

the left of the French resting under a redoubt established upon the edge of this ridge overhanging the valley, and opposite the Inkerman heights; the right extending beyond Tractir; and the ground more to the right, behind Chorgouna, being occupied by the Sardinian troops, aided in their advance by the 10th Hussars and 12th Lancers and the Horse Artillery, under Colonel Parlbly.

Omer Pasha at the same time moved forward to the low heights in front of Balaklava, and thus afforded support to the French Divisions before him. These were commanded by General Canrobert, who pushed forward across the bridge of Tractir, and drove the enemy, who were not in great numbers, off, and having cleared his front, he withdrew to this side of the river, where he now remains.

Sir Colin Campbell advanced the Royal Marines from the high ridge on our extreme right to a point commanding the old Baidar road; and Colonel Parlbly, with the regiments I have mentioned, reconnoitred the country on the immediate right of General La Marmora's position, and patrolled along the Woronzow road, in the direction of Baidar.

The appearance and bearing of the Sardinian troops are highly satisfactory, and I anticipate the greatest advantage from their addition to this Army, under their distinguished leader General La Marmora, whose zeal for the service, and ardent desire to co-operate with us, I am happy to have so early an opportunity of acknowledging and recording. Nothing of importance has occurred in the British trenches since I wrote to your Lordship on the 19th instant.

The death of Colonel Egerton, of the 77th, on the night of the 19th ultimo, as already announced to your Lordship, prevented my receiving in due course the official report of the conduct of the officers serving immediately under him; and it is only a few days ago that I learnt that Captain Gilby was the next in seniority to him, of the 77th, on the occasion, and that he had highly distinguished himself.

I deem it an act of justice to a most deserving officer to bring his conduct under the notice of your Lordship.

I enclose the Returns of Casualties to the 24th instant. Your Lordship will regret to see that Lieutenant Williams, of the 17th, has been severely wounded.

I have the greatest pleasure in announcing to your Lordship the brilliant success which attended an attack by the French Army of some ambuscades at the head of the Quarantine Bay, and in front of a cemetery near it. The attack was made on the night of the 22d, and the operation was completed on the following evening. The enemy had collected a very large force on the first occasion to resist our Allies; but notwithstanding, the French were enabled, by their brilliant gallantry and determined resolution, to maintain themselves in the pits at the head of the bay on the 22d, and on the 23d to occupy the whole, with less resistance on the part of the Russians, who are stated to have sustained a very severe loss.

The French were necessarily exposed to a very heavy fire, and were assailed by vastly superior numbers. The achievement they accomplished redounds therefore highly to their renown, and is belied with satisfaction by their Allies.

An expedition, composed of British, French, and Turkish troops, sailed for Kertch on Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning, and I hope soon to be able to announce the landing of the corps, and the result of its first operations. It is commanded by Lieutenant-General Sir George

Brown, and has been conveyed in English and French ships, under the command of Admiral Sir E. Lyons and Admiral Bruat, whose exertions to carry out this important service have been most conspicuous.

The 31st Regiment has arrived from Corfu.

I am much concerned to have to report that Major-General Buller has been obliged by the failure of his health to leave the Army. He has been constant in the discharge of his duty since he joined this Army, distinguished himself both at Alma and Inkerman, and persevered in taking his turn in the trenches until driven by illness to withdraw.

I regret the loss of his services exceedingly.

I have, &c.

RAGLAN.

*The Lord Panmure, &c., &c., &c.*

Enclosure 1.

*Return of Casualties from the 18th to the 20th of May 1855, inclusive.*

2d Battalion, 1st Regiment of Foot—1 drummer, 2 rank and file, wounded.  
3d Foot—4 rank and file, wounded.  
30th Foot—1 rank and file, wounded.  
34th Foot—2 rank and file, wounded.  
41st Foot—1 rank and file, killed.  
47th Foot—1 rank and file, killed.  
55th Foot—1 rank and file, wounded.  
88th Foot—1 rank and file, wounded.  
90th Foot—1 rank and file, wounded.  
Royal Sappers and Miners—1 rank and file, wounded.

Total—2 rank and file, killed; 1 drummer, 13 rank and file, wounded.

J. B. BUCKNALL ESTCOURT,  
Adjutant-General.

Enclosure 2.

*Nominal Return of Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates Killed, from 18th to 20th May 1855, inclusive.*

KILLED.

18th May 1855.

41ST REGIMENT OF FOOT.  
3009 Private William McGoldrick

19th May 1855.

47TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.  
3185 Private Thomas Murphy  
J. B. BUCKNALL ESTCOURT,  
Adjutant-General.

Enclosure 3.

*Nominal Return of Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates Wounded, from the 18th to the 20th of May 1855, inclusive.*

WOUNDED.

18th May 1855.

2D BATTALION, 1ST REGIMENT OF FOOT.  
2118 Drummer James McLeish, slightly  
2157 Private Thomas McDonald, slightly

34TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.  
3983 Private Robert McAtteer, slightly

90TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.  
3490 Private James Fletcher, severely