

into the wood and position the enemy had occupied. Before the enemy retired Captain Sotheby had ordered two or three rockets from the left to be thrown into the direction of the enemy at about 2,000 yards, one of them setting fire to the village on the enemy's right. On advancing to attack I felt anxious to be reinforced on account of the weakness of my column; and, not knowing what numbers the enemy might bring up from their rear, and feeling certain the enemy must have completely retired from the left column, as there had been little or no firing since I left it, I availed myself of the Commissioner, Mr. Wingfield's services, who was well mounted, to carry orders to Major Cox and Captain Sotheby to join me without delay, sending forward the left squadron Bengal Yeomanry Cavalry quickly in advance, both my Orderly Troopers' horses being too fagged to move rapidly. In consequence of a nullah with deep water and mud between, us the left column had to move a considerable distance round by the rear to join me, and by the time they came up the enemy had completely retired towards Belwa. After the troops had rested a little and obtained water, and there being no enemy in sight, we returned to camp, reaching it about 7 P.M.

I am happy to say we had no casualties, but the troops had to encounter great fatigue and great heat during operations, taking up nearly the entire day, and most zealously and cheerfully did the officers and men of all arms go through it, though not without adding, I regret to say, to our sick list. The enemy were reported to be about 4,000 Sepoys and Irregulars, 150 Sowars, and 4 guns. One tumbrel, with some ammunition, was captured and brought in the next morning by a detachment of the Bengal Yeomanry Cavalry. The enemy are reported to have lost, killed and wounded, about 60 or 80. The rebels are very quick and expert in carrying off their killed and wounded, especially the latter, from their great dread of falling prisoners.

My best thanks are due to Major Cox, Her Majesty's 13th Light Infantry; Captain Sotheby, R.N., of Her Majesty's ship Pearl; to Major Richardson, Commanding Yeomanry Cavalry; to Captain Barclay, 68th Native Infantry, in military charge of the Gorucknath Regiment; and to my Major of Brigade, Captain Morgan, 22nd Native Infantry, who has so often and constantly attended me in the field, for their zealous services, and to Lieutenant and Adjutant Rowley, Her Majesty's 13th Light Infantry, who was most active and intelligent as my Orderly Officer during the chief part of the day. The zealous, active services of my acting aide-de-camp, the Honourable V. A. Montague, I am sorry I lost on this day, from his being on the sick list. My best thanks are also due to Colonel Byroop Singh Kooer, and to Major-Captain Sewukram Thappa, of the Gorucknath Regiment, for their zealous exertions with their men, and to all the officers and men of all arms engaged in action during these operations, for their unwearied and cheerful exertions. I was very glad to avail myself of the services of Captain Brooks, 1st Cavalry, though on the sick list, to take charge of our camp, and the few details of troops I could allow for its protection. To Mr. Wingfield, the Commissioner, my best thanks are due, for his kind readiness to afford me every assistance in the field, and also to Deputy-Magistrate Shekh Kairoodeen, present in the field, and ready and active in giving every assistance. I beg to bring all to the most favourable notice of the Governor-General, the Right Honorable Viscount Canning.

I beg to annex reports from Major Cox, Her

Majesty's 13th Light Infantry, and from Captain Sotheby, R.N., having reference to the action and operations of this day, for the further information of the Right Honorable the Governor-General.

I have, &c.,  
F. ROWCROFT, Brigadier,  
Commanding Sarun Field Force.

No. 5.

Captain E. S. Sotheby, Commanding "Pearl's"  
Naval Brigade, to Brigadier Rowcroft, Com-  
manding Field Force, Camp, Amorah.

SIR, Camp, Amorah, 26th April, 1858.

I BEG to acquaint you, after leaving you yesterday, in charge with Major Cox, of the Left Wing and two small howitzers, we soon found the enemy, about 1,000, in position on the road, with two guns, and in the topes and villages on either side. A sharp fire was kept up by both parties; but as we advanced they retired, and pushing forward the skirmishers, they eventually retreated along the road, firing their guns occasionally; in doing so, having pursued them for two miles, and the heat being intense, we slowly retired about the same distance, when information was received that another body, with three guns, were firing on a small body of cavalry thrown out to watch our left flank. We immediately moved towards them, and found, at about two miles off the road, a considerable force with the Rajah of Gonda in some topes and villages. After waiting about twenty minutes to keep up communication with you, I advanced with the howitzers, and after a few shots from the enemy they retired, fourteen dead bodies being discovered in their position. We rapidly advanced on them, when Captain Chapman, with a troop of Bengal Yeomanry Cavalry, moved quickly to the right to threaten their return to Belwa, when they precipitately retreated to the Gogra, and I understand many crossed.

At it was useless pursuing any farther we halted, the men being much fatigued and many struck down by coup-de-soleil. We then retired in order to join your party, when we observed you being in hot action with another body of the enemy, and had an opportunity of throwing a few rockets right into the tope where the enemy was, and which appeared to hasten their retreat.

All the men and officers with the left wing behaved admirably, and though the enemy made very good practice with their guns I am happy to say we met with no casualties; the fatigue from the intense heat was most harassing.

I beg to inform you of the officers on the field, and strength of the Naval Brigade.

Lieutenant Turnour, with two howitzers.

Lieutenant Grant, with the seamen.

Lieutenant Pym, with the marines.

Mr. Ingles, mate, with the skirmishers, well advanced.

Mr. Foot, midshipman, with the other two howitzers.

Mr. Parkins, gunner, with rocket.

Mr. Burton, carpenter, early struck down with a coup-de-soleil.

Mr. Stephenson, my aide-de-camp, well forward with me.

Drs. Shore and Dickenson, assisted by the Reverend Mr. Williams and Mr. Bowling.

Naval Brigade, 130.

Four small 12-pounder howitzers, two of them Mountain Train.

I have, &c.,

E. S. SOTHEBY, Captain, R.N.,  
Commanding "Pearl's" Naval Brigade.