

Copy of Governor Elphinstone's Report of this Action to Vice-Admiral Lord Hood.

As soon as the Report came to me of Cape Brun being attacked and requiring Succour, I ordered the Garrison Picquet to turn out immediately, and the Remainder of the Troops to get under Arms, and sent the Report I had received to the General Officers commanding the Foreign Troops. Before the Picquet of 100 Men had got beyond the Gate of the Town, a Report came of our Troops having been repulsed from Cape Brun; that they had retired into Fort La Malgué; and that the whole Army of General La Poype had been marched from La Garde for the Attack of Cape Brun, and were at that Time in Possession of it.

We marched out of the Gate d'Italie as soon as the Garrison could be collected under Arms, consisting of the same Numbers as the Day before, with Eight Field Pieces and Two Eighteen-Pounders, with the Addition of 60 Spanish Dragoons of 160, which landed on the 12th Instant, (the remaining Horses not being yet fit for Service.)

Having reconnoitred the Situation of the Enemy, I found they had abandoned Cape Brun, and had formed their whole Force further to the Eastward, on the Hauteur Le Pradel, with their Left covered by the Castle St. Marguerite, which has Two Twelve-Pounders pointed to the Land Side; their Field Pieces were distributed along the Front of their Line. It occurred to me that the most safe and effectual Mode of dislodging them from their strong Post would be to march immediately forward, under Protection of the Guns of our Forts, on the Side of Mount Faron, to proceed towards La Vallette, and strike off to the Hauteurs de Thouars, about a Mile to the Eastward of La Vallette, and commanding La Garde at something more than a Quarter of a Mile Distance from that Village. It was my Intention to occupy Thouars and La Garde, by which we should command the whole Plain and the Two great Roads, one leading to Hieres, and passing to the Eastward of La Garde, the other passing through La Vallette and leading to Souliers. Generals Squierdo and Pignatelli being of the same Opinion with me, we proceeded on the Road to La Vallette, leaving 140 Men with Two Eighteen-Pounders in that Village (under the Protection of the Guns of Fort Faron) to mask the Vallon de Eavieres, and prevent the Enemy from sending Reinforcements by that Pass from their Posts at Tounis and Le Reveit. At the Commencement of our March, the Enemy expected an Attack, and drew up their Force; as we proceeded they appeared in some Degree of Hurry and Confusion, and at length quitted their Post to march towards La Garde. Unfortunately, from an Error of the Guide, the Spanish Troops, which led the Column, were carried beyond the Point at which they should have gained the Hauteurs de Thouars; and when the Rear Division of the Column, composed of the British and Piedmontese Troops, which was to have formed the Left of the Line, arrived at the Foot of that Hill, we found the Advance formed with their Right to the Hauteurs and their Left extending towards La Vallette. I immediately marched the British and Piedmontese Troops to the Top of the Hauteurs de Thouars, taking the Right of our Position; the Spanish and Part of the Neapolitan Troops came up on our Left; Brigadier-General Pignatelli remaining with 350 Men to keep up the Communication with the Corps posted at La Vallette. It was with great Regret that I perceived the Enemy (who had pressed their March rapidly) entering La Garde at the Moment we possessed ourselves of the Hauteurs de Thouars. By the Activity and Exertions of Colonel Minichini of the

Albanese Neapolitan Corps, and Captain Collier of the British Artillery, we got our Field Pieces to the Top of the Hills, through very steep and difficult Passages. The Enemy made various Movements; but without attempting any Thing more than a Cannonade from La Garde, which we returned, and dismounted One of their Guns. When Night set in they began to remove with their Artillery towards Hieres. I sent forward a Patrole, under Captain Moncrief of the 11th Regiment, consisting of 100 British Troops, a Company of Piedmontese Grenadiers, and the Grenadier Company of the Spanish Swiss Regiment of Betchar, to find whether they had evacuated La Garde. This Patrole was fired upon by a strong Rear Guard, posted in Vineyards and in the Houses of the Village, which cover the Sides of a Sugar Loaf Hill, the Top of which is crowned by an old Castle. The main Object of our Movement having been obtained, by the Retreat of the Enemy from the Situation they had occupied in the Morning near St. Marguerite, it would have been highly imprudent to have sacrificed any Part of our small Force, in the Attack of a strong Village, which we must of Necessity have abandoned next Morning. The Troops having been much fatigued the Day before, and having been left (by the Mismanagement of the Persons charged at Toulon with the Supply of Provisions) without any Food till Ten o'Clock at Night, it was at that Hour determined to march back into the Town.

Return of the Killed, Wounded and Missing on the 14th of October, 1793, near Malbosquet.

BRITISH.

11th Regiment. 2 Rank and File killed; 4 Rank and File wounded; 1 Rank and File missing.
Marines. 1 Rank and File wounded.

PIEDMONTESE.

Chasseurs. 1 Captain, 1 Lieutenant, 5 Rank and File, wounded.
Grenadiers. 1 Rank and File wounded.

SPANIARDS.

Regiment of Hibernia. 1 Rank and File killed, 3 Rank and File wounded.
Marines. 1 Rank and File killed; 2 Lieutenants, 3 Rank and File, wounded.
Regiment of Majorca. 1 Captain, 2 Rank and File, wounded; 1 Rank and File missing.

NEAPOLITANS.

Grenadier Regiment du Roi. 1 Serjeant, 5 Rank and File, wounded.
Regiment of Royal Naples. 4 Rank and File wounded.
Total of Killed, Wounded and Missing. 2 Captains, 3 Lieutenants, 1 Serjeant, 34 Rank and File.

Names of Officers wounded.

Piedmontese Chasseurs. Captain Chevalier D'Albrion and Lieutenant Chevalier Tornielli.
Spanish Majorca Regiment. Captain Don Louis del Concha.
Spanish Marines. Lieutenants Bafes and Escaleda.

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Return of the Killed and Wounded on the 15th of October, 1793, on the Hauteurs of Thouars.

BRITISH.

11th Regiment. 1 Rank and File wounded.
69th Regiment. 2 Rank and File wounded.

SPANISH.

Swiss Regiment of Betchar. 1 Rank and File killed; 2 Rank and File wounded.

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