The

**Indian** 

Mutiny

Of

1857

(1857 - 1859)

## **Background:**

## The East India Company

- 1. Company arrives in India in the 1600's as Traders.
- 2. 1700's The Mogul Empire in India declines:
  - A) The East India Company finds itself fighting for survival against:
    - I. The French.
    - II. Ruling Princes' in various areas of India.
- 3. 1757 British government gains control of Bengal by using the East India Company:
  - A) Company uses any means necessary to gain & keep control:
    - I. Intrigue.
    - II. Negotiations.
    - III. Treachery.
    - IV. Brute Force.

## Background - 1805

- 1. British Commander in Chief at Madras is, Lt. General, Sir John Cradock:
  - A) He approves 3 new items for the Sepoys (Indian Foot Soldiers), Sowars (Mounted Troops), and Golandaz (Gunners):
    - I. Leather Stocks for the necks of the uniforms.
    - II. New headwear with a leather cockade.
    - III. New regulation forbidding religious facial markings (Beards or Mustaches) and jewelry:
      - (1) Caste Marks on faces must be removed!
      - (2) Beards must be shaved.
      - (3) Mustaches must be trimmed.
- 2. Problem...To the Sepoys:
  - A) Shape and fashion of the beard is a badge of their Caste and thus...:

- I. Part of their religion!
- B) Hindu Reformers have tried to do away with Castes...BUT, it has only created NEW Castes and subdivisions of Castes!!!
- C) 4 classes of Hindus:
  - I. Brahman...Priests & Law Givers.
  - II. Ksatriya...Rulers & Warriors.
  - III. Vaisya...Merchants & Businessmen.
  - IV. Sudra...Peasants & Workers.
- 3. Problem...Rumor...Stock & Cocade are made from Cowhide or Pigskin!!!
  - A) Cows are sacred!
  - B) Pigs are forbidden by religion!
  - C) To even touch Pigskin is ritual pollution to a Hindu or Muslim!

# Background - 1806

- 1. May Vellore, India:
  - A) Lt. Colonel Darley reports to Cradock that:
    - I. Most of an elite Grenadier Company has refused to wear the new Headdress!
  - B) Cradock says it's insubordination:
    - I. Any Indian Officer refusing to wear the Headdress will be dismissed from the Army!
  - C) 10 Muslims & 11 Hindus are courtmartialed:
    - I. All guilty!
    - II. 1 Hindu & 1 Muslim are flogged and dismissed from the Army!
    - III. The other 19 are sentenced to be flogged 500 times!!!!!
      - (1) Never happens...They admit the error of their way and promise good behavior.

- 2. Secret meetings are held:
  - A) Swear to resist the new regulations.
  - B) Decide to seize the weapons at Vellore.
- 3. June 17<sup>th</sup> Sepoy, Mustafa Beg, reports to his commanding officer, Lt. Colonel Forbes...Plan to rise and attack the British:
  - A) Forbes asks the Indian Officers to investigate:
    - I. They're all in on the plan!!!
  - B) They report to Forbes that Beg is insane:
    - I. Persuade Forbes to jail him!
- 4. Same time...European woman, Mrs.
  Burke...Tells the Station Commander,
  Colonel Fancourt...Rumors of an
  uprising:
  - A) He tells her to go away.

- 5. July 10<sup>th</sup> 2:00 Morning Sepoys turn on the British:
  - A) Firing everywhere.
  - B) Dawn All of the British Guards and Colonel Fancourt are dead!
  - C) Barracks are under attack!
  - D) 7:00 Morning Captain Archibald MacLachlan leads 200 men in a charge from the barracks:
    - I. Fight the Sepoys.
    - II. MacLachlan is badly wounded.
    - III. Captain C.J. Barrow takes command.
    - IV. Fight until ammunition is gone.
    - V. Fight with the bayonet.
  - E) Only 60 men left alive at this point:
    - I. Helpless...Have to watch as 15 sick & wounded are dragged from the Hospital and butchered!
  - F) Messenger is sent to Arcot, 16 miles away, for help.
  - G) 8:30 Morning Help from Arcot:

- I. A Dragoon force led by Lt. Colonel Rollo Gillespie arrives.
- H) 10:00 Morning Main relief column from Arcot arrives.
- I) 350 Mutineers are trapped in the Fort:
  - I. British attack them.
  - II. NO QUARTER!
  - III. All 350 are killed!
- J) Aftermath:
  - I. Captured Mutineers are lined up.....

    Blown to pieces with salvos of canister!
  - II. New Regulations...Cancelled!
  - III. British have lost 123 killed & 79 wounded at Vellore.

## **Background**

- 1. Barrackpore Mutiny 1824:
  - A) Barrackpore, India.
  - B) Sepoys refuse to go to Burma to serve.
  - C) Mutiny.
  - D) Fired on by British Troops.
  - E) Dispersed.
  - F) Ends.
- 2. British under Sir Charles Napier:
  - A) Conquer and annex Scinde.
- 3. By 1833...Thousands of Missionaries all over India:
  - A) Set up Missionary Schools.
  - B) Indian Priests fear that the Missionaries will convert all of India to Christianity.
- 4. Mutinies will occur for various reasons in:

- A) 1844 1849 1850 and 1852.
- 5. Two wars are fought...1845-1846...And 1848-1849:
  - A) Results:
    - I. Sikhs are conquered.
    - II. Punjab is annexed.
    - III. Brings 1,000's of new Sikh recruits into the British Army:
      - (1) BUT...The Sikhs are hated by the rest of India:
        - a. Considered to be uncouth, smelly, and savages.
      - (2) Indian Sepoys from Oude & Rajputana are angry that the British have allowed the Sikhs into the Army!

# **Background - British Reformers**

- 1. Have suppressed the "Thuggee":
  - A) Cult.
  - B) Worship "Kali."
  - C) Strangle and rob travelers.
  - D) Practice human sacrifice.
  - E) Practice "Suttee".....Widow Burning.
- 2. Start the doctrine of "Lapse":
  - A) East India Company takes it upon itself to:
    - I. Annex Prince controlled states where the ruler dies and leaves no legitimate heir!
- 3. Attitude of contempt toward the Indian people.
- 4. Sincere desire to bring a good Government to the Indian people.
- 5. Belief that material & spiritual

# improvement go together.

# Background - By the 1850's

- 1. The East India Company:
  - A) Totally stop trading.
  - B) Act as "Agents" for the British Government.
  - B) Exist solely to run the civil and military affairs of India.

### **Events**

- 1. New British Officers arrive:
  - A) Most hate India.
  - B) Most hate the Indian people.
  - C) "Look down upon" the Indian people.
  - D) Distance themselves from the Indian Troops they command.
- 2. British Judges replace Indian Officials:
  - A) See their powers slipping away.
- 3. The Governor General:
  - A) Can only be appointed by the British Government.
  - B) Rules the Bengal Presidency from Calcutta.
  - C) Rules over the 2 Presidencies of: Madras and Bombay.
- **4.** 1856 Oude is annexed:
  - A) 60% of the Sepoys come from here.
  - B) "Sepoy"....From the Turkish word

- "Sipahi".....Meaning 'Soldier.'
- C) Trained in European Warfare with European Weapons.
- 5. February 1856 Lord Charles John Channing:
  - A) Made Governor General of the East India Company.
- 6. Summer of 1856 Northwest provinces of India Starting in Oude Revival of the old Hindu custom of "Chapatti":
  - A) Night Runner arrives in a village.
  - B) Seeks out the elder.
  - C) Gives him 6 Holy "Chapattis" (Wheat Cakes).
  - D) Taking a bite has 3 meanings:
    - I. Committing to the movement.
    - II. Preparing for a rebellion.
    - III. All epidemics will be banished.
  - E) Elder makes cakes for 6 more villages.

- F) Sends runners to 6 villages.
- G) .....And on and on...Movement spreads rapidly.
- 7. Another custom is brought back "Passing the Lotus Flower":
  - A) Lotus Flower is the Hindu symbol of War Touching it is a commitment to the cause.
  - B) Man brings the Lotus Flower to a Sepoy Military Post.
  - C) Handed to the Senior Sepoy Officer.
  - D) He hands it to a member of his unit.
  - E) Goes from hand-to-hand.
  - F) Last man...Takes it to another Military Post...Repeated...Over and over.
- 8. By 1857 Government Stations all over India:
  - A) Military Posts.
  - B) Magazine...Storage for powder and weapons.

