

gaging singly two or three of the enemy at the same time.

14. On the day before, when the camp was attacked, the same faithful Subadar hindered the advance of the enemy by the able disposition of his picket.

15. If his Excellency were pleased to obtain a reward for these brave soldiers, it would have a good effect on their regiment, whose fidelity and courage have never failed.

16. Jemadar Jhurut Hoosanie Khan, 3rd Hyderabad Cavalry, was mortally wounded in courageously attacking singly a knot of the enemy.

17. Captain Forbes conducted the charge with the same gallantry and intelligence which distinguished him at Kashab.

18. Although the ford was a bad one, Lieutenant-Colonel Turnbull took his guns across it rapidly in support of the cavalry, and when, by the strength of the enemy's position, they were compelled to give up the pursuit, unlimbered in front of the village, and the enemy's guns, and opened an effective fire on their position. Captain Lightfoot with the 9-pounder battery arrived shortly afterwards.

19. The enemy answered with guns and rockets, killing at my side, to my great regret, Captain Neville, of the Royal Engineers, acting as my Aide-de-Camp: knowing what excellent service he had done as an engineering officer before Sebastapol, I had brought him up by forced marches to assist in the reduction of the forts in this country; during the action he was most useful to me, exhibiting to the last the courage and intelligence which had obtained for him so honorable a reputation.

20. Driven from their position by the fire of our guns, the enemy retreated across a wall and open space into the village and jungle. I directed Captain Lightfoot to correspond to this movement; he took ground to the left with guns, and gave them, before they reached cover, an enfilading and destructive fire; the $5\frac{1}{2}$ inch mortars threw shell into the small fort of the village and jungle, to which the enemy had retired.

21. It was now getting dark: taking two companies of the 3rd Europeans, which had just come up, I crossed the wet nullah, and, bringing their right shoulders forward, occupied the wall round the village, and surrounded it with the skirmishers and a troop of the 3rd Light Cavalry. Lieutenant-Colonel Liddell afterwards occupied it and the little fort, but the enemy, except a few valaitee skirmishers who were killed, had fled to Kooreye through the jungle, leaving baggage unpacked, and other signs of a precipitate retreat.

22. I was not at all sure that my camp, with the siege artillery and numerous stores, left with a small force, at Rathgur, under Brigadier

Steuart, might not be attacked during my absence, as it had been before. I therefore halted in the village only for a short time in order to rest the troops, who had been on duty for the last five days, and marched back the same night to Rathgur; they were marching or engaged fifteen hours.

The enemy's loss was severe; they themselves state it to be from four to five hundred, which is not surprising, as they were exposed to well directed fire for a length of time. Amant Sing, their ablest military leader, and a nephew of Tajie Mahomed Khan, were killed; and the Rajah of Banpore was wounded.

The valaitees and Pathans fought with their accustomed courage, several of them, even when dying, springing from the ground, and inflicting mortal wounds with their broad swords.

The good result of the defeat of the rebels at Barodia exceeded my expectations; not only were my communications with the West and Saugor completely opened, but the rebels, flying from Barodia to Kooreye, left in their panic that place, although it is a fort in a strong position, and Krulassa, which is between thirty and forty miles to the north-west of Saugor. Nureeawallee, their fortified camp, was also abandoned. All these places and the country about them had been in their hands for the last eight months. The rebels also left at Kooreye their guns which they had at Barodia.

The troops behaved at Barodia with discipline and courage, keeping in very bad ground their formation, and obeying with eager alacrity any orders which brought them closer to the enemy. The 3rd Europeans, although very young, and now for the first time in the field, have qualified themselves for a career of honour; and Lieutenant-Colonel Liddell is sure to lead the way.

I am much obliged to Captain Wood, my Assistant-Adjutant-General, and my Staff, for the assistance which they gave me on this occasion, as well as at Rathgur; and I ought to add that the Officers of my Divisional Staff, whose duties are non-combatant, still, in their zeal, accompany me to the field. Captain Campbell, Baggage Master, who was hit, was very useful and intelligent in conveying my orders; and Lieutenant Lyster, my Interpreter, of the 72nd Regiment Bengal Native Infantry, was wounded when engaging the nephew of Mahomed Fazil Khan, whom he killed.

I have the honor to enclose a list of the casualties at Barodia, as also a list of Sappers and Miners, whom Major Boileau, Commanding Engineer, wishes to be mentioned for having inspected the ditch and the breach of the Fort of Rathgur.

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