

I considered it my duty to represent to the Japanese Commander-in-Chief the untenable nature, for permanent occupation, of the portion of the Third Position in my front, but received a reply that it was necessary for it to be held in order to fit in with the general scheme of assault.

On the evening of the 6th, accordingly, I occupied it with piquets, and the working parties continued to improve it.

During the night, on hearing rumours of the evacuation of one or more of the redoubts, I sent out officer's patrols to ascertain if the enemy were still holding the trenches in front of us, and prepared to advance should the front be clear. They were met, however, with rifles and machine-gun fire, and reported that No. 2 Redoubt, on our left, was still held.

Between 5 and 6 a.m. on the morning of the 7th, the enemy started a further cannonade for field artillery and an occasional shot from their heavy guns, and I issued preparatory orders for an advance as soon as I knew the redoubts were captured. At 7 a.m. all firing ceased, and I was informed that the enemy had sent out a flag of truce. About 7.30 a.m. I received orders to advance, and, the enemy along the whole of our front having then retired, I marched into Tsingtau.

The troops under my command have behaved extremely well under trying conditions of weather and those inseparable from siege warfare, and all ranks have worked loyally and hard.

I propose in a subsequent despatch to bring to your notice those who have merited special mention.

The total casualties in the force up to the present date are given in the annexure to this despatch.

I have, &c.,  
 N. W. BARNARDISTON,  
 Brigadier-General,  
 Commanding Tsingtau Expeditionary  
 Force.

[Despatch No. 4.]

From Brigadier-General N. W. Barnardiston,  
 M.V.O., to the War Office.

Tsingtau,  
 13th November, 1914.

Sir,—

In continuation of my Despatch No. 3, dated 10th instant, I have the honour to forward the names of the following officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the force under my command whom I consider deserving of special notice for their services.

These names are in addition to those mentioned in my despatch, dated 9th October.

STAFF.

Major H. G. Pringle, Royal Artillery.

GENERAL STAFF.

Captain C. D. H. Moore, R. Warwick Regt.,  
 Deputy-Assistant Adjutant and Quarter-  
 master-General.

Captain J. Gray, 36th Sikhs (attached).  
 Captain J. A. Hamilton, Army Service Corps,  
 Base Commandant.  
 Major J. A. Hartigan, M.B., Royal Army  
 Medical Corps, Senior Medical Officer.

2ND BN. SOUTH WALES BORDERERS.

Lieutenant-Colonel H. G. Casson, Command-  
 ing.  
 Major E. C. Margesson.  
 Captain J. Bradstock.  
 Captain and Adjutant G. H. Birkett.  
 Captain D. G. Johnson.  
 Lieutenant R. L. Petre.  
 Lieutenant H. J. Simson, Royal Scots  
 (Japanese interpreter), attached.  
 Captain G. H. Dive, Royal Army Medical  
 Corps, attached.  
 No. 2/10423, Serjeant J. J. Ward (killed).  
 No. 2/9972, Private G. C. Snow.  
 No. 2/9004, Private A. Green.  
 No. 2/9980, Private T. Jenkinson.  
 No. 10171, Drummer W. I. Jones (killed).  
 No. 10634, Private (Lce.-Corpl.) C. J. Foley.  
 No. 10614, Private H. Evans (killed).  
 No. 2/9952, Private J. West (died of wounds).  
 No. 2/4528, Drummer C. W. Lewis.  
 No. 2/9244, Co. Serjeant-Major G. A. Davies.  
 No. 7309, Serjeant H. Leach (died of wounds).  
 No. 3/10249, Corporal (Actg. Serjeant) W. S.  
 Rosier.

ARMY SERVICE CORPS.

1st Class Staff-Serjeant-Major S. C. Warner  
 (now Quartermaster and Hony. Lieutenant).  
 1st Class Staff-Serjeant-Major A. Goodwin  
 (now Quartermaster and Hony. Lieutenant).

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

No. 17933, Quartermaster - Serjeant D. E.  
 Dean (now Serjeant-Major).  
 No. 11313, Corporal A. Bateman (now Ser-  
 jeant).  
 No. 19823, Corporal T. J. Kilyon.  
 No. 1884, Corporal E. S. Gaughan (now Ser-  
 jeant).

36TH SIKHS.

Lieutenant-Colonel E. L. Sullivan, Command-  
 ing.  
 Major E. F. Knox.  
 Captain A. D. Martin.  
 Lieutenant and Adjutant S. des Vœux.  
 Subadar Gurmukh Singh, I.O.M.  
 Jemadar Sundar Singh.  
 Jemadar Jaimal Singh.  
 No. 1707, Havildar Massa Singh.  
 No. 2711, Lance-Naik Bhagat Singh.  
 No. 2757, Lance-Naik Harman Singh.  
 No. 2829, Lance-Naik Hari Singh.  
 No. 3126, Sepoy Fakir Singh.  
 No. 3785, Sepoy Ram Singh.  
 No. 3782, Sepoy Bant Singh.

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 N. W. BARNARDISTON,  
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