

time the enemy remained encamped about five miles from Eupatoria, with his left leaning on the Putrid Lake Sasik; whilst Omar Pasha, with the garrison, having been reinforced after the battle by further Turkish troops, brought over from Varna in British transports, as well as by the Dauntless, Curlew, Arrow, and Lynx, sent by me from hence, and by two French steamers sent by Admiral Bruat, awaited an attack with confidence in a favourable result.

I am, &c.,

ED. LYONS,

Rear-Admiral and Commander-in-Chief.

To the Secretary of the Admiralty,  
London.

Enclosure No. 1.

Her Majesty's ship *Curaçoa*, Eupatoria,  
February 17, 1855.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to acquaint your Excellency that, this morning about 6.30 A.M., the Russians in considerable force attacked the Turkish troops which are encamped at this place under the command of his Highness Omar Pasha.

The ships under my command at this anchorage, which are named in the margin,\* immediately proceeded under steam to close the flanking position of the Turkish entrenchments.—Valorous and Viper taking the left flank, and *Curaçoa* and *Furious* the right. About half an hour after the commencement of the attack, I received from his Highness Omar Pasha, a request to strengthen as much as possible the right flank, as the enemy were pressing their attack upon that point.

The *Viper* was immediately recalled, and from her light draught of water was enabled to effect good service, as also the three other ships in their respective positions.

The conduct of the captains, officers, seamen, and marines under my command on this occasion, deserves your Excellency's approbation.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) G. F. HASTINGS,

Captain.

P.S.—The French and Turkish vessels also did good service in their respective positions which they took up.

His Excellency Rear Admiral Sir  
Edmund Lyons, Bart., G.C.B.,  
K.C.H., &c., &c., &c.

Enclosure No. 2.

Her Majesty's ship *Curaçoa*,  
Eupatoria, February 18, 1855.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your memorandum of yesterday's date, relative to my report of the Russians having attacked this place on the 17th instant, as communicated by the steam transport *Queen of the South*, and beg to inform you that the reinforcement of vessels mentioned therein have duly arrived here; and that I immediately informed his Highness Omar Pasha of the reinforcement being sent to his support, who begged me to offer to your Excellency his warmest thanks.

In the late attack the Turks suffered a loss of 88 men killed, 250 wounded, and 78 horses killed: the loss on the part of the Russians cannot be ascertained.

No further attack has been made; but the Russians still remain in force about five miles

Her Majesty's ships *Valorous*, *Furious*, and *Viper*.

from Eupatoria, and large reinforcements, both of men and waggons, are daily arriving from the road to Simferopol. If the *Arrow's* services could be spared she would be of great assistance here.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) G. F. HASTINGS,

Captain.

His Excellency Rear-Admiral Sir  
Edmund Lyons, Bart., G.C.B.,  
K.C.H., &c., &c.

Enclosure No. 3.

Quartier-Général d'Eupatoria,  
17 Février, 1855.

MONSIEUR LE CAPITAINE,

PENDANT l'attaque que les Russes ont tentée ce matin sur la ville d'Eupatoria avec des forces considérables, l'escadre de la marine de Sa Majesté Britannique qui se trouvait dans la rade sous votre commandement, a beaucoup contribué par les dispositions que vous avez prises, par leur prompte exécution et par la justesse du tir de votre artillerie, à rendre infructueux les efforts de l'ennemi et à assurer le succès de la journée.

En vous transmettant mes vives remerciements je vous prie d'être auprès de vos officiers et marins l'interprète de mes sentiments d'estime et de reconnaissance.

Recevez, Monsieur le Capitaine, les assurances de ma considération très-distinguée.

Le Généralissime de l'armée Ottomane.

(Signé) OMER.

A l'Honorable Capitaine Hastings, R.N.,  
Officier Supérieur à Eupatoria, à bord *Curaçoa*.

OCCURRENCES IN NAVAL BRIGADE.

Royal Albert, off Sevastopol.  
February 20, 1855.

SIR,

IN continuation of my letter of the 7th instant, No. 103, I enclose, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty two letters from Captain Lushington, detailing the proceedings of the Naval Brigade since that date, and reporting their extraordinary good health.

I have, &c.,

ED. LYONS,

Rear-Admiral and Commander-in-Chief.

To the Secretary of the Admiralty,  
London.

Enclosure No. 1.

Camp, Naval Brigade,  
February 11, 1855.

SIR,

IN continuation of our proceedings, I have the honour to inform you that we have been employed this week in carrying shot into the batteries. The enemy continues augmenting his defences and firing on our working parties during the day. Several ineffectual sorties have been made on the French during the past week.

I have also been getting up slops and provisions, and have a supply for seven days of the latter in our store tents.

I have much pleasure in informing you of the healthy state of the brigade, having only 44 in the sick list, no serious cases, and victualling 998.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) S. LUSHINGTON,

Captain Commanding Naval Brigade.

Rear-Admiral Sir Edmd. Lyons, G.C.B.,  
Commander-in-Chief.