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### WAR DEPARTMENT.

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**D**ISPATCHES, of which the following are extracts, were received last night by Earl Bathurst, addressed to his Lordship by the Marquess of Wellington.

*Pitiegua, November 7, 1812.*

**T**HE enemy repaired the bridge at Toro at a much earlier period than I expected. I therefore desired Sir Rowland Hill to continue his march by Foutiveros upon Alba de Tormes, and as soon as I found that he was sufficiently forward, I broke up yesterday morning from the position which I had held in front of Tordesillas since the 30th of last month, and I am in march towards the heights of St. Christoval, in front of Salamanca.

The enemy has not pressed at all upon the rear of the troops under Lieutenant-General Sir Rowland Hill, nor have those on the Douro followed the march of the troops under my command: I conclude that the two corps will unite, which, in consequence of the situation of the Douro, I could not prevent.

*Ciudad Rodrigo, November 19, 1812.*

**T**HE troops under the command of Lieutenant-General Sir Rowland Hill crossed the Tormes, at Alba, on the 8th instant, and those under my command took their position on the heights of St. Christoval de la Cuesta on the same day; Brigadier-General Pack's brigade occupying Aldea Lengua, and Brigadier-General Bradford's Cabrerizos on the right; and the British cavalry covering our front. I had desired Lieutenant-General Sir Rowland Hill to occupy the town and castle of Alba, with Major-General Howard's brigade of the 2d division, leaving Lieutenant-General Hamilton's Portuguese division on the left of the Tormes to support those troops; while the 2d division was posted in the neighbourhood of the fords of Encinas and Huerta; and the 4th divisions remained at Calvarassa de Ariba in reserve.

On the 9th the enemy drove in the picquets of

Major-General Long's brigade of cavalry, in front of Alba; and Major-General Long was obliged to withdraw his troops through Alba on the morning of the 10th. In the course of the day, the enemy's whole army approached our positions on the Tormes, and they attacked the troops in Alba with twenty pieces of cannon and a considerable body of infantry. They made no impression on them, however, and withdrew the cannon and the greater part of the troops on that night, and this attack was never renewed.

I enclose Lieutenant-General Hamilton's report to Sir Rowland Hill of the transactions at Alba, which were highly creditable to the troops employed. From the 10th till the 14th the time was passed in various reconnoissances, as well of the fords of the Tormes as of the position which the troops under my command occupied on the right of that river, in front of Salamanca; and on the 14th the enemy crossed that river in force, at three fords near Lucinas, about two leagues above Alba.

I immediately broke up from Saint Christoval, and ordered the troops to move towards Arapiles; and as soon as I had ascertained the direction of the enemy's march from the fords, I moved with the 2d division of infantry, and all the cavalry I could collect, to attack them; leaving Lieutenant-General Sir Rowland Hill with the 4th, and Lieutenant-General Hamilton's divisions, in front of Alba, to protect this movement, and the 3d division in reserve on the Arapiles, to secure the possession of that position.

The enemy, however, were already too numerous, and too strongly posted at Mozarbes to be attacked; and I confined myself to a cannonade of their cavalry, under cover of which I reconnoitred their position.

In the evening I withdrew all the troops from the neighbourhood of Alba to the Arapiles, leaving a small Spanish garrison in the castle, and having destroyed the bridge. In the course of the night and following morning I moved the greatest part of the troops through Salamanca, and placed Lieutenant-General Sir Edward Paget with

the 1st division of infantry on the right, at Aldea Tejada, in order to secure that passage for the troops over the Zunguen; in case the movements of the enemy on our right flank should render it necessary for me to make choice either of giving up my communication with Ciudad Rodrigo or Salamanca.

On the 15th in the morning I found the enemy fortifying their position at Mozarbes, which they had taken up the night before; at the same time that they were moving bodies of cavalry and infantry towards their own left, and to our communications with Ciudad Rodrigo. It was obvious that it was the enemy's intention to act upon our communications; and as they were too strong, and too strongly posted for me to think of attacking them, I determined to move upon Ciudad Rodrigo. I therefore put the army in march in three columns, and crossed the Zunguen, and then passed the enemy's left flank, and encamped that night on the Vansa. We continued our march successively on the 16th, 17th, 18th, and this day, when part of the army crossed the Agueda, and the whole will cross that river to-morrow.

The enemy followed our movement on the 16th with a large body, probably the whole of the cavalry, and a considerable body of infantry, but they did not attempt to press upon our rear. They took advantage of the ground to cannonade our rear guard, consisting of the light division, under Major-General Charles Alten, on the 17th, on its passage of the Huebra at San Muñoz, and occasioned some loss.

