

## SUPPLEMENT

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### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 1855.

War-Department, March 28, 1855.

ORD PANMURE has this day received two Despatches and their Enclosures, of which the following are copies, addressed to His Lordship by Field-Marshal the Lord Raglan, G.C.B.

> Before Sevastopol, March 13, 1855.

THE enemy commenced working upon the mamelon in front of the tower of Malakoff in the night of Friday; but the nature of the work, from the thickness of the atmosphere, could not be distinguished.

Mr Lord,

Great progress, however, had been perceived on Sunday, and that night a strong working party of the British troops was occupied in commencing a parallel from the advanced point of our right attack, with a view to form a junction with the corresponding parallel to be made on their side by the French, who began it on the following evening; and much was done to forward the operation before daylight this morning, and it is hoped that the object will be completed to-night.

The weather is generally fine in the early part of the day, but towards evening heavy sea fogs come rolling in, and wholly obscure the view of the place.

The enemy have shewn a battalion and some Cosaques on the heights above Balaklava, and towards Kamara, probably with the view to interrupt the French and English wood-cutting parties, for the construction of gabions, in the immediate neighbourhood, but the allied detachments have not been obliged to discontinue their work.

I enclose a return of casualties to the 10th instant.

I have, &c.,

RAGLAN.

The Lord Panmure, &c. &c.

#### Enclosure 1.

Return of Casualties from the 9th to 11th March, 1855, inclusive.

18th Regiment of Foot-1 rank and file, Wounded.

34th Foot—1 rank and file, Killed. 44th Foot—1 rank and file, Wounded. 55th Foot—1 rank and file, Killed.

77th Foot-2 rank and file, Wounded.

97th Foot-1 rank and file, Killed.

Total-3 rank and file, Killed; 4 rank and Wounded.

> J. B. BUCKNALL ESTCOURT. Adjutant-General.

#### Enclosure 2.

Nominal Return of Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates Killed, from 9th to 11th March, 1855, inclusive.

#### KILLED.

9th March, 1855. 97TH REGIMENT OF FOOT. 1811 Private John Widows

10th March, 1855. 55TH REGIMENT OF FOOT. 2724 Private John McGuire

11th March, 1855. 34TH REGIMENT OF FOOT. 2881 Private William Callaghan

> J. B. BUCKNALL ESTCOURT. Adjutant-General.

#### Enclosure 3.

Nominal Return of Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates Wounded from 9th to 11th March, 1855, inclusive.

#### WOUNDED.

9th March, 1855. 44TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.

3834 Private Thomas Saddler, severely

11th March, 1855.

18th REGIMENT OF FOOT.

2914 Private John Conners, severely

77TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.

3050 Private Timothy Connell, severely James Clarke, dangerously 2871

> J. B. BUCKNALL ESTCOURT. Adjutant-General.

> > Before Sevastopol, March 17, 1855.

My LORD,

THE progress of the parallel, which I reported to your Lordship in my despatch of the 13th instant (No. 205), has not been as rapid as was anticipated, the ground being extremely rocky, and the difficulty of procuring cover consequently excessive, and rendering it almost impossible to

carry on the operation during the day.

Both the English and the French have now, however, succeeded in establishing the communication between them. Her Majesty's troops have not been assailed; but our Allies have been kept constantly in action, and they have succeeded in driving the enemy from the rifle pits, in which they had established themselves in their immediate front, with distinguished gallantry and great perseverance. They, however, have sustained some loss, though not equal to that which they have inflicted upon their opponents.

A steady fire has been maintained upon the mamelon in the occupation of the enemy, from the guns in our right attack; and the practice of both the navy and the artillery has been conspicuously good, and reflects the highest credit on those branches of Her Majesty's service.

Although no positive attack had been directed against our works, our approaches are carried so close to the enemy, that the casualties are greater than they have lately been, as your Lordship will be concerned to remark in examining the returns I have the honour to enclose; and it is my painful duty to announce to your Lordship the death of Captain Craigie, of the Royal Engineers, whose zeal and devotion to the service could not be surpassed, and who was killed on the 13th, after he had been relieved from the trenches, and was on his way to the Engineer Park, by a splinter from a shell, which burst close to him.

