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WAR DEPARTMENT.

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A DISPATCH, of which the following is an extract, has been this day received at the Earl of Liverpool's Office, addressed to his Lordship by General the Earl of Wellington, dated Camp before Badajoz, 27th March 1812.

The operations of the siege of Badajoz have continued since I addressed you on the 20th, notwithstanding the badness of the weather, till the 25th instant. On that day we opened our fire from twenty-eight pieces of ordnance in six batteries, in the first parallel; two of which were intended to fire upon the outwork called La Picurina, and the other four to enfilade or destroy the defences of the fort on the side attacked. I directed Major-General Kempt, who commanded in the trenches on that afternoon, to attack La Picurina by storm, after it was dark that night; which service he effected in the most judicious and gallant manner.

The attack was made by five hundred men of the 3d division, formed into three detachments; the right under the command of Major Shaw, of the 74th; the centre under the Honourable Captain Powys, of the 83d; and the left under Major Rudd, of the 77th regiment. The communication between the outwork and the body of the place, was entered on its right and left by the right and

left detachments, each consisting of two hundred men; half of each of which detachments protected the attack from sallies from the fort, while the others attacked the work in its gorge.

It was first entered, however, by the centre detachment of one hundred men, under the command of the Honourable Captain Powys, of the 83d regiment, who escalated the work at the salient angle, at a point at which the pallisades had been injured by our fire. The detachments which attacked the work by the gorge had the most serious difficulties to contend with, as it was closed by not less than three rows of strong pallisades, defended by musketry, and a place of arms for the garrison, musket proof, and loopholed throughout. When the attack upon the salient angle, however, succeeded, the whole got into the work.

The enemy's garrison in the outwork consisted of two hundred and fifty men, with seven pieces of artillery, under the command of Colonel Gaspard Thiery, of the Etat Major of the Army of the South; but very few, if any, escaped. The Colonel, three other officers, and eighty-six men, have been taken prisoners, and the remainder were either killed by the fire of our troops, or drowned in the inundation of the River Rivellas. The enemy made a sortie from the ravelin called St. Roque, either with a view to recover La Picurina or to protect the retreat of the garrison, but they



were immediately driven in by the detachments stationed in the communication to protect the attack.

Major-General Kempt mentions in high terms in his report the cool and persevering gallantry of the officers and troops; of which indeed the strength of the work, which they carried, affords the best proof. He particularly mentions Lieutenant-Colonel Harding, of the staff of the Portuguese army, who attended him on this occasion, Captain Bennett his Aide-de-camp, and Brigade-Major Wilde, who was unfortunately killed by a cannon-shot after the work was in our possession; likewise Captain Holloway, Lieutenant Gipps and Stanway, of the Royal Engineers, who conducted the several detachments to the points of attack; and Majors Shaw and Rudd, and the Honourable Captain Powys, who commanded the several detachments. These three officers were wounded, the latter on the parapet of the work, which he had been the first to mount by the ladders.

I have to add to this account, the high sense I entertain of the judicious manner and gallantry with which Major-General Kempt carried into execution the service which I had entrusted to him.

We thus established ourselves in La Picurina, on the night of the 25th, and opened the second parallel within three hundred yards of the body of the place; in which two batteries were commenced last night.

It is impossible that I can do justice to the zeal, activity, and indefatigable labour of the officers and soldiers with which these operations have been carried on in the most unfavourable weather. The Guadiana swelled so considerably, that, notwithstanding all precautions, our bridge of pontoons was carried away on the 22d instant; and the flying bridges were so much injured, as almost to become useless; but still the operations have been carried on without interruption.

Since I addressed your Lordship on the 20th, General Drouet has had his troops on the line between Medellin on the Guadiana, and Zalamea de la Serena, and Llerena, apparently with the view of keeping the communication open between the Army of the South and the divisions of the Army of Portugal, stationed on the Tagus.

Lieutenant-General Sir Thomas Graham made a movement to Llerena on the 25th at night, but the enemy, consisting of three battalions of infantry and two regiments of cavalry, having heard of his march, retired into the mountains during the night.

Lieutenant-General Sir Rowland Hill has likewise sent a detachment to La Guarena, and proposed to march himself this morning upon Medellin, in order to co-operate with Lieutenant-General Sir Thomas Graham.

I inclose the return of the killed, wounded and missing, from the 18th instant.

Return of Killed, Wounded, and Missing, of the Army, under the Command of His Excellency General Arthur Earl of Wellington, K. B. at the Siege of Badajoz, from the 18th to the 22d March 1812 inclusive.

