

of all ranks, being nearly half the number that the work held at any one time.*

5. The conduct of all under my command during the day was admirable; but I would desire especially to bring to notice the undermentioned officers and men, whose coolness and gallantry were conspicuous:—

Captain Butler, V.C., 101st Royal Bengal Fusiliers.

Lieutenant G. V. Fosberry, late 4th European Regiment.

Lieutenant J. Bartleman, 20th Punjab Infantry.

Assistant-Surgeon R. T. Lyons, 20th do. do.

Private Stewart, 71st Highland Light Infantry.

„ Clapperton, do. do.

„ Barber, 101st Royal Bengal Fusiliers.

Subadar Owdoo, 20th Punjab Infantry.

Havildar Meer Mahomed, do.

Sepoy Lena Sing, do.

„ Jowala, do.

6. Among the killed of my own Regiment, I have to lament the loss of many good soldiers; Lieutenant G. M. Richmond, a young officer of great promise, (whose reckless gallantry cost him his life,) and the Subadar Major Meer Ally Shah, (who will not easily be replaced,) being of the number who fell.

7. In conclusion, I beg to point out that my report and Return of Casualties refer only to the “Eagle’s Nest” piquet itself, which occupied my entire attention during the attack. I should however add, that the strong rocks in rear of and below that post were occupied all day by detachments amounting to 120 men at a time, of different regiments, viz., the 3rd, 6th, and 20th Punjab Infantry; and I regret to add that Lieutenant Clifford, of the 3rd Punjab Infantry, was killed while gallantly leading a sally on the enemy from that position.

8. Enclosed is a Nominal Roll of the killed and wounded.

From Lieutenant-Colonel J. L. Vaughan, Field Officer of the Left Piquet, to the Assistant Adjutant-General Eusufzye Field Force,— (dated Camp, the 27th October, 1863.)

I HAVE the honour to make the following report of what occurred yesterday at the left piquet.

2. The Brigadier-General ordered me in the morning to try and divert the enemy’s attention from the rear of camp, as a convoy of sick, baggage, &c., was about to proceed to the rear. To enable me to carry out this, he placed at my disposal the troops as per margin.† These troops proceeded to the neighbourhood of the “Eagle’s Nest” piquet, which was held by 150 men of the 20th Native Infantry and 50 of the 3rd Punjab Infantry, with 30 marksmen selected from the 71st and 101st Regiments, the whole under command of Major Brownlow, 20th Native Infantry. The force detailed marginally above was drawn up on and about a small Mamelon about 400 yards west

* 71st Highland Light Infantry—1 Man killed; 4 Men wounded.

101st Royal Bengal Fusiliers—2 Men wounded.

3rd Punjab Infantry—2 Men killed.

5th Punjab Infantry—1 Man killed; 1 Man wounded.

20th Punjab Infantry—1 European Officer, 1 Native Officer, 8 Men, killed; 1 Native Officer, 27 Men, wounded.

Total—1 European Officer, 1 Native Officer, 12 Men, killed; 1 Native Officer, 34 Men, wounded.

Grand Total—49.

† Huzara Mountain Train; Detachment, 71st Highland Light Infantry; 5th Punjab Infantry; 6th do. do.

of the “Eagle’s Nest” piquet, in the following order from right to left:—

Detachment, 71st Highland Light Infantry,

6th Punjab Infantry,

Huzara Mountain Train,

5th Punjab Infantry,

the latter Regiment, in extended order, lined the crest of the Mamelon, with three Companies in support of the guns. The 71st Highland Light Infantry was in connection with the “Eagle’s Nest” piquet.

3. The troops were hardly in position when a very large body of the enemy rushed down the steep slopes of the mountain above, and with loud cries attacked at once the piquet and the troops. The Mountain Train guns fired upon the enemy with shrapnell, common shell, and round shot, and this fire checked those who were advancing against the troops in position, but not those advancing against the piquet. The latter was attacked with the greatest determination, and two of the enemy’s standards were planted close under the parapet which crowns the steep sides of the piquet hill. All the efforts of the piquet failed to dislodge the enemy from the position for some time, notwithstanding that the direct fire from the piquet was aided by a flanking fire from the Mountain Train guns, and from the Enfield rifles of the 71st. But as the attack upon the piquet will form the subject of a separate report from Major Brownlow, I shall only remark here that so desperately was it attacked, and so hardly was it pressed, that it became necessary for me to reinforce it in the course of the action with the company of the 71st Highland Light Infantry, and a company of 5th Punjab Infantry.

4. When the enemy had been checked by the guns they were charged by the 6th Punjab Infantry, but the regiment was unfortunately carried too far in the ardour of pursuit, and lost heavily before it could regain the position. I supported it by a company of the 5th Punjab Infantry, and the Enfields of the 71st, and the firing of the guns prevented the enemy from pressing the retirement.

5. During the rest of the day the enemy kept up a heavy fire from the low hills and broken ground in front of the troops, but the ground affording excellent cover, could do little damage.

6. The Brigadier-General had wished me to bring the troops back to camp by sunset, and to withdraw the “Eagle’s Nest” piquet at the same time; but for reasons with which he is acquainted, and which I believe have satisfied him, I felt it impossible to carry out his wishes, and therefore maintained both positions during the night without annoyance from the enemy, who had evidently suffered very severely.

7. I am under the greatest obligations to Major Wright, Assistant Adjutant-General to the Force, whom the Brigadier-General, at my special request, allowed to accompany me during the day, and I cannot speak in too high terms of the admirable service rendered by Major Brownlow in the defence of the “Eagle’s Nest” piquet, and of Captain DeBude in the management of his guns. I beg also to notice the gallantry with which Captain W. D. Hoste led the charge of the 6th Punjab Infantry, and the assistance I received from Major Parker, commanding the detachment, 71st Highland Light Infantry, and Lieutenant Stewart, who commanded the 5th Punjab Infantry.

Annexed is Major Brownlow’s report of the defence of the piquet, and a return of the casualties among the troops.