- C) Garrison of Troops.
- D) European Community.
- E) Jail.
- F) Treasury:
  - I. Full of Government cash!
  - II. Favorite target of robbers.
  - III. Will be the primary target of the Mutineers.
- 9. 1857 East India Company Army:
  - A) 233,087 men:
    - I. 190,087 are Indian Troops!
    - II. 43,000 are British Troops.
    - III. All Officers are British.
  - **B) Broken down into Battalions:** 
    - I. Battalion...10 Companies:
      - (1) Company is commanded by a Captain...Each Company has:
        - a. 2 Majors.
        - b. 1 Sgt. Major.
        - c. 1 Color Sgt.
  - C) East India Company subsidizes the 3

#### **Indian Armies:**

- I. Calcutta (Capital).
- II. Madras.
- III. Bombay.
- 10. By 1857 In India 125,000 British men, women, and children:
  - A) Living among 250 million Indians.
  - B) Live in/at/or near:
    - I. Small European towns outside Indian towns.
    - **II. Government Stations.**
    - III. Indian Cities.
  - C) Have Homes.
  - D) Own Shops.
  - E) Have Churches.
  - F) Have Social Clubs.
- 11. Ahmed-Ullah, The Maulvi of Falzbad:
  - A) Learned & Holy Man.
  - **B) Tours the Northwest visiting:** 
    - I. Agra Delhi Meerut Patna and

#### Calcutta.

- C) April 1857 Returns to Oude.
- D) Arrested, tried, found guilty of sedition:
  - I. Condemned to death.
- E) Will be held in Faizabad awaiting execution, at the time of the Meerut Mutiny.
- 12. 1857 Turmoil among the Sepoys:
  - A) Feel the British treat them with disrespect!
  - B) Feel the British Officers are no longer "equal with them."
  - C) Feel the British Officers think they are "better" than the Sepoys.
  - D) Feel they can no longer communicate with the British Officers.
- 13. 1857 More and more Missionaries are arriving in India:
  - A) Interfere with ancient religious

#### beliefs.

- 14. 1857 The British Commander-In-Chief in India is...General, Sir George Anson:
  - A) 59 yrs. Old.
  - B) Has fought at Waterloo.
  - C) Likes Horse Racing.
  - D) Likes Cards.
  - E) Right under Anson is Major General, Sir Patrick Grant:
    - I. 53 yrs. Old.
    - II. Brave Efficient.
    - III. Fought in the Sikh War.
    - IV. He is the Commander at Madras.

## The Greased Cartridge Problem

- 1. Weapon of the British Troops is the .577
  - Lee/Enfield Muzzle Loading -Percussion Rifle:
  - A) Very accurate up to 200 yards.
  - B) Very effective at 500 yards.
  - C) Accuracy is very slim at 1,000 yards.
- 2. To make the loading easier, faster, and to stop "fouling" the grooves in the barrel:
  - A) Cartridge manufacturers start making greased paper cartridges!
    - I. End of paper tube is torn open with teeth in the mouth.
    - II. Entire greased packet...paper, powder, lead projectile, are shoved down into the barrel.
    - III. Ramrod...Grease makes it slide down very easy.
- 3. January 21, 1857 Bengal Near the

Army Musketry School at Dum-Dum – 6 miles North of Calcutta:

- A) Captain J.A. Wright learns of concerns by the Sepoys about rumors that the lubricants on the paper cartridges are from hog and cattle grease!!!
  - I. For a Hindu or Muslim to place this in their mouths would be to defile them and their religion!
- B) Rumor is...Done intentionally by the British to:
  - I. Defile the Sepoys.
  - II. Break down the Caste System.
  - III. Convert them to Christianity.
- C) 2/3's of the Indian Officers refuse to use the greased cartridges:
  - I. Because of their religion.
- 4. January 22, 1857 Wright reports the concerns:
  - A) British Officers make a recommend:

- I. No more greased cartridges be sent to India.
- II. Let Sepoys grease their own cartridges with:
  - (1) Beeswax or Vegetable Oil.
- 5. Within 6 days...Military Department issues orders:
  - A) Only British Soldiers will be issued the greased cartridges.
  - B) Sepoys can grease their own.
- 6. BUT.....It's too late to stop the rumors!

# February 1857

- 1. February 25<sup>th</sup> Berhampore 116 miles North of Calcutta:
  - A) Colonel William Mitchell orders the old, blue-papered, cartridges, issued to the Troops:
    - I. They are NOT greased.
    - II. The Sepoy 19<sup>th</sup> refuses to touch the cartridges!
      - (1) Are FORCED to place them in their pouches!
- 2. Today we know from hard evidence that the new greased cartridges were in fact:
  - A) Greased with cattle and hog lard!

## **March 1857**

- Lucknow Left Bank of the Gumti River
   42 miles East of Cawnpore, 610 miles
   from Calcutta In the capital of Oude
   Province:
  - A) Brig. General, Sir Henry Lawrence becomes the Chief Commissioner.
- 2. March 20<sup>th</sup> British reinforcements reach Calcutta.
- 3. March 29<sup>th</sup> Barrackpore Evening Sepoy, Mangal Pande is high on "Bhang" (Hemp and Other Drugs):
  - A) Armed with a musket and a "Tulwar" (Native Sword).
  - B) Urges his fellow Sepoys to break rank!
  - C) Urges them to refuse the new cartridges!
  - D) Urges them to revolt!
  - E) Lt. Henry Baugh and Sgt. Major

- James Hawson move to disarm him:
- I. Pande fires at Baugh...Kills Baugh's horse!
- II. Baugh fires at Pande and misses.
- III. Pande wounds Baugh with his Tulwar.
- IV. Hawson prevents Pande from killing Baugh.
- V. 2 British Officers escape!
- 4. Pande tries to commit suicide by shooting himself:
  - A) Only inflicts a wound.
  - **B)** Captured!
- 5. March 30<sup>th</sup> Pande and another Sepoy, Jermadar Iswari Pande, are courtmartialed for sedition.
- 6. March 31<sup>st</sup> Berhampore:
  - A) For refusing an order to take cartridges:

- I. 19<sup>th</sup> Sepoy is dishonorably Disbanded:
  - (1) Turn over weapons!
  - (2) Turn over colors!
  - (3) Paid!

## <u> April – 1857</u>

- 1. Monday April 6<sup>th</sup> Pande & Pande are found guilty Sentenced to death:
  - A) Both are hanged in front of the entire Troop.
- 2. April 23<sup>rd</sup> @ Meerut (Military Divisional Headquarters...300 miles up the Ganges Valley from Calcutta):
  - A) Announcement...3<sup>rd</sup> Light Cavalry will be the 1<sup>st</sup> to:
    - I. Practice new loading & firing orders with the new cartridges.
- 3. April 24<sup>th</sup> Meerut Colonel George Carmichael-Smyth orders the 3<sup>rd</sup> Light Cavalry thru the rifle loading drill:
  - A) Fellow Officers urge him not to do so!
    - I. Inform him there is no need for the drill!
  - B) Won't listen...Drill is held for 90 men:
    - I. Indian Major demonstrates.

- II. Major orders the men to take 3 cartridges each.
- III. 85 of the 90 refuse to do so!
- IV. Drill is called off.
- V. Men are confined to the camp.

# Wednesday thru Friday May 6, 7, and 8, 1857

- 1. The 85 Sepoys are court-martialed:
  - A) 30 men on the Judge's Panel:
    - I. 15 Native Indians.
    - II. 9 Hindus.
    - III. 6 Muslims.
  - B) All...Guilty!
  - C) Sentenced to 10 yrs. at hard labor!
    - I. 11 of the youngest Troopers have 5 yrs. knocked off their sentences.

# <u>Saturday - May 9, 1857</u>

- 1. The 85 Sepoys are paraded in front of the entire Troop:
  - A) Sentence is read.
  - B) Stripped of uniform and boots.
  - C) Ankles are shackled.
  - D) As they file past Carmichael-Smyth:
    - I. Drop uniforms.
    - II. Throw boots at him.
    - III. Curse him.
- 2. Evening Lt. Hugh Gough reports to Colonel Carmichael-Smyth:
  - A) Strong rumors of a revolt the next day!
    - I. Colonel tells him to ignore it!

# <u>Sunday - May 10, 1857 - Meerut</u>

- 1. Northwest India 35 miles North of Delhi:
  - A) A call for the murder of all Europeans!
- 2. 5:00 Afternoon Starts!
  - A) Sepoys start killing their Officers.
  - B) Start killing any Europeans.
  - C) Looting.
  - D) Burning.
  - E) Take the Jail and release the prisoners.
  - F) Many British Soldiers are stoned, stabbed, or shot to death.
  - G) Colonel John Finnis is shot from his horse:
    - I. Hacked to pieces.
  - H) Men, women, and children...No matter the age...Killed!
  - I) 6 British Officers hide in an Outhouse:
    - I. Discovered.
    - II. All are hacked to pieces.

