

Thirsty, exhausted and continually attacked by the enemy, the Gunners continued to provide a screen between the jaded infantry and the enemy. Not one gun was lost on the march. At half-past two in the afternoon of the 28th July, Captain Slade rode proudly into Kandahar at the head of his Battery. There they remained until relieved by the victorious Field Marshall Lord Roberts ("Roberts of Kandahar"). Subsequently the two missing guns were re-captured, and were later brought to rest at the home of Lord Roberts, where they were inspected by Queen Victoria.

Shortly afterwards Lord Ripon the Viceroy of India inspected the Battery. He had this to say:—

"Major Tillard, as I pass this Battery, I cannot resist the impulse which prompts me to address a few words to you, your Officers and Men, in order to express my deep sense of the gallant services of the Battery at the Battle of Maiwand, when in the hour of difficulty and danger, they firmly upheld the reputation of the distinguished Corps to which they belong, and when, as I may say without exaggeration, they even wreathed fresh laurels round the Guns of the Royal Artillery. It is not alone in the hour of success and in the triumph of Victory, that the qualities of true soldiers are displayed. They are called for no less when the tide of battle turns against them, in the stubborn resistance, and in the perilous retreat; such occasions afford special opportunities for the display, not only of that valour and discipline, which are common to all British Troops, but also of the noble qualities of pity and self-sacrifice; and your officers and men may be proud to recollect in after days, how many of the survivors of the 27th July owe their lives to your exertions. Sir, I rejoice to feel that the honour of Her Majesty's Arms will ever be safe, in weal and in woe, in the hands of this Battery, and I esteem myself very fortunate to have had the opportunity of seeing them."

For their part in the Battle, the men of the Battery were awarded two Victoria Crosses, one CB and eight Distinguished Conduct Medals. At least two well known paintings of the action were commissioned and the original one, "Saving the Guns at Maiwand", now hangs in the Officers' Mess at the Royal Citadel, Plymouth.

The Battery served with distinction in both World Wars. As part of 4th Indian Division it served in the Western Desert from 1940-42. It was overrun at the Battle of Gazala, but not until it had knocked out 27 of Rommel's tanks and enabled three infantry battalions of the Division to withdraw.

After the War it saw service in Germany, the Canal Zone and Cyprus where it operated in an IS role until moving to the Royal Citadel, Plymouth in 1960. In 1961 it flew out to Kuwait and was the last British Army unit to withdraw.