

manding officer as an orderly. Of such stuff are our Indian soldiers."

The deed of Mukarrab Khan, like that of Kate Barlass, is not likely to be forgotten; but surely the heroism of those who precipitated themselves through the narrow breach in the wall of Sikandarbagh to almost certain death must be rated almost as high. If there ever was a leap in the dark surely it was there.

Another account of this daring deed written by another eye-witness, who, however, appears to have missed the incident singled out by Lord Roberts, is worth quoting in this connection. According to this, directly the breach was pronounced to be practicable the bugle sound gave the signal for the assault. Adrian Hope's brigade had been ordered to lie down under what shelter was possible during the artillery fire, but at the sound of the bugle they rose to their feet, and the 93rd Highlanders under Lieutenant-Colonel Ewart, with the 4th Punjabees under Lieutenant Paul, some of the 53rd and a battalion of detachments under Major Barnston raced for the breach. "It was," says our eye-witness, "a glorious rush. On went, in generous rivalry, the turbans of the Sikhs and the dark plumes of the Highlanders. A Native officer of the Sikhs, Sadbadar Gokal Singh, specially mentioned by the Commander-in-Chief in his despatches, waving his tulwar above his head, dashed on full five yards in front of his men. The Highlanders, determined not to be left behind, strained nerve and limb in the race. The