

At five o'clock the boats left the ships, erected shears, landed the guns, and had them in the General's camp by one o'clock; the exertions and good will of the officers and seamen created much astonishment in the encampment of the French troops, who cheered them in passing, and on some of the most difficult ascents, went in voluntarily and most cheerfully to the drag-ropes, and gave their assistance.

On arriving in camp the men were much exhausted and laid down to rest, and prepare their dinners, when an order arrived that they were to embark immediately, as the *Penelope* was on shore under the fire of the enemy, and their ships might be required; the order was received with cheers, and, forgetting dinners and fatigue, rushed down to their boats in three quarters of an hour by a short route, but close under the enemy's fire.

On the next morning the same number of guns were landed, but on this occasion, with 200 men from each ship—as the parties the previous evening were much fatigued—these guns were in the camp by 10.30.

The bands of the ships attended the parties, and the whole march was one of triumph over difficulties that previously had been considered almost insurmountable; the spirits of the men were occasionally excited by a dropping shot from the enemy.

It is unnecessary for me to expatiate on the merits of Captain Hewlett, the officers, and seamen, in performing this arduous service, but to express my admiration of their great zeal and

perseverance, as from personal observation on the spot you will have formed your own judgment.

I have, &c.,

H. D. CHADS,  
Rear-Admiral, &c.

*Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Napier, K.C.B.*  
&c. &c. &c.

Enclosure No. 3, in Sir Charles Napier's Letter,  
No. 340.

*Bulldog, off Bomarsund,*  
August 12, 1854.

(Memorandum.)

THE Commander-in-Chief begs to convey to Rear-Admiral Chads his admiration of the great exertion made by Captain Hewlett, the officers and men employed in landing and transporting six thirty-two pounders to General Jones's camp, a distance of four miles and a half. The Commander-in-Chief, in the course of his service, has seen guns moved in difficult places, but never on such roads and to such a distance as in the present instance. The cheerfulness and exertions of the men were wonderful, nor must it be forgotten, when the *Penelope* got on shore under the enemy's battery, and it was probable they might be wanted on board their ships, regardless of their fatigue, they abandoned their dinner and hurried down to their boats to embark and render assistance to the *Penelope* in distress.

(Signed) CHAS. NAPIER,

Vice-Admiral and Commander-in-Chief.

*Rear-Admiral H. D. Chads, C.B.*

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