- J) Mob is burning, robbing, pillaging, and murdering!
- K) The Chambers House is set on fire:
  - I. Charlotte Chambers comes out.
  - II. She is 9 months pregnant.
  - III. Grabbed...Throat is slit!
  - IV. Muslim butcher...Cuts her open!
  - V. Cuts out the baby...Lays it on her chest!
- M) Some British women are burnt alive in their homes!
- N) A European woman in a carriage is stabbed to death:
  - I. Lt. Melville shoots and kills her killer.
- O) Amelia Courtney, wife of the Hotel Keeper:
  - I. On her way to the Church.
  - II. Murdered in her carriage.
- P) John McNabb...Hacked to death!
- Q) Animal Vet., Sgt. Dawson, and his wife:

- I. Murdered.
- R) Another Animal Vet., a Sgt., is murdered!
- S) 50 British men, women, and children are murdered!
  - I. 8 are women.
  - II. 8 are children.
- T) Christianized Indians & Half-Breed European & Indian are killed!
- **U) Commanders are:** 
  - I. Brig. General, William "Bloody Bill" Hewitt:
    - (1) 67 yrs. old Fat INDECISIVE!
  - II. Archdale Wilson.
  - III. Lt. Colonel, John Jones...It is he who:
    - (1) Organizes the British Troops & loyal Sepoys.
    - (2) Opens the magazine to get more ammunition.
    - (3) Opens fire on the mob.

- 3. Dark...Mutineers are gone: A) Camp 6 miles from the city.

# <u>Same Day – Sunday – 5/10/57</u>

- 1. Delhi 4:00 Afternoon Telegraph Office:
  - A) Discovers the line to Meerut is not operating:
    - I. Has been cut!

#### <u> Monday – May 11, 1857 - Delhi</u>

- 1. Delhi is surrounded by red, sandstone, walls:
  - A) Emperor, Bahador Shah II's Palace is surrounded by red, sandstone, walls.
- 2. 8:00 Morning Telegraph Operator, Mr. Todd, sets out to repair the telegraph line:
  - A) Runs into 20 mutineers.
  - B) They kill him!
  - C) Mutineers enter the city as a mob!
    - I. At the Bridge of Boats...They kill the Toll-keeper and another European.
    - II. Head for the Emperor's Palace.
- 3. Mr. Brendish at the Telegraph Office gets off a message to Umballa:
  - A) About the mutiny:
    - I. At Umballa...Message is given to Sir Henry Barnard:
      - (1) He sends it across Punjab to

Lahore and Peshawar on the Northwestern Frontier:

- a. Enables authorities in those areas to take actions to prevent any mutiny.
- 4. More and more Mutineers from Meerut arrive at Delhi:
  - A) Urge the Emperor's guards to mutiny and join them:
    - I. Guards admit them into the compound and join the mutiny.
  - **B) Enter the Palace:** 
    - I. Kill...Chaplain Jennings & his daughter!
    - II. Kill Miss Clifford.
    - III. Kill...The Manager of the Delhi & London Banks, Mr. Beresford, and his entire family:
      - (1) All have throats slit with pieces of broken glass!
    - IV. Kill...Entire Staff of "The Delhi

#### Gazette."

- 5. Colonel Hugh Fraser leads a unit of Sepoys into the city:
  - A) To stop the Mutineers.
  - B) His men mutiny and turn on him and the other British Officers:
    - I. Fraser is killed!
  - C) Captain C.R.G. Douglas is killed!
  - D) British Commissioner, Simon Fraser, Is decapitated!
  - E) Sgt. Hutchinson is killed!
- 6. Throughout the city...Repeat of Meerut:
  - A) Arson.
  - **B)** Robbery.
  - C) Looting.
  - D) Murder:
    - I. Mobs are killing any:
      - (1) Europeans.
      - (2) Christians.
      - (3) Half-Breeds.

- II. 50 Europeans are tied together and slaughtered!
- III. The Sepoys have mutinied and killed their Officers!
- 7. Unit of Sepoys from the camp outside the city arrives to confront the Mutineers:
  - A) Led by Colonel J.P. Ripley.
  - B) Get inside the gates.
  - C) Confronted by a huge mob.
  - D) Ripley and 4 other Officers are killed!
- 8. Mutineers have turned to a Mob committing crimes in the name of/or for:
  - A) Religion.
  - B) Settling "old scores."
  - C) Revival of old religious gripes.
  - D) Revival of the caste system.
  - E) Plunder.
  - F) Removal of debts...How?
    - I. Burning of records.

- II. Killing the Creditor.
- 9. 500 yards from the Palace is the Magazine:
  - A) Surrounded by high walls.
  - B) Storage for arms, powder, and ammunition.
  - C) Becomes the primary target of the Mutineers.
  - D) Held by 9 men:
    - I. Lt. George Willoughby Lt. George Forrest.
    - II. Lt. Raynor Conductor, Shaw.
    - III. Conductor, Buckley Conductor, Scully.
    - IV. Conductor, Crow Sgt. Edwards and Sgt. Stewart.
  - E) The 9 defenders have no intention of letting the weapons fall into the hands of the Mutineers:
    - I. Plan...If the building is to fall...BLOW it up!

- F) Mutineers assault!!!
- G) Blow it up!!!
  - I. Scully and 4 others are killed.
  - II. One wall collapses killing and wounding 100's of the Mutineers!
- H) In the escape from Delhi Lt. Willoughby and 5 others are trapped:
  - I. All are hacked to pieces!
- 10. The only way to escape the city is over the wall 20 foot drop to a ditch Up the other side:
  - A) Men, women, and children go over!
  - B) The massive retreat from Delhi to Karnal is totally unorganized!
- 11. King is forced by the Mutineers to take their side:
  - A) He doesn't really want to!
  - B) Force him to turn over an English Woman he has sheltered in the Palace:

- I. Taken to the Bazaar...Shot to death!
- C) Force the King to turn over 50 fugitives to them:
  - I. Mostly women & children.
  - II. Take them to the Lahore Gate.
  - III. Led out...All roped together.
  - IV. All are hacked to pieces!
- 12. Over the next 5 days...Mutinies all over the Northwest Province:
  - A) Aligarh Gwalior Jhansi Benares.
  - B) Ferozepore Bulandshahr Itwah.
  - C) Mainpuri Lucknow Cawnpore.
- \*\*\*Mobs, mutinies, looting, robbery, arson, murders, and massacres!!!
- \*\*\*Europeans are isolated and being hunted!

#### <u>Tuesday - May 12, 1857</u>

- 1. Agra (Capital of the Northwest Provinces)...Receives word of Meerut mutiny!
- 2. Same day...Calcutta (Other end of India) ...Governor General, Lord, Charles Canning...Receives a telegram reporting the Meerut Mutiny:
  - A) Canning telegraphs the Governor of Bombay telling him to:
    - I. Get the Bombay Army back from Persia!
  - B) Canning sends a telegraphs to Simla, to the Commander-In-Chief of the Bengal Army, General George Anson:
    - I. Orders him to march to Delhi!
  - C) Canning telegraphs Sir John Lawrence in Punjab:
    - I. Gives him power to act as he sees fit!
  - D) Canning telegraphs the Governor of

#### **Madras, Lord Harris:**

- I. Orders him to send 2 European Regiments immediately!
- E) Canning telegraphs Lord, James Elgin and General Ashburham:
  - I. To bring the British Force headed for China, to Calcutta!

# Cawnpore (Kanpur)

- 1. Sits on the right bank of the Ganges River:
  - A) 270 miles Southeast of Delhi.
  - B) River separates it from Oude.
  - C) Has the largest British camp in that area of India.
  - D) Commander is General, Sir Hugh Wheeler:
    - I. Has been in India for 54 years.
    - II. Has an Indian wife.
- 2. The Rajah of Bithur, Dhondu Pant...
  Called "Nana Sahib"...Assures the
  Europeans they can trust him!!
  - A) Total "BS"!!!!

### <u>Thursday - May 14, 1857</u>

- 1. News of the Meerut Mutiny reaches Cawnpore:
  - A) Wheeler starts construction of an earthworks fort:
    - I. 4 foot high walls around 2 hospital barracks.

### <u>Friday – May 15, 1857</u>

- 1. News of the Delhi Mutiny reaches Lucknow:
  - A) Sir Henry Lawrence starts preparing defenses.
- 2. Lawrence is warned that the garrison is going to Mutiny at 9:00 o'clock on the night of the 30<sup>th</sup>!!!

### <u>Saturday - May 16, 1857</u>

- 1. Lucknow receives detailed reports of the Meerut & Delhi Mutinies:
  - A) Lawrence continues preparing.
  - B) Creates a fortified position covering 33 acres:
    - I. It is 2,150 feet by 1,200 feet.
    - II. Built around the Chief Commissioner's house called "The Residency."

# <u>Wednesday - May 20, 1857</u>

- 1. Calcutta:
  - A) Lord Charles Canning takes his Troops and heads for:
    - I. Cawnpore & Benares.