The troops have suffered considerably from the severity of the weather, which, since the 15th, has been worse than I have ever known it at this season of the year.

I am sorry to add, that we have had the misfortune to lose Lieutenant-General Sir Edward Paget, who was taken prisoner on the 17th. He commanded the centre column, and the fall of rain having greatly injured the roads and swelled the rivulets, there was an interval between the 5th and 7th divisions of infantry. Sir Edward rode to the rear alone, to discover the cause of this interval, and, as the road passed through a wood, either a detachment of the enemy's cavalry had got upon the road, or he missed the road, and fell into their hands in the wood. I understand that Sir Edward was not wounded, but I cannot sufficiently regret the loss of his assistance at this moment.

In my dispatch of the 7th inst. I communicated to your Lordship my opinion of the strength of the enemy, as far as I could judge of it from the reports I had received, and from what I had seen. I have since learnt that General Caffarelli, with the army of the North, certainly remained joined with the army of Portugal. Joseph Buonaparte left Madrid on the 4th instant, and arrived at Penamunda on the 8th, leaving at Madrid the civil authorities of his government, and a small garrison. These authorities and troops evacuated Madrid on the 7th, and marched for Castile; and Colonel Don Juan Palaria the Medico took possession of that city.

Your Lordship will have seen General Ballesteros's letter of the 24th of October, to the Regency, from which you will observe, that he had disobeyed the orders of the Government, given to

him at my suggestion, to march his troops into La Mancha, and hang upon the enemy's left flank, because the Regency and Cortes had offered me the chief command of the Spanish armies.

The whole of the enemy's disposable force in Spain was therefore upon the Tormes in the middle of this month; and they were certainly not less than eighty thousand men, but more probably ninety thousand; of these ten thousand were cavalry; and as the army of Portugal alone had one hundred pieces of cannon, it is probable that they had not less in all the armies than two hundred pieces.

(Enclosure, No. 1.)

SIR, *Alba de Tormes, Nov. 11, 1812.*

I HAVE the honour to report the steps I have taken to carry into effect your instructions for the defence of this place, which, I am happy to say, have obliged the enemy to withdraw the greatest part of the force opposed to us; and I feel almost confident we shall be able to retain our position as long as you may deem expedient.

I yesterday garrisoned and provisioned the castle, and by the exertions of Captain Goldfinch of the engineers, it is put into as good a state as circumstances will admit; he is continuing strengthening it. Captain Goldfinch has been of great assistance to me.

I have appropriated to each regiment a district of this town, and the commanding officer has barricaded the streets and buildings in a very judicious manner. Brigadier Da Costa and Campbell's brigades are in our position on the left bank of the Tormes. Brigadier Campbell reports his having caused the enemy some loss, in their attempt to pass a ford near his position.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tulloh has made so good an arrangement of his two brigades of guns, that, united with the position of the two brigades of infantry on the left bank of the Tormes, I consider my flanks secure.

Early yesterday morning Major-General Long, commanding the cavalry in front, reported that the enemy were advancing in great force; I was therefore induced to retire the cavalry.

About ten o'clock the enemy appeared on the heights in considerable force of cavalry, and a few infantry, covering, as I conceived, a reconnoissance of several officers of rank. About two o'clock the enemy's force was increased to fifteen squadrons, and six thousand infantry, and twenty guns, including six six-inch howitzers, which immediately commenced firing, and continued until it was dark. The enemy's light troops advanced close to the walls we had hastily thrown up; but from the cool and steady conduct of the 51st regiment, Colonel Stewart; 71st regiment, the Honourable Colonel Cadogan; the 92d, Colonel Cameron; General Howard's brigade, the enemy dared not attempt the town.

About eight o'clock in the evening I was repeatedly informed that the enemy's infantry was considerably increasing, which induced me to order three battalions of Brigadier Da Costa's brigade into town, leaving his other battalion for the protection of the fords. The enemy during the night withdrew their artillery, and I have left a small

force of cavalry and infantry, who keep up a smart fire. I have to regret the loss of a considerable number of men, but which I trust you will not deem great, when you consider the heavy and incessant fire of artillery for so many hours. The loss of the Portuguese was while on duty this morning, and I have real pleasure in reporting their steady and animated conduct.

I feel much indebted to Major-General Howard, who rendered me every possible assistance, as also to every officer and soldier of his excellent brigade, for their steady, zealous, and soldier-like conduct.

To Captain Pinto Savedra, my Assistant Adjutant-General; to Captain Watson, light dragoons, Assistant Quarter-Master-General; and to Captain Bunbury, my Aid-de-Camp, I consider myself obliged, for their prompt execution of my orders.

I enclose a return of the killed and wounded, and trust we shall not have many more casualties.

I have the honour, &c.