Head-Quarters, Camp before Badajoz, March 23, 1812.

Royal Engineers—1 lieutenant-colonel, 1 lieutenant, 1 rank and file, wounded.

General Staff—1 general staff wounded.

14th Light Dragoons—2 rank and file, wounded.

5th Foot, 2d Batt.—6 rank and file killed; 17 rank and file wounded.

7th Foot, 1st Batt.—2 rank and file killed; 6 rank and file, wounded.

23d Foot, 1st Batt.—2 rank and file killed; 1 major, 17 rank and file, wounded.

27th Foot, 3d Batt.—1 serjeant, 5 rank and file, killed; 1 serjeant, 34 rank and file, wounded.

40th Foot, 1st Batt.—3 rank and file killed; 24 rank and file wounded; 1 rank and file missing.

43d Foot, 1st Batt.—1 serjeant, 1 rank and file, killed; 1 captain, 10 rank and file, wounded.

45th Foot, 1st Batt.—2 rank and file killed; 10 rank and file wounded.

52d Foot, 1st Batt.—1 rank and file killed; 1 ensign, 1 serjeant, 4 rank and file, wounded.

60th Foot, 5th Batt.—3 rank and file killed; 3 rank and file wounded.

74th Foot—1 rank and file killed; 1 lieutenant, 1 serjeant, 26 rank and file, wounded.

77th Foot.—1 rank and file killed; 5 rank and file wounded.

83d Foot, 2d Batt.—1 rank and file killed; 2 serjeants, 1 drummer, 21 rank and file, wounded; 2 rank and file missing.

88th Foot, 1st Batt.—5 rank and file killed; 2 lieutenants, 24 rank and file, wounded; 1 rank and file missing.

94th Foot—1 rank and file killed; 1 serjeant, 8 rank and file, wounded.

95th Foot, 1st Batt.—5 rank and file killed; 1 lieutenant, 6 rank and file, wounded.

95th Foot, 3d Batt.—2 rank and file killed; 6 rank and file wounded.

N. B. The man returned missing by the 88th regiment on the 21st March, is since ascertained to be dead.

Return of Killed, Wounded, and Missing, of the Army under the Command of His Excellency General Arthur Earl of Wellington, K. B. at the Siege of Badajoz, from the 23d to 26th March-1812, inclusive.

Head Quarters, Camp before Badajoz, 27th March 1812.

Royal Engineers—1 lieutenant, 1 rank and file, killed; 1 major, 1 captain wounded.

General Staff—1 killed.
 Royal Artillery—3 rank and file killed; 1 captain, 6 rank and file, wounded.
 1st Foot, 2d Batt.—1 lieutenant, 2 rank and file killed; 3 rank and file wounded.
 7th Foot, 1st Batt.—2 rank and file killed; 12 rank and file wounded.
 23d Foot, 1st Batt.—4 rank and file killed; 7 rank and file wounded.
 27th Foot, 3d Batt.—2 rank and file killed; 1 serjeant, 5 rank and file wounded.
 40th Foot, 1st Batt.—2 rank and file killed; 6 rank and file wounded.
 43d Foot, 1st Batt.—2 rank and file killed; 1 captain, 1 drummer, 6 rank and file wounded.
 45th Foot, 1st Batt.—1 lieutenant, 7 rank and file killed; 1 captain, 4 lieutenants, 2 serjeants, 35 rank and file wounded; 3 rank and file missing.
 48th Foot, 1st Batt.—2 rank and file killed; 1 rank and file wounded.
 52d Foot, 1st Batt.—1 serjeant, 8 rank and file killed; 1 captain, 1 ensign, 1 serjeant, 29 rank and file wounded.
 60th Foot, 5th Batt.—1 rank and file wounded.
 74th Foot—1 captain, 1 lieutenant, 3 rank and file killed; 1 major, 1 lieutenant, 2 serjeants, 35 rank and file wounded.
 77th Foot—1 major, 1 serjeant, 5 rank and file wounded.
 83d Foot, 2d Batt.—3 rank and file killed; 1 captain, 1 ensign, 9 rank and file, wounded.
 88th Foot, 1st Batt.—1 lieutenant, 8 rank and file, killed; 1 captain, 2 serjeants, 38 rank and file, wounded; 4 rank and file missing.
 94th Foot, 1st Batt.—1 rank and file killed; 1 captain, 8 rank and file wounded.
 95th Foot, 1st Batt.—1 serjeant, 5 rank and file killed; 13 rank and file wounded.
 95th Foot, 3d Batt.—1 rank and file wounded.
 Light Infantry, Brunswick Ocl's.—1 rank and file killed, 4 rank and file wounded.

