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DISPATCHES, of which the following are Copies and Extracts, have been received from General Walmoden and Lieutenant-General Harcourt, by His Royal Highness the Duke of York, and transmitted by his Royal Highness to the Right Honorable Henry Dundas, One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Head-Quarters, Arnheim, January 1, 1795.

S I R,

I Have the Honour to lay before your Royal Highness the Report of the Success of the Attack made on the Enemy on the 30th Ult. by Major-General David Dundas.

The Corps destined for this Expedition consisted of Ten Battalions of British Infantry, under Major-General Lord Cathcart, Major-General Gordon, and Lieutenant-Colonel M'Kenzie; Six Squadrons of Light Cavalry, and One Hundred and Fifty Hussars, under Major-General Sir Robert Lawrie; of the Loyal Emigrés; and of Four Battalions and Four Squadrons of Hessians, under Major-General de Wurmb.

It was divided into Three Columns. The Left Column to attack by the Dyke, the Center to attack in such a Manner as to keep the Church of Wardenburg upon its Left Wing, and the Right Column, consisting of Four British Battalions and the Rohan Hussars, to keep their Left Wing *appuyé* to the Vliet, to turn Tuyl, and to attack it in the Rear.

Major-General Lord Cathcart found the Road by which his Column was to march so impracticable, that, being obliged to make a great *Detour*, he could not come up in Time; and Major-General Dundas finding, at his Arrival near Wardenburg, that the Enemy had abandoned it during the Night, he thought it advisable to push on with the other Two Columns, and to begin the Attack immediately upon Tuyl.

This was executed with such Gallantry and Spirit by the Troops that, notwithstanding the natural Strength of this Post, the Abbatis of Fruit-Trees that were made, the Batteries of the Town of Bommei which flanked the Approach, and the considerable Number of Men who defended it, it was soon carried, and the Enemy driven across the River (every

where passable on the Ice) with considerable Loss of Men and of Four Pieces of Cannon.

General Dundas speaks in the highest Terms of Commendation of the spirited Conduct both of the Officers and Men during the Execution of the several Duties which fell to their Lot, as likewise the Patience and Perseverance they shewed by undergoing immense Fatigues and Hardships, increased by the Cold and the Severity of the Season.

I annex the Return of our Loss, which is not very great considering the Circumstances.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

WALMODEN, Gen.

Return of Killed, Wounded and Missing of the British Troops under the Command of Major-General David Dundas, at the Attack at Tuyl, the 30th of December, 1794.

- 19th Regiment of Foot. 1 Rank and File killed; 4 ditto wounded.
- 33d Regiment of Foot. 2 Rank and File killed.
- 42d Regiment of Foot. 1 Drummer, 6 Rank and File, wounded.
- 78th Regiment of Foot. 1 Field Officer, 1 Rank and File, killed; 1 Officer, 4 Rank and File, wounded.
- 80th Regiment of Foot. 1 Rank and File killed; 3 ditto wounded; 1 Serjeant missing.
- Loyal Emigrants. 1 Rank and File wounded.
- Total. 1 Field Officer, 5 Rank and File, killed; 1 Officer, 1 Drummer, 18 Rank and File, wounded; 1 Serjeant missing.
- 78th Regiment. Brevet-Major Murray, killed.
Lieutenant Lidday, wounded.
Geo. Don, Dep. Adj. Gen.

Hessians killed, wounded and missing.

- 25 Rank and File,
- Captain Guddains, wounded.
- Lieutenant Kamp, missing.
- G. De Low, Major and F. Adj.

Head Quarters, Arnheim, January 1, 1795.

S I R,

IT is with great Satisfaction that I have the Honour to inform your Royal Highness that, in consequence of our Decision, which I mentioned

in my last Letter of the 29th Ult. General David Dundas, on the 30th, attacked the Enemy at Day-break, who had crossed the Waal, and succeeded in driving them back across that River; with the Loss of Four Pieces of Cannon and some Men.

