

Lieutenant General (Hai) it appears had been set on fire by his own orders, and he was destroyed in it; his secretary, who was found the next morning by Mr. Morrison, principal Chinese interpreter, related this event, and pointed out the body of the unfortunate chief. Finding dead bodies of Tartars in every house we entered, principally women and children, thrown into wells or otherwise murdered by their own people, I was glad to withdraw the troops from this frightful scene of destruction, and placed them in a commanding position at the principal public offices in the northern quarter of the city. The following morning, search was made for arms, ammunition and treasure, about 60,000 dollars worth of Syce silver was found in public offices, and all the arms and arsenals discovered were destroyed.

17. It would appear that the Tartar soldiers did not calculate on the rapidity of our movements, and considered the city impregnable; a great number of those who escaped our fire, committed suicide, after destroying their families; the loss of life has been therefore appalling, and it may be said that the Mantchoo race in this city is extinct. As in all other places we have taken, the respectable inhabitants have fled as well as the local authorities. The suburbs are larger than the city, which is about four miles in circumference; plunderers flocking in by hundreds from the country have joined the populace, and such is there systematic mode of proceeding, that in one instance which came to my knowledge, they set fire to both ends of a street in the western suburb, where there was a large pawnbroker's shop (uniformly the first object of pillage) in order to check all interruption, while they carried off their booty by the side lanes. I was most anxious to put a stop to these scenes of devastation, but it would not have been practicable in so wide a labyrinth of streets and lanes, without constant harassing exposures to the troops, during the hottest seasons of the year. Cholera has made its appearance; Ensign Weir, of the 49th regiment, died this evening, and several men of same corps have been attacked by the disease.

18. I propose to leave Major General Schoedde with his brigade here. Two regiments and a detachment of artillery will occupy the bluff height and a smaller hill, which command the north angle of the city walls, in which I have directed extensive breaches to be made, and the whole line of parapet will be demolished. Another regiment will occupy the hill above the canal, and opposite to the island of Kinshan; Sir William Parker, leaving a proportionate number of ships, with the remainder of the force, we shall advance on Nankin.

19. The Mandarin, who has so frequently visited us, has again brought a joint despatch from Keying, maternal uncle to the Emperor, and Elepoo, which, together with his answer, will no doubt be submitted by Her Majesty's Plenipotentiary. It only now remains for me to express my warmest approval of the conduct of the troops of all arms, as well Native as European; all were animated with one common feeling of devotion, and the anxiety of all ranks to meet my wishes, has been most cheering. Major Generals Lord Saltoun and Bartley, and Lieutenant Colonel Montgomerie report most favourably of the assistance they derived from the several commanding officers under them, and from their respective Brigade Staff.

To the officers commanding brigades and corps, as to all the General and my Personal Staff, I am much indebted, and it affords me great satisfaction to add, that Lieutenant Colonel Mountain, the Deputy Adjutant General, was sufficiently recovered from the severe wounds he received at Chapoo, to take his usual prominent share in every active operation.

I regret to say that our loss has been considerable, but not more than was to be expected, from the desperation with which the Tartars fought for their homes, and from the strength of their positions. I enclose a return of killed and wounded, with a sketch of the town and the operations before it.

I have the honor to be, &c.

H. GOUGH, Lieut. Gen. Commanding
Expeditionary Land Force.

(True Copy.)

H. GOUGH, Lieutenant General.

P. S. 29th July.—I am sorry to report, that since the foregoing despatch was written, Lieutenant Colonel Stephens, commanding the 49th regiment, has died, in consequence, I fear, of the great fatigue and exposure to the sun which he underwent on the 21st instant.

(Copy.)

Chin Keang Foo, July 21, 1842.

SIR,—Pursuant to the Instructions of His Excellency Sir Hugh Gough, G. C. B., &c. &c. &c. directing me to land my brigade at the Bluff Point, overlooking the town, for the purpose of creating a diversion, but leaving it to my discretion to convert it into a real attack if I should deem it advisable to do so. I have the honor to inform you, that as soon as sufficient number of men had landed, I took possession of the Joss houses on the hill, detaching the Rifle Company to a small wooded hill in my front, and after having reconnoitred the ground I made my arrangements for the escalade of the town at the north east angle. Whilst waiting the arrival of the remainder of the 2d and 6th regiments M. N. I. the enemy opened a very heavy fire upon us from guns, gingalls and matchlocks; this was immediately returned by the rockets of the

