

officers led like gallant gentlemen, shaking their broadswords in the air. Two young ensigns, springing over a low wall, gave the colours of the regiment to the breeze. Lieutenant Paul with voice and accent urged on his wild followers."

The hole in the wall, as already stated, was about three feet square and the same distance from the ground. According to this account, a Sikh and a Highlander were the first through, and were both shot dead in the act. A young officer of the 93rd, Richard Cooper, flying, so to speak, through the hole, was more fortunate. His jump into it was like the headlong leap which Harlequin in a pantomime makes through a shop window. He was immediately followed by Colonel Ewart of the 93rd and about a dozen men, Highlanders and Sikhs. But the bulk, impatient of the delay which would be caused by jumping through a narrow hole, had turned off to force one of the gates, through which the 93rd and the Sikhs dashed; the 53rd forced a barred window and joined in the rush to the rescue of Ewart, Cooper, and their comrades, who were found gallantly fighting against fearful odds.

"The struggle in the enclosure was desperate. The rebels fought like men who had been caught in a trap. Quarter was neither given nor asked for. Every room, every staircase, every corner of the towers was contested. The slaughter did not cease until the corpses of every one of the two thousand rebels lay heaped upon each other in the Sikandarbagh."