(Signed) JOHN HAMILTON, Lt.-Gen.  
Lieutenant-General Sir Rowland Hill.

*Return of Killed and Wounded of the Army under the Command of His Excellency General the Marquess of Wellington, K.B. in an Affair at Alba de Tormes, on the 10th and 11th November 1812.*

50th Foot, 1st Batt.—2 rank and file killed; 1 serjeant, 10 rank and file, wounded.

60th Foot, 5th Batt.—8 rank and file wounded.

71st Foot, 1st Batt.—4 rank and file killed; 2 serjeants, 3 rank and file, wounded.

92d Foot, 1st Batt.—7 rank and file killed; 1 lieutenant, 31 rank and file, wounded.

Total British loss—13 rank and file killed; 1 lieutenant, 3 serjeants, 52 rank and file, wounded.

Total Portuguese loss—8 rank and file killed; 1 captain, 1 lieutenant, 1 serjeant, 33 rank and file, wounded.

Grand total—21 rank and file killed; 1 captain, 2 lieutenants, 4 serjeants, 85 rank and file, wounded.

*Names of the Officers wounded.*

*British.*

92d Foot—Lieutenant Andrew Hill, severely.

*Portuguese.*

2d Regiment of the Line—Captain Rezinde, slightly; Lieutenant Pinto, dangerously.

*Return of Killed, Wounded, and Missing of the Army under the Command of His Excellency General the Marquess of Wellington, K.B. in the Movements of the Army from 22d to 29th October 1812, inclusive.*

Royal Artillery—3 rank and file killed; 1 lieutenant-colonel, 1 lieutenant, 4 rank and file, 2 horses, wounded; 8 rank and file, 7 horses, missing.

3d Dragoons—1 rank and file, 1 horse, killed; 1 serjeant, 9 rank and file, 2 horses, missing.

4th Dragoons—1 rank and file killed; 5 rank and file, 3 horses, missing.

11th Light Dragoons—15 rank and file, 19 horses, killed; 2 lieutenants, 3 serjeants, 23 rank and file, 14 horses, wounded; 6 rank and file, 6 horses, missing.

12th Light Dragoons—1 serjeant, 3 rank and file, 9 horses, killed; 1 lieutenant, 1 serjeant, 8 rank and file, 15 horses, wounded; 9 rank and file, 9 horses, missing.

16th Light Dragoons—2 serjeants, 6 rank and file, 38 horses, killed; 1 captain, 1 lieutenant, 4 serjeants, 35 rank and file, 24 horses, wounded; 1 lieutenant-colonel, 1 lieutenant, 1 serjeant, 10 rank and file, 5 horses, missing.

1st Dragoons, King's German Legion—10 rank and file, 6 horses, killed; 1 major, 2 lieutenants, 1 serjeant, 15 rank and file, 8 horses, wounded; 1 major, 1 serjeant, 13 rank and file, 10 horses, missing.

2d Dragoons, King's German Legion—1 rank and file, 1 horse, killed; 1 lieutenant, 1 ensign, 1 serjeant, 21 rank and file, 2 horses, wounded; 1 captain, 2 ensigns, 1 serjeant, 1 trumpeter, 22 rank and file, 17 horses, missing.

1st Royal Scots, 3d Batt.—2 serjeants, 6 rank and file, killed; 1 serjeant, 7 rank and file, wounded; 1 serjeant, 26 rank and file, missing.

4th Foot, 1st Batt.—1 serjeant, 4 rank and file, killed; 1 lieutenant-colonel, 1 lieutenant, 2 serjeants, 1 drummer, 41 rank and file, wounded; 3 rank and file missing.

4th Foot, 2d Batt.—1 rank and file killed; 1 serjeant, 4 rank and file, wounded; 1 serjeant, 17 rank and file, missing.

9th Foot, 1st Batt.—1 serjeant, 6 rank and file, killed; 5 lieutenants, 3 serjeants, 34 rank and file, wounded; 1 lieutenant, 1 serjeant, 32 rank and file, missing.

30th Foot, 2d Batt.—2 serjeants, 2 rank and file, killed; 1 captain, 3 lieutenants, 3 ensigns, 2 serjeants, 23 rank and file, wounded; 10 rank and file missing.

38th Foot, 1st Batt.—1 captain, 3 rank and file, killed; 2 serjeants, 19 rank and file, wounded; 1 captain missing.

38th Foot, 2d Batt.—1 rank and file killed; 1 captain, 1 lieutenant, 1 ensign, 2 serjeants, 18 rank and file, wounded; 1 serjeant, 2 rank and file, missing.

44th Foot, 2d Batt.—1 lieutenant, 1 serjeant, 3 rank and file, killed; 1 lieutenant-colonel, 1 lieutenant, 1 ensign, 2 serjeants, 20 rank and file, wounded.

