

*Military Report from Colonel Lowe, dated Vertus,
February 9, 1814.*

SIR,

MY last to you was sent by Mr. Swinnie, of the Russian embassy in London, who was the bearer of some dispatches to you from England. Field-Marshal Blücher moved his head-quarters immediately afterwards to Etoges; but about seven o'clock in the evening a report arrived from Baye, of the enemy having advanced against a Russian regiment, which had halted there, in force four or five squadrons of cavalry, and two guns; but having been resisted, had not pushed on any further. As it was totally uncertain what might be the object of this movement, the Field-Marshal moved back his head-quarters for the night to this place. The corps of General-Kapsiewitz had just arrived here, and General Kleist was close in the vicinity at Chalons.

General Baron Sacken was at Montmirail, and General D'Yorck at Dormant, both having their advanced guards pushed on two or three leagues in front at or near La Ferte Sous Joarre and Château Thierry. It is now eleven *a. m.*, and no further information has been received of the enemy's movement. In the mean time, accounts are arrived of the grand army being at Troyes; so that there is no reason to speculate on any significant movement of the enemy in this transverse direction. It is supposed the corps pushed forward must have come from Sezannes, and have belonged to Marmont. General Kleist is arriving here to-day. General Baron Sacken and General D'Yorck will probably remain in their present position until the whole of the corps unite.

I have the honour to be, &c.

H. LOWE, Colonel.

*Lieut.-Gen. the Hon. Sir Charles
Stewart, K. B.*

*Military Report from Colonel Lowe, dated Bergeres,
February 11, 1814.*

SIR,

I AM concerned to acquaint you, that the Russian division of General Alsunief suffered very considerably on yesterday afternoon, by an attack of the enemy. My report of yesterday will have mentioned the information that had been received of Buonaparte being at Sezanne. General Alsunief had his division, consisting of about three thousand five hundred infantry, posted at Champaubert. He was attacked by a very superior corps of the enemy, five or six thousand of which were cavalry, and though he formed squares, and resisted most obstinately for a long time, the enemy finally succeeded in compelling him to fall back, after suffering a very considerable loss in killed, wounded, and prisoners. He had twenty-four pieces of cannon with him, of which fifteen were saved, and nine fell into the hands of the enemy. Fifteen hundred men are announced to have got off unmolested; the remainder must have suffered or been dispersed, but great hopes are entertained that many of the latter will have been enabled to regain their corps. There has been no time as yet for any information regarding them.

General D'Yorck is at Château Thierry. General Baron Sacken at Ferte sous Jouarre. General Kleist, who with General Kapsiewitz had moved on yesterday to Ferre Champenoise, is now in position at this place. Field-Marshal Blücher is with them. Further intelligence is expected of the enemy's movements to decide his. The last accounts are, that he had shewn two squadrons of cavalry a little on this side of Etoges.

I have the honour to be, &c.

H. LOWE, Colonel.

Lieutenant-General the Honourable Sir

Charles Stewart, K. B. &c. &c.

My report of yesterday, which I hope you will have received, mentioned that General Vasilichoff had been attacked by the enemy near Ferte sous Jouarre, but he repulsed him and took three pieces of artillery and two tumbrils.

H. L.

*Military Report from Colonel Lowe, dated Bergeres,
February 12, 1814.*

SIR,

A VERY heavy cannonading was heard during the whole of the afternoon of yesterday, in the direction of Montmirail. By a report just received from General D'Yorck, it appears that his corps and that of General Baron Sacken had marched in that direction, and attacked the enemy, who was advancing against him. The corps of General Baron Sacken, and three brigades of that of General D'Yorck, were engaged, and after an action of several hours, both armies remained on the ground, in the same positions they had occupied at the commencement. Six pieces of cannon were at one time taken by General Baron Sacken, but the sewere left, from the difficulty of the roads, as well as four pieces of his own, which he had advanced in the attack and could not again withdraw. The force opposed was the old guard and other detached corps, amounting to about thirty thousand men, commanded by Buonaparte in person. General Baron Sacken attacked the enemy in the village of Marchais, which was taken and retaken three times. The enemy made a movement on his right flank, which compelled him to fall back on General D'Yorck. The enemy attacked again but could make no impression, night leaving both him and the allied troops in the same position. General Baron Sacken had his head-quarters this morning at Château Thierry, and General D'Yorck at Biffert. Buonaparte was to have returned to Montmirail last night, but bivouacked on the ground.

Marshal Marmont, with the 6th corps; is at Etoges.

Field-Marshal Blücher, with the corps of General Kleist and General Kapsiewitz, is in position at this place. Marshal Marmont sent in an officer with a flag of truce this morning, with a letter to the Field-Marshal, which he was directed to deliver personally, but he was not received.

I have the honour to be, &c.

H. LOWE, Colonel.

Lieutenant-General the Hon. Sir Charles

Stewart, K. B. &c. &c.