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WAR DEPARTMENT.

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A DISPATCH, of which the following is an extract, has been this morning received at Earl Bathurst's Office, addressed to his Lordship by General the Marquess of Wellington, K. B.

*Villa de Toro, near Burgos,
21st September 1812.*

I Continued to follow the enemy with the troops under my command till the 16th, when I was joined at Pampliega by three divisions of infantry, and a small body of cavalry, of the army of Galicia; his Excellency the Captain-General Castaños having arrived at head-quarters on the 14th. The enemy had on the 16th taken a strong position on the heights behind Celada del Camino, and arrangements were made to attack them on the morning of the 17th, but the enemy retired in the night, and they were driven on the 17th to the heights close to Burgos. They retired through the town in the night, leaving behind them some clothing and other stores, and a large quantity of wheat and barley; and they have since continued their retreat to Briviesca, where, it is reported, they have been joined by seven thousand conscripts. It is likewise reported, that the Prince

of Esling has been ordered by the local government of France to come and take the command of the army.

The castle of Burgos commands the passages of the river Arlanzon in the neighbourhood, and the roads communicating with them, so completely, that we could not pass the river till the 19th, when we effected that operation in two columns, the 5th division and Brigadier-General Bradford's brigade above, and the 1st division and Brigadier-General Paek's brigade, and Major-General Anson's cavalry, below the town.

Burgos is situated in that division of Spain allotted to the army of the north, and General Caffarelli, who had been here on the 17th, had placed in the castle a garrison of the troops of that army, consisting, as is reported, of two thousand five hundred men. The enemy had taken considerable pains to fortify the castle of Burgos, and had occupied with a hornwork the hill of St. Michael's, which has a considerable command over some of the works of the castle, at the distance of three hundred yards.

They had likewise occupied other parts of that hill with *fêches* and other works for the protection of their picquets and outposts.

As soon as the 1st division crossed the Arlanzon on the 19th, the enemy's outposts were driven in by the light infantry battalion of Colonel Sterling's brigade, under the command of the Honourable Major Cocks, supported by Brigadier-General Pack's brigade, and the enemy's outworks on the hill of St. Michael's, with the exception of the hornwork, were occupied by our troops, which were posted close to the hornwork.

As soon as it was dark, the same troops, with the addition of the 42d regiment, attacked and carried by assault the hornwork which the enemy had occupied in strength. In this operation Brigadier-General Pack, Lieutenant-Colonel Hill of the 1st Portuguese regiment, Colonel Campbell of the 16th, Major Williams of the 4th Caçadores, Major Dick of the 42d regiment, and the Honourable Major Cocks of the 79th regiment, commanding the light infantry battalion, distinguished themselves; the latter, in particular, led the attack of the enemy's posts in the morning, and entered the hornwork by its gorge at night. We took three pieces of cannon and one captain, and sixty-two prisoners; but I am sorry to add that our own loss was severe, as appears by the enclosed return.

It was impossible to ascertain the exact state of the works of the castle of Burgos, till we had obtained possession of the hill of Saint Michael's.

Since the 19th, we have been employed in establishing ourselves on the hill of Saint Michael's, and in constructing those works which are best calculated to forward our future operations.

The whole of the army have crossed the Arlanzon, with the exception of the 6th division, and one division of Spanish infantry.

I have accounts from Sir Rowland Hill of the 14th; he was then at Truxillo, and had received my orders, and was to be at Oropesa on the 18th.

I have not heard that Marshal Soult has yet left Granada; he was still there on the 8th. General Ballasteros had followed the enemy's movements from the Guadalete, and had been very successful; he was at Loxa on the 6th. The enemy had abandoned Andujar and Jaen.

The last accounts I have from Alicant are of the 10th instant. Joseph Buonaparte's army, and that of Suchet, were still in Valencia.

I have no late accounts from Cadiz.

Return of Killed, Wounded, and Missing of the Army under the Command of His Excellency the Marquess of Wellington, K. B. in the Assault and Capture of Fort St. Michael, on the 19th September 1812.

Killed—British.

General Staff—1 major.
2d Batt. 24th Foot—1 rank and file.
1st Batt. 42d Foot—2 lieutenants, 1 serjeant, 32 rank and file.
2d Batt. 58th Foot—1 rank and file.
5th Batt. 60th Foot—1 serjeant, 2 rank and file.
1st Batt. 79th Foot—5 rank and file.
1st Batt. Line, King's German Legion—1 serjeant.

Killed—Portuguese.

1 lieutenant, 1 ensign, 1 staff, 2 serjeants, 19 rank and file.

Wounded—British.

Coldstream Guards—1 serjeant, 2 rank and file.
3d Foot Guards—2 rank and file.
2d Batt. 24th Foot—1 serjeant, 10 rank and file.
1st Batt. 42d Foot—3 captains, 2 lieutenants, 1 volunteer, 10 serjeants, 1 drummer, 153 rank and file.
2d Batt. 58th Foot—1 captain, 1 lieutenant, 1 serjeant, 11 rank and file.
5th Batt. 60th Foot—1 lieutenant, 7 rank and file.
1st Batt. 79th Foot—2 lieutenants, 3 serjeants, 29 rank and file.

Wounded—Portuguese.

1 captain, 1 lieutenant, 3 ensigns, 5 serjeants, 83 rank and file.

Missing—British.

5th Batt. 60th Foot—1 rank and file.

Missing—Portuguese.

15 rank and file.

Total Loss.

Killed—1 major, 3 lieutenants, 1 ensign, 1 staff, 5 serjeants, 60 rank and file.
Wounded—5 captains, 7 lieutenants, 3 ensigns, 21 serjeants, 297 rank and file.
Missing—16 rank and file.

Names of the British Officers killed and wounded.

Killed.

Permanent Staff—Major Pierrepont, Assistant-Quarter-Master-General.
1st Batt. 42d Foot—Lieutenants Gregorson and Milne.

Wounded.

1st Batt. 42d Foot—Captain Williamson, slightly; Captain M'Kenzie, severely; Captain Davidson, slightly; Lieutenant Fraser, severely; Lieutenant James Stewart, slightly; Volunteer John Lane, severely.
2d Batt. 58th Foot—Captain Dudgeon, slightly; Lieutenant Carter, severely.
5th Batt. 60th Foot—Lieutenant O'Heher, severely.
1st Batt. 79th Foot—Lieutenant Grant, severely; Lieutenant M'Donald, severely (since dead).

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