

8. The following men of note are reported to be killed, wounded, or missing :—

Súltan Mahomed, Mahmúdzái, killed.

His nephew (name unknown), wounded.

A nephew of Sáiad Khan (name unknown), killed.

Mahomed Akbar, second son of Ahmed Shah, Kúlangári, mortally wounded.

9. Sirdar Mahomed Hassan Khan, with a small party of some 100 sowars, watched Captain Broome's squadron from the low hills between Patkáo Shana and Kila Jabbar, and retired towards Charkh on the return of the cavalry from the pursuit.

10. Some of our late deserters were among the enemy,—

A havildar, Bengal Sappers and Miners, killed.

A syce, 2nd Punjab Cavalry, taken prisoner.

A sowar, 1st Punjab Cavalry } who escaped.

A sowar, 2nd " " }

11. As soon as I received information, by heliogram, that the enemy were in full flight, I sent messengers to the different villages in Logar, telling the people to remain in their homes, and that no harm would befall them; and I invited them to search for and send in the wounded. The people were thus re-assured of our good intentions to all who were peaceably inclined towards us, and have already begun to send in supplies. They have been put under great pressure to join in a gházá against us, but have hitherto resisted, and appear to be relieved by our presence.

12. The day's work was a long and trying one, the cavalry covering nearly forty miles ere they returned to camp, and I trust that it will meet due approval.

13. I would beg to bring the names of Brigadier-General Palliser, C.B., to whom I am much indebted for the very thorough way in which he carried out my instructions, and those of the following officers, specially commended by him, to the notice of the Lieutenant-General Commanding, for favourable recommendation to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, for any reward he may consider they deserve :—

1. Colonel P. S. Yorke, commanding the 19th Bengal Lancers.

2. Colonel T. G. Kennedy, commanding the 2nd Punjab Cavalry.

3. Lieutenant-Colonel C. S. Maclean, commanding the 1st Punjab Cavalry.

4. Major G. C. Bird, Brigade-Major, Cavalry Brigade.

5. Lieutenant W. E. [G. Forbes, 2-6th Foot, Orderly Officer.

6. Captain Seymour D. Barrow, A.D.C., severely wounded in both arms in a personal encounter with a nephew of Súltan Mahomed, and who up to the time of his being wounded rendered Brigadier-General Palliser much assistance as an Orderly Officer.

Surgeons W. R. Murphy and P. F. O'Connor, mentioned as meriting special thanks for their attention to the wounded, often at much risk to themselves from stragglers of the enemy.

14. The following are brought to notice by officers commanding regiments :—

Captain G. M. Abbott, Lieutenant S. D. Gordon, Jemadar Manáwar Khan, Jemadar Khan Mahomed Khan, Duffadar Mahomed Ishák, Duffadar Sáiad Khan, 19th Bengal Lancers.

Major J. R. B. Atkinson, who specially distinguished himself, Captain D. S. Cuninghame, Lieutenant E. D. J. O'Brien, 40th Foot, attached, Ressaldar-Major Mahomed Ali Khan, Ressaldar Mir Alam Khan, Ressaldar (Woordi Major) Salim Khan, Jemadar Hak Newáz Khan, Kot-Duffadar

Karam Khan, Duffadar Cheyt Sing, Sowar Jagat Sing, and Sowar Sirbúland Khan, 1st Punjab Cavalry.

Captain L. T. Bishop, specially, for spirited leading of his squadron, and Ressaldar Jowahir Sing, 2nd Punjab Cavalry.

From Brigadier-General C. H. Palliser, C.B., Commanding the Cavalry Brigade Northern Afghanistan Field Force, to Major-General Hills, C.B., V.C., Commanding the 2nd Division Northern Afghanistan Field Force,—(No. 509-R.,—"Field Operations,"—dated Camp Zargunshahr, 2nd July, 1880).

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of the Major-General Commanding, that, in accordance with orders received, I marched yesterday morning at 3.30 A.M. with the Cavalry Brigade, strength as per margin,\* towards Patkáo Shana and Hisárák, up the Logar Valley, for the purpose of ascertaining the truth of a report received of an adverse gathering of tribesmen in that direction, and, if opportunity offered, of dispersing them.

2. I proceeded with the intention of first turning the village of Patkáo Shana on its river side, and thus intercepting the retreat of any enemy that village might contain towards the walled villages, cultivation, and water-cuts existing on that side, which might render the action of cavalry difficult—considering, from its outlying position, with a line of retreat towards the Altimor and other passes to the south, that an enemy would be more likely to be there than in any of the other villages indicated. I was confirmed in this opinion by the information successively received from wayfarers brought in by the advanced files and flanking parties of the 19th Bengal Lancers, and from a Hazara spy returning towards camp, that there was a collection of tribesmen, variously estimated from 400 to 2,000 strong, in and around the village of Patkáo Shana, and that others had departed to the hills on the south the day before.

3. I flashed this information back to camp and continued my march, when, within about two miles and a half of the opening in the low range of smooth, undulating hills stretching across the valley from above Kushi, round the point of which lay the village of Patkáo Shana, a horseman or two were observed on our left front, evidently observing our advance. After a little time these were joined by a cluster of footmen, carrying one red flag. I therefore changed the direction of the head of the column, and advanced with a line of scouts thrown out towards this point, with small detached parties of twenty sabres each for reconnaissance on each flank,—believing that from the crest of the hill I should be able to look down on Patkáo Shana and the lower levels adjacent; but on reaching the top of the rise in view, I found a succession of waves of ascent and descent, over which for about a mile the scouts advanced, the main body of the brigade having been halted at the foot of the first ascent. From the furthest off crest the village of Patkáo Shana was seen to our right front, and to the left front the enemy was observed in compact but full retreat towards Altimor Pass and about two miles off; there appeared to be at least 1500 footmen, with a few scattered horsemen. Not wishing to hurry the enemy's retreat, I checked the advance of the

\* 1st Punjab Cavalry.—British Officers 5, Sabres 226.—331. 2nd Punjab Cavalry.—British Officers 3, Sabres 155.—158. 19th Bengal Lancers.—British Officers 5, Sabres 183.—188. Grand Total, 577.