### <u>Thursday - May 21, 1857</u>

- 1. Cawnpore...Wheeler is informed that the Sepoys will Mutiny that night!
  - A) He starts moving the women & children into the earthworks fort.
- 2. Cawnpore is now isolated!!!

#### <u>Saturday - May 23, 1857</u>

- 1. First European Troop reinforcements arrive in India.
- 2. Commanded by 47 yr. old, Scotsman, Colonel James Neill:
  - A) Soldier for 30 years.
  - B) Believes God has personally appointed him to restore order in upper India:
    - I. Will become known as "Neill, The Avenger."

### <u>Sunday - May 24, 1857</u>

- 1. Lucknow...Lawrence moves his personnel inside "The Residency" compound:
  - A) Troops Men, Women, and Children.

# **Tuesday - May 26, 1857**

1. Karnal...General George Anson comes down with cholera!

#### <u>Wednesday - May 27, 1857</u>

- 1. In the entire province of Oude...Only Lucknow is not in Mutineer's hands!
- 2. Anson dies from the cholera!
  - A) He is succeeded by Major General, Sir, Henry Barnard:
    - I. Barnard heads for Bagpat.

# <u>Saturday - May 30, 1857</u>

- British force led by Brig. General,
   Archdale Wilson...Reaches Ghazi-Ud Din Nagar:
  - A) 12 miles from Delhi.
  - B) 1 mile from the Hindun River.
  - C) Defended by a force of Sepoys from Delhi.
  - D) 4:00 Afternoon Battle starts:
    - I. Sepoys are pushed back.
    - II. Bayonet charge by the British.
    - III. 100's of Sepoys are shot or bayoneted.
    - IV. Ends at dark.
    - V. 50 Sepoy bodies are left on the field of battle.
    - VI. British have lost 11 killed & 19 wounded.
- 2. Night.....At Lucknow:
  - A) Sepoy garrison mutinies!!

### <u>Sunday – May 31, 1857</u>

- 1. Outside Delhi...2 hour artillery duel between Sepoys and British relief column:
  - A) Sepoys retreat toward Delhi.
  - **B)** British pursue.
  - C) Mutineers set up a strong position at Badli-Ke-Seral:
    - I. Collection of old, walled-houses and gardens.
  - D) British have lost 24 killed & wounded:
    - I. 10 from heat and thirst!!
- 2. Any captured Mutineers:
  - A) Shot to death!
  - B) Bayoneted to death!
  - C) Sabered to death!
  - D) Hanged!

### 1<sup>st</sup> Week of June – 1857

- 1. More European Troops land in India:
  - A) From Persia.
  - B) Commander...Gen. Henry Havelock.
  - C) Will continue to arrive throughout the month.
- 2. Calcutta...Ali Nukkee Khan, former Premier for the King...Is believed to be one of the main plotters of the Mutiny!!!
  - A) Spies inform Canning that it is a fact!
  - B) Khan and the Ex-King are arrested!
  - C) Khan is condemned to the hanged the next day!
    - I. Night...Sepoy Guards help him escape!
- 3. Lahore...Spies inform the British that the Sepoys are going to Mutiny:
  - A) 2 of the Leaders are arrested:
    - I. Court-martialed.
    - II. BY...Native Officers.

- III. Guilty.
- IV. Death by "Blown from Guns."
  - (1) Traditional military death punishment in India.
  - (2) Is offensive to religious beliefs of Hindus & Muslims.
  - (3) Back to mouth of cannon...Arms behind back are tied to cannon wheels.
  - (4) BOOM!...Literally, blown to pieces!
- B) 2 men are executed!
- 4. Agra...Lt. Governor of the Northwest is Mr. John Colvin...He decides to move all the Europeans into The Red Fort:
  - A) Mutineers advance to Sassiah...5 miles from The Red Fort!
  - B) Brig. General Polwhele leads a force out to oppose them:
    - I. 742 men & 6 cannons.
  - C) Battle of Sassiah:

- I. 4 hours of fighting.
- II. British are beaten...Forced to Retreat:
  - (1) Lose 45 killed & 108 wounded.

### Wednesday – June 3,1857

- 1. Cawnpore...Large British garrison...
  45 miles Southwest of Lucknow:
  - A) Commander...68 yr. old, Major General, Sir, Hugh Wheeler...52 years in the Army!
  - B) Wheeler completes his defensive position on the East side of the garrison:
    - I. Rectangular in size.
    - II. Covers 9 acres.
    - III. Inside are:
      - (1) 2 single-story hospital barracks buildings.
      - (2) Various other buildings.
      - (3) 4 underground Powder/Ammunition Magazines.
    - IV. Entire position is surrounded by a trench.
    - Y Paraper wall about 3 ½ feet high for men to fire from and behind.

# Thursday - June 4,1857

- 1. Varanasi...Garrison mutinies!
- 2. Benares...Sits on the Ganges River...

  Halfway between Calcutta & Delhi...

  Hinduism's most holy city:
  - A) Morning:
    - I. Meeting is held.
    - II. Neill decides to disarm the 37<sup>th</sup> Sepoy Regiment:
      - (1) They are in fact, planning to Mutiny!
  - B) 5:00 Afternoon 37th is brought out:
    - I. British start to disarm them.
    - II. Firing breaks out.
    - III. Sepoys retreat.
    - IV. 7 British Soldiers are killed.
    - V. 100's of Sepoys are killed.
  - C) Neill starts a retaliation of "Terror":
    - I. Scours the countryside.
    - II. Known captured Sepoys & Sowars:
      - (1) Brought back to Binares.

- (2) "Blown from Cannons."
- III. Those suspected of treason are:
  - (1) Flogged!
  - (2) Shot!
  - (3) Hanged!!...Done on a massive scale.
- 3. Cawnpore:
  - A) Night Sepoys mutiny!
  - **B) Looting Burning Murder!**
  - C) Nana Sahib sides with the Mutineers!
- 4. Agra...Mutiny...Under siege...Will last until September!
  - A) 100 miles to the Southwest is... Central India.
- 5. Central India consists of 6 provinces, or states:
  - A) Located between the Nerbudda, Jumna, and Chambal Rivers:
    - I. Gwalior.

II. Indore.

III. Dhar.

IV. Dewas.

V. Bhopal.

VI. Jawra.

#### <u>Friday – June 5, 1857</u>

- 1. Jhansi...Ruled by The Rani of Jhansi:
  - A) Widow of the last Rajah of Jhansi.
  - B) She HATES the British.
- 2. Sepoys Mutiny!!
  - A) Murder Captain Dunlop.
  - B) Murder 2 other Officers.
- 3. Captain Alexander Skene gathers 55 Christians...Men, women, and children:
  - A) Take refuge in the Fort.
  - B) Sepoys open a siege.

### <u>Saturday – June 6, 1857</u>

- 1. Allahabad...6<sup>th</sup> Sepoy Regiment mutinies:
  - A) Kill 15 of their British Officers.
  - B) City population supports the Mutineers!
  - C) Looting...Arson...Jail is opened... 50 Europeans are murdered!

#### 2. Cawnpore:

- A) 10:00 Morning The Nana Sahib declares himself.... "The Peshwa":
  - I. Sends a letter to Wheeler stating he will attack!
- B) Siege starts on the earthworks fort:
  - I. Cannonade goes on around the clock.
  - II. 1,240 people inside the fort:
    - (1) 450 are Soldiers.
    - (2) Total of 900 to defend.
    - (3) 340 women & children.
    - (4) Overcrowded.

- III. Have 4 weeks supplies.
- IV. Water is short.
- V. Temperature is 120 to 130!
- C) Casualties start mounting up.
- D) Dead bodies of men & animals are out in the open:
  - I. Night...Gathered and thrown down an old well.
- E) Outside the Fort...Some Europeans try to hide...Found by the Sepoys:
  - I. Taken to The Nana Sahib.
  - II. He orders their noses and ears cut off!
  - III. They are forced to wear them around their necks.
  - IV. Then...They are killed!

#### <u>Sunday – June 7, 1857</u>

- 1. Badli-Ke-Seral:
  - A) British attack a Mutineer force.
  - B) Frontal assault.
  - C) Bloody fighting.
  - D) Mutineers retreat up the Delhi Road.
  - E) British capture 13 cannons.
  - F) Mutineers have lost 1,000 killed!
  - G) British have lost 51 killed & 131 wounded.

### <u>Sunday – June 8, 1857</u>

#### 1. Jhansi:

- A) Skene asks the Sepoys for permission to evacuate.
- B) Granted...With a guarantee of safety!
- C) March out...Taken to the Garden below the Fort.
- D) Separated into 3 groups:
  - I. Men Women Children.
  - II. Every single person is murdered!

