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No. 15. From Lieutenant Colonel C. DAVIDSON, Resident at Hyderabad; to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated 19th July 1858, No. 736.

Military Dept. SIR,

I have the honor to forward copy of a General Order issued by me to the Hyderabad Contingent on the breaking up of the Field Force in Central India, for the return of the Troops to Cantonments.

No. 159, 17th July 1858.

2. As all the Officers named, with the exception of one or two doing duty temporarily, serving with the Hyderabad Contingent, belong to the Madras Army, I deem it an act of justice to them to record their Services in the Campaign and forward the same for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

Extract of General Orders by the Resident, dated Hyderabad Residency, 17th July 1858, No. 159.

The different Corps and Detachments of the Hyderabad Contingent with the exception of two Detachments of Cavalry having been ordered to return from the Field Service on which they have been engaged in Central India, the Resident takes this opportunity of congratulating Major Orr and all the Officers and Men who were employed in the above mentioned Service, on the proved devotion and the gallantry with which they have upheld the name and fame of the Hyderabad Contingent in a campaign of the most arduous description.

2. Fortunate in a General who inspired all ranks with confidence, and who never failed to lead his Army to victory, the Hyderabad Contingent as a component part of that Army has repeatedly elicited Major General Sir Hugh Rose's public recognition of its Services.

3. Brigadier Hill and all the Officers Commanding Corps in the Hyderabad Contingent, when mutiny and revolt broke out in Hindustan, at the unanimous desire of their men volunteered their Services wherever required by the Government of India, and nobly have they responded to the confidence which the Right Honorable the Governor General reposed in them by his acceptance of their proffered Services.

4. On the 22nd July 1857, a Force was assembled and a Camp formed at Edlabad consisting of 12 Field Guns, 400 Cavalry, and 1,200 Infantry. The 3rd Cavalry H. C. 468 Sabres having been previously placed at the disposal of the Bombay Government.

5. The whole Contingent were anxious to take the Field, but all could not be spared from the Deccan.

6. While awaiting at Edlabad to be ordered on to meet the enemy in Central India amidst the first torrents of the Monsoon, the fell and fatal disease, Cholera, broke out and devastated the Camp, this of itself would have discouraged most Native Troops; but the reports which at that time reached the Resident gave him confidence as to the result of future events, they were all expressive of high hope, constancy and courage.

7. The subjoined farewell order of Major General Sir Hugh Rose, K. C. B., at Calpee to the Troops of the Central India Column, dated 1st June 1858, well described the nature of the brilliant campaign, there so victoriously terminated, and it is therefore only necessary here to add that some of the Hyderabad Contingent had the further good fortune to be also present at the crowning Victory of Gwalior.

“Soldiers! you have marched more than a thousand miles, and taken more than a hundred
“Guns; you have forced your way through mountain passes, and intricate jungles, and over
“Rivers, you have captured the strongest Forts, and beat the enemy, no matter what the odds,
“whenever you met him; you have restored extensive districts to the Government, and peace and
“order now, where before for a twelve month were tyranny and rebellion; you have done all
“this, and you never had a check. I thank you with all my sincerity for your bravery, your de-
“votion, and your discipline, when you first marched, I told you that you as British Soldiers

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" had more than enough of courage for the work which was before you; but that courage without discipline was of no avail, and I exhorted you to let discipline be your watchword; you have attended to my orders. In hardships, in temptation and danger, you have obeyed your General, and you have never left your ranks; you have fought against the strong and you have protected the rights of the weak and defenceless, of foes, as well as of friends. I have seen you in the ardour of the Combat, preserve and place children out of harms' way. This is the discipline of Christian Soldiers; and it is what has brought you triumphant from the Shores of Western India to the waters of the Jumna, and establishes without doubt that you will find no place to equal the glory of our Arms."

8. The different actions in which the Services of the Hyderabad Contingent have been engaged are

Dhar.	Garracotta.
Pipliah.	Jhansi.
Rawul.	Bandah.
Mundissoor.	Koonch.
Ratghur.	Calpee.
Muddenpoor.	Bilowah.
Chandeyree.	Gwalior.

9. The European Officers who so well upheld the Military renown and honor of the Contingent are

Major W. A. Orr, Commandant 1st Company Artillery and Commanding Field Force Hyderabad Contingent.

Captain S. G. G. Orr, Commandant 3rd Cavalry H. C.

- " A. W. Macintire, " 2nd "
- " H. D. Abbott, Offg. " 1st "
- " G. Hare, Commanding 5th Infantry H. C.
- " J. B. Speid, 2nd Infantry H. C.
- " W. Murray, Officiating Commandant 4th Cavalry H. C.
- " J. D. C. Sinclair, " 1st Company Artillery H. C.
- " J. Sinclair, 3rd Infantry H. C.

Lieutenant H. Clerk, 3rd Cavalry H. C.

- " H. C. Dowker, 1st "
- " R. K. Macquoid, 2nd Infantry H. C.
- " E. W. Dun, 4th Cavalry H. C.
- " H. Fraser, "
- " F. Samwell, D. D., 4th Cavalry H. C.
- " H. J. E. Teed, 3rd Cavalry H. C.
- " A. A. Johnson, Officiating Adjutant, 1st Cavalry H. C.
- " R. C. Stuart, 42nd Regiment Madras N. I., doing duty with the 6th Regiment H. C.

