

wounded men have been brought into my camp from a distance of several miles off, who informed me that they fled in the utmost confusion and panic.

I feel that I cannot describe too highly the gallantry of Captains Clogstoun and Nightingale, on the night in question, as well as those who were engaged with them, who, though so very unequally pitted against 300 or 400 men, moving in a mass across strong and rough ground, and keeping up a very heavy fire all the time, nevertheless, these officers endeavoured to break and scatter them, but were prevented doing so, by their approaching ravines, when cavalry could no longer follow them.

I should, however, fail in my duty, were I not to notice, in a more prominent manner, the good fortune which led to Captain Clogstoun's conspicuous gallantry, on being the first to reach Chichumba, and successfully to check the further retreat of the rebels, and, by his rapid pursuit, compelled them to enter Chichumba, and abandon their plunder on the morning of our arrival.

The personal encounter which Captain Clogstoun had with the rebels, which led to this fortunate result, was obtained, however, at the loss of seven out of eight men who charged with him. Captain Clogstoun was himself wounded by a musket ball, and was nearly knocked off from his horse by a blow from a musket, while at the same time his horse was wounded under him.

This individual act of personal bravery is beyond praise.

I cannot speak too highly of the manner in which both officers and men of the force performed most arduous and fatiguing duties, who, having marched a distance of 36 miles, were actually employed during the remainder of the day, and the whole night, without intermission, with the exception of a short interval when relieved for procuring food.

Dr. Mackenzie, the Senior Staff-Surgeon, and the medical officer under him, were most active in the discharge of their duties, and they were unremitting in their attention to the wounded.

Captain Hoseason, my Brigade-Major, was most active during the whole of the day, to the time he was dangerously wounded at the assault upon Chichumba, and while he was carrying my orders. His horse also was shot in two places.

In bringing forward some of those who are named in the report by Captains Clogstoun and Nightingale, for rewards for conspicuous bravery, I would recommend, in the 2nd Cavalry, Ressaidar Meer Mahomed Sha for 3rd Class Order of Merit; Jemadar Sadut Khan, who charged with Captain Clogstoun in the morning, for the rank of Ressaidar.

Bargheer Mahomed Noor Khan, who was wounded in the morning, and was again very badly wounded in the action that night, and his horse shot under him, for the rank of Duffadar and 3rd Class Order of Merit; Zulfikar Khan, who was very severely wounded, after killing two of the enemy, for the rank of Duffadar.

Troopers Meer Hossain Ali and Sheik Chand, who were both wounded in the charge with Captain Clogstoun in the morning, when seven out of eight men were killed and wounded; each for the 3rd Class Order of Merit.

Trooper Emon Alli Khan, who accompanied Captain Hoseason in the assault upon Chichumba, and brought him out of action, when wounded, under a heavy fire, for the 3rd Class Order of Merit; also Sheik Hyder, who was with Captain Clogstoun in the morning's charge.

In the 3rd Cavalry, Hyderabad Contingent, I

would recommend this young and brave soldier, Waghira Wassil Khan, for the rank of Jemadar.

I would recommend that the rewards for which this distinguished officer, Jemadar Villayet Ali Beg, had already been recommended, should be conferred upon him, viz., the rank of Ressaidar and the 3rd Class Order of Merit.

I would most strongly notice the very gallant conduct of the Senior Ressaidar Major Shah Mirza Beg Bahadour, who, while in the act of killing one man, had his right arm very nearly severed off by another Rohilla, for the rank of Sirdar Bahadour, this being the sixth time this gallant old officer has been wounded.

Duffadar Syed Goolam Ghouse, for the 3rd Class Order of Merit.

As Trooper Mahomed Khan, Alla Dawd Khan, Myboob Khan, and Ghoolam Dustagheer, all of the 6th Troop, have already been recommended for the Order of Merit, for their services in Central India, for the 3rd Class of the Order of Merit, I would recommend that that distinction should be now conferred upon them.

Silladar Nuttay Khan, of the 1st Troop, already recommended for the 3rd Class of the Order of Merit, I recommend that Order should be bestowed upon him now.

Trooper Ali Sher Khan, 2nd Troop, for the 3rd Class Order of Merit.

Trooper Fukroodeen, 6th Troop, dangerously wounded, for the 3rd Class Order of Merit.

Accompanying is a general roll of casualties of the force.

I have, &c.,

W. HILL, Brigadier, Commanding Hyderabad Contingent and Berar Field Force.

No. 24.

*Captain H. Clogstoun, Commanding Detachment 2nd Cavalry, Hyderabad Contingent, to Captain H. Hoseason, Brigade Major, Hyderabad Contingent.*

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of Brigadier Hill, commanding the Hyderabad Contingent and Berar Field Force, that, on approaching the village of Russoad, on the 15th instant, I, agreeably to instructions received, took up a position on the right. A native there told me that the enemy had marched on the road immediately in my rear, and, feeling convinced that the same information would reach the Brigadier in Russoad, from whence the enemy had retreated, I instantly pursued in the direction indicated. A hard gallop of six or seven miles brought me up with the rebel force, which was at the time passing by the village of Chichumba. The pace at which I had advanced caused but few men to be up; but, considering that it was my duty to delay as much as possible the further retreat of the enemy, which would have taken them to ground favourable for their escape, I at once attacked them, and succeeded in causing them to take to the village and enclosures round it. I regret to state that, in this affair, I had four killed and three wounded out of the eight who charged with me.

I then moved off into the plain, and formed up my detachment, as it galloped up, and was here joined by the 3rd Cavalry, under Captain Nightingale, who, on our nearing the village of Russoad, had been sent with his regiment to the left. The two Rissallahs then were posted so as to prevent the escape of the enemy from the village, and we awaited the arrival of the remainder of the force. On Brigadier Hill's approach, I was ordered to