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MAJOR the Honourable Leicester Curzon arrived this morning with a Despatch from General Simpson to Lord Panmure, of which the following is a copy.

*Before Sevastopol,
September 9, 1855.*

MY LORD,

I HAD the honour to apprise your Lordship in my Despatch of the 4th instant, that the Engineer and Artillery Officers of the Allied Armies had laid before General Pelissier and myself a report recommending that the assault should be given on the 8th instant, after a heavy fire had been kept up for three days.

This arrangement I agreed to, and I have to congratulate your Lordship on the glorious results of the attack of yesterday, which has ended in the possession of the town, dockyards, and public buildings, and destruction of the last ships of the Russian Fleet in the Black Sea. Three steamers alone remain, and the speedy capture or sinking of these must speedily follow.

It was arranged that at twelve o'clock in the day the French columns of assault were to leave their trenches, and take possession of the Malakoff and adjacent works. After their success had been assured, and they were fairly established, the Redan was to be assaulted by the English; the Bastion, Central, and Quarantine Forts, on the left, were simultaneously to be attacked by the French.

At the hour appointed our Allies quitted their trenches, entered and carried the apparently impregnable defences of the Malakoff with that impetuous valour which characterizes the French attack; and, having once obtained possession, they were never dislodged.

The Tricolour planted on the parapet was the signal for our troops to advance.

The arrangements for the attack I entrusted to Lieutenant-General Sir William Codrington, who carried out the details in concert with Lieutenant-General Markham.

I determined that the second and light divisions should have the honour of the assault, from the circumstance of their having defended the batteries and approaches against the Redan for so many months, and from the intimate knowledge they possessed of the ground.

The fire of our artillery having made as much of a breach as possible in the salient of the Redan, I decided that the columns of assault should be directed against that part, as being less exposed to the heavy flanking fire by which this work is protected.

It was arranged between Sir W. Codrington and Lieutenant-General Markham that the assaulting column of 1000 men should be formed by equal numbers of these two divisions, the column of the light division to lead, that of the 2nd to follow. They left the trenches at the pre-concerted signal, and moved across the ground preceded by a covering party of 200 men, and a ladder party of 320. On arriving at the crest of the ditch, and the ladders placed, the men immediately stormed the parapet of the Redan, and penetrated into the salient angle. A most determined and bloody contest was here maintained for nearly an hour, and, although supported to the utmost, and the greatest bravery displayed, it was found impossible to maintain the position.

Your lordship will perceive, by the long and sad list of casualties, with what gallantry and self devotion the officers so nobly placed themselves at the head of their men during this sanguinary conflict.

I feel myself unable to express in adequate terms the sense I entertain of the conduct and gallantry exhibited by the troops, though their devotion was not rewarded by the success which they so well merited, but to no one are my thanks more justly due than to Colonel Windham, who gallantly headed his column of attack, and was fortunate in entering, and remaining with the troops, during the contest.

The trenches were, subsequently to this attack,

so crowded with troops that I was unable to organize a second assault, which I intended to make with the Highlanders under Lieutenant-General Sir Colin Campbell, who had hitherto formed the reserve, to be supported by the third division under Major-General Sir William Eyre. I, therefore, sent for these officers, and arranged with them to renew the attack the following morning.

The Highland Brigade occupied the advanced trenches during the night. About eleven o'clock the enemy commenced exploding their magazines, and Sir Colin Campbell having ordered a small party to advance cautiously to examine the Redan, found the work abandoned; he did not however, deem it necessary to occupy it until daylight.

The evacuation of the town by the enemy was made manifest during the night. Great fires appeared in every part, accompanied by large explosions, under the cover of which the enemy succeeded in withdrawing their troops to the north side by means of the raft-bridge recently constructed, and which they afterwards disconnected and conveyed to the other side.

Their men-of-war were all sunk during the night.

The boisterous weather rendered it altogether impossible for the Admirals to fulfil their intention of bringing the broadsides of the Allied Fleets to bear upon the Quarantine Batteries; but an excellent effect was produced by the animated and well-directed fire of their mortar vessels, those of Her Majesty being under the direction of Captain Wilcox, of the *Odin*, and Captain Digby, of the *Royal Marine Artillery*.

It now becomes my pleasing duty, my Lord, to place on record the high sense I entertain of the conduct of this Army since I have had the honour to command it. The hardships and privations endured by many of the Regiments during a long winter campaign are too well known for me to comment upon. They were borne both by officers and men with a patience and unmurmuring endurance worthy of the highest praise, and which gained them the deserved applause and sympathy of their country.

The Naval Brigade, under the command of Captain the Honourable Henry Keppel, aided by Captain Moorsom, and many gallant officers and seamen who have served the guns from the commencement of the siege, merit my warmest thanks.