#### 2. Delhi:

- A) British relief force occupies the ridge overlooking the city:
  - I. Is 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  miles from the city.
  - II. 60 feet higher than the city.
- B) Mutineers in the city:
  - I. 20,000 men.
  - II. 114 cannons.

# <u>Tuesday – June 9, 1857</u>

- 1. Neill leaves Varanasi:
  - A) Has 44 men.
  - B) Heads for Allahabad...74 miles away.

#### **Thursday - June 11, 1857**

- 1. Afternoon Neill's small force:
  - A) Reach the banks of the Ganges River:
    - I. Opposite the fort at Allahabad.
    - II. Cross over to the fort.

#### 2. Delhi:

- A) Mutineers attack out of the city against the British position on the ridge:
  - I. Are driven back with heavy losses.

#### <u>Friday – June 12, 1857</u>

- 1. Allahabad:
  - A) Neill receives more men.
  - B) He gets 2 steamers fixed and puts them into operation.
  - C) Neill opens fire on the city and attacks!!
    - I. 1,000's in the city are killed!
    - II. City falls.
  - D) Neill starts...RETRIBUTION:
    - I. 100's are hanged.
    - II. Entire villages are burnt.
    - III. 8 "Dead Carts" operate around the clock:
      - (1) Cut down the bodies of those hanged.
      - (2) Bodies are dumped into the Ganges River.
  - E) Neill starts preparing to head for Cawnpore!

#### 2. Delhi:

A) Mutineers get reinforcements from Rohtuk.

### 3. Cawnpore:

- A) Boatload of 126 Europeans from Fatehgarh is captured!
  - I. Mostly women & children.
  - II. Taken to Nana Sahib.
  - III. Men are separated from the women & children.
  - IV. Women & children are killed immediately:
    - (1) With swords and bamboo spears!
  - V. Men are tortured for hours...Then:
    - (1) Shot in the head!

# <u>Saturday - June 13, 1857</u>

- 1. Delhi:
  - A) Mutineers attack the ridge a second time:
    - I. Beaten back again!

### 2. Cawnpore:

- A) Cannon fire from the Mutineers has set the roofs of the barracks in the Entrenchment Fort on fire!
- **B)** The Hospital is hit!
- C) Nearly all the medical supplies are Destroyed!
- D) 40 people are killed!
- E) 4,000 Sepoys attack the Fort:
  - I. Beaten back!

# <u>Sunday – June 14, 1857</u>

- 1. Gwalior:
  - A) Most European women & children are spared:
    - I. BUT...The 20 men are all killed!
- 2. Cawnpor:
  - A) Wheeler appeals to Henry Lawrence at Lucknow for help!

## <u>Wednesday – June 17, 1857</u>

- 1. 62 yr. old, Brig. General, Henry Havelock, arrives in Calcutta:
  - A) From Persia.
  - B) Has been a Soldier since 1815.
  - C) Very religious Baptist:
    - I. Believes he has been personally appointed by God to restore British rule in India!!

## <u>Thursday – June 18, 1857</u>

- 1. Allahabad:
  - A) Cholera breaks out!
    - I. By the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June...70 people will have died from the disease!

- A) Sepoys attack the ridge for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time:
  - I. Beaten back!
  - II. Both sides suffer heavy losses.

# <u>Saturday – June 20, 1857</u>

1. General Havelock learns he is to command a relief column to Lucknow & Cawnpore.

- A) 11:30 Night.
- B) Sepoys attack the ridge for the 4<sup>th</sup> time!
  - I. Beaten back.
  - II. British lose 20 killed.

## <u>Tuesday – June 23, 1857</u>

- 1. Cawnpore:
  - A) Mutineers launch an all out attack on the Entrenchment Fort:
    - I. Beaten back.
    - II. Mutineers lose 200 killed & wounded.
  - B) Fort's situation:
    - I. Desperate.
    - II. 250 people have been killed to this point.
    - III. Many wounded.
    - IV. Stench of the unburied bodies is horrible.
    - V. Flies everywhere.
    - VI. Disease starts to spread.
    - VII. Down to ½ rations.
    - **VIII. Half-starved.**
    - IX. Water is scarce.
    - X. Some have gone insane!

- A) Is the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the New Moon:
  - I. Hindu prophesy says the British rule in India will end starting now!
- B) Sepoys attack the ridge for the 5<sup>th</sup> time:
  - I. Fails!
  - II. Sikhs (Part of the British force) kill any Hindu who attempts to surrender.
  - III. Mutineers lose over 1,000 killed & wounded.
  - IV. British suffer heavy losses.

### <u>Wednesday – June 24, 1857</u>

- 1. Cawnpore:
  - A) Mutineers have lost 900 killed so far trying to take the Entrenchment Fort!
  - **B) Messenger from Nana Sahib:** 
    - I. Offer...Lay down arms!
    - II. In return...Safe passage to Allahabad, on boats, down the Ganges River!
  - C) Nana Sahib swears on the waters of the Ganges to the safety of everyone!
    - I. This is the most sacred oath a Hindu can take!
  - D) Wheeler accepts!!
    - I. Firing ceases.

- A) British reinforcements arrive:
  - I. Now have 6,600 men!
- B) Mutineers get reinforcements from Rohilkhand:
  - I. Now have 30,000 men.

# <u>Thursday – June 25, 1857</u>

1. Havelock and his force leaves Calcutta.

# <u>Saturday – June 27, 1857</u>

- 1. Cawnpore:
  - A) 9:00 Morning The Entrenchment Fort garrison marches out:
    - I. Men, women, and children.
  - B) March 1 mile to the Ganges River.
  - C) Waiting...40 Bamboo Boats:
    - I. Each is 30 feet long 12 feet wide.
    - II. Thatched roofs
  - D) The whole thing is a death trap!!!
  - E) Load...Push off into the river...Crews set the roofs on fire...Jump overboard!
  - F) Become burning rafts!
  - G) 100's of Mutineers on the banks open fire on them!
  - H) Cannons firing grape shot open fire on them!
  - I) Drownings!
  - J) Burn to death!
  - K) Shot!
  - L) Mutineer Sowars ride out into the river with swords & clubs:

- I. Kill anything that moves.
- M) Screaming Praying Crying Begging!
- N) River is running red with blood!
- O) Bodies and pieces of bodies!
- P) Anyone who reaches the bank is killed!
- Q) The Mutineers are laughing and Cheering!
- R) Lasts for 1 hour!
- S) Only one boat holding 4 men gets away.
- T) 125 prisoners taken:
  - I. Most are women & children.
  - II. Will be taken to Nana Sahib.
- U) In the Siege & Massacre of Cawnpore:
  - I. 1,000 men, women, and children are killed!
- 2. Large force of Mutineers leave Cawnpore and head for Lucknow.

# <u>Sunday – June 28, 1857</u>

- 1. Havelock's force reaches Benares:
  - A) He is unaware of the Cawnpore Massacre.

# <u>Monday - June 29, 1857</u>

- 1. Mutineer force from Cawnpore reaches Chinut:
  - A) 7 miles from Lucknow.

# <u>Tuesday – June 30, 1857</u>

- 1. Lawrence leads a force out of Lucknow:
  - A) Attacks the Mutineers at Chinut.
  - B) Lawrence is badly defeated.
  - C) Retreats back to Lucknow.
  - D) Loses 185 killed & 158 wounded.
- -2. Evening Lucknew is under siegel-
  - A) Lawrence is badly wounded by a
    - -shell-burst-
    - -h-Ho dios on July 4th

### 3. Cawnpore:

- A) Wheeler, a few Officers & their Wives:
  - I. Have survived the Massacre.
  - II. Brought before Nana Sahib.
  - III. He orders them killed!
    - (1) Forced to kneel...Shot!!
    - (2) "Coup 'd Grace"...With swords!!

## Wednesday - July 1, 1857

- 1. Cawnpore...Nana Sahib is crowned Peshwa.
- 2. Brig. General, Sir, Henry Havelock's column arrives at Allahabad:
  - A) His orders:
    - I. Pick up Neill at Allahabad Relieve Cawnpore Reinforce Lucknow.
  - B) Havelock (Mentioned before):
    - I. 62 yrs. old Thin Gray hair.
    - II. 1st Burma War.
    - III. Afghan War.
    - IV. 1843 Gwalior Campaign.
    - V. Iran.
    - VI. Committed Christian.
    - VII. Married to the daughter of a Baptist Minister.
- 3. Colonel James Neill's Column:
  - A) Start cutting a bloody swaeh from Benares to Allahabad:

I. Will kill (Shoot - Hack - Lance - Stab - or Hang) 6,000!!!

#### 4. Lucknow:

A) All British forces are inside The Residency.

- A) British cannons are now only 1,500 yards from the city walls.
- B) British now control the Kashmir & Kabul Gates.
- C) Sepoys still hold the 5 other Gates.
- D) Sepoys receive reinforcements.
- 6. More European Troops arrive in India.