51st Foot—1 rank and file killed; 1 lieutenant, 4 rank and file, wounded.

Chasseurs Britanniques—1 rank and file wounded.

1st Light Batt. King's German Legion—1 rank and file killed; 1 serjeant, 9 rank and file, wounded; 14 rank and file missing.

2d Light Batt. King's German Legion—1 drummer, 2 rank and file, wounded; 3 rank and file missing.

Brunswick Oels Corps—1 captain, 1 lieutenant, 7 rank and file, killed; 1 captain, 26 rank and file, wounded; 2 serjeants, 18 rank and file, missing.

Total Portuguese loss—4 serjeants, 2 drummers, 32 rank and file, killed; 1 major, 2 captains, 3 lieutenants, 4 ensigns, 1 staff, 9 serjeants, 1 drummer, 125 rank

and file wounded; 2 serjeants, 1 drummer, 14 rank and file, missing.

Total British loss—2 captains, 2 lieutenants, 10 serjeants, 75 rank and file, 74 horses, killed; 3 lieutenant-colonels, 1 major, 4 captains, 20 lieutenants, 6 ensigns, 26 serjeants, 2 drummers, 314 rank and file, 65 horses, wounded; 1 lieutenant-colonel, 1 major, 2 captains, 2 lieutenants, 2 ensigns, 10 serjeants, 1 drummer, 207 rank and file, 59 horses, missing.

General total of British and Portuguese loss—2 captains, 2 lieutenants, 14 serjeants, 2 drummers, 107 rank and file, 74 horses, killed; 3 lieutenant-colonels, 2 majors, 6 captains, 23 lieutenants, 10 ensigns, 1 staff, 35 serjeants, 3 drummers, 439 rank and file, 65 horses, wounded; 1 lieutenant-colonel, 1 major, 2 captains, 2 lieutenants, 2 ensigns, 12 serjeants, 2 drummers, 221 rank and file, 59 horses, missing.

(Signed) S. A. GOODMAN, D. A. A. G.

#### *Names of the Officers.*

##### *Killed.*

October 25, 1812.

38th Foot, 1st Batt.—Captain Todd.

44th Foot, 2d Batt.—Lieutenant Lennon.

Brunswick Light Infantry—Captain Sternfeldt; Lieutenant Hartwig.

##### *Wounded.*

October 23, 1812.

11th Light Dragoons—Lieutenants Lye and Knipe.

12th Light Dragoons—Lieutenant Taylor.

16th Light Dragoons—Captain Murray; Lieutenant Lockhart, since dead.

1st Dragoons King's German Legion—Major Meydell; Lieutenants Decken and Phibbs.

2d Dragoons King's German Legion—Lieutenant Hugo; Cornet De Massau.

October 25, 1812.

Royal Artillery—Lieutenant Johnstone.

4th Foot, 1st Batt.—Lieutenant-Colonel Piper, slightly; Lieutenant Edgell, severely.

9th Foot, 1st Batt.—Lieutenants Ackland, Taylor, Honourable W. Gurzons, and Ford, severely; Lieutenant Ross Lewin, slightly.

30th Foot, 2d Batt.—Captain Hitchins, Lieutenant Andrews, slightly; Lieutenant Rumley, severely; Lieutenant Brisac, Ensigns Beere and Tincombe, slightly; Ensign Madden, severely.

44th Foot, 2d Batt.—Lieutenant-Colonel Harding, slightly; Lieutenant Elwis, dangerously; Ensign Smith, severely.

Brunswick Oels Corps—Captain Nassau.

3d Regiment of the Line Portuguese—Ensign Joze de Moneada.

8th Caçadores—Major Hill, slightly; Captain Western, severely; Captain Manoel Castin, slightly; Lieutenants Antonio Carlos and Joao Baptist, severely; Lieutenant Domingo Fortinha, slightly; Ensigns Joao dos Santos, Joao Sebastiano, and Rodrigo Navarre, and Adjutant Leech, severely.

October 27, 1812.

Royal Artillery—Lieutenant-Colonel Robe, severely (not dangerously).

October 28, 1812.

51st Foot—Lieutenant Hickie, severely (arm amputated).

##### *Missing.*

October 23, 1812.

16th Light Dragoons—Lieutenant-Colonel Pelly, Lieutenant Baker.

1st Dragoons, King's German Legion—Major Fischer.

2d Dragoons, King's German Legion—Captain Lenthe; Cornets Drooge and Schaeffer.

October 25, 1812.

9th Foot, 1st Batt.—Lieutenant Whitley.

38th Foot, 1st Batt.—Brevet Major Evans.

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