

A RARE AFGHANISTAN 1878 TO A 92ND HIGHLANDERS DRUMMER WHO WAS WOUNDED IN ACTION AT THE 2ND ACTION AT CHARASIAH, 25 APRIL 1880



AFGHANISTAN, 1878-80, 2 CLASPS, CHARASIA, KABUL 1473. DRUMR. T. JARDINE. 92ND HIGHRS'

Drummer Thomas Jardine was born circa 1852 and enlisted into the 92nd (Gordon) Highlanders as a boy soldier circa 1866 and served with the 92nd in the Second Afghan War. Jardine was severely wounded in action at 2nd battle of Charasiah on 25 April 1880, receiving a gunshot wound to the right forearm, and was later discharged to pension on 12 March 1881 due to wounds.

His claims to pension at Cheslea states:

"Gunshot wound – Forearm, Right. At Cabul – Wrist Stiff, hand of little use. Ball passed through back of writ through forearm"

In this brief action near the village of Childuckteran the 92nd Highlanders suffered 2 men killed and 6 wounded.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Second_Battle_of_Charasiab

From the history of the 92nd:

"..nothing of importance took place thereafter till the 20th of April 1880, when the left wing of the Gordon Highlanders, under Major White, moved out of the cantonments as part of a small force, under the command of Colonel Jenkins, C.B., intended to operate towards Gogo; and encamped at the village of Childuckteran, where, on the 25th, the column was attacked by a much more numerous body of the enemy, of at least 5000 men. As soon as the action commenced at daybreak, the tents were struck and the baggage animals sent under cover of a small hill in rear of the camp, with half a company of the 92nd as a guard. Other two companies of the regiment, under Captain Robertson, were extended to cover the front, and the remaining company and a half was drawn up in support. The enemy had excellent cover, and succeeded in advancing his standards to within 200 yards of the British fighting line, and maintaining his attack there (though he could never get any nearer) till 1.30 P.M., when, on the arrival of Brigadier-General Macpherson's brigade — which included the other wing of the 92nd under Lieutenant-Colonel Parker — the combined forces drove the Afghans back and dispersed them. The loss of the 92nd was 2 non-commissioned officers and men killed and 6 wounded. Lieutenant-Colonel Parker, Major White, Captain Singleton, and Captain Macgregor were again mentioned in despatches, and received the thanks of their respective Brigadiers and Lieutenants Douglas and Ramsay were brought forward by Lieutenant-Colonel Parker as deserving favourable mention for their services during the engagement."



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