## <u>Thursday – July 2, 1857</u>

- 1. Lucknow:
  - A) 1,677 people in The Residency 37 acres in size, or, a perimeter of 1 mile:
    - I. 600 of these are women & children.
    - II. Have 15 cannons and 7 mortars.
  - B) Women & Children are living underground:
    - I. Rats.
    - II. Vermin.
    - III. Only come out for fresh air and hygiene.
    - IV. Clothes are almost totally worn out.
  - C) In The Residency....:
    - I. Smallpox Cholera Gastrointestinal Infections.
    - II. 6 to 7 die per day...Buried in shallow graves...Stench!!!
  - **D)** Surrounded by 50,000!!
  - E) 8:00 Morning Cannonade siege by

#### the Mutineers starts:

- I. Sir Henry Lawrence is in his room... Bedridden...Seriously ill.
- II. Shell hits his room & explodes.
- III. He is mortally wounded...He is dying.
- IV. Will only live for 48 hours of extreme pain!
- 2. Havelock receives news of the fall of Cawnpor!

# <u>Saturday – July 4, 1857</u>

- 1. Lucknow...Sunrise...Lawrence dies of his wounds:
  - A) 2 men succeed him as Commanders:
    - I. Major John Banks.
    - II. Brig. General Inglis.

# <u>Monday - July 6, 1857</u>

- 1. Delhi:
  - A) Sir Henry Barnard dies of Cholera.
  - B) Succeeded as Commander by Major General, Thomas Reed.

# **Tuesday – July 7, 1857**

- 1. Havelock's Column leaves Allahabad:
  - A) To...Recapture Cawnpore & relieve Lucknow.

# Wednesday - July 8, 1857

- 1. Lucknow:
  - A) 70 men from The Residency attack a crucial Mutineer position:
    - I. Successful...Kill 17 Sepoys.
    - II. Suffer only 2 wounded.

## <u>Thursday – July 9, 1857</u>

#### 1. Delhi:

- A) Sepoys attack out of the city against the British:
  - I. Fails!
  - II. Retreat!
  - III. Mutineers lose 500 killed.
  - IV. British lose 233 killed.

#### 2. Sailkot:

- A) Garrison mutinies!!
  - I. Treasury looted.
  - II. Jail opened.
  - III. Garrison Commander is killed.
  - IV. Many Officers and loyal Indians are killed.
  - V. Missionary named "Hunter" is killed along with his wife and baby.
- B) Brig. General John Nicholson, with Cavalry & Artillery:
  - I. Goes in pursuit of the Mutineers.

### 3. Cawnpore:

- A) Nana Sahib's General leads an Army out of Cawnpore:
  - I. Heads for Fatehpur...40 miles to the Southeast.

# Friday - July 10, 1857

- 1.Havelock:
  - A) Learns of the Mutineer Army headed for Fatehpur.

# <u>Saturday – July 11, 1857</u>

- 1. Fatehpur:
  - A) Havelock reaches Major Sydenham Renaud's camp:
    - I. Force now totals...435 men, 6 nine-pound cannons, and 2 field guns.
  - B) 8:00 Night Nana Sahib's force attacks!!
    - I. Mutineers are driven back!!

### <u>Sunday – July 12, 1857</u>

- 1. Fatehpur:
  - A) Battle...Havelock vs. Nana Sahib's Army:
    - I. Lasts only 10 minutes.
    - II. Havelock's superior artillery fire is the difference!
    - III. Mutineers flee.
    - IV. Havelock loses 17 dead (12 are from heat) & 4 wounded.
    - V. Sepoys lose 150 killed and ALL of their Artillery!
- 2. Nicholson catches up to the Sailkot Mutineers at Trimmu Ghat...10 miles beyond Guardaspur:
  - A) Bitter fighting.
  - B) British Artillery is again, the difference.
  - C) Traps the Mutineers on a large island in the river.

# **Tuesday - July 14, 1857**

- 1. Delhi:
  - A) Sepoys attack the British again:
    - I. Again...Fails...Retreat!
- 2. Havelock continues his march.

## **Wednesday - July 15, 1857**

- 1. Havelock's Column reaches the village of Aong...Battle vs. Mutineers:
  - A) Mutineers retreat.
  - B) Havelock proceeds for 2 miles to the bridge over the Pandu Nadi River:
    - I. Held by a Sepoy force led by Nana Sahib's brother.
    - II. Battle...Mutineers retreat:
      - (1) Renaud suffers a bad wound to his left thigh.
      - (2) Amputated...BUT, he dies!
  - C) Havelock has only 23 miles to go to reach Cawnpore.
- 2. Cawnpore...Night...Nana Sahib decides to kill all of the prisoners:
  - A) Since the River Massacre:
    - I. Have been held in two rooms.
    - II. Each room is 20 feet by 10 feet.
    - III. No furniture.
    - IV. Straw for bedding.

- V. Entire diet is Chapattis & Lentil Soup.
- VI. 28 have died.
- B) Nana Sahib watches as firing squads execute:
  - I. British Merchant, Mr. Greenway.
  - II. Greenway's son.
  - III. A 14 year old boy.
- C) 1 hour later...5 men with swords...Led by Sarvur Khan...Enter the rooms:
  - I. Bloodbath follows!
  - II. Healthy, sick, or wounded...Doesn't matter!
  - III. Age or sex...Doesn't matter!
  - IV. Hacking Stabbing and Chopping!
  - V. Blood, body tissue, chunks of body parts, fly everywhere!
  - VI. Screams...Wails...Praying...Crying...
    Pleas for mercy...Doesn't matter!
- D) Will not end until the morning hours of the 16<sup>th</sup>!
- E) 5 men emerge Totally blood-soaked!

- F) Bodies are dragged out by the hair of the head.
- G) Thrown down the shaft of a dry well!!!
  - I. Some are only wounded and bleed to death!
  - II. 74 women & 108 children!!!!!

# <u>Thursday – July 16, 1857</u>

- 1. Delhi:
  - A) Mutineers attack out of the city again against the British:
    - I. Again they are beaten back and retreat into the city!
- 2. Nicholson has received reinforcements:
  - A) Attacks the trapped Sailkot

    Mutineers in the island in the river:
    - I. All are shot or drown trying to escape!
- \*\*\*Historical Note...1<sup>st</sup> time British Troops wear Khaki in combat!
- 3. Havelock...Advances...Learns that women & children are being held prisoner in Cawnpore:
  - A) Doesn't know they have been murdered!
  - B) Make a 16 mile march to Maharajpore Which is only 7 miles from Cawnpore:

- I. Spies tell him the Nana Sahib's forces are at the village of Aherwa:
  - (1) 3 miles from Cawnpore.
  - (2) 8,000 men & 8 cannons.
- C) Havelock marches to the village.
- D) HUGE Battle!!
  - I. 2 hours & 45 minutes.
  - II. Mutineers retreat at dusk.
  - III. Sepoys lose 250 killed and 6 cannons.
  - IV. British lose 7 killed & 100 wounded.
  - III. Havelock has only 3 miles to go!
    - (1) Will make camp at the outskirts of Cawnpore.
- 4. Havelock's Army to this point:
  - A) In 8 days...In unbearable heat!
  - B) Have marched 126 miles.
  - C) Have fought and won 4 major battles against vastly superior numbers!
  - D) Have killed countless numbers of the

# enemy and captured 24 cannons!

## <u>Friday – July 17, 1857</u>

#### 1. Delhi:

- A) General Reed becomes very ill:
  - I. Turns over command to General Archdale Wilson.

### 2. Cawnpore:

- A) Nana Sahib and his Sepoys blow up the Magazine and flee to Bithur.
- B) Havelock enters Cawnpore.
- C) Find the blood-soaked rooms and the bodies in the well!!!
- D) Revenge is sworn!
- E) Mutineer suspects are rounded up:
  - I. Flogged and then hanged!
- F) Few days later...Neill arrives...Told of the slaughter...Shown the rooms with all of the coagulated blood pooled everywhere.
- G) Neill issues orders...From this moment on:
  - I. All captured Hindu & Muslim

Ringleaders sentenced to death.

- **II. Before execution!**
- III. To be polluted for the afterlife!
- IV. FORCED to eat pork and/or beef.
- V. FORCED to lick, with their tongues, the coagulated blood off the floors of the slaughter rooms!
- VI. Then..."Blown from Guns" or hanged!!!
  - (1) Will go on until November.

## **Saturday – July 18, 1857**

- 1. Delhi:
  - A) Mutineers attack the British position again:
    - I. Again...Defeated and retreat!

#### **Sunday – July 19, 1857**

- 1. Lucknow:
  - A) Sepoys dig a huge long tunnel:
    - I. Explosives!
    - II. BOOM!...BUT, they are short!
    - III. Assault.
    - IV. British beat them back.

