

column, of whom he cut down nearly two hundred, while Captain Lightfoot plied them with shot and shell.

Captains Need and Lightfoot captured three pieces of ordnance during this advance, continued by the former to the eighth mile stone on the Jhansi road.

After watering, I joined the horse artillery on the Jhansi road, and proposed advancing, but the exhausted state of the horse artillery horses, and indeed of our men generally, would not admit of this, and I gave orders for the return of the force to camp at Calpee, which we reached after having been upwards of thirteen hours in the saddle.

A considerable body, some hundreds, of the rebels, went off early, to my right, in a northerly direction, descending into ravines where it would have been very difficult to follow them with cavalry (amongst them were a great many women and children): this body I did not pursue.

I cannot speak too highly of Captain Abbott's conduct during the pursuit, which on the left he led well in advance at the head of his regiment, animating it by an example it nobly followed.

The very weak squadron of dragoons that I had with me was ably led by Captain Barrett, whose good conduct, whilst serving under my immediate command, I have already had occasion to bring to the notice of the Brigadier, commanding 1st Brigade Central India Field Force, for favourable recommendation to the Major-General. Captain Barrett's men did great execution amongst the rebels; and the Sowars of the 1st Cavalry Hyderabad Contingent led by Lieutenant Dowker emulated them.

To all the troops, all the officers, non-commissioned officers and men placed under my command, my best thanks are given, for the energy and fortitude displayed by them. Surgeon Stewart, 14th Dragoons, I have to thank for his attention to those who fell sick during the pursuit carried on through the hottest part of the day. My thanks are also due to Assistant-Surgeons Loft-house and Lumsdaine. Lieutenant and Adjutant Giles, left wing 14th Dragoons, as on many previous occasions, distinguished himself in several personal encounters with armed sepoys.

I specially recommend Captains Abbott, Barrett, and Need, and Lieutenant Dowker, to the notice of the major-general. Acting Regimental Serjeant-Major Clark and Private Winton, B. troop 14th Dragoons, behaved with great gallantry. The captures were as per margin.*

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R. H. GALL, Major,
Left Wing, 14th Light Dragoons.

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List of Officers and Men of the Central India Field Force specially mentioned for important or good service in the operations before Calpee, from 17th to 23rd May, 1858.

Colonel Wetherall, C.B., Chief of the Staff. Important service during the operations as a very active and intelligent chief of the staff, although

* 5 guns, 1 gongall on wheels, 2 artillery waggons filled with ammunition, 1 native tumbrel, 20 boxes of ammunition, 6 elephants, 8 camels, 42 bullock draughts, 3 hackeries, 1 spring cart.

very ill and suffering from climate. Gallant conduct in the charge of the camel corps. Horse wounded.

Captain Wood, Assistant Adjutant-General. Useful service and zeal during the operations.

Captain Cockburn, Her Majesty's 43rd Regiment, Aide-de-Camp. Useful service and zeal during the operations; and gallant conduct in the charge of the camel corps. Horse wounded.

Lieutenant Luard, late 1st Bengal Native Cavalry, Acting Aide-de-Camp. Useful service and zeal during the operations.

Lieutenant Baigrie, 3rd Bombay Europeans, Acting Assistant Quartermaster-General. Useful service and great devotion in continuing to discharge his duties during the whole of the operations, although badly wounded. Gallant conduct in the charge of the camel corps. Horse killed.

Lieutenant Lyster, Interpreter, late 72nd Bengal Native Infantry. General useful service during the operations.

Lieutenant Gordon, Assistant Commissary-General. Zeal and intelligence in supplying the force, under most difficult circumstances.

Dr. Arnott, Superintending Surgeon, expresses his approval of the medical officers of the force under his orders in the following terms, and I beg to confirm his approval:—

“To the distinguished skill and ability of Field Surgeon Ritchie is due the eminent success of the Depôt Hospital at Jhansi, in which every capital operation has completely succeeded, and among 200 European and 100 Native sick and wounded the casualties have been far below the average. To the indefatigable zeal of Drs. Ritchie and Naylor, and their attention to that enormous charge, must be ascribed in a great measure such extraordinary success. Dr. Stewart, Her Majesty's 14th Light Dragoons, unfortunately was not present at Jhansi, but his duties, since the 7th of May, have been onerous in the extreme, and the zeal with which he has devoted himself to them, merits every praise. The exposure and fatigue so cheerfully undergone by Dr. Deas in his duties with the 3rd Cavalry, and his unceasing attention to his duties, are gratefully remembered. Dr. Mackenzie, 3rd Hyderabad Cavalry, has been most active, and his exertions at the storming of Jhansi in carrying on the duties of Dr. Stack, when shot dead, were most useful, and the saving of much suffering among the wounded of Her Majesty's 86th Regiment. Dr. Vaughan, in undertaking to conduct the duties of Field Surgeon, in addition to his own, only evinced that zeal for the service of which we had already ample proof. His duties since the force left Jhansi have been of the most arduous and trying description, but they have on all occasions been most cheerfully and ably performed.

“These officers I would beg to recommend to your most favourable notice, though my warmest thanks are due to all for the cordial and steady support and co-operation they have on all occasions afforded me.”

Reverend Mr. Schwabbe, Protestant Chaplain. Unwearied zeal in the execution of his duties, and most praiseworthy attention to the sick and wounded: went home on sick certificate, dangerously ill from sun sickness,

Reverend Mr. Strickland, Roman Catholic Chaplain. Unwearied zeal in the execution of his