

and Rear, retreated across the Leck, 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,
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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.