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LORD PANMURE has this day received a Despatch and its Enclosures, of which the following are copies, addressed to his Lordship by General Simpson.

My Lord,

*Sevastopol,
October 6, 1855.*

MARSHAL PELISSIER having signified to me his wish that the cavalry force under General d'Allonville, at Eupatoria, should be reinforced by some English Cavalry, I at once acceded to his request, and have ordered the brigade of light cavalry, under Brigadier-General Lord George Paget, composed of the Carbineers, 4th and 13th Light Dragoons, and 12th Lancers, and one troop of the Royal Horse Artillery, under Captain Thomas, to be sent for this service.

I am in hopes that transport will be found to convey them early next week.

I have the honour to transmit to your Lordship the copy of a report I have received from Lieutenant-Colonel Ready, with the details of an expedition undertaken against a fort and buildings on the island of Taman. The object was entirely carried out, and the troops have been enabled to supply themselves with a large amount of firewood and building materials.

Since I last had the honour of addressing you, I have seen Lieutenant-General Vivian, and I am happy to inform your Lordship that he quite approves of the decision I had formed of uniting the Contingent at Kertch. Some few thousand men have already arrived there, and every exertion is being made to ensure them their supplies of food and fuel for the winter.

The corps of General de Salles have, during the past week, pushed forward their advanced posts to the high ground on the left bank of the Belbek, overlooking Foti Sala.

Their supports occupy a ridge from this place, stretching towards the south to Markul.

The main position of the army is on high, bold ground, extending from Aitoda to Markul, with the reserves posted between the village of Urkusta and the Bridge of Tinli.

The corps is further to be reinforced with the view next week of making a strong reconnaissance of the ground from Foti Sala towards Wyenbush, on the left bank of the Katcha.

I have omitted to report that Lieutenant-General Markham has been compelled, by illness, to return to England for a few months. He sailed on the 29th ultimo.

I beg leave to enclose the lists of casualties.

I have, &c.,

JAMES SIMPSON,
General Commanding.

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

Enclosure 1.

*Yenikale,
September 27, 1855.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you, for the information of His Excellency General Simpson, that three companies of the 71st Regiment, under the command of Major Hunter, 71st Regiment, embarked at Kertch on Monday last, the 24th instant, on board Her Majesty's ship Minna, at an early hour in the morning, and proceeded, in company with Her Majesty's gunboats Lynx, Snake, Arrow, and Harpy, together with about nine (9) French gunboats, conveying six companies of French infantry, to the opposite coast, and arrived about eleven o'clock A.M. opposite Taman,

the line of gunboats extending a short distance to the eastward of Phanagoria.

The landing commenced shortly afterwards, to the eastward of Phanagoria, covered by the fire from the gunboats. There was no resistance offered, and the place had been evidently but lately evacuated. A few mounted Cossacks and infantry were the only people we had seen up to the time of landing, and who were driven from Phanagoria and Taman by the well-directed fire from the gun-boats.

When the disembarkation was completed (which was effected without accident) the force moved upon Phanagoria, and took quiet possession of the fort and buildings, and established itself there. A few stores were found still in the place, but (with the exception of an hydraulic press and some medicines), of no particular value, consisting principally of hospital bedding, and some clothing, and accoutrements. There were, however, upwards of sixty-two pieces of artillery (9 and 12-pounders apparently) and four mortars, all rendered unserviceable.

As the force entered Phanagoria a strong party of Cossacks appeared on the hill-side about $1\frac{1}{2}$ or 2 miles from the town, increased from time to time until their force appeared to amount to about 600. The gun-boats Lynx, Arrow, and Snake immediately opened a fire upon them, as did also some of the French boats. The practice from these boats was most admirable, and the Cossacks immediately withdrew beyond the crest of the hills, leaving only a few videttes on the neighbouring ridges.

Early on the following morning, the men were employed in collecting wood for fuel and hutting; the night having passed quietly, with one exception, the enemy having taken advantage of the darkness to approach our lines, and opened fire upon our sentries, our troops were instantly on the alert, and the Cossacks retired. One man, an English sailor, serving at a field-piece in the works, was slightly wounded in the heel.

The quantity of wood for fuel, and for hutting, is something considerable, but the exact amount can scarcely be arrived at yet, but I hope to have the whole embarked by Saturday.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) C. READY,
Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding
71st Light Infantry.

Lieutenant-General Sir Richard
Airey, K.C.B., &c., &c., &c.,
Quartermaster-General.

Enclosure 2.

*Supplementary Numerical Return of Casualties
from 9th to 27th September, 1855.*

46th Regiment of Foot—3 rank and file Wounded, by the explosion of a magazine in the town of Sevastopol.

1st Battalion Rifle Brigade—1 rank and file Killed; 1 serjeant, 4 rank and file, Wounded, by the explosion of a magazine in the town of Sevastopol.

Total—1 rank and file Killed; 1 serjeant, 7 rank and file, Wounded.

W. L. PAKENHAM,
Adjutant-General.

Enclosure 3.

*Supplementary Nominal Return of a Private
KILLED, during the period from the 9th to the
27th September, 1855.*

KILLED.

27th September, 1855.

1ST BATTALION RIFLE BRIGADE.

3101 Private David Mathews, by the explosion of a magazine in the town of Sevastopol.

W. L. PAKENHAM,
Adjutant-General.

Enclosure 4.

*Supplementary Nominal Return of Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates WOUNDED
from 9th to 27th September, 1855.*

WOUNDED,

By the explosion of a magazine in town of Sevastopol.

27th September, 1855.

46TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.

3058 Private Thomas Miller, severely
3583 Michael Spring, severely
2965 John Loughrin, slightly

1ST BATTALION RIFLE BRIGADE.

2879 Colour-Serjeant John Round, severely
4038 Private John Hayes, slightly
2123 Michael Gleeson, slightly
3895 William Cox, slightly
4574 George Best, slightly

W. L. PAKENHAM,
Adjutant-General.