I have the honour to report the arrival of Lieutenant-General Simpson, who joined my Head Quarters yesterday, and that of Sir John McNeill and Colonel Tulloch, who reached

Balaklava a few days before.

I have, &c.,

RAGLAN.

The Lord Panmure, &c. &c. &c.

#### Enclosure 1.

Return of Casualties from the 12th to 15th of March, 1855, inclusive.

7th Regiment of Foot-1 rank and file, Wounded.

18th Foot—1 rank and file, Killed.
30th Foot—3 rank and file, Wounded.
34th Foot—2 rank and file, Killed.

38th Foot—2 rank and file, Wounded. 41st Foot-1 rank and file, Killed; 4 rank and

file, Wounded.

55th Foot-5 rank and file, Wounded.

62nd Foot—1 Officer, 1 rank and file, Wounded. 77th Foot—1 rank and file, Killed; 1 rank and file, Wounded.

88th Foot-3 rank and file, Wounded.

89th Foot—1 rank and file, Wounded.
97th Foot—2 rank and file, Wounded.
2nd Battalion Rifle Brigade—2 rank and file, Wounded.

Royal Artillery—1 rank and file, Wounded. Royal Engineers-1 Officer, Killed.

-1 officer, 5 rank and file, Killed; 1 Total-Officer, 26 rank and file, Wounded.

> J. B. BUCKNALL ESTCOURT, Adjutant-General.

#### Enclosure 2.

Nominal Return of Officers who have been KILLED from the 12th to the 15th March, 1855, inclusive.

#### KILLED.

13th March, 1855.

ROYAL ENGINEERS.

Captain A. D. Craigie

J. B. BUCKNALL ESTCOURT. Adjutant-General.

#### Enclosure 3.

Nominal Return of Officers who have been Wounded from the 12th to the 15th March, 1855. inclusive.

#### WOUNDED.

15th March, 1855.

62nd REGIMENT OF FOOT.

Captain J. B. Forster, slightly

J. B. BUCKNALL ESTCOURT, Adjutant-General.

#### Inclosure 4.

Nominal Return of Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates KILLED from 12th to 15th March, 1855, inclusive.

#### KILLED.

12th March, 1855.

41st REGIMENT OF FOOT. 2247 Private Patrick Cunningham.

14th March, 1855.

18TH REGIMENT OF FOOT. 2982 Corporal Owen Whelan

34TH REGIMENT OF FOOT. 2444 Private Thomas Gately

15th March, 1855. 34TH REGIMENT OF FOOT. 3891 Private William Heritage

77TH REGIMENT OF FOOT. 2617 Private Francis Burfoot

> J. B. BUCKNALL ESTCOURT, Adjutant-General.

#### Enclosure 5.

Nominal Return of Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates WOUNDED from the 12th to 15th March, 1855, inclusive.

#### WOUNDED.

7th March, 1855.

ROYAL ARTILLERY.

3786 Gunner and Driver Hugh McBride, severely (omitted in Return of 9th March)

12th March, 1855. 28th Regiment of Foot. 3523 Private Francis Haynes, severely

55TH REGIMENT OF FOOT. 1377 Private John Singleton, severely

88TH REGIMENT OF FOOT. 3617 Private Daniel Quinn, slightly

13th March, 1855.
7TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.
8668 Private William Bawdrey, severely

30TH REGIMENT OF FOOT. 3571 Private John Filstead, severely 4030 John Callaghan, slightly

41st REGIMENT OF FOOT. 2267 Corporal Richard Ivers, slightly ⋄

2ND BATTALION RIFLE BRIGADE.
4171 Private James Thornelly, slightly
3938 Thomas Stephens, slightly

14th March, 1855. 30th Regiment of Foot. 3937 Private Patrick Kavanagh, slightly

41st REGIMENT OF FOOT.
2364 Private John Evans, slightly
2738 John Navin, slightly
2361 James Downes, slightly

55TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.

1665 Private James Lawrence, slightly
3573 George Miller, slightly
2967 Patrick Guering, slightly

88TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.

1961 Private John Hough, slightly
3690 William Huntley, slightly

89TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.

3501 Private Jeremiah Ward, dangerously, since dead

97TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.
3119 Private Francis Carty, slightly
3254 James Hargreaves, slightly

15th March, 1855. 38TH REGIMENT OF FOOT. 3979 Private Joseph Peverett, slightly

55TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.
3421 Private Michael Farrell, severely, since dead.

