

Finding this important position lost, I ordered my men to take cover from the enemy's fire beneath the overhanging rocks, about 20 paces from the summit, and determined to wait till daylight should enable me to distinguish friend from foe, and reinforcements should reach me from Colonel A. Wilde, C.B., Commanding Right Defence.

As the day broke, I observed the 20th Punjab Native Infantry enter the main piquet below, and convinced of the danger of allowing the "Crag" to remain for even so short a time in the enemy's hands, I directed my men to fix swords and charge. After a most exciting and hand-to-hand fight, we recovered the position, driving the enemy out at the point of the bayonet, with a loss to them of 54 killed on the spot and 7 wounded.

Difficult from the nature of the ground, and hazardous as undoubtedly the undertaking was, I felt that should the enemy (many hundreds of whom were in the rear) once understand that their advanced party had gained an advantage over our own troops, they would quickly occupy the position in force, and render the lower piquets untenable from their raking fire. The result proved the correctness of my view of the case, and the signal defeat of the enemy on the "Crag," and the sight of their three standards still flying on the piquet where they had planted them, but surrounded by our own instead of their men, seem to have conveyed a panic to the rest, and they quickly disappeared down the mountain.

4. From the nature of the approach to the top of the "Crag," amongst the large rocks, one or two men only could advance at one time, and while I ascended one path I directed Lieutenant Fosbery of the late 4th European Regiment, to push up another at the head of a few men. He led this party with the greatest coolness and intrepidity, and was the first man to gain the top of the "Crag" on his side of the attack. Lieutenant H. W. Pitcher, equally cool and daring, led a party of men

up to the last rock, until he was knocked down and stunned by a large stone thrown from above within a few yards of him.

If the Victoria Cross be the award for coolness and daring courage in the presence of great danger, these two officers have well earned that distinction. This is the second time within the last few days that it has been my duty to report upon the high soldier-like qualities possessed by Lieutenant H. W. Pitcher, Adjutant 1st Punjab Infantry.

5. Lieutenant Fosbery, of the late 4th European Regiment, had been on duty the day before at my piquet with a party of sharpshooters of Her Majesty's 71st and 101st Regiments, and remained at my piquet during the night, expecting to be on duty in the morning—when attacked he joined my Regiment, and I beg to record the assistance he gave me and the excellent service he performed.

6. The following Native Officers and men were most forward on the occasion:—

Subadar Ahmed Khan, Guide Corps.

Sepoy Summunder, Guide Corps (made himself especially conspicuous); also a Havildar and four men of the same Corps who were under fire within 25 yards of the enemy, but whose names I don't know.

1st Punjab Infantry.

Subadar Bahador Habeeb Khan, Subadar Major.

Subadar Pyabb.

Jemadar Toolsee.

Havildar Neaz Mahomed.

" Syud Mahomed.

" Moosullee.

" Mahomed Noor.

Naik Mullick Aman.

" Ahmed Khan.

Sepoy Ameen.

" Mirza Ameer Beg.

Casualty Return is herein enclosed.

#### CASUALTY RETURN, Eusufzye Field Force.

Camp, Umbeyla Pass, October 30, 1863.

Regiment.	Killed.			Wounded.				Remarks.
	Native Officers.	Serjeants. Havildars.	Rank and File.	European Officers.	Native Officers.	Serjeants. Havildars.	Rank and File.	
½ C. Battery, 19th Brigade, Royal Artillery	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	At the front defences of the Camp.
Peshawur Mountain Train Battery	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	Ditto ditto.
71st Highland Light Infantry	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	Ditto ditto.
101st Royal Bengal Fusiliers	...	...	1	...	...	1	6	Ditto ditto.
1st Punjab Infantry	...	...	1	2	1	2	14	At the Crag Piquet.
5th " "	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	At "Eagle's Nest" Piquet.
5th Goorkha Regiment	...	1	...	4	...	1	6	At the front defences of the Camp.
Total	...	1	1	11	2	2	5	31

Officers Wounded.

Major C. P. Keyes, Commanding 1st Punjab Infantry.

Lieutenant H. W. Pitcher, Adjutant, 1st Punjab Infantry.

Examined.

(Signed) T. WRIGHT, Major,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

(Signed) N. CHAMBERLAIN, Brigadier General,  
Commanding Eusufzye Field Force.