

exertions in his department. Captain Colly, my Brigade-Major, has served with this brigade since it was first organized in June last, and, during the eventful year that has passed, has shown great gallantry in the field, and untiring zeal and application in the performance of his various duties, which he has conducted much to my satisfaction. I therefore most earnestly beg to bring the services of this meritorious officer to the favourable notice of the Major-General Commanding. I beg also to place on record how ably I was seconded in the operations herein detailed by Lieutenant-Colonel Lowth, Her Majesty's 86th Regiment, an officer of great energy and judgment, most conspicuous also on every occasion for his gallantry. Lieutenant-Colonel Lowth reports to me, that Major Stuart, Captain Lepper, Ensign Keane, and Assistant-Surgeon Barry, all did good service; and that Captain Lepper and Dr. Barry left sick beds to join their regiment in the field. I had also occasion to remark the excellent conduct of Ensign Trueman, who commanded the picquet of the 3rd European Regiment, at the Mortar Battery, on the 22nd instant. This officer, though very young in the service, behaved with great steadiness and gallantry. The Wing 25th Regiment Native Infantry, employed under me on the 22nd instant, greatly distinguished themselves: they were hotly engaged the whole morning, and fought most stoutly. The conduct of Serjeant-Major Graham, on whom devolved the command of the Half-Battery, No. 4 Light Field Battery, when Lieutenant Strutt was directed to proceed with the remainder of his guns to another part of the field, deserves great praise, for, when the crisis I have alluded to was at hand, I found him prepared to meet it with the utmost steadiness.

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C. S. STUART, Brigadier,  
Commanding 1st Brigade, Central  
India Field Force.

P.S.—I have already transmitted a Casualty Return.

No. 49.

*Major Gall, Commanding Left Wing 14th Light Dragoons, to the Chief of the Staff, Central India Field Force.*

*Camp, Calpee, 25th May, 1858.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of the Major-General Commanding the Central India Field Force, that on the 23rd instant, when directed by your order to pursue the enemy, supposed to be retiring from Calpee by the Gwalior and Jaloun road, with the troops as per margin,\* I immediately proceeded to assemble the force placed under my command on the road indicated to me, which proved to be the high road from Calpee to Jhansi. This, however, diverges to Jaloun, about three miles, as near as I can recollect, from Calpee.

Captain Lightfoot reporting his horses to be suffering greatly from want of water, an order was

issued to water them before commencing the pursuit.

Whilst they were drinking, Captain Abbott informed me that a large Mussulman tomb, about half a mile up the Jhansi road, was occupied by 300 of the enemy, and we at once proceeding thither made preparations for surrounding it with our cavalry, and, as we moved towards it, Lieutenant Dowker, of the 1st Regiment Hyderabad Contingent, joined me with 50 sabres.

The building was found to be unoccupied, but at the same time the enemy was descried retiring in great numbers over the plain beyond it to our right front, and a pursuit, which soon brought me to the point where the roads from Jhansi and Jaloun to Calpee unite, was commenced. Here I left Captain Need, who had accompanied me thus far with his squadron, to bring up the horse artillery I had sent back for.

Lieutenant Dowker I detached a little to my right, and, accompanied by Captains Abbott and Barrett at the head of their respective detachments, I charged through the enemy's retiring line and dispersed it: the rebels were cut up in all directions with the loss of two guns, which they abandoned to Lieutenant Dowker on the right. The dragoons in the centre sabred a great many of the fugitive sepoys, who, firing wildly, and completely panic-stricken by the suddenness and rapidity of our advance, fell an easy prey to their pursuers, in some instances casting away their arms, in others suffering themselves to be followed into ravines where they were slain. Four elephants were soon after captured as the pursuit continued.

On the left, ahead of all, Captain Abbott charged along the road to Jaloun, and to the right and left of it, capturing on his way a 9-pounder gun, which the paralyzed enemy, though loaded and placed in position, did not fire, but abandoned, after several of them had been cut down round about it: a few casualties, as per margin,\* occurred in Captain Abbott's regiment.

Trooper Sher Ali, of the 3rd Regiment Hyderabad Contingent, has been specially recommended to the favourable consideration of the Major-General by his Commanding Officer; he lost his hand during the pursuit by a musket shot; also Trooper Mahomed Khan, 6th troop, also Trooper Nuttoo Khan, of the 6th troop, as well as the following native officers:—Shah Mirza Beg Bahadour, rissaldar-major of the regiment; Rissaldar-major Mustijab Khan, Rissaldar-major Ahmed Buksh Khan, and Rissaldar-major Mahommed Hoosein Khan.

Beyond the village of Hurkhoopora, about a hundred of the enemy's red cavalry crossed our front, from the left, accompanied by some infantry, and entered a village about half a mile to our front: as it appeared that they were disposed to make a stand here, and my cavalry being thrown into some disorder by the pursuit, I sounded the assembly, and reformed my line, with the intention of attacking them, but, before this could be done, they had fled, and, in the exhausted state of the men and horses, further pursuit for the moment was out of the question. I therefore halted, and proceeded to water my horses at a well to my left rear. Between two and three hundred of the rebels had been sabred, without any casualties on our side beyond those specified. On my left, the sound of Captain Lightfoot's guns had been heard as we approached by the Jhansi road, preceded by Captain Need, who, extending to the right and left of the road, charged the rear of an infantry

\* 14th Dragoons, 4 troops, in all 153 sabres; 6 guns Horse Artillery, 3rd Regiment Hyderabad Contingent Cavalry; subsequently increased by 1st troop 14th Dragoons (48 sabres); 50 sabres 1st Hyderabad Contingent Cavalry.

\* 2 men wounded, 1 horse killed, 1 lost, and 3 wounded.