

*Return of Killed, Wounded, and Missing, at the attack and capture of Bassein, on the 19th May 1852.*

*Head Quarters, Rangoon, May 24, 1852.*

Her Majesty's 51st Regiment of King's Own Light Infantry—2 rank and file, killed; 4 European officers, 11 rank and file, wounded.  
9th Regiment Madras Native Infantry—1 European officer, 1 havildar, 6 rank and file, wounded.

Total—2 rank and file, killed; 5 European officers, 1 havildar, 17 rank and file, wounded.

European officers, 5 wounded.

Warrant and Non-Commissioned officers, rank and file, &c., 2 killed; 18 wounded.

Total—2 killed; 23 wounded.

Grand Total of killed, wounded, and missing, 25.

W. MAYHEW, Captain,  
Assistant Adjutant-General of the  
Burmah Field Force.

OFFICERS WOUNDED.

Her Majesty's 51st Foot—Major Errington, (slightly); Captain Darroch (slightly); Captain Rice (very severely); Lieutenant Carter (severely).  
9th Madras Native Infantry—Lieutenant Ansley (severely).

W. MAYHEW.

*Return of Ordnance captured in the Fortifications of the City of Bassein, on the 19th of May 1852.*

On the works round the city—guns, 30; gingals, 6.  
In the mud fort—guns, 16; gingals, 20.  
In the stockade opposite the town—guns, 6; gingals, 6.

In a mud fort at Naputa—guns, 2.  
Total—guns, 54; gingals, 32.

Grand Total—86.

W. MAYHEW.

*Commodore George R. Lambert, R.N. to C. Allen, Esq. Secretary to the Government of India.*

*Her Majesty's Ship Fox's Boat, at Bassein, May 20, 1852.*

SIR,

I REQUEST you may be pleased to inform the Governor-General of India in Council, that the Lieutenant-General commanding the Forces having communicated his wish to make an attack on the city of Bassein, I placed a squadron of four steamers at his disposal for this service.

On the morning of the 17th instant, Lieutenant-General Godwin, C.B. the Commander of the Forces, embarked in the squadron with 400 of Her Majesty's 51st Regiment, 300 of the 9th Regiment Madras Native Infantry, 60 Sappers and Miners, the Royal Marines, and a detachment of seamen with a field gun from Her Majesty's ship Fox.

I left the naval force at Rangoon, in charge of Commander Tarleton, with the Fox, and went with my boat to the Tenasserim, in which steamer I hoisted my broad pendant, and put to sea at two o'clock in the afternoon with the steamers named in the inclosure marked A.

The Lieutenant-General accompanied me in the Tenasserim.

On the evening of the 28th, we anchored off the island of Negrais, at the entrance of the Bassein River, where the Pluto joined us. I had sent her on from Rangoon a day previously, as her small power could not have enabled her to keep up with the steam frigates.

At daylight on the 19th, the squadron weighed and proceeded up the river, the Pluto, from her light draught, being a-head, showing the soundings. The Tenasserim led, followed by the Sesostris and Mozuffer, at half a cable's length distant.

At a few minutes after four o'clock in the afternoon, the fortifications of Bassein appeared in sight, consisting of a very extensive mud fort, and a long line of stockade on the left bank, on which the city stands, and a strong stockade round the pagoda, with a brick parapet fronting the river. Then, in an admirable position on the right bank, stood a very large stockade, mounting several cannon.

The enemy permitted the squadron to approach unmolested.

At half-past four, when abreast the stockade, I made the signal to anchor; immediately afterwards, Lieutenant-General Godwin expressed his wish to land the troops, which was effected in perfect order in a very short period. They had scarcely formed, under the Lieutenant-General's direction, when a heavy fire was opened both with cannon and musketry from the various stockades, which was instantly answered by a cheer from the party landed, who stormed and carried the pagoda.

As soon as the enemy commenced firing, the ships opened their fire on the different batteries.

Observing the stockade opposite the town had been silenced, I directed Commander Campbell, of the Sesostris, to land with the boats of his own ship and the Mozuffer's, and to storm it, which he effected in gallant style, driving the Burmese from their guns with considerable loss to them in killed and wounded.

Commander Campbell has called my special attention to the zeal and activity displayed on this occasion by Lieutenants Robinson and Lewis, of the Indian Navy.

At half-past five, I had the satisfaction of hearing that the last and most formidable of the stockades had been carried, but not without considerable loss on our part, from the great resistance shown by the enemy.

Amongst those I have to enumerate as sufferers on this occasion, I have to name Lieutenant George W. Rice, of Her Majesty's ship Fox, who received a severe and painful wound through the right hand whilst gallantly leading his party of seamen into the stockade.

I feel it my duty also to mention the steady conduct of the Royal Marines, under the command of First Lieutenant John Elliott, and I cannot conclude without expressing my best thanks to Commanders Campbell and Hewett, of the Indian Navy, for the skill and ability with which they brought their ships up a river, which had hitherto been but imperfectly surveyed, for a distance of more than sixty miles; nor can I refrain from expressing how much I am indebted to Commanders Dicey and Burbank, of the Bengal Marine, for the assistance I received from them, and I attribute our being able to perform this service without accident, to the careful and judicious manner with which the commander of the Pluto went in advance, and communicated the soundings.

I cannot forbear bringing to his Lordship's notice, Mr. Francis Duncan, second officer of the Tenasserim; he was by the side of Lieutenant