Royal Artillery with considerable effect; and as soon as I could assemble such portion of the Brigade as had been landed, I directed the assault of the place in the following manner; half of the Rifle Company, under command of Captain Simpson, rushed from the hill across the valley, and crept up under cover close to the walls, keeping up a well directed fire against the embrasures of the place. The Grenadier Company, H. M. 55th Foot, and two companies of the 6th Regiment, M. N. I., with the Sappers carrying the ladders, under the command of Brevet Major Maclean, 55th Foot, advanced against the north east angle. The Sappers, commanded by Lieutenant Johnstone, with the greatest steadiness and gallantry, reared their ladders against the wall, and in a few minutes the Grenadiers of the 55th had mounted, and dividing into two parties, proceeded to clear the ramparts, one party turning to the right, under Brevet Major Maclean, and another to the left, under Lieutenant Cuddy, 55th.

As we had only three ladders, reinforcements could not follow very quickly; and the enemy defended himself with the greatest gallantry, disputing every inch of ground, and fighting hand to hand with our men. Major Warren, commanding the 55th Foot, after he was wounded himself, cut down two of the enemy, and was personally engaged with a third, whilst the 55th Rifle Company 36th M. N. I. were obliged to carry every angle and embrasure at the point of the bayonet.

In the course of about an hour and a half we arrived at the west gate, where I shortly afterwards had the honor to meet His Excellency. In the mean time, part of the 2d and 6th Regiment, M. N. I., and the Royal Artillery, having mounted the ramparts, followed that portion of the Grenadiers which had turned to the left; and after a severe struggle, cleared the walls on their side until they met the third Brigade. I am particularly indebted to Lieutenant Colonel Drever of the 6th N. I. whose death from fatigue and exposure to the sun, I am very sorry to report; to Captain Reid, 6th Regiment, who succeeded Lieutenant-Colonel Drever, in the command of his Regiment; to Lieutenant-Colonel Luard commanding 2d N. I. to Major Warren, 44th foot, for the manner in which he led his regiment, and who was severely wounded; to Brevet Major Maclean, 55th foot, who commanded the storming party; Captain Greenwood, commanding the Royal Artillery; to Captain Simpson, commanding the Rifles, who I regret to say was severely wounded under the walls at the commencement of the attack; to Lieutenant Cuddy, H. M. 55th foot, the first man to mount the walls, and who was shortly afterwards severely wounded; and to Lieutenant Johnstone, commanding the sappers; Lieutenant Elphinstone, of the Commissariat, afforded me most able assistance, as did also Captain Sheriff, of the 2d N. I., and Assistant Adjutant General, to whom I am likewise greatly indebted; to my Major of Brigade, Captain C. B. Daubeney, 55th foot, my thanks are particularly due for the zeal, intelligence, and attention with which the duties of the brigade were discharged.

I must also beg to express my best thanks to Captain the Honourable F. W. Grey, commanding Her Majesty's ship "Endymion," who superintended the disembarkation of the brigade, and who volunteered to accompany me throughout the day, for his able assistance, and prompt and kind attention to every request I made him regarding the landing of the men.

I enclose a casualty return of the Brigade.

I have, &c.

J. H. SCHOEDDE, Major General,
Commanding 2d (centre) Brigade.

(True Copy.)

A. H. S. MOUNTAIN, Lieutenant Colonel,
Deputy Assistant General Expeditionary Force.

Return of Ordnance mounted on the Walls of Chin-kiang-foo, captured on the 21st July. 1842.

Camp, Chin-kiang-foo, July 26, 1842.

Iron Guns—2 twelve pounders, 1 nine pounder, 2 eight pounders, 2 five pounders, 4 four pounders, 7 three pounders, 2 two pounders.

Total—20.

The whole of these guns have been destroyed.

N. B.—In addition to the above, a large number of jingalls, matchlocks, spears, bows and arrows, about 3000lbs. of gunpowder, and a variety of military appointments were destroyed in the different magazines and store rooms in the city.

P. MONTGOMERIE, Lieut. Col.
Comg. Arty. Brig. East. Exp.

(True copy.)

ARMINE S. H. MOUNTAIN, Lieut. Col.
Depy. Adj. Gen. Expy. Force.

Expeditionary Land Force.

Return of Killed, Wounded, and Missing of the above Force, under the Command of his Excellency Lieutenant General Sir Hugh Gough, G. C. B. at the attack on the Enemy's entrenched Camp, Storm, and Capture of the City of Chinkiangfoo, on the 21st of July 1842.

Head Quarters, Chinkiangfoo, July 24, 1842.

Artillery—2 rank and file killed; 4 officers, 1 sergeant, 7 rank and file wounded; 1 rank and file missing.