As I inclose a Copy of his Report, it is needless for me to enter into any Particulars; but I cannot help expressing to your Royal Highness how great a Praise is due to Major-General David Dundas, and to all the Officers and Men, for their Conduct on this Occasion, which was as exemplary in the Fortitude and Perseverance with which they supported every Fatigue and Hardship attending the Season, as it was spirited in the Action.

I am happy to observe that, all Circumstances considered, the Loss of the British, of which I have the Honor to inclose a Return, is inconsiderable. We have, however, to lament the Death of Major Murray, of the 78th Regiment.

I have the Honor to be, with the greatest Respect, &c.

(Signed) WM. HARCOURT.

His Royal Highness the Duke of York.

Copy of a Report from Major-General David Dundas to his Excellency General Count Walmoden, dated Tuyl, December 31, 1794.

A GREEABLE to Orders I received on the 27th, about Ten in the Morning I communicated with General Wurmb, and all the Troops were put in Motion immediately, viz. Four Battalions and Four Squadrons of Hessians, under General Wurmb; Ten British Battalions, La Chatre's Emigrés, Six Squadrons British Light Cavalry, and One Hundred and Fifty Hussars of Rohan, divided in Brigades, under Major-General Sir Robert Lawrie, Major-General Lord Cathcart, Major-General Gordon, and Lieutenant-Colonel Mac Kenzie.

At Geldermalsen Lord Cathcart, with Four Battalions and Rohan's Hussars, struck off from the British Column to march upon Rumpst and Haastien, so as to get behind Tuyl. The Rest of the British Column proceeded by Metteren; and exactly at Day-light meeting the Hessian Column near Waardenbourg, attacked the Enemy in their Post of Tuyl, with such Reclamation and Gallantry of the Troops, that it was very soon carried, notwithstanding it's natural Strength, the Abbatis that were made, the Batteries of the Town of Bommel, which flanked the Approach, and the considerable Number of Men who defended it, who were driven across the River (every where passable on the Ice) with Loss of Men and Cannon.

I inclose a Return of the Killed and Wounded of the British.

Extract of a Letter from General Walmoden to His Royal Highness the Duke of York, dated Amerongen, January 6, 1795.

ON the 3d Instant I removed my Head Quarters to this Place. By this Disposition, which I had previously announced to your Royal Highness, I am nearer the Scene of our present Operations.

The Severity of the Weather has increased; and the intense Cold of the 3d and 4th induced the Enemy, on the latter Day, to pass the Waal near Bommel. Having driven in our advanced Posts, they again took Possession of Tuyl. General David Dundas, however, thought he should be able to defend Metteren, and to check the further Progress of the Enemy; but the advanced Posts of the Hessians, nearest to General Dundas's Position, having also been obliged to fall back, I agreed with the other Generals to send Orders to Generals Dalwick and Dundas to unite their Forces immediately, and, at Day-break of the 5th, to make a vigorous Attack on the Enemy, and to spare no Efforts to drive them across the Waal. General Dundas probably found the Enemy in too great Force to venture the At-

tack; but about Ten o'Clock he was himself attacked at Geldermalsen by a large Body of the Enemy's Cavalry, supported by their Tirailleurs. Their Charge was so impetuous, both on our Cavalry and Infantry, that at first they had the Advantage, and took Two Pieces of Cannon; but the Reserve coming up, the Guns were retaken, the Enemy repulsed, and the Post preserved.

The Violence of the Frost having converted the whole Country into a Kind of Plain, which gives the greatest Facility to the Enemy in their Movements, General Dundas thought it necessary to fall back, during the Night, upon Bueren, where General Dalwick was stationed. This Circumstance, and the excessive Fatigue which the Troops have undergone in the late Operations, at a Season of the Year, and in Situations in which they were often obliged, from Want of Cantonments, to pass the Night without Cover, determined me, in Concert with the other Generals, to take up a Position behind the Leck, for which we had previously made the necessary Dispositions. It extends from Cuylenberg to Wageningen, occupied by the Austrians.

