

duties. I also desire to bring to special notice the name of Major McQueen, commanding the 5th Punjab Infantry. This officer has passed his life on the frontier, and has great experience of Pathans, and of the best method of dealing with them. I have on many occasions found his assistance most valuable.

The officers of my personal staff, Captain Preyman, R.A., A.D.C., and Lieutenant Neville Chamberlain, Central India Horse, Orderly Officer, have been of the greatest service to me, and I am much indebted to them for their able and willing assistance.

Since the troops have been brigaded together Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. George Villiers, Grenadier Guards, has had general charge of the outposts, under my personal superintendence, and has aided me materially.

Lieut.-Colonel Waterfield, the Political Officer with the column, affords me every assistance, and is endeavouring in every way to administer the country the column has passed through since crossing the Kurum river at Thull. This is no easy task after years of misrule.

46. In conclusion, I wish to bear testimony to the excellent military spirit which animates all the officers, non-commissioned officers, and soldiers of this force. All ranks have had to submit to privations, and to undergo great fatigues, which have been borne with the cheerful spirit of true soldiers.

I have, &c.

(Signed) FRED. S. ROBERTS, Major-Gen.,
Commanding the Kurum Valley
Column.

From Captain J. Colquhoun, R.A., Commissary of Ordnance, to the Assistant Adjutant-General, Kurum Valley Force (dated Camp Zabardast Kila, the 5th December, 1878.)

I have the honour to forward, for the information of the General Commanding the Kurum Valley Field Force, a statement of the ordnance and munitions of war captured from the Affghans at the attack on the Peiwar Kotal.

- 4 bronze guns, 6-pr. S.B.
- 2 bronze howitzers, 24-pr. S.B.
- 4 gun carriages.
- 2 howitzer carriages, one broken.
- 4 ammunition wagons.
- 11 7-pr. mountain guns of 150-lbs. weight, rifled muzzle-loading.
- 11 carriages for 7-pr. rifled muzzle-loading guns, one wheel deficient.
- 69 wooden ammunition boxes filled, for 7-pr. rifled muzzle-loading ammunition.
- 6 mountain battery wheel saddles.
- 7 Ditto carriage ditto
- 7 Ditto gun ditto
- 18 Ditto ammunition box saddles.

In the above ammunition boxes I have counted the following number of rounds of different natures of shot and shell:

- 256 6-pr. round shot,
- 16 6-pr. case shot,
- 77 24-pr. common shell,
- 10 24-pr. case shot,
- 541 7-pr. rifled muzzle-loading common shell.
- 75 7-pr. ditto ditto shrapnel,
- 9 7-pr. ditto ditto case shot,

but there are in addition to these 14 loads of shell brought in last night, which would approximately contain about 400 shell, and there are also still some 7-pr. rifled muzzle-loading shell to be brought in from the Spin Gawai Pass, besides some that may be found in the boxes supposed to contain small arm cartridges.

- 11 Dubbies containing gunpowder, approximately about 2,500 lbs.
- 2 Cases of percussion caps, containing two lacs.
- 78 Leather covered boxes, containing approximately about two lacs of Enfield rifle ammunition.
- 2 Leather covered boxes containing time fuzes, portfires.
- 9 Enfield rifles.
- 3 Ball bags.
- 2 50-round pouches.
- 2 Bayonet frogs.
- 4 Big drums.
- 4 Side drums.

Return of Killed, Wounded and Missing in the Action of the Peiwar Kotal, on the 2nd December, 1878.

Staff—1 British officer wounded. Total 1.
No. 1 Mounted Battery, Punjab Frontier Force—
1 British officer killed, 2 rank and file wounded. Total 3. 3 mules wounded.
12th Bengal Cavalry—1 horse killed, 4 horses wounded.
2nd Battalion 8th Foot—1 sergeant killed, 2 sergeants, 5 rank and file, wounded. Total 8.
72nd Highlanders—2 rank and file killed, 1 British officer, 1 sergeant, 8 rank and file, wounded. Total 12.
23rd Bengal Native Infantry (Pioneers)—
1 British officer, 1 havildar, 1 rank and file, killed; 7 rank and file wounded. Total 10.
20th Bengal Native Infantry—5 rank and file killed; 12 rank and file wounded. Total 17.
2nd Punjab Infantry—1 havildar, 6 rank and file, killed; 11 rank and file wounded. Total 18.
5th Punjab Infantry—4 rank and file wounded. Total 4.
5th Goorkha Regiment, Punjab Frontier Force—
2 rank and file killed; 2 native officers, 1 havildar, 1 drummer, 14 rank and file wounded. Total 20.
Total.—21 killed; 72 wounded. Total 93.
N.B.—One man of the 23rd Pioneers has since died of his wounds.

Nominal Roll of Officers Killed and Wounded.

Killed.

Captain John A. Kelso, Royal Artillery, Commandant No. 1 Mountain Battery, Punjab Frontier Force.

Major Alexander D. Anderson, Bengal Staff Corps, Officiating 2nd in Command 23rd Pioneers.

Wounded.

Brigadier-General Alexander H. Cobbe, 17th Foot, commanding 1st Infantry Brigade, Kurum Valley Field Force, severely.

Sub-Lieutenant Seymour C. H. Monro, 72nd Highlanders, slightly.

Subadar Balbhudder Negi, 5th Goorkha Regiment, severely.

Subadar Raghbir Myerkoti, 5th Goorkha Regiment, slightly.

KURUM FIELD FORCE.

Numerical List of Troops of the above Force engaged in the action of the Spin Gawai and Peiwar Passes on the 2nd December, 1878.

Camp near Zabardast Kila, 5th December, 1878.

Right or Turning Column.

4 Guns F-A, Royal Horse Artillery—5 officers, 56 rank and file; total 61.