

attention having been accidentally drawn to the unusual dust and confusion caused by the rush of camp followers and animals down the hill, I felt convinced that some reverse had occurred, and immediately sent forward Her Majesty's 101st Royal Bengal Fusiliers, which was fortunately under arms for another purpose. Almost immediately afterwards I received information from Lieutenant-Colonel A. T. Wilde, C.B., who commands the right defences, that the piquet had been taken by the enemy, and thereupon gave orders to Lieutenant-Colonel Salusbury that his regiment should push up the hill as fast as practicable, and retake it at any cost. Lieutenant-Colonel Wilde had already proceeded to the spot with such reinforcements as were immediately available, and on the arrival of the 101st promptly organised the attack. The hill was stormed by Lieutenant-Colonel Salusbury and the 101st in a manner worthy of the distinguished reputation of the regiment,—the detachments of Native Regiments, which, as above mentioned, had gallantly held their ground until the arrival of the 101st, joining in and vieing with the British regiment in driving out the enemy. For further particulars I beg to refer to Lieutenant-Colonel Wilde's report, which is annexed.

6. The temporary loss of the Crag picquet is, of course, cause of great mortification to the officers and men of the regiments concerned, and is the first success which the enemy has been able to obtain over any portion of the force. In forming his opinion upon this partial reserve, I trust the Commander-in-Chief will not overlook the circumstances that the same regiments which furnished the piquet when it was lost, are also those by which it was retaken.

7. I would ask the Commander-in-Chief's favourable notice of the officers mentioned in para-

graphs 2, 4, and 5 of this report,\* and in particular of Major Brownlow, to whose determination and personal example I attribute the preservation of the Crag piquet throughout the night of the 12th, and of Lieutenant Pitcher, who was severely wounded, and whose behaviour is spoken of in such high terms by his commanding officer, Major C. P. Keyes, Commanding 1st Punjab Infantry. His Excellency will remember that I have already recommended Lieutenant Pitcher for the Victoria Cross for his conduct at the Crag piquet on the 30th ultimo. I beg also to be allowed to draw the Commander-in-Chief's attention to Lieutenant H. R. Young's conduct on this occasion, which was also most distinguished, and deserves special remark. Lieutenant-Colonel Wilde, Commanding the Right Defences, is entitled to great credit for his promptness and decision when the piquet was driven in, and for the excellent and complete arrangements he made for its re-capture.

8. From information since received, and from the bodies left on the ground, it has been ascertained that the enemy consisted chiefly of Bajourtees and Swatees, with some of the Hindoostanees.

9. Whilst the attack was going on on the right, the enemy made demonstrations both against the front and left defences of the camp; but these demand no special notice.

10. I enclose Casualty Return.

\* Lieutenant-Colonel A. T. Wilde, C.B., Commanding Corps of Guides; Lieutenant-Colonel F. O. Salusbury, Commanding 101st Royal Bengal Fusiliers; Major C. C. G. Ross, Commanding 14th Native Infantry; Major C. H. Brownlow, Commanding 20th Punjab Native Infantry; Major C. P. Keyes, Commanding 1st Punjab Infantry; Captain T. Hughes, Commanding Peshawar Mountain Train; Lieutenant A. D. C. Inglis, 14th Native Infantry; Lieutenant H. W. Pitcher, 1st Punjab Infantry; Lieutenant H. R. Young, ditto; Lieutenant E. R. Conolly, Royal Artillery; Lieutenant S. E. Pemberton, ditto.

**CASUALTY RETURN, Killed and Wounded, of the Eusufzye Field Force,**

*Camp, Umbeyla Pass, November 13, 1863.*

Regiments.	Killed.			Wounded			Remarks.
	European Officers.	Native Officers.	Rank and File.	European Officers.	Native Officers.	Rank and File.	
101st Royal Bengal Fusiliers ...	...	...	5	...	...	16	At the Crag Piquet
Guide Infantry ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	Ditto.
5th Punjab Native Infantry ...	...	...	...	...	1	1	At the Eagle's Nest Piquet.
14th Ferozepore Regiment ...	...	1	17	...	2	14	At the Crag Piquet.
1st Punjab Native Infantry ...	1	...	23	1	...	53	Ditto.
2nd " " ...	...	...	2	...	...	9	Ditto.
Peshawar Mountain Battery ...	...	...	2	...	...	6	Ditto.
3rd Punjab Native Infantry ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	Ditto.
5th Goorkhas ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	Ditto.
Totals ...	1	1	49	1	3	104	Lieut. Davidson, 1st P. I., killed. Lieut. Pitcher, 1st P. I., wounded.

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

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