A late March made by a considerable Column of the Enemy, attended by a large Train of Artillery, towards Gorcum, and their Attack upon our Right, combined with an Attempt upon Tiel, evidently indicate a regular Plan of Operations on their Part, and confirm me in the Opinion of the Necessity of our Movement. I hope that all the Troops will arrive this Evening at their new Stations.

Since Yesterday the Weather has become much milder, and gives us Reason to hope for a complete Thaw; in which Case we may expect a favourable Change in our Affairs.

*Head Quarters, Amerongen,
January 6, 1795.*

S I R,

NOTWITHSTANDING the Advantage obtained on the 30th of December by His Majesty's Troops, of which I had the Honor to inform your Royal Highness in my last Letter of the 1st Instant, as the Frost continued increasing, it was judged necessary that Major-General David Dundas's Corps and the Hessians should fall back to a Position on the Lingen, leaving Out-Posts on the Waal. This Movement was executed on the Night of the 31.

On the Evening of the 31st the Enemy again crossed the Waal in very considerable Force, and drove in our Out-Post on that River; but, upon their advancing Yesterday Morning against General Dundas's Corps at Geldermalsen, they were repulsed with Loss, and did not renew the Attack.

Our Picquets were, however, drawn in to this Side of the Lingen, and Major-General David Dundas, finding his Position near Bueren to be no longer tenable, for Want of sufficient Covering for his Troops, (who have been now so long exposed to the unsoft Clemency of Weather, and the most severe and constant Fatigue, which they have supported with the greatest Fortitude) the Army has this Day received Orders to cross the Leck, and take up a Position on the Right Bank of that River.

I have as yet received no exact Return of our Loss, which is trifling. Major-General Sir Robert Lawrie and Two Officers of the 78th Regiment, are wounded, but, I am happy to add, very slightly.

I have the Honor to be, with the greatest Respect, &c.

(Signed) WM. HARCOURT,

Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant-General Harcourt to His Royal Highness the Duke of York, dated Down, Jan. 9, 1795.

S I R,

A Very considerable and sudden Thaw having come on on the 6th Instant, which offered a Prospect of preserving our Position on the Waal,

it was judged necessary that the Troops, who had not yet crossed the Leck, should remain in the Cantonments they then occupied, and the Rest should again move forward. Lieutenant-General Abercromby and Major-General Hammerstein, with the greatest Part of their Corps, and some Austrian Battalions, were therefore to have begun their March upon Thiel and towards Bommel on the 7th, and General David Dundas's Corps received Orders in consequence to occupy Bueren, and the Heights near it, on the 8th, to co-operate with Generals Abercromby and Hammerstein in the proposed Attack.

Unfortunately the Frost set in again with great Severity, but as the Troops were already put in Motion, and counter Orders might have prevented a Combination, from the Extent of the Line, General David Dundas, having assembled his Corps with a Zeal and Exertions which reflect the highest Credit on himself and the Troops, proceeded towards Bueren on the Morning of the 8th, having detached in Advance Two Battalions, who were a terwards to have marched upon Thiel, to co-operate in the Attack of that Place. On their Arrival at Bueren, they found all our Posts on the Lingen driven in, and the Enemy in Force near Bueren. As soon as more Troops of General Dundas's Corps came up, Major-General Lord Cathcart, with the 14th, 27th, and 28th Regiments, and the British Huzars, attacked the Enemy, and drove them back, with Loss, beyond Gelder Malsen.

Nothing can exceed the Conduct of Lord Cathcart and those Regiments on this Occasion, though I am sorry to inform your Royal Highness that they suffered considerably. I have as yet received no Return of their Loss, which I believe amounts to One Hundred and Sixty killed and wounded. It is with the greatest Concern that I must add, that amongst the latter are Lieutenant-Colonels Butler of the 27th, and Alexander Hope of the 14th, whose Wounds, I fear, are very dangerous.

