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War-Department, November 7, 1855.

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

Sevastopol,

MY LORD,

October 23, 1855.

I HAVE the honour to transmit the copy of a letter from Lieutenant-Colonel Ready, of the 4th October, and its enclosure, giving an account of the proceedings of a detachment of the force which was sent to Taman, for the purpose of collecting firewood and building materials.

The service was satisfactorily performed. Unfortunately three soldiers of the 71st lost their lives, in consequence of their having strayed beyond the limits prescribed to them.

I transmit the nominal return of the non-commissioned officers and men of the 10th Hussars, who were taken prisoners on the 21st September, in the affair with the Cossacks, reported by me in my letter of the 29th September.

I have reason to believe that the greater portion of the Turkish Contingent are now assembled at Kertch.

No further intelligence has been received from Kinburn.

The health of the army continues very good. A few cases of cholera have occurred during the past week, but it is confined entirely to the new comers.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) JAMES SIMPSON,

General Commanding.

P.S.—Since I commenced writing this despatch, I have received the accompanying report from Brigadier-General the Hon. A. Spencer.

J. S.

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

Enclosure 1.

Yenikale,

October 4, 1855.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to inform you that the joint French and English Expedition to Taman returned from thence yesterday the 3rd instant, and that the three companies of the 71st Regiment, under the command of Major Hunter, which formed the British part of the force, have resumed their former quarters in Kertch.

Enclosed is the report of Major Hunter of his proceedings during his stay in Phanagoria. The arrangements he made for executing the duties entrusted to him, and providing against the desultory attacks to be expected from the enemy, gave me complete satisfaction. I regret, however, that I have, notwithstanding, to report the loss of three men, who were surprized by the Cossacks, whilst straggling from their party, one of whom was killed and his body found, and the two others supposed to have been captured.

The French and English gunboats, having

been suddenly recalled, placed us under the necessity of abandoning a large quantity of timber, procured from the public buildings in Phanagoria. We, however, collected and transported to Yenikale a very fair supply; the rest was burnt, and the enemy will find it difficult to provide shelter for any number of troops there during the winter.

I have, &c.

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

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

Enclosure 2.

Kertch,

October 4, 1855.

SIR, I HAVE the honour to report the return to Kertch of the French and English troops under my command, from our joint expedition to Taman. It is with much pleasure that I recur to the assistance rendered by one to the other, but I have to regret the loss of three soldiers of the French Marine, and three soldiers of the 71st Highland Light Infantry; each party having strayed beyond the limits prescribed to them, was surprised by the Cossacks. The bodies of the three French and the body of Corporal McDougal alone were found murdered, each having received several wounds from ball and lance. The other two men of the 71st Regiment are still missing.

Having proceeded in quest of the missing men with both the French Chasseurs and the Hussars under my command, I was still unable to obtain any clue as to their fate.

During our stay in Phanagoria the Cossacks frequently made attacks on our lines by night, having wounded one naval officer, French, and one naval officer, English, also one Private, 71st Regiment, who was slightly wounded in the hand. One Cossack alone, who succeeded in approaching within 4 (four) yards of my advanced sentry, was killed; but, owing to the darkness of the night, it was impossible to discern any object which was lower than our own level.

The assistance rendered by the naval officers, who accompanied the expedition, could not have been exceeded, particularly by Lieutenants Ainslie and Fitzroy; and the despatch with which Mr. Williams invariably returned with the Minna, after landing her supply of wood at Yeni-Kaleh, was the admiration of all. The value of this boat on such an expedition is very great. The gunboats being suddenly recalled for some other active service; a large quantity of valuable wood was burnt.

The buildings at Taman and the large storehouses in Phanagoria are completely destroyed by fire and gunpowder, and I cannot conceive the possibility of any body of troops receiving shelter in that neighbourhood.

There being several squadrons of Cossacks constantly around us on the different heights, I did not consider it prudent to make any movement towards the hills, considering the destruction of the fort and town, also the collection of wood, as being the objects of the expedition.

I have, &c.

(Signed) R. F. HUNTER,
Major, 71st Highland Light Infantry.

Lieutenant-Colonel Ready, Commanding Her Britannic Majesty's Forces, Yeni-Kaleh.

Enclosure 3.

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

10th Regiment of Hussars—2 serjeants, 15 rank and file, Missing (prisoners of war). Taken prisoners on the 21st of September, in an affair with the Cossacks.

W. L. PAKENHAM,
Adjutant-General.

Enclosure 4.

Supplemental Nominal Return of CASUALTIES,
from 9th to 27th September, 1855.

MADE PRISONERS OF WAR.

Taken prisoners in an affair with the Cossacks.

21st September, 1855.

10TH REGIMENT OF HUSSARS.

647	Troop Serjeant-Major William Finch
1605	Serjeant John William Parsons. In hospital, with every attention paid him
1320	Farrier William Burton, slightly wounded
1757	Private William Alves
898	Thomas M. Boys
1498	Charles Bryant
1120	Joseph Broadbent
1715	George Coulter, slightly wounded
801	Joseph Davies
1781	Henry French
852	Henry Mortimer
1586	Robert Neath
1148	Matthew Pouncey
1511	Thomas Sherwood
1660	John Smith
1328	Arthur Walker
1441	Henry Wilson

W. L. PAKENHAM,
Adjutant-General.

Enclosure 5.

Kinburn,

October 19th, 1855.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour, for the information of the Commander-in-Chief, to forward a more correct state of the force under my command than my very hurried despatch of the 17th instant enabled me to do.

I am this day employed in moving my camp, now three miles from Kinburn, to the immediate neighbourhood of that fort; our position, although no time has been lost in making intrenchments, being too extensive, and the gunboats of the allied fleets, from the peculiarity of the ground, could, in the event of an attack from the interior, be of little use to us.

The front of the new position will not exceed

half a mile, and will be well covered by the gunboats on both flanks.

To-morrow General Bazain purposes to make a reconnaissance, in which nearly the whole of the English force will take part. We carry with us six days' provisions.

The Fort of Kinburn, which has been very much damaged by the fire of the ships on the 17th, is about to undergo repair.

The fort and magazines at Ochakow were yesterday blown up by the enemy.

The weather is fine, and troops very healthy.

A small supply of water is to be found on the shore, and I hope to increase it.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) A. SPENCER,
Brigadier-General.

*The Military Secretary,
&c., &c., &c.*

Effective State of the Force under the Command of Brigadier-General the Honourable A. Spencer, C.B.

Kinburn, October 19, 1855.

Infantry—180 Officers, 237 serjeants, 86 drummers, 3,999 rank and file; 33 sick.

Royal Artillery—6 Officers, 5 serjeants, 149 rank and file; 100 horses.

Royal Engineers—6 Officers, 4 serjeants, 56 rank and file.

Detachment of Cavalry—1 Officer, 1 serjeant, 20 rank and file; 20 horses.

Total—193 Officers, 247 serjeants, 86 drummers, 4,224 rank and file; 33 sick; 120 horses.

(Signed) A. SPENCER,
Brigadier-General.

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