#### <u> Monday – July 20, 1857</u>

- 1. Lucknow:
  - A) Sepoys launch their 1<sup>st</sup> MAJOR assault against The Residency:
    - I. Wounded have to help man the walls.
    - II. Everyone inside The Residency is literally fighting for their lives.
    - III. Mutineers are cut to pieces.
    - IV. Mutineers retreat...Have lost 1,000 killed & wounded!
- 2. Inside The Residency in Lucknow:
  - A) Under a constant cannonade!
  - B) Dead horses & cattle everywhere!
  - C) Bodies and parts of bodies laying around:
    - I. Because of only shallow burials!
  - D) Stench of putrified, rotting, flesh of men and animals is always hanging in the air!
  - E) Wounded sit or lay in pools of blood

#### with vermin running over them!

- F) Everyone is exhausted!
- **G) Everyone is hungry!**
- H) Mosquitoes and Flies are everywhere!
- I) People are suffering from:
  - I. Scurvy Loose Teeth Swollen Heads
    - Boils).
  - II. Diarrhea.
  - III. Dysentery.
  - IV. Cholera.
  - V. Smallpox.

#### Friday - July 24, 1857

- 1. Lahore:
  - A) Sir John Lawrence gives General John Nicholson orders:
    - I. Join forces with Commander-In-Chief, George Anson.
    - II. Recapture Delhi.

## July 25, 1857 thru July 31, 1857

- 1. Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>: Havelock moves his 1,500 men to Mangalwar.
- 2. Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>: Havelock crosses the Ganges River on his way to Lucknow.
- 3. Monday 27<sup>th</sup>: At Ara the garrison Mutinies!
  - A) Plunder the Treasury!
  - B) Open the Jail!
  - C) 65 people take refuge in The Billiard Room:
    - I. Defend it.
  - D) Relief force under Captain Dunbar is ambushed:
    - I. ½ mile outside Ara.
    - II. Dunbar and 190 others are killed.
- 4. Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>: Havelock starts for Lucknow.

- 5. Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>: At Unao...Havelock runs into a Sepoy force of 6,000:
  - A) Battle!
  - **B) Mutineers retreat!** 
    - I. Leave 150 dead behind.
    - II. Chased.
    - III. 280 surrender...All are shot...Their bodies are dumped down a well!
    - IV. Have lost a total of 440 killed and 15 cannons!
    - V. Havelock has lost 88 killed & wounded.
- 6. Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>: At Mian Mir...Garrison Mutinies!
  - A) Kill the Commandant, the Sgt. Major, and 1 other!
  - B) Mutineers are chased:
    - I. 150 are killed.
    - II. 280 surrender...All shot...Bodies are dumped down a well!
    - III. 40 others are captured...Taken to

#### Lahore... "Blown from Guns"!!!

- 7. Friday 31<sup>st</sup>: 54 yr. old, Major General, Sir James Outram, arrives in Calcutta:
  - A) Orders are to relieve Lucknow.
  - **B)** He outranks Havelock.

#### Saturday - August 1, 1857

1. More European Troops arrive in India.

#### 2. Outside Delhi:

- A) At...Bakhra Eid...Sacred to the Muslims.
- B) Major assault against the British.
- C) Wave after wave after wave!
- D) Mutineers are badly defeated:
  - **I. Lose 1,500 killed!**

## Sunday – August 2<sup>nd</sup> thru Sunday – August 16, 1857

- 1. Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Night...Relief force for Ara:
  - A) Led by Major Vincent Eyre.
  - B) Are very prepared for any attack!
  - C) Hit by the mutineers!
  - D) Drive them off!
- 2. Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Eyre relieves Ara.
- 3. Tuesday 4th Lucknow:
  - A) On half rations!
  - B) MANY sick & wounded!
- 4. Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Bashiratganj:
  - A) Havelock vs. Sepoys.
  - **B) Mutineers retreat.**
  - C) British lose 2 killed & 23 wounded.
  - D) Sepoys lose 300 killed & wounded.
- 5. Friday 7th Delhi:

- A) Outside the city.
- B) Nicholson arrives in the British camp.
- C) Takes command.
- 6. Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Havelock retreats back to Mangalwar.
- 7. Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>:
  - A) Havelock is down to 1,415 men.
  - B) 65 yr. old, General, Sir, Colin Campbell:
    - I. Reaches Calcutta.
    - II. Replaces the dead, Anson.
  - C) Campbell:
    - I. Army since 1808.
    - II. Fights with Wellington.
    - III. Opium Wars.
    - IV. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sikh War.
- 8. Friday 14th Delhi:
  - A) Nicholson's Column arrives:
    - I. reinforces Wilson.

- II. Nicholson is 2<sup>nd</sup> in Command to Wilson.
- 9. Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Bithur:
  - A) Battle...Havelock wins...Loses 250 killed & wounded.

# Monday – August 17<sup>th</sup> thru The End of August 1857

- 1. Sunday 23rd Delhi Night:
  - A) 6,000 Mutineers, with 18 cannons march out of the city.
  - B) Followed by Nicholson with 2,000 men and 16 cannons.
  - C) Follow them for 20 miles in Monsoon conditions!
- 2. Monday 24th Delhi:
  - A) 5:30 Afternoon British attack.
  - B) Capture Serai.
  - C) Suffer 25 killed and 41 wounded.
  - D) Sepoys lose 800 killed!
- 3. Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Najafgarh:
  - A) Nicholson catches up to the Mutineers.
  - B) Attacks them over flooded ground.
  - C) Routes them...Killing 800 Mutineers.
  - D) British suffer less than 100 killed &

#### wounded.

E) Nicholson also captures 13 cannons!

#### **September 1 thru 15, 1857**

- 1. Tuesday September 1st:
  - A) More European Troops arrive in India.
- 2. Friday September 4<sup>th</sup> Delhi:
  - A) Wilson's final reinforcements arrive.
  - B) Now, has 10,000 men!
  - C) City is surrounded.
  - D) Disease hits his men.
  - E) 40,000 Mutineers defend Delhi.
  - F) 174 pieces of Artillery defend the city.
  - G) Walls around the city...7 miles.
- 3. Saturday September 5<sup>th</sup> Lucknow:
  - A) Mutineers launch an all-out attack against The Residency:
    - I. Beaten back.
  - **B)** Constant tunneling.
  - C) Cpnstant artillery barrage.
- 4. Monday September 7<sup>th</sup> Delhi:

- A) Wilson issues arders to prepare to attack the city!
- 5. Friday September 11<sup>th</sup> Delhi:
  - A) British open a bombardment against the North wall of the city.
  - B) Mutineers fire back.
  - C) Will go on all day and night.
  - D) In 1 week...Wilson has suffered 300 killed & wounded.
- 6. Saturday September 12<sup>th</sup> Delhi:
  - A) Mutineers are forced out of Ludlow's Castle...Losing 250 killed!
  - B) Wilson now has 8,000 healthy men in fighting shape.
- 7. Sunday September 13<sup>th</sup> Delhi:
  - A) Evening...British have blown 2 holes in the walls.
  - B) Wilson holds a War Council:
    - I. Will attack the next day.

- II. 5 columns.
- III. To be led by John Nicholson.
- IV. 6,500 Soldiers in the assault.
- C) 30,000 still defend the city!!
- 8. Monday September 14<sup>th</sup> Delhi:
  - A) British attack.
  - B) Bloody fight all the way to the Kashmir Gate:
    - I. Large loss of life.
    - II. Gate is finally blown.
    - III. British pour in.
    - IV. Bloody fighting.
    - V. Nicholson is shot thru the chest.
  - C) By 2:00 Afternoon British have lost many killed & wounded.
  - D) Dark...After 13 hours of fighting:
    - I. Ends for the day.
    - II. British have lost 273 killed & 572 wounded:
      - (1) Many of the wounded die later.

## 9. Tuesday – September 15<sup>th</sup> – Delhi: A) Fighting continues.

#### **September 16 thru 25, 1857**

- 1. Wednesday September 16<sup>th</sup> Delhi:
  - A) Neville Chamberlain takes command of the British Troops.
  - **B) More fighting.**
  - C) Slow advance thru the city.
  - D) British capture the Magazine.
- 2. Thursday September 17<sup>th</sup> Delhi:
  - A) More fighting.
- 3. Friday September 18<sup>th</sup> Delhi:
  - A) More fighting.
- 4. Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup> Delhi:
  - A) More fighting.
  - B) Slow advance.
  - C) King flees the city.
- 5. Same Day...Havelock's Force:
  - A) 3,179 men.
  - **B)** Cross the Ganges River.

