

had covered the distance from camp (nine miles) in less than an hour-and-a-half.

With the ammunition now received the height around and the village of Sheranni were shelled (the latter at 1,400 yards), with the result that the enemy finally retired, and the village was partially set on fire.

11. The remainder of the withdrawal was unmolested, and the rear-guard reached camp at 12.30 A.M.

12. Some help was given by Khidder Khels, who brought water for the wounded during the retreat, and who, during the following two days, brought in the bodies of all killed, except two which could not be found.\*

The bodies so brought in had been horribly mutilated, irrespective of their religion.

13. Colonel Bunny and Captain Browne, Royal Artillery, died of their wounds on the road, and their bodies, with that of Lieutenant Cruickshank, Royal Artillery, and all the wounded, were brought in with the retirement.

Total casualties.

British officers—Killed, 3; wounded, 3.

Native officers—Killed, 1.

Non-commissioned officers and men—Killed, 22; wounded, 25.

Several mules and horses also killed and wounded.

14. The news reached me at Miran Shah at 11 P.M. on the 10th, and I arrived at Datta Khel, with Surgeon-Captain Ozzard, at 8 A.M. the next morning.

The first matter for consideration was the recovery of the dead left on the field, and the Government and private property. As they were all left on, and close to the scene of the first assault, which could hardly have been reached without much loss (with the available troops), and as the Khidder Khels promised to bring in the bodies, and as there was small chance of finding any of the property still lying there, I was obliged to abandon the idea.

15. A statement of lost property will follow as soon as it can be compiled. It includes eight rifles (of killed).

16. It has already been said that Colonel Bunny and Captain Browne, Royal Artillery, continued to carry on their duties after being mortally wounded, and this they continued to do until the near approach of death stopped them; and it has also been said that Subadar Sundar Singh, 1st Punjab Infantry, was killed while fighting in the most gallant and self-sacrificing manner.

The behaviour of Lieutenants Seton-Browne and Higginson, in leading their men, and, after the death of their seniors, conducting the retreat, though themselves severely wounded, is worthy of high praise.

17. The behaviour of the whole force throughout was splendid, and I propose to bring to notice the very fine conduct of some individuals, without which the account of the event would be incomplete, in a supplementary letter.

18. A list of casualties is attached on field service forms.

No. 6 (Bombay) Mountain Battery.

Return of Casualties in action at Datta Khel on June 10, 1897.

Summary.

Officers—killed, 2; wounded, nil; missing, nil.

Non-Commissioned Officers and Men—killed, 2; wounded, 3; missing, nil.

Followers—killed, nil; wounded, 1; missing, nil.

\* Since this was written these two bodies have also been recovered.—W. G.

Nominal Return of Officers Killed.

Captain J. F. Browne, Royal Artillery, flesh wound, right arm, artery severed, death from loss of blood.

Lieutenant H. A. Cruickshank, Royal Artillery, shot in left arm and breast, death instantaneous.

Nominal Return of Non-Commissioned Officers and Men Killed.

2438 Havildar Umar Din, wound, left shoulder, and shot through forehead. Death instantaneous from second wound.

766 Driver Alif Khan, shot through stomach.

Nominal Return of Non-Commissioned Officers and Men Wounded.

2432 Lance-Naick Utam Chand, severe, shot wound through right elbow, missing bone. Shot wound in right thigh, missing bone. Latter bullet still in wound.

2530 Gunner Chet Singh, severe, bone of upper portion of nose shot away.

796 Driver Gurdit Singh, slight, bullet wound, superficial, upper part, right arm.

Kahar Budhai, 1st P.C., slight, bad contusion, left calf.

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Roll of Animals belonging to No. 6 (Bombay) Mountain Battery killed and wounded on June 10, 1897.

Killed.

Ordnance Mule, 28.

Ordnance Mule, 15.

Ordnance Mule, 42.

Baggage Mule, 61.

Wounded.

Ordnance Mule, 10.

Ordnance Mule, 40.

Ordnance Mule, 71.

Ordnance Mule, 107.

Ordnance Mule, 63.

H. S. DE BRETT, Lieutenant, Royal Artillery, Commanding No. 6 (Bombay) Mountain Battery.

1st Regiment of Sikh Infantry, Punjab Frontier Force.

Return of Casualties in action at Maizar (Tochi Valley) on June 10, 1897.

Summary.

British Officers—killed, 1; wounded, 2; missing, nil.

Non-Commissioned Officers, Men and Followers—killed, 13; wounded, 20; missing, nil.

Nominal Return of Officers Killed.

Major (temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) A. C. Bunny, gunshot through body.

Wounded.

Surgeon-Captain C. C. Cassidy, severe, gunshot in knee.

Lieutenant A. J. M. Higginson, severe, gunshot (twice in left arm).

Nominal Return of Non-Commissioned Officers and Men Killed.

4497 Sepoy Shakar Khan, gunshot.

4759 Sepoy Muhammad Khan, gunshot.

274 Sepoy Roshan Khan, gunshot.

4595 Sepoy Sundar Singh, gunshot.

4411 Lance-Naick Atar Singh, gunshot.

4613 Sepoy Bishen Singh, gunshot.

3872 Lance-Naick Kesar Singh, gunshot.

3992 Lance-Naick Achhar Singh, gunshot.

4474 Lance-Naick Sawan Singh, 1st, gunshot.

4583 Sepoy Sant Singh, 4th, gunshot.

4814 Sepoy Sawan Singh, 3rd, gunshot.