Surgeon W. H. Bradley, 2nd Cavalry H. C.

- " W. Mackenzie, A. M., 3rd Cavalry H. C.
- " J. H. Orr, 4th Cavalry H. C.

Assistant Surgeon A. Sanderson, M. B. & M. A., 1st Cavalry H. C.

" G. A. Burn, A. M. & M. D., 5th Infantry H. C.

Captain Douglas, Bengal Artillery, D. D., 4th Company Artillery H. C.

Lieutenant Westmacott, Bengal Infantry, D. D., 4th Cavalry H. C.

- " Partridge, Bengal Infantry, D. D., Infantry H. C.
- " Ryall, Bengal Infantry, D. D., 2nd Cavalry H. C.

Warrant Qr. Mr. W. Thompson, 2nd Company Artillery H. C.

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Sub-Conductor Chapman, Ordnance Department, Aurungabad.

Serjeant Major Greany, 2nd Infantry H. C.

" Dixon, 5th "

Qr. Mr. Serjeant Moore, 3rd "

" Scanlon, 2nd "

" Wilson, 5th "

Staff Serjeant Judgson, 1st Company Artillery H. C.

" Macdonald, 4th "

10. Of these the Resident regrets to say the following have been killed, wounded, or obliged to return to their native land for the restoration of their health.

Captain John Sinclair, 3rd Infantry, H. C., killed.

" H. D. Abbott, Officiating Commandant 1st Cavalry H. C., wounded.

" W. Murray, " 4th " "

Lieutenant H. Clerk, 3rd Cavalry H. C., severely wounded, proceeded to Europe.

" H. C. Dowker, 1st Cavalry H. C., severely wounded.

" F. Samwell, D. D., 4th " " proceeded to Europe.

" G. R. Westmacott, D. D., 4th Cavalry H. C., severely wounded.

" W. B. Ryall, D. D., 2nd Cavalry H. C., wounded.

" R. C. Stuart, 42nd M. N. I., doing duty with the 6th Regiment Infantry H. C., killed in action.

Captain S. G. G. Orr, Commandant 3rd Cavalry H. C., proceeded to Europe, Sick Certificate.

Captain J. DeC. Sinclair, 4th Company Artillery H. C., proceeded to Europe, Sick Certificate.

Warrant Qr. Mr. Thompson, 2nd Company Artillery, wounded.

Sub-Conductor Chapman, Ordnance Department, Aurungabad, dead.

Serjeant Major Dixon, 5th Infantry, wounded, dead.

Qr. Mr. Serjeant Moore, 3rd Infantry, dead.

" Wilson, 5th " dead.

11. The rewards and honors conferred by the Government of India on the Native Officers and Men for distinguished conduct and conspicuous gallantry in action have been bestowed with no sparing hand as the following List proves.

1st Class " Order of British India," with the title of Sirdar Bahadoor.....	3.
2nd Class " " with the title Bahadoor.....	1.
3rd Class " Order of Merit.".....	19.

Cavalry.	Ressaldar Majors.....	7.
	Ressaidars.....	5.
	Jemadars.....	18.
	Duffadars.....	24.
Infantry.	Subadars.....	1.
	Jemadars.....	4.
	Havildars.....	3.
	Naigues.....	4.

12. In enumerating the good services of the Hyderabad Contingent beyond the limits of the Deccan (its ordinary sphere of duty) the Resident does not forget how much he is indebted to Brigadier Hill and the Officers who remained behind in command of corps and stations for the preservation of the tranquillity of neighbouring districts of the Nizam's Territories; to Major Briggs, Military Secretary, for the successful mode in which he commanded a detachment of the Troops of the Hyderabad Subsidiary Force and Contingent, and defended the Residency when it was attacked on the 17th July 1857 by a band of Insurgent and blood thirsty fanatics, and for the skilful manner in which all his Military arrangements to meet the expected attack were previously prepared: to Captain Wyndham, Commandant, and Lieutenant Adey, 2nd in Com

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mand 4th Infantry H. C., assisted by Captain W. R. Campbell, Second Assistant Resident, who volunteered his services, the repulse of a Sortie and night attack at Sharapoor on the 7th February 1858, is due; Captain Clogstoun, 2nd in Command 2nd Cavalry H. C., was the only Cavalry Officer retained in the Deccan and although he deplored the fate that prevented his accompanying his Comrades in the Central India Campaign, his unwearied energy, incessant marches in all directions throughout the Country with detachments of the 2nd Cavalry, indeed his having hardly for many months quitted the Saddle, has in no ordinary way tended to check the turbulent Mercenaries who maraud throughout the Nizam's Territory, and proved to them that there was still a force available, which would attack and crush them if they proceeded to acts of hostility.

13. During the 40 years the Hyderabad Contingent has been embodied, it has at no previous time enjoyed so proud a position or played so conspicuous a part in the Military Annals of India as during the last year, and in thus placing on record its amient Services the Resident trusts that the acknowledgment will act as an incentive to all ranks to emulate hereafter the loyalty, devotion, and fidelity it has now shewn to the British Government.

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ORDER THEREON, No. 467; dated 27th July 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Military Department.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson

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