- C) Take the village of Bashiratganj:
  - I. For the...3rd time!!!
- 6. Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup> Delhi:
  - A) British capture the Lahore Gate.
  - B) The King and his family are captured by traitors!!
    - I. Turned over to the British.
    - II. His 2 sons and a grandson are known leaders of the May Massacres:
      - (1) The 3 are immediately shot.
- 7. Monday September 21st Delhi:
  - A) British flag is raised over the city.
  - B) British losses for the entire Battle of Delhi:
    - I. Killed in Action...1,012
    - II. Wounded in Action...2,865
    - III. Many more die from...Heat, Cholera, Dysentery, Etc.
  - C) Captain William Hodson:

- I. Captures 3 Royal Princes.
- II. In an ox cart, he drives them into the jungle.
- III. Makes them take off their clothes.
- IV. Personally, shoots all 3 to death.
- D) 1,000's are bayoneted to death by the British:
  - I. Many are totally innocent.
- E) 100's of women are killed by husbands or fathers to kep them out of British hands!
- 8. Wednesday September 23<sup>rd</sup> Delhi:
  - A) Morning...Nicholson dies of his chest wound.
  - B) City is declared... "Secured."
  - C) Loss of Delhi dooms the Revolt!
  - D) 100's are hanged as traitors by the British!
- 9. Same Day...Havelock:
  - A) Is 16 miles from Lucknow.

- **B) Advances.**
- C) 5 miles from The Residency Runs into a Sepoy force of 10,000:
  - I. Mutineers hold a 2 mile front.
  - II. Huge battle.
  - **III. Mutineers retreat.**
- 10. Thursday September 24<sup>th</sup> Havelock's Force...Rests.
- 11. Same Day...Relief column led by Brig. General Greathed:
  - A) Reaches Bulandshahr.
  - B) Battle...Defeat the Mutineer force.
- 12. Friday September 25th Lucknow:
  - A) 8:30 Morning Fighting starts.
  - B) Lasts all day.
  - C) Afternoon...Mutineers start retreating.
  - D) Neill is shot thru the head and killed.
  - E) 6:00 Evening:

- I. The Residency is relieved.
- F) British losses for the day:
  - I. 196 killed.
  - II. 535 wounded.
- G) There will remain 53 more days of fighting at Lucknow!!

#### October 1857

- 1. More European Troops arrive in India.
- 2. October 9<sup>th</sup> Greathed's force is headed for Agra:
  - A) At Aligarah.
  - B) Fight a Mutineer force and defeat them!
- 3. October 27<sup>th</sup> Campbell leaves Calcutta to command the relief column to Lucknow.

#### November 1857

- 1. More European Troops arrive in India.
- 2. November 3<sup>rd</sup> Campbell reaches Cawnpore.
- 3. November 9<sup>th</sup> Campbell leaves Cawnpore.
- 4. November 16<sup>th</sup> Campbell reaches Lucknow with 5,000 men and 44 cannons:
  - A) Fights the Sepoys all day.
  - **B)** Bloody fighting.
  - C) Is trying to reach The Residency.
  - D) 2,000 Mutineers are killed.
- 5. November 17<sup>th</sup> Lucknow:
  - A) Fighting all day.
  - B) Night Campbell relieves The Residency.

- 6. November 18<sup>th</sup> Campbell knows he can't stay in Lucknow:
  - A) He has 600 sick & wounded.
- 7. November 19<sup>th</sup> Lucknow:
  - A) 9:00 Morning Campbell marches out of Lucknow:
    - I. Column is 6 miles long.
    - **II. Heads for Cawnpore.**
- 8. November 24<sup>th</sup> Dawn Havelock dies of Dysentery.

#### **December 1857**

- 1. More European Troops arrive in India.
- 2. Campbell is reinforced at Cawnpore:
  - A) 5,600 men & 35 cannons.
- 3. December 6<sup>th</sup> Cawnpore:
  - A) Campbell attacks the Mutineers:
    - I. They retreat.
  - B) Campbell sends a force under Hope Grant to find them!
- 4. December 9<sup>th</sup> Cawnpore is declared.... "Secured."
- 5. Same Day...Grant catches the Sepoys at the Ganges River:
  - A) Attacks them!
  - **B) Mutineers retreat!**
  - C) Grant captures 15 of their cannons.
- 6. December 17<sup>th</sup> Sir, Hugh Rose arrives

## at Indore to become Commander of the Central India Field Force:

- A) 56 yrs. old Frail.
- B) Well be the BEST British Commander in India!

### January 1858

- 1. January 2<sup>nd</sup> Campbell re-captures Fatehgarh and Farukabad:
  - A) British & Civil Governments are restored.
  - **B) Mass executions start!**
- 2. January 16<sup>th</sup> Rose heads for Ratgarh.
- 3. January 24th Rose reaches Ratgarh.
- 4. January 27<sup>th</sup> Rose defeats the Rajah of Banpur:
  - A) Rajah retreats to Barodia.
- 5. January 30<sup>th</sup> Barodia:
  - A) Rose defeats the Rajah again.

#### **March 1858**

- 1. March 22<sup>nd</sup> Lucknow:
  - A) City is back in British hands.
- 2. Same Day...Jhansi...Rose opens his attack on the Mutineers:
  - A) Large fort.
  - B) Walls...4 ½ miles in circumference:
    - I. 18 to 30 feet high.
    - II. 6 to 8 feet thick.
  - C) Plenty of artillery.
  - D) 11,000 men under The Rani of Jhansi.
- 3. March 29th Jhansi:
  - A) Breach is blown in the wall.
  - **B)** Rose gets news:
    - I. Mutineer leader, Tatya Topi, is only 6 miles away:
      - (1) Has 22,000 men & 28 cannons.
  - C) Rose sends 1,500 men & 19 cannons to stop Topi.

#### **April 1858**

- 1. April 1<sup>st</sup> Rose's force defeats Topi:
  - A) Sepoys lose 1,500 killed & wounded... AND, all their cannons!
- 2. April 3<sup>rd</sup> Jhansi:
  - A) 3:00 Morning Rose attacks:
    - I. Bloody battle.
    - II. Mutineers can't get away:
      - (1) Bayoneted to death or drown in the river trying to get away.
  - B) The Rani escapes.
- 3. April 25<sup>th</sup> Rose heads for Kalpi...45 miles from Jhansi:
  - A) Gets 3 miles...At Kunch...Battle with Tatya Topi and Mutineers:
    - I. Defeats them!!

### **May 1858**

- 1. May 22<sup>nd</sup> Outside of Kalpi...Rose Attacks the Sepoys:
  - A) They flee!
  - **B)** No mercy shown by the British.

#### **June 1858**

- 1. June 4<sup>th</sup> Rose gets news Mutineer force is at Gwalior:
  - A) Led by:
    - I. Tatya Topi.
    - II. Rao Sahib.
    - III. Rani of Jhansi.
  - B) 11,000 men & 12 cannons.
  - C) The 3 Mutineer leaders have proclaimed Nana Sahib to be... "Peshwa."
- 2. June 5<sup>th</sup> Rose's force heads for Gwalior.
- 3. June 16th Rose attacks Gwalior:
  - A) Defeats the Mutineers.
  - B) They flee.
  - C) Rani of Jhansi is killed leading her forces.
- 4. June 19th Gwalior Sepoys return and

#### attack Rose:

- A) Rao Sahib & Tatya Topi are defeated and flee!
- B) Shortly...Rao Sahib is captured.
- C) Rose sends Robert Napier and a force after the Sepoys.
- 5. June 21<sup>st</sup> Napier catches the Mutineers at Jaora Alipur:
  - A) Defeats them!
  - B) 350 Sepoys are killed.
  - C) All 25 cannons are captured.
- 6. Rose turns Command over to Napier.

#### To the End

- 1. Throughout India:
  - A) From June 1858 thru the Summer of 1859...British...Campaign of revenge and retaliation:
    - I. Burnings.
    - II. Looting.
    - III. Shootings.
    - IV. Bayoneting.
    - V. Hangings.
- 2. April of 1859 Tatya Topi is betrayed by one of his followers...Man Singh:A) Arrested Court Martialed Guilty!
- 3. April 15, 1859 Topi is hanged!
- 4. July 8, 1859 Peace is proclaimed throughout India.
- 5. Nana Sahib...Fakes suicide in the Ganges River:

- A) Flees to Nepal.
- B) Will die there in September of 1859 from a fever.
- 6. December 1859 Order is fully restored:
  - A) 12,010 British & Allied Soldiers have been killed or died from diseases or other causes.
  - B) Over 40,000 Mutineers have been killed.
- 7. 1862 Rao Sahib...Nana Sahib's brother ...Is caught:
  - A) Tried Hanged for part played at Cawnpur.
- 8. The East India Company:
  - A) Is investigated.
  - B) Findings:
    - I. Their actions and responsibilities are a big part of the cause!
  - C) Result:

I. Passage of the India Act:(1) Abolishes their role in India!