From the very great Extent of Cantonments, the Difficulty of assembling a sufficient Corps, or other Circumstances with which I am as yet unacquainted, the Attack on the Part of Generals Abercromby and Hammerstein did not take place Yesterday; but as, in the Event of it's being carried into Execution, the occupying of Bueren is of the utmost Consequence, General David Dundas still remains there, and near it, with the greatest Part of his Corps, as does also Major-General Wurmb, with Three Battalions and Four Squadrons of Hussars, from whence, if necessary, they will advance to co-operate with General Abercromby.

I have the Honor to inclose Copy of General David Dundas's Report of the Affair at Gelder Malsen, together with a Return of the Killed and Wounded on that Occasion.

To His Royal Highness the Duke of York.

Copy of a Report sent by Major-General David Dundas, dated Bueren, January 6, 1795.

S I R,

I Have hitherto been unable to acquaint you, that about Two in the Afternoon of the 4th, the Enemy attacked our Post at Meteren, about a Mile in Front, where Half of the 33d Regiment, with a Picquet of Eighty Cavalry, and Two Curriole Guns, were posted; their Number and Disposition to surround the Post soon made it necessary to fall back on the other Part of the Regiment, which supported with Two Howitzers. In this Movement they were hard pressed by a large Body of the Enemy's Hussars, that galloped along the Road with great Vivacity. The Troops having beforehand been in an alert Situation, the Village of Geldermalsen was soon covered by the 42d and 78th; the 33d took

it's Place in the Line of Defence, and the other Troops were in Reserve on the opposite Dyke of the Lingen, the River being completely frozen, and passable every where. The Enemy still persevering in their Attack, advanced on the Village both in Front and in Flank; but after a great deal of Musquetry firing for above an Hour, were every where repulsed by the Steadiness of the Troops, and retired upon Meteren, through woody and enclosed Ground.

Every Praise is due to the Infantry that was engaged, and by the particular firm and cool Behaviour of the Advanced Companies of the 78th, the Progress of the Enemy's Cavalry was first checked.

I have the Honor to inclose a List of the Killed and Wounded on this Occasion, and remain, Sir, &c.

(Signed) DAVID DUNDAS.

Lieut. Gen. Harcourt.

Return of the Killed, Wounded and Missing, of the Troops under the Command of Major-General Dundas, at Geldermalsen, the 5th of January, 1795.

Artillery. 11 Rank and File wounded; 2 Rank and File, 8 Horses, missing.

11th Light Dragoons. 1 Rank and File, 1 Horse, killed; 6 Rank and File, 1 Horse, wounded; 1 Horse missing.

33d Foot. 1 Rank and File killed; 1 Captain, 6 Rank and File, wounded; 1 Serjeant, 4 Rank and File, missing.

42d Foot. 1 Rank and File killed; 1 Subaltern, 7 Rank and File, wounded.

78th Foot. 1 Captain, 24 Rank and File, wounded.

Total. 3 Rank and File, 1 Horse, killed; 1 General Officer, 2 Captains, 1 Subaltern, 54 Rank and File, 1 Horse, wounded; 1 Serjeant, 6 Rank and File, 9 Horses, missing.

Officers wounded.

Major-General Sir R. Lawrie.

33d Foot. Captain W. Elliot.

42d Foot. Lieutenant Colin Lamont.

78th Foot. Captain Duncan Munro.

N. B. All the Officers and Men in general are but slightly wounded.

Geo. Don, Dep. Adj. Gen.

Extract of a Letter from the Honorable Lieutenant-General Harcourt to His Royal Highness the Duke of York, dated Head Quarters, Doorn, January 10, 1795.