The prompt, hearty, and efficacious co-operation of Her Majesty's Navy, commanded by Rear-Admiral Sir Edmund Lyons, and ably seconded by Sir Houston Stewart, has contributed most materially to the success of our undertaking; and here, perhaps, I may be permitted to say that, if it had pleased God that the successful result of this memorable siege should have been reported by my ever to be lamented predecessor in this command, I am sure that it would have been one of his most pleasing duties to express the deep sense which I know he entertained of the invaluable assistance and counsel he received on all occasions from Sir Edmund Lyons. When at times affairs looked gloomy and success doubtful, he was at hand to cheer and encourage; and every assistance that could tend to advance the operations was given with the hearty good will which characterizes the British sailor.

Nothing has contributed more to the present undertaking than the cordial co-operation which has so happily existed from the first between the two services.

I cannot sufficiently express my approbation of the conduct of the Royal Engineers under Lieutenant-General Sir Harry Jones, who has conducted

the siege operations from the beginning of this year. For some time past he has been suffering on a bed of sickness, but the eventful hour of the assault would not permit him to remain absent; he was conveyed on a litter into the trenches to witness the completion of his arduous undertakings.

My warmest thanks are due to the officers and soldiers of the Royal Artillery under the command of Major-General Sir R. Dacres, who, during the arduous operations of this protracted siege, have so mainly contributed to its ultimate success.

I must beg further to record my thanks for the cordial co-operation and assistance I have received in carrying out the details of the service from the Chief of the Staff, the Adjutant and Quartermaster-Generals, and General Staff, as well as Generals commanding Divisions and Brigades of this Army.

I must reserve to myself, for the subject of a future despatch, bringing before your Lordship the particular mention of officers of the various branches of this Army, whom I shall beg to recommend to your favourable notice.

I entrust this despatch to the care of Brevet-Major the Honourable Leicester Curzon, who has been Assistant Military Secretary to my noble predecessor and myself since the commencement of this war, and who will be able to give your Lordship more minute details than the limits of a despatch will allow.

I have, &c.,

JAMES SIMPSON,
General Commanding.

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

KILLED.

- 30th Foot—Lieutenant-Colonel Patullo
Captain J. C. N. Stevenson
Ensign R. G. Deane
- 55th Foot—Brevet-Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. Cuddy
- 41st Foot—Captain E. Every
Captain J. A. Lockhart
- 49th Foot—Captain G. Rochfort
- 62nd Foot—Captain L. A. Cox
Lieutenant L. Blakiston
- 7th Foot—Lieutenant L. L. Wright
Lieutenant O. Colt
- 23rd Foot—Lieutenant R. H. Somerville
Lieutenant D. Dyneley
- 33rd Foot—Lieutenant H. G. Donovan
- 77th Foot—Captain W. Parker
- 88th Foot—Captain H. W. Grogan
- 90th Foot—Captain H. Preston
Lieutenant A. D. Swift
Lieutenant H. F. Wilmer
- 97th Foot—Lieutenant-Colonel Hon. H. R. Hancock
Major A. F. Welsford
Lieutenant A. B. McGregor
- Rifle Brigade—Captain M. M. Hammond.
- 2nd Battalion Rifle Brigade—Lieutenant H. S. Ryder
- Field Train Department—Deputy Assistant-Commissary W. Hayter

DANGEROUSLY WOUNDED.

Royal Sappers and Miners—Captain C. H. Sedley
 20th Foot—Brevet-Major S. R. Chapman, Assistant-Engineer
 17th Foot—Lieutenant W. D. Thompson
 Lieutenant R. Swire, A.D.C.
 1st Foot—Captain W. J. Gillum
 3rd Foot—Major F. F. Maude
 Ensign H. Peachey
 30th Foot—Lieutenant W. Kerr
 41st Foot—Lieutenant J. Eman, C.B.
 49th Foot—Ensign C. Michell
 7th Foot—Lieutenant H. M. Jones
 19th Foot—Lieutenant P. Godfrey
 Lieutenant A. Goren
 Lieutenant W. G. D. Massy
 23rd Foot—Captain W. H. Poole
 Lieutenant L. O'Connor
 Lieutenant C. Beck
 Lieutenant E. S. Holden
 33rd Foot—Lieutenant-Colonel T. B. Gough
 97th Foot—Captain C. H. Lumley

SEVERELY WOUNDED.

