

plete the defences, it would have proved a formidable one.

Finding that pursuit in such ground was useless, I withdrew the party, after burning the camp and destroying the powder, and marched again, the evening of the 20th instant, to Goruckpore, according to instructions received from the Brigadier, leaving Mr. Bird with 150 Native Levies and 35 Europeans, with half the troop Madras Native Cavalry, both the latter parties under the command of Lieutenant Alexander, Madras Native Cavalry, and the whole under Lieutenant Shawe, of the Native Levies, to level the works thrown up by the rebels, after which it is the intention of Mr. Bird to return with the whole party to Goruckpore.

I beg to observe that in the twenty-six hours I was absent from the station, the men, the greater number of them quite young soldiers, marched considerably more than 40 miles, and that apparently without the least distress.

I have, &c.,

G. KING, Lieutenant-Colonel, 13th Light Infantry, Commanding at Goruckpore.

I should have remarked that the rebels are reported to have retired in a south-easterly direction.

No. 15.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. Brasyer, Commanding Detachment, to Captain Morgan, Major of Brigade, Goruckpore District.

SIR, *Camp, Bhanpore, November 25, 1858.*

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of Brigadier Rowcroft, commanding the brigade, that, as directed by him, I marched from Amah yesterday, at 2 P.M., with troops as per margin,* towards Kothecla, and, from information gained on the road, I determined to proceed direct to where the rebels were located near the Purgash ghat (Khoanee Nuddlee), approaching which, the rebels, some 600 or 700, perceiving our advance, hastily assembled, and, firing musketry and jingals, made a partial advance. My skirmishers, being then within musket shot of them, commenced firing, and the whole, with cavalry on both flanks, in as good a line as the broken ground and jungle would admit of, charged the enemy, and we drove them before us into a dense jungle, a short distance beyond where they were first seen, but, the jungle being too thick to pursue them with the least chance of further success, I retreated to the open fields, and encamped for the night.

I was much pleased with, and thankful to, the officers and men of the cavalry, as well as my own regiment (Regiment of Ferozepore) for the steady way in which all advanced, with the enemy's shots flying over our heads, and, I am happy to say, without a single casualty on our side.

The enemy were surprised while cooking their meals, and, although they managed to carry off all their other property, we found much of their food still on the fire, and the head and heel ropes of several horses cut, and left on the roots of trees to which they had been fastened. The enemy are known to have had four men killed in their retreat.

I have, &c.,

J. BRASYSER, Lieutenant-Colonel, Commanding Detachment.

* 2 officers and 20 men, Bengal Yeomanry Cavalry; 1 native officer and 20 men, 6th Madras Cavalry; 13 native officers and 240 men, Regiment of Ferozepore.

No. 16.

Allahabad, February 12, 1859.

FORWARDED to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, for the information of the Right Honourable the Viceroy and Governor-General in Council.

By order of the Commander-in-Chief,

W. MAYHEW, Lieutenant-Colonel, Adjutant-General of the Army.

No. 17.

No. 315 of 1859.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General in Council is pleased to direct the publication of the following letter from the Adjutant-General of the Army, No. 299, of the 10th February, 1858, forwarding one from Brigadier St. G. D. Showers, C.B., commanding at Agra, reporting the pursuit and defeat of the rebels under Tantia Topee and other chiefs.

His Excellency in Council entirely concurs in the approbation expressed by the Commander-in-Chief, of the arrangements which enabled that officer to inflict so heavy a loss on the enemy.

No. 18.

The Adjutant-General of the Army to the Secretary to the Government of India.

SIR, *Allahabad, 10th February, 1859.*

I HAVE the honour, by direction of the Commander-in-Chief, to forward, for the information of the Right Honourable the Governor-General and Viceroy in Council, a letter from Brigadier St. G. D. Showers, C.B., commanding at Agra, No. 39, of the 13th ultimo, reporting the pursuit and defeat of the rebels under Tantia Topee and other chiefs; and I am to express Lord Clyde's approval of the arrangements which enabled that officer to inflict so heavy loss on the enemy.

2. Lord Clyde also desires me to beg you will bring to the favourable notice of his Excellency in Council, the names of the native officers and men recommended for reward by Brigadier Showers.

I have, &c.,

W. MAYHEW, Lieutenant-Colonel, Adjutant-General of the Army.

No. 19.

Brigadier St. G. D. Showers, Commanding Agra and Muttra Districts, to the Chief of the Staff.

SIR, *Camp, Mowah, January 18, 1859.*

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of the Right Honourable the Commander-in-Chief, that I moved out, with the force noted in the margin,* on the 4th instant, in progress to Hindown, to oppose the rebels under the Maharatta Chiefs, the Rao Sahib and Tantia Topee, and the Shazadah Ferozeshah, who, from their position, threatened both Bhurtpore and Jeypore.

On my arrival at Hindown, intelligence came in, which led me to advance to Doongur Malarna, where I arrived on the 11th. Here I learnt the

* Artillery, 4 guns—1 Subaltern, 1 Staff Serjeant, 59 rank and file.

3rd European Regiment—2 Captains, 6 Subalterns, 212 rank and file.

Alexander's Horse—1 Subaltern, 5 Native Officers, 132 sabres.

Agra Mounted Police—2 Subalterns, 5 Native Officers, 120 sabres.