I Lose no Time in acquainting your Royal Highness that the Enemy this Day, having crossed the Waal in considerable Force, attacked our Line at several Points of it: One Column passed at Pannerden, and was immediately repulsed; another passed near Gent, and, after maintaining itself for a short Time, was likewise checked; a Third passed near Nimeguen, and, in Conjunction with Two or Three Columns who crossed between Thiel and Fedewaart, attacked the whole of our Line on that Side. They forced the Austrians to abandon Heusden, and retreat across the Leck, and obliged the Hanoverians, with General Coates's Brigade, and some Austrians, to fall back upon Lent, which, upon the Arrival, they found occupied by the Enemy, and, in consequence, retreated across the Lingen, where they maintained their Ground behind that River near Elst; which Position they still occupied at the Close of the Day.

Lieutenant-General Abercromby, who was marching upon Echeld to dislodge the Enemy from that Post, upon their making these Attacks upon his Left and Rear, immediately halted, and, finding both the Hanoverians and Austrians forced on the Flanks and

and Rear, retreated across the Leek, and now occupies the Heights near Rhenen.

I have the Honour to inclose the Reports which I have received from Generals David Dundas and Lord Cathcart, of the Affair on the 8th, together with the Return of the Killed and Wounded.

S I R,

I have the Honour to acquaint you that, in consequence of a Direction from Lieutenant-General Abercromby, and as a Part of the general intended forward Movement indicated to me, I ordered the 27th and 14th Regiments to march from Aulenberg early in the Morning of the 8th, and endeavour to repossess Thiel, which was then in the Hands of the Enemy.

On the Arrival of these two Regiments at Bueren Lieutenant-Colonel Buller found all our advanced Posts fallen back, and the Enemy in a considerable Body marching on Bueren. He immediately took Possession of the Town and Castle, and waited the Arrival of the Head of the Troops under my Command, who had repassed the Rhine, and were on their March to arrive at the Rendezvous of Bueren. Our Out-Posts, which were on the Road to Geldermalsen, were necessarily supported, and Major-General Lord Cathcart, with the 14th, 27th, and 28th Regiments, after an Attack of several Hours, drove the Enemy opposed to him (Eight Hundred Infantry, Two Squadrons, and a Piece of Cannon) beyond the Village of Geldermalsen, and there took the Piece of Cannon. For the Particulars I beg Leave to refer to Lord Cathcart's Report, to whose able Conduct, and to the Steadiness and Gallantry of the Troops, so conspicuous on this Occasion, we are much indebted. Our Loss has been considerable, a List of which I inclose.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) D. DUNDAS, M. Gen.

The Hon. Lieut. Gen. Harcourt,
&c. &c. &c.

S I R,

Bueren, January 9, 1795.

ON receiving your Commands to reconnoitre the Enemy, by whom the Picquets towards Geldermalsen had been driven in, and to replace a Post opposite to that Place, I took a Detachment of Thirty Hulans, with the Light Companies, and a Detachment of the 27th Regiment, and advanced on the Dyke: The Hulans charged the advanced Guard of the Enemy, and pursued them to Buremallem, where they killed some Men, and from whence they also brought back Prisoners, under Cover of the Infantry, which flanked the Road. Finding that the Enemy at that Time near me did not Amount to more than Eight Hundred Men, with some Hussars, and One Piece of Cannon, I determined immediately to dislodge him, and accordingly brought up the Remainder of the 27th Regiment, the 14th Regiment, and Two Field Pieces. The 14th Regiment formed on the Ice on the Left of the Dyke, and the 27th across the Inclosures on the Right, supported by the Picquets, by the Detachment of Hulans, and afterwards by a Squadron of Light Dragoons. The Field Pieces were on the Dyke, and were with great Gallantry and Judgment protected from the Enemy's Tirailleurs by Lieutenant Elrington of the 14th, who advanced before them with the Grenadiers of that Regiment. The Troops marched in this Order as expeditiously as possible, driving the Enemy before them. By the Time they arrived at Buremallem the Enemy had passed the River, and were collected at Eldermalsen, from whence they kept an incessant Fire of Musquetry and Grape Shot.