Royal Sappers and Miners—Lieutenant H. C. Elphinstone
 63rd Foot—Lieutenant-Colonel P. Lindesay
 47th Foot—Captain and Brevet-Major W. F. G. Rooke
 55th Foot—Lieutenant G. A. Morgan, A.D.C.
 1st Foot—Lieutenant R. L. Williams
 Lieutenant R. B. Caton
 3rd Foot—Ensign A. B. Letts
 30th Foot—Captain G. F. C. Pocock
 Lieutenant M. B. Field
 Lieutenant G. H. Sanders
 55th Foot—Major A. C. Cure
 Captain R. Hume
 Captain J. R. Hume
 Lieutenant W. B. Johnson
 41st Foot—Lieutenant F. Kingscote
 49th Foot—Brevet-Major J. H. King
 62nd Foot—Lieutenant-Colonel L. B. Tyler
 Lieutenant W. B. Davenport
 7th Foot—Captain H. P. Hibbert
 Brevet-Lieutenant-Colonel J. R. Heyland
 Captain J. F. Hickie
 19th Foot—Lieutenant-Colonel J. Unett (very severely)
 Lieutenant R. Molesworth
 Ensign R. C. Martin
 Ensign W. W. Young
 23rd Foot—Colonel D. Lysons, C.B.
 Captain F. F. Vane
 Lieutenant L. E. Millett
 Lieutenant J. Williamson
 Lieutenant F. M. H. Dare
 Lieutenant J. D. Vic. Tupper
 33rd Foot—Lieutenant J. Trent
 44th Foot—Lieutenant J. D. Laurie
 Lieutenant N. A. Harris

77th Foot—Captain F. J. Butts
 88th Foot—Lieutenant G. J. Maxwell, C.B.
 Captain B. B. Mauleverer
 Captain G. R. Beresford
 Lieutenant W. Lambert
 Lieutenant E. Hopton
 Lieutenant L. C. Scott
 Lieutenant G. S. Watson
 Ensign G. Walker
 90th Foot—Captain R. Grove
 Captain W. P. Tining
 Captain J. H. Wade
 Lieutenant J. C. Rattray
 Lieutenant S. C. Pigott, Bart.
 Lieutenant P. J. Deverill
 Lieutenant H. H. Goodericke
 97th Foot—Captain R. F. W. Sibthorp
 Lieutenant R. C. Goodenough
 Royal Artillery—Captain A. C. L. Fitzroy
 Lieutenant R. H. Champion
 Lieutenant C. J. Tyler

SLIGHTLY WOUNDED.

17th Foot—Lieutenant W. H. Parker
 55th Foot—Brigadier-General C. Warren, C.B.
 Unattached—Assistant Quartermaster-General
 Honourable P. E. Herbert, C.B.
 1st Foot—Lieutenant Honourable T. O. W. Plunkett
 3rd Foot—Captain C. Hood
 Captain P. J. Dunbar
 Lieutenant J. A. Cox
 30th Foot—Lieutenant-Colonel J. T. Mauleverer, C.B.
 Brevet-Major A. Campbell
 Lieutenant A. J. Austin
 Lieutenant C. J. Moorsom
 55th Foot—Captain W. S. Richards
 95th Foot—Captain J. N. Sargent
 Lieutenant C. F. Parkinson
 41st Foot—Major R. Platt
 Captain H. Rolands
 Lieutenant R. E. Maude
 Lieutenant and Adjutant J. A. Hamilton
 62nd Foot—Captain E. H. Hunter
 Lieutenant W. Dring
 7th Foot—Brevet-Major W. W. Turner
 19th Foot—Brevet-Major R. Warden
 Captain E. Chippendall
 Lieutenant E. W. R. Bayley
 23rd Foot—Lieutenant S. G. Prevost
 Lieutenant H. D. Radcliffe
 33rd Foot—Captain H. D. Ellis
 Lieutenant C. W. Willis
 Ensign and Adjutant G. Toseland
 77th Foot—Lieutenant G. E. Leggett
 90th Foot—Captain J. A. Perrin
 Lieutenant H. J. Haydock
 Lieutenant W. J. Rous
 Lieutenant N. Grahame
 97th Foot—Captain G. H. Woods
 Lieutenant M. G. B. FitzGerald
 Lieutenant C. H. Browne
 Ensign J. E. D. Hill

2nd Bat. Rifle Brigade—Major C. Woodford
 Captain Honourable B.
 R. Pellew
 Lieutenant H. Eyre
 Lieutenant F. A. Ryley
 Lieutenant W. H. Eccles
 Lieutenant J. C. Moore
 Lieutenant R. Borrough
 Lieutenant F. C. Playne

3rd Foot—Brigadier-General C. Van Straubenzee

88th Foot—Brigadier-General H. Shirely, C.B.

SEVERELY CONTUSED.

77th Foot—Lieutenant C. B. Knowles
 Lieutenant M. A. Waters

MISSING.

62nd Foot—Lieutenant H. A. Palmer

90th Foot—Captain H. M. Vaughan

97th Foot—Captain J. Hutton

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