62nd Regiment of Foot. 3596 Private Hugh Reilly, slightly

77TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.

8258 Private William Grange, dangerously

J. B. BUCKNALL ESTCOUR!

J. B. BUCKNALL ESTCOURT, Adjutant-General.

Admiralty, March 28, 1855.

DESPATCHES, of which the following are copies, have been received from Rear-Admiral Sir Edmund Lyons, Bart., G.C.B., Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Mediterranean and Black Sea.

DESTRUCTION OF THE TOWER OF DJIMITEIA BY HER MAJESTY'S STEAM-VESSEL VIPER.

Royal Albert, off Sevastopol,
Sir, March 17, 1855.

I HAVE the honour to enclose, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a copy of a letter that I have received from Captain Giffard, of Her Majesty's ship Leopard, enclosing one from Lieutenant Armytage, reporting his having destroyed in Her Majesty's steam-vessel Viper, under his command, the Martello Tower and Barracks of Djimiteia, which had been recently erected for the defence of the direct communication between Anapa and Kertch.

This very useful service has been performed by Lieutenant Armytage in the manner that might have been expected from an officer of his acknowledged merit.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) EDMUND LYONS,

Rear-Admiral and Commander-in-Chief.

To the Secretary of the Admiralty.

Enclosure.

Her Majesty's ship, Leopard, R, off Kertch, March 8, 1855.

THE wind being off shore this morning, I sent Her Majesty's ship Viper to examine the Boghaz

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of the Kouban Lake, and also the coast as far as the Tower of Djimiteia, and have the honour to enclose a letter from Lieutenant Armytage, reporting his having, in the latter place, destroyed the new tower, with two guns, also the barracks and other buildings.

Lieutenant Armytage deserves great credit for the able manner in which he has performed this

service with his small vessel.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) GEO. GIFFARD, Captain.

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

Sub-Inclosure.

Her Majesty's steam-vessel Viper, SIR, off Kertch, March 8, 1855.

I HAVE the honour to report, that in obedience to your instructions, I left this anchorage at 5.30 this morning, for the purpose of examining the mouth of the Kuban Lake. I arrived off there at nine, and observing a small force of Cossacks on the north spit, opened fire and dispersed them, then examined the lake in the whale-boat of this ship, but observing nothing of consequence, proceeded along the coast to the south-eastward.

I had just previously taken possession of a small vessel laden with charcoal and other goods, which I have brought in with me, with three prisoners on board. I enclose you her papers, &c., as they may be useful to His Excellency, the Commander-in-Chief, and request your directions in reference to

the prisoners.

At 1.50 P.M. I arrived off the Martello Tower, at Djimiteia, anchoring bow and stern at a distance of 500 yards from the beach, and at 2 P.M. opened fire upon the fort, dispersing the few Cossacks that remained.

It is now my pleasing duty to inform you that I have effectually destroyed the fort, barracks, and granaries (having set fire to the latter), spiked and disabled the two guns, destroying the ammunition; and all, I am happy to say, without any casualty on board the Viper.

I beg to bring under your notice the conduct of Mr. James Roche, Second Master, who commanded the landing parties; and Mr. John R. Moss, Master's Assistant, who aided him in destroying the guns; both having performed their duty much to my satisfaction.

I have, &c.

WM. ARMYTAGE, Lieutenant (Signed) and Commander.

Captain George Giffard, H.M.S. Leopard, Senior Officer.

Royal Albert, off Sevastopol, March 17, 1855.

I HAVE the honour to enclose, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a letter which has been addressed to me by Captain Giffard, stating, that while making a reconnaissance near Soujak-Kalé, with Her Majesty's ship Leopard, under his command, and accompanied by Her Majesty's ships Highflyer, Swallow, and Viper, and also by H. I. M.'s steam-ship-of-war Fulton, he was informed by the Circassians in the neighbourhood, that the enemy

had so reduced the strength of that fortress by the removal of men and guns to Anapa, that they were ready to attack it by land if he would do so by sea; and that he, wishing to encourage the natives and to embarrass the Russians, had assented to the proposal, and moved the ships to within 1000 yards of the south face of the fort, where he performed his part, but that on finding the Circassians did not perform theirs, he withdrew, after having driven all the garrison out of the place, with the exception of a few gunners in the earthern batteries, and having also dismounted several guns, and done considerable damage to the arsenal and public works; leaving the garrison. about a mile from the place, surrounded by Circassians, who were collecting reinforcements.