The British Line advanced without any Halt, and the 27th Regiment, gradually changing its Direction to the Left, as it approached the Mill, at once charged the Village across the Ice beyond the burned Bridge, and seized the Cannon, while the 14th Regiment entered it on the Right. The Enemy retired with great Precipitation, but soon returned in much greater Numbers, and, notwithstanding the Fire of the Field Pieces from the op-

posite Shore, made repeated Attacks upon the Village in which the Regiments were posted. The steady Countenance of the Troops in the Village, however, reduced these Attacks to a distant Firing. The Gun taken, which was a very fine long Brass Eight-Pounder, French, was sunk in the River by the Ice breaking under it. On the Arrival of the 28th, that Regiment immediately formed on each Side of the Windmill, with their Field Pieces, and the Regiments in the Village were ordered to re-pass the Lingen, and form behind the Dyke; this Movement was executed with the greatest Regularity, and they passed through the Interval of the 28th in good Order, and without leaving a Man, though followed to the End of the Bridge by great Numbers. The 28th could not be placed so as to cover this Passage effectually, without being exposed to a very heavy Fire, which they presented themselves to, and returned in the most Soldier-like Manner. Their Fire, and that of their Guns, again cleared the Village, and about sun set all Firing ceased, and the Brigade remained in the Position until Eleven o'Clock, when I received your Orders to march.

These Regiments have all been distinguished for their gallant Services, one of them on very recent Occasions; but I imagine they never can have shewn more Cheerfulness, more Discipline, or better Behaviour, than on this Affair. I am sorry to add, our Loss has been considerable. No Officer slightly wounded quitted his Post; but I join with every Officer and Soldier in lamenting the severe Wounds which Lieutenant-Colonel Buller and Lieutenant-Colonel Alexander Hope have received. I am particularly indebted to these Officers, as well as to Colonels Gillman and Paget, for the Manner in which the Directions given to them were executed; and I have to acknowledge the most active Assistance given to me by my Aide-de-Camp Captain Kirkman and the other Officers attached to me.

I add a Return of the Killed, Wounded, and Missing, and have the Honour to be, with the greatest Respect, &c.

(Signed) CATHCART, M. G.

To Major-Gen. D. Dundas.

Return of Killed, Wounded and Missing of the Troops under the Command of Major-General Lord Cathcart on the 8th of January, 1795.

Bueren, January 5, 1795.

14th Foot. 6 Rank and File killed; 1 Lieutenant-Colonel, 1 Captain, 1 Serjeant, 20 Rank and File wounded; 6 Rank and File missing.
27th Foot. 2 Lieutenants, 1 Ensign, 3 Rank and File, killed; 2 Lieutenant-Colonels, 1 Major, 16 Rank and File, wounded; 1 Rank and File missing.
28th Foot. 2 Serjeants, 65 Rank and File, wounded.
Royal Artillery. 6 Rank and File wounded.
Corps of British Hulans. 1 Rank and File killed; 2 Rank and File wounded; 3 Horses killed.
Picquet of the 3d Brigade. 1 Rank and File killed; 1 Lieutenant, 2 Rank and File, wounded.
Total. 2 Lieutenants, 1 Ensign, 11 Rank and File, killed; 3 Lieutenant-Colonels, 1 Major, 1 Captain, 1 Lieutenant, 3 Serjeants, 111 Rank and File, wounded; 7 Rank and File missing, 3 Horses killed.

Geo. Don, Dep. Adj. Gen.

Names and Rank of Officers killed and wounded.

K I L L E D.

Lieutenant Connor, 27th Reg.
Lieutenant Norbury, Ditto.
Ensign Kelly, Ditto.

W O U N D E D.

Lieutenant-Colonel Buller, 27th Reg. (since dead)
Lieutenant-Colonel Gillman, Ditto.
Lieutenant-Colonel Hope, 14th Ditto.
Brigadier-Major Wilson, 27th Ditto.
Captain Perry, 14th Ditto.
Lieutenant Raitt, 42d Ditto.