forwarded.

24. A more accurate plan shall be forwarded directly the Engineers have completed their survey now proceeding.

I have, &c.,

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Commanding Rajpootana Field Force

* 250 Her Majesty's 83rd Regiment, under Lieutenant-Colonel Heat'ey; 250 13th Regiment N.I., under Captain Stuart.