The ships appear to have been well placed, and to have fired with great effect: and Captain Giffard expresses his thanks to Captain Le Bris, his able coadjutor on former occasions, as well as to Captain Moore, Commander Craufurd, and Lieutenant Armytage, and their respective officers and

ships' companies, for their support.

Of Captain Giffard himself, I may perhaps be permitted to observe that this is not the first time that his zeal and gallantry have been conspicuous since he has been under my command.

> I am, &c., (Signed) ED. LYONS, Rear-Admiral and Commander-in-Chief.

To the Secretary of the Admiralty, London.

SIR,

REPORTING AN ATTACK UPON SOUJAK.

Her Majesty's ship Leopard, Soujak Bay, March 13, 1855.

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you, that from the information I had received from the Circassians, at Ghelenjik, and also from the observations of Monsieur Le Bris of His Imperial Majesty's steam-vessel Fulton, as well as my own on the 6th instant in Soujak Bay, I was led to believe the Russians had sent many guns, stores, &c. away from that fort, and would probably leave if a force appeared off it.

Wishing to have more certain information for you, on my return to your flag, I, on the evening of the 11th instant, when the Highflyer joined me, proceeded with the vessels named in the margin\* to Soujak Bay, where we anchored on the morning of the 12th; but a fresh gale, with heavy swell, prevented our closing the batteries. therefore threw some shells into the place; and the Circassians, who soon appeared in numbers, at the same time attacked the small fort at the head of the bay, opposite the town, drove out the garrison, and burnt it, at 8 A.M. This morning the Circassians informed me they had a sufficient force, and would attack Soujak Kalé by land if I would do so by sea, and wishing to encourage them and embarrass the enemy, I immediately moved the squadron to within 1000 yards of the South Face and opened fire on it. From this point the enemy only had ten guns to bear on the ships, but the light wind and damp weather made the smoke hang over and conceal them from our fire, while our masts above were conspicuous to them.

We soon drove all the inhabitants and troops out of the place, except those in the earthen

<sup>\*</sup> Leopard, Highflyer, Swallow, Viper, and Fulton, French steamer.

batteries, but I was much disappointed to find that the Circassians did not advance to attack them when out of the town, as they had promised. I, therefore, moved out again, as, with our small force of men, it would have been too great a risk to land, the main body of the garrison being close at hand.

The arsenal and public buildings are much injured, and several of the guns were silenced and dismounted. Our loss, I am happy to say, has been small; and some injury has been done to the masts and hulls of the ships.

I was much pleased with the able way in which all the ships took up their assigned positions, and have to thank Monsieur le Bris, of the Fulton, Captain Moore, Commander Craufurd and Lieutenant Armytage, commanding the Viper, for their able support as well as all the officers and men.

The Russian force, apparently 1500 or 2000 men, and the other inhabitants are now encamped about a mile north of the town, having left a few men in the batteries; they will have great difficulty in communicating with Anapa, being surrounded by the Circassians (who were collecting reinforcements), and should they return to the town, a small naval force can at any time drive them out again.

I enclose list of casualties among the ships.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) GEO

GEORGE GIFFARD, Captain.

Rear-Admiral Sir Edmund Lyons, Bart., G.C.B. Sub-Enclosure No. 1.

Casualties on board Her Majesty's ship Leopard, received during the attack at Soujak, on the 13th March, 1855.

#### KILLED.

David Marchment, gunner, Royal Marine Artillery, shot wound, carrying away the soft parts of the neck anterior to the spine.

#### WOUNDED.

George Davis, A.B., splinter wound of thigh,

William Brewerton, Private Royal Marine, contused wound of back, slight.

(Signed)

J. ACHESON, Surgeon.

Sub-Enclosure No. 2.

Return of Killed and Wounded on board Her Majesty's ship Highflyer, at Soujak-Kalé March 13, 1855.

Killed

None.

WOUNDED.

James Rickard, A.B., slightly. Jeremiah O'Brien, Ordinary, slightly.

(Signed) W. D. KERR, M.D. Surgeon.

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