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**W**E receiv'd here, four or five Days since, the first Report of the Victory obtain'd the 19th Instant, by the Imperial and Piedmontese Troops, from the French Camp in our Neighbourhood, where they own the Loss of 4500 Men, and 400 Officers, upon that Occasion. This good News comes now confirmed by Count Brown's Son, whom his Father has sent Express with it to his Royal Highness. He arrived this Day, and brings the following Particulars.

*Account of the Action between the Allied Troops and those of France, near the Col della Sieta, as it was sent to General Count Braune, by the Major General Count Colloredo: Dated at the aforesaid Place, July 20, 1747.*

I would not fail of sending your Excellency a faithful Report of the March of my four Battalions towards the Col della Sieta, and of the furious Attack of our Intrenchments by the Enemy, and the good Success with which we repulsed them, and gained the Victory.

The 16th of this Month, I received Order from Turin, to march forthwith with the four Battalions towards Perugia, and set forward accordingly: But before I got thither, I had Notice, from the Commandant of Fenestrelles, of the Approach of the Enemy, and was earnestly press'd by him to advance that very Day to that Place, which I executed after a very fatiguing March.

The 17th, as the Enemy approach'd more and more, I ordered the two Battalions of Traun and Hagenbach to march quite up to the Intrenchments at the Col della Sieta, advancing myself with the two other Battalions, viz. those of Colloredo and Forgatsch, upon the Heights of Barboti, from whence I saw, in the Valley opposite to me, a Body of the Enemy, from twelve to fifteen Battalions.

The 18th, we still saw the Enemies Tents, but the greatest Part of their Troops was gone; whereupon I quitted that Post towards the Evening, advancing in the Night, with incredible Fatigue, thro' Roads almost impassable in the Mountains, as far as Valsta, and reached the Col della Sieta before Day break, keeping along the Side of the Intrenchments.

The 19th, the two Battalions had hardly encamped, when the Enemy came up exactly in the Front of the Intrenchment, consisting, according to the Account of their own Officers, now our Prisoners, of 44 Battalions.

Whilst their advanced Posts were skirmishing with our Volunteers, and even driving them from a Hill close by our Redoubts, they planted seven Cannons upon the same Hill, and began to flank our Intrenchments with them, and formed themselves there in four Columns; the first of which, seeing that we had no Artillery, formed itself at 100 Paces only, behind one of the Eminencies of the Redoubt. There they halted till such Time as their Second Column, which was on their Right, had got within a certain Distance of the Eminence of our Intrenchment on the Left, and the Third to the Right, whilst the Fourth was passing through the Valley, in order to attack us in the Rear. Which Disposition being made, they began to assault us on all Sides with such Vigour, or rather Fury, that their first Column, under Cover of their Cannon, push'd on quite to the Parapet of the Redoubt; but it met there so warm a Reception from the Grenadiers of the Sardinian Regiment of Guards, that, after a Combat of three Hours, it was almost totally ruined.

The second Column, which attack'd the Flank where I was posted with the Battalions of Traun and Forgatsch, had the Misfortune to be likewise repulsed with a great Slaughter, after two Hours Combat.

The Third Column, which pour'd down from a Mountain upon the left Flank of the Intrenchment, was repulsed five Times.

The Fourth Column appeared very little, and the Issue of the Whole was, that, towards Seven in the Evening, the Enemy rallied their broken and flying Troops, retreating to the Place from whence they set out, and leaving us a complete Victory.

I cannot but extremely commend the Bravery and Conduct, as well of the Troops of Piedmont, as our own; and in particular I am obliged to testify my Satisfaction in the Behaviour of the Battalion of Forgatsch, whose Lieutenant Colonel Deaschkowitz, after the Enemy was on our Side entirely repulsed, voluntarily offered himself, as did also twenty Grenadiers, with their Lieutenant, to throw themselves into the Redoubt where the Piedmontese were posted, and where their Grenadiers and Regiment of Guards, having consumed all their Ammunition, could no longer stop the Enemy but with their Bayonets, and Stones; which Redoubt our Soldiers abovementioned assisted them in defending to the End.

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