

No. 6.

Major J. W. Cox, 13th Light Infantry, to Brigadier Rowcroft.

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

HAVING, during the engagement which took place yesterday, been entrusted by you with the command of a column, as per margin,* I have the honor to report as follows as to its proceedings.

Seeing that the enemy were posted in force on the Belwa road, I at once advanced in that direction, covered by skirmishers of the 13th Light Infantry and Bengal Police Battalion, with the seamen and guns of the Naval Brigade, supported by the Ghoorkhas and the squadron of cavalry on the left flank. We soon came within range of the enemy's guns (9-pounders), and were for a short time exposed to a sharp fire from them, but continued steadily to advance, Captain Sotheby taking every opportunity to bring his howitzers into action. We moved on in this manner for nearly three miles, and drove the enemy clear away from our front.

I then halted for about half an hour, when, being informed by the cavalry patrol which I had sent out on our left, that the enemy were forming up in that direction with three guns and 1,500 men, I immediately started off and took up a position opposite them, keeping them occupied with our guns and skirmishers until your arrival, when a simultaneous advance was made; however, as immediately afterwards you found it necessary to return to check the enemy in another direction, I continued to advance with the column under my command until the enemy were completely driven from the field, and a number of them, having their retreat in the direction of Belwa intercepted by Captain Chapman's squadron, were compelled to cross the Gogra.

This operation having been completed, I received orders to rejoin you, which I did with as little delay as possible, considering the very exhausted state of most of the men.

Both advances were made with the utmost steadiness and precision by all the troops under their respective commanders; but I would beg especially to express my obligations to Captain Sotheby, R.N., for his cordial and zealous co-operation with me; it is mainly to be attributed to the skill and promptitude with which the two guns were worked under his immediate direction that we were enabled, without any casualty on our part, to cause a considerable loss to the enemy, as, from the number of dead bodies we saw on the field, they must have had 50 or 60 killed and wounded in our second advance; they were also obliged to leave a tumbril on the field, which fell into our hands. Lieutenant Leet, 13th Light Infantry, acted as my orderly officer during the day, and was conspicuous for the steadiness and zeal with which he carried and explained my orders to the skirmishers on several occasions under a heavy fire.

I have, &c.,

J. W. COX, Major,
13th Light Infantry.

* Naval Brigade, 50 men, with 2 12-pounder howitzers, under Captain Sotheby, R.N.; Right Squadron Bengal Yeomanry Cavalry, 80 men, under Captain Chapman; Her Majesty's 13th Light Infantry, 80 men, under Captain Van Straubenzee; Bengal Police Battalion, 40 men, under Lieutenant Burlton; Goorkha Regiment, 200 men, in charge of Captain Barclay.

No. 7.

GENERAL ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA.

*Military Department,
Allahabad, August 7, 1858.*

No. 347 of 1858.

THE Right Honorable the Governor General of India has much pleasure in directing the publication of the accompanying letter from Captain T. Dennehy, Commandant Allahabad Division Police Battalion, No. 107, dated 1st August, 1858, and from F. Thompson, Esq., Officiating Magistrate, Allahabad, dated 2nd August, 1858.

They describe an important service admirably performed by a Detachment of the Allahabad Police Battalion, under Captain Dennehy, aided by a small force of Bengal Artillery.

The Governor-General congratulates the officers and men of the Allahabad Police Force, upon the spirit and effect with which their duty was discharged:

No. 8.

Captain Dennehy, Commandant, Allahabad Division, Police Battalion, to C. B. Thornhill, Esq., Officiating Commissioner, 4th Division.

SIR, *Allahabad, August 1, 1858.*

I HAVE the honor to report, that in obedience to the orders received by me on the 27th ult., directing me to proceed up the Ganges with Mr. Thompson, Magistrate and Collector of Allahabad, for the purpose of seizing and destroying any boats that might be in the possession of the rebels on the north side of the river opposite this district, I embarked on the 28th ult., on board the Honorable Company's steamer, Berhampooter, in command of the force detailed in the margin.*

In accordance with the wishes of Mr. Thompson, Magistrate of Allahabad, we steamed up the river to observe the positions of the boats on the Oude side, of which we had already pretty accurate information, and on the morning of the 30th arrived below Manickpore, where we found that the rebels, under Madho Sing, a brother of Benee Madho, of Shunkerpore, were assembled to the number of 800 or 1,000 men, and had erected a battery to oppose the further progress of the steamer.

As their arrangements appeared to be made principally with a view to the defence of the front, or river face of their position, I determined to land and attack them in rear, while the guns from the steamer shelled them in front.

I landed a little below Manickpore with Lieutenant and Adjutant Shaw, and 90 men of the Allahabad Military Police, and Captain Golab Sing, Attariwallah, and 40 men of his Seikh Police Corps. As we advanced, we found the rebels strongly posted in and below the Fort of Manickpore, and in the villages of Manickpore, Meergurwah and Shahabad, from whence they opened upon us and upon the steamer with round shot and musketry.

We drove them from each of these positions in succession, killing several, as they endeavoured to make a stand at each place, and took possession of

* 1 Serjeant and four gunners of the 3rd Company 5th Battalion, Bengal Artillery; 5 Golundazes of the 6th Company, 9th Battalion, Bengal Artillery, with two 12-pounder howitzers; 40 men of Captain Golab Sing's Seikh Police; 110 Seikhs of the Allahabad Military Police.