N.B. The men returned missing on the 26th inst. are supposed to be dead.

(Signed) CHAS. STEWART,
 Maj.-Gen. and Adj.-Gen.

Recapitulation.

British loss from 18th to 22d March, 1812—3 serjeants, 39 rank and file killed; 10 officers, 6 serjeants, 1 drummer, 222 rank and file wounded; 4 rank and file missing.
 Ditto from 23d to 26th—7 officers, 2 serjeants, 56 rank and file killed; 18 officers, 9 serjeants, 1 drummer, 225 rank and file wounded; 7 rank and file missing.
 Total British loss.—7 officers, 5 serjeants, 95 rank and file killed; 28 officers, 15 serjeants, 2 drummers, 447 rank and file wounded; 11 rank and file missing.
 Portuguese loss from 18th to 22d March.—1 officer, 1 drummer, 9 rank and file killed; 4 officers, 4 serjeants, 44 rank and file wounded.
 Ditto from the 23d to 26th March.—1 officer 10 rank and file killed; 2 officers, 1 serjeant, 39 rank and file wounded,

Total Portuguese loss.—2 officers, 1 drummer, 19 rank and file killed; 6 officers, 5 serjeants, 83 rank and file wounded.

Total loss from 18th to 26th March.—9 officers, 5 serjeants, 1 drummer, 114 rank and file killed; 34 officers, 20 serjeants, 2 drummers, 530 rank and file wounded; 11 rank and file missing.

Names of the Officers killed and wounded at the Siege of Badajoz, from the 18th to the 22d of March 1812, inclusive.

Head-quarters, Camp before Badajoz, March 23, 1812.

18th March.

Wounded.

88th Foot—Lieutenant Farris, severely.

19th March.

Killed.

23d Portuguese—Ensign Severino Joze Autos.

Wounded.

Captain Robert Cuthbert, Aid-de-Camp to Lieutenant-General Picton, severely (since dead).

Royal Engineers—Lieutenant-Colonel Fletcher, slightly.

1st Batt. 23d Foot—Brevet Major Potter, severely (since dead).

74th Foot—Lieutenant Atkinson, slightly.

7th Portuguese Caçadores—Lieutenant Frederick Cesar de Trutus, slightly.

11th Portuguese Line—Captain Joze de Forrisca Pinto, slightly.

23d Ditto—Ensign Francis de Paiva, slightly.

20th March.

Wounded.

Royal Engineers—Lieutenant Wright, slightly.

1st Batt. 95th Foot—Lieutenant Freer.

21st March.

Wounded.

1st Batt. 43d Foot—Captain Johnston, slightly.

1st Batt. 88th Foot—Lieutenant North, severely (since dead).

21st Portuguese Line—Captain Joaquim Carrette, slightly.

22d March.

Wounded.

1st. Batt. 52d Foot—Ensign George Hall, severely.

Names of Officers killed and wounded at the Siege of Badajoz, from the 23d to the 26th of March 1812, inclusive.

Head-quarters, Camp before Badajoz, March 27, 1812.

24th March.

Killed.

5th Foot—Lieutenant Fairclough.

Wounded.

45th Foot—Lieutenant Metcalf, slightly.

9th Portuguese Regiment—Captain Mathias Jose De Souza, slightly.

26th March.

Killed.

87th Foot—Brigade Major Wilde.
 Royal Engineers—Captain Mulcaster.
 45th Foot—Lieutenant Atkins.
 74th Foot—Captain Collins and Lieutenant
 Ramadge.
 88th Foot—Lieutenant Johnson.
 Portuguese Artillery—Captains Jallio Cezar and
 Pera. de Armoral.

Wounded.

Royal Artillery—Lieutenant Grimes.
 Royal Engineers—Brigade Major M'Leod and
 Captain Holloway, severely.

43d Foot—Captain Ferguson, slightly.
 45th Foot—Captain Lightfoot and Lieutenant Met-
 calf, slightly; Lieutenants Marsh and Andrews,
 severely.
 52d Foot—Captain Ewart, slightly; Ensign Nixon,
 severely.
 74th Foot—Major Shawc and Lieutenant Lister,
 severely.
 77th Foot—Major Rudd, severely.
 83d Foot—Honourable Captain Powys, severely;
 Ensign Hackett, dangerously.
 88th Foot—Captain Oates, severely.
 94th Foot—Captain Kyle, severely.
 1st Portuguese Caçadores—Lieutenant Jozc Maria
 St. Vilez.

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