

19th Bengal Native Infantry.

Havildar Kharak Sing, slightly.
Sepoy Gúláb Khan, mortally (died 21st).
Sepoy Méhrbán Sháh, slightly.

3rd Goorkha Regiment.

Kahar Sáhái, dangerously.
Kahar Lachman Rám, severely.
Bhisti Lachmá, slightly.

2nd Sikh Infantry.

Havildar Torábáz Khan, severely.
Sepoy Amir Ali Khan, dangerously.
Sepoy Bhola Sing, slightly.
Sepoy Rám Sing, severely.
Sepoy Múkhmádin, severely.
Sepoy Fateh Nár, slightly.
Sepoy Sháh Mahomed, severely.
Sepoy Kútábdin, severely.
Sepoy Sándar, slightly.
Muleteer Fazlá, slightly.

Ambulance.

Kahar Tabhá, severely.

FIELD OPERATIONS:

No. 8-L, dated *Kabul*, 11th May, 1880.

From Lieutenant-General Sir D. M. Stewart, K.C.B., Commanding the Ghazni Field Force, to the Adjutant-General in India.

ON the 22nd April, when the force under my command was encamped at Ghazni, the presence of an enemy in position some six miles south-east of camp was reported by cavalry patrols, and a reconnaissance made.

2. On the return of the reconnoitring party, orders were issued for the march of the following troops an hour before daylight, on the morning of the 23rd, to dislodge the enemy:—

A. B. R.H.A.; 11-11th R.A.; 2-6th Rifles, 525 rifles; 15th Sikhs, 578 rifles; 25th P.N.I., 458 rifles; 2nd Sikhs, 424 rifles, Brigadier-General R. Barter, commanding; 1st Punjab Cavalry, 322 sabres; 2nd Punjab Cavalry, 325 sabres, under the command of Brigadier-General C. H. Palliser, C.B.

3. The movement was carried out as ordered, and the enemy were surprised. Brigadier-General Palliser, however, judged the enemy's position to be too strong to attack, and reported accordingly by heliograph to Field Force, Head-Quarters. I then advanced a half battalion of the 59th Foot and six companies of the 3rd Goorkhas to reinforce.* Brigadier-General Palliser, however, did not consider himself justified in making the attack with the troops then at his disposal, and withdrew to a position on a ridge some 2,500 yards short of the villages of Shatéz and Arzú, which were held by the enemy. I consequently moved forward with the following troops, under the command of Brigadier-General R. J. Hughes:—G-4th R.A.; half battalion 59th Regiment, 254 rifles; half battalion 19th P.N.I.; 19th Bengal Lancers; The protection of the camp being entrusted to Major J. A. Tillard, R.A., who had at his disposal No. 6-11th R.A., 2 companies of Sappers and Miners, 2 companies of the 3rd Goorkhas, with the usual standing guards, a half battalion of the 19th Punjab Native Infantry having been detached at daylight to guard the gates of the city.

4. At 11 o'clock I assumed command, and the troops were formed for attack, the horse artillery and cavalry, with the 1st Infantry Brigade, being disposed on the right, from which side the attack on the village of Shatéz was delivered—the remainder of the troops advancing from the left.

5. The advance was ordered at 11.40, and both

* Half Battalion, 59th Foot, 253 rifles; 6 companies 3rd Goorkhas, 191 rifles.

villages were in our possession at 12.30, the horse artillery and cavalry being pushed forward in pursuit of the enemy.

6. The enemy's loss was estimated at 400 men, the casualties on our side being 2 killed and 8 wounded.

7. I would bring to the favourable notice of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief the conduct of the troops employed. My thanks are due to Brigadier-Generals, to officers commanding batteries and regiments, and to the officers of the staff, all of whom were present on the occasion.

Return of Killed and Wounded of Lieutenant-General Sir Donald Stewart's Division at the attack on the Village of Arzú, 23rd April, 1880.

A-B Royal Horse Artillery.—One horse wounded. 1st Punjab Cavalry—1 rank and file killed; 7 rank and file wounded. Total 8. Five horses wounded.

2nd Punjab Cavalry—1 rank and file wounded. Total 1. Three horses wounded.

2-60th Rifles—1 rank and file killed. Total 1.

Grand Total—2 rank and file killed; 8 rank and file wounded. Total 10.

Total horses—Wounded 9. Total 9.

Casualties in Action at Arzú on the 23rd April, 1880.

Killed.

1st Punjab Cavalry.

Sowar Jhandá Khan.

60th Rifles.

Private Worthy Crook.

Wounded.

1st Punjab Cavalry.

Lance-Daffadar Mobáriz Khan, severely.

Sowar Bútá Sing, slightly.

Sowar Rehmatúllá, slightly.

Sowar Mahomed Fáiaz, slightly.

Sowar Mahomed Takí, slightly.

Sowar Máulá Baksh, slightly.

Sowar Nádir Khan, slightly.

2nd Punjab Cavalry.

Sowar Mahomed Khan, dangerously.

ALLEN JOHNSON, Colonel,
Secretary to the Government of India.

GENERAL ORDER.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Simla, the 4th June, 1880.

FIELD OPERATIONS.

No. 327. THE Governor-General in Council has much pleasure in directing the publication of the following Correspondence and Despatches regarding the operations of the force under the command of Major-General J. Ross, C.B., on the 24th, 25th, and 26th April, in the neighbourhood of Shekabad:—

KABUL.—FIELD OPERATIONS.

No. 6937-K, dated *Simla*, 1st June, 1880.

From Colonel Allen Johnson, Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Adjutant-General in India.

I AM directed to acknowledge your letter No. 2158-A, dated the 19th May, 1880, forwarding, by direction of the Commander-in-Chief, a Despatch from Lieutenant-General Sir F. S. Roberts, K.C.B., V.C., C.I.E., transmitting reports from Major-General J. Ross, C.B., detailing the operations of the force under his command on the 24th, 25th, and 26th April, in the neighbourhood of Shekabad.

2. The Governor-General in Council having read these reports with much interest, desires me