

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