

exposed to the Fire from the Enemy's Entrenchments.

Field-Marshal-Lieutenant Haddick, finding it impossible to approach the Enemy in Front, determined to attack their Entrenchments in the Rear from a Height which appeared almost inaccessible, and to dislodge them from their Position by an Attempt which they by no Means expected. The Chief Chasseur Mathieu, of the Corps of Le Loup, with some other Chasseurs, and Captain Enyeter with a Company and an Half of the Regiment of Antoine Esterhazi, were charged with this Enterprize, who by Means of Cramp Irons scaled the highest Summit of the Mountain undiscovered by the Enemy; and while their Attention was engaged by our Cannonade from the Mountains in their Front, the whole Detachment, headed by Captain Enyeter, gained their Entrenchments by descending a frozen Ravine in their Rear.

This bold Attempt totally disconcerted the Enemy, and gave our Advanced Guard Time and Opportunity to penetrate by the narrow Path in their Front. The Entrenchments being carried by Assault, the Enemy took a new Position further back; but they were attacked and dislodged from it with great Loss. To cover their Retreat, they destroyed a Wooden Bridge, which could not be repaired in less than an Hour and an Half.

The Field-Marshal-Lieutenant Haddick pushed on by a forced March as far as Schlus; but he was forced to halt upon the Heights of the Right Bank of the Inn near Schlus, as his Troops, exhausted by a Twenty-four Hours' March, were unable to make another Attack, the Bridge over the Inn near Schlus being destroyed, and the only fordable Passage being commanded by the Enemy's Batteries.

The remaining Detachment on the Left, commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Count Veissenwolf of the Regiment of Michael Wallis, was destined to alarm the Enemy in the Valley of Tschirffer, and to keep them at Czernitz. This Division was also compelled to make a very long and difficult March to arrive at the Point of Attack. His Advanced Guard soon drove in all the Enemy's Out-Posts to their Reserve, which was posted behind an Abatis, and for some Time there was only a partial Discharge of Musketry. The Enemy however, being reinforced, attacked our Advanced Guard, but were repulsed. About Noon the Enemy made a Sortie from their Abatis in greater Force, and renewed the Attack; our Advanced Guard was driven back

upon the Reserve, and were obliged to retire by the narrow Path already described, as they could not advance against the Enemy on account of the Snow being no longer strong enough to bear them. Part of the Rear Guard fell into the Enemy's Hands.

The First Column has made several Officers (among whom are a Chef de Brigade) and some Soldiers Prisoners; One Cannon and several Waggon loaded with Powder fell into our Hands.

The Column of Field-Marshal-Lieutenant Haddick has also made some Prisoners.

On the 1st of May at Day-break, the Van Guard advanced as far as Fottan, and the First Column joined the Second between Schlus and Fottan.

The Posts of the Enemy were between Guarda and Lavin. On account of the great Fatigues of the preceding Day, the Troops were not able to proceed farther than to the lofty and steep Heights of Fottan.

On the 2d of May the re-united Columns marched from Fottan towards Lavin, and took Post on the High Road. A small Column, under the Orders of Colonel Zeegradt of the Regiment of Beaulieu, marched towards the Right Bank of the Inn in the same Direction as the First Column.

The Enemy having destroyed the Bridge near the Lower Guarda, and it being indispensably necessary to have a Bridge of Communication, a small Bridge was constructed there, which could not be completed in less than Four Hours. In the meanwhile the Position of the Enemy was reconnoitred, and the Dispositions for Attack made. While they were doing this, Field-Marshal-Lieutenant Bellegarde placed the Van Guard before Guarda, and the Main Body behind the Village. The Van Guard, as well as the Column where Field-Marshal-Lieutenant Bellegarde was in Person, advanced under the Orders of Field-Marshal-Lieutenant Haddick upon the High Road which leads to Cus. The Division of Colonel Zeegradt, reinforced by Two Battalions, made a Column apart under the Orders of General Count Robili, who was to march upon the Right Bank of the Inn in the same Direction as the principal Column.

The Two Columns marched directly to Lavin, and forced the Enemy's Advanced Guards to retire as fast as possible. The Village of Lavin was carried by the Advanced Guard; but the Enemy having re-assembled behind the Village, another obstinate Engagement took place, which however ended to our Advantage, by Means of the Divisions sent to the Mountains to take the Enemy in Flank.

As the Ground behind Lavin was proper for Cavalry Manœuvres, a Detachment of Hussars of the