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WAR DEPARTMENT.

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CAPTAIN the Earl of March arrived this morning with a dispatch from Field-Marshal the Marquess of Wellington, addressed to Earl Bathurst, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, of which the following is a copy.

My LORD, *Lezaca, October 9, 1813.*

HAVING deemed it expedient to cross the Bidassoa with the left of the army, I have the pleasure to inform your Lordship that that object was effected on the 7th instant.

Lieutenant-General Sir Thomas Graham directed the 1st and 5th divisions, and the 1st Portuguese brigade, under Brigadier-General Wilson, to cross that river in three columns below and in one above the site of the Bridge, under the command of Major-General Hay, the Honourable Colonel Greville, Major-General the Honourable Edward Stopford, and Major-General Howard; and Lieutenant-General Don Manuel Freyre directed that part of the 4th Spanish army under his immediate command, to cross in three columns at fords, above those at which the allied British and Portuguese troops passed. The former were destined to carry the enemy's entrenchments about and above Andaye, while the latter should carry those on the Montagne-Verte, and on the height of Mandale, by which they were to turn the enemy's left.

The operations of both bodies of troops succeeded in every point. The British and Portuguese troops took seven pieces of cannon in the redoubts and batteries which they carried, and the Spanish troops one piece of cannon in those by them.

I had particular satisfaction in observing the steadiness and gallantry of all the troops. The 9th British regiment were very strongly opposed,

charged with bayonets more than once, and have suffered; but I am happy to add, that in other parts of these corps our loss has not been severe.

The Spanish troops under Lieutenant-General Don Manuel Freyre behaved admirably, and turned and carried the enemy's entrenchments in the hill, with great dexterity and gallantry; and I am much indebted to the Lieutenant-General, and to Lieutenant-General Sir Thomas Graham, and to the General and Staff Officers of both Corps, for the execution of the arrangements for this operation.

Lieutenant-General Sir Thomas Graham, having thus established, within the French territory, the troops of the Allied British and Portuguese army, which had been so frequently distinguished under his command, resigned the command to Lieutenant-General Sir John Hope, who had arrived from Ireland the preceding day.

While this was going on upon the left, Major-General C. Baron Alten attacked, with the light division, the enemy's intrenchments in the Puerto de Vera, supported by the Spanish division under Brigadier-General Longa; and the Marescal del Campo Don Pedro Giron attacked the enemy's intrenchments and posts on the mountain, called La Rhunc, immediately on the right of the light division, with the army of reserve of Andalusia.

Colonel Colborne, of the 52d regiment, who commanded Major-General Skerrett's brigade, in the absence of the Major-General on account of his health, attacked the enemy's right in a camp which they had strongly intrenched; and the 52d regiment, under the command of Major Mein, charged in a most gallant style, and carried the intrenchment with the bayonet. The 1st and 3d cacadores, and the 2d battalion 95th regiment, as well as the 52d, distinguished themselves in this attack.

Major-General Kempt's brigade attacked by the Puerto, where the opposition was not so severe;

and Major-General Charles Alten has reported his sense of the judgment displayed both by the Major-General and by Colonel Colborne, in these attacks; and I am particularly indebted to Major-General Charles Alten for the manner in which he executed this service; the light division took twenty-two officers and four hundred men prisoners, and three pieces of cannon.

These troops carried every thing before them in the most gallant stile, till they arrived at the foot of the rock on which the hermitage stands, and they made repeated attempts, to take even that post by storm; but it was impossible to get up, and the enemy remained during the night in possession of the hermitage; and on a rock on the same range of the mountain, with the right of the Spanish troops. Some time elapsed yesterday morning, before the fog cleared away sufficiently to enable me to reconnoitre the mountain, which I found to be least inaccessible by its right, and that the attack of it might be connected with advantage with the attack of the enemy's works in front of the camp of Surra. I accordingly ordered the Army of Reserve to concentrate to their right; and, as soon as the concentration, commenced Mariscal del Campo Don Pedro Giron ordered the Battalion de las Ordenes to attack the enemy's post on the rock on the right of the position occupied by his troops, which was instantly carried in the most gallant stile. Those troops followed up their success, and carried an intrenchment on a hill which protected the right of the Camp of Sarre, and the enemy immediately evacuated all their works to defend the approaches to the camp, which were taken possession of by detachments sent from the 7th division sent by Lieutenant-General the Earl of Dalhousie, through the Puerto de Eschalar, for this purpose.

Don P. Giron then established a battalion on the enemy's left, on the rock of the Hermitage. It was too late to proceed further last night, and the enemy withdrew from their post at the Hermitage, and from the camp of Sarre during the night.

It gives me singular satisfaction to report the good conduct of the officers and troops of the army of reserve of Andalusia, as well in the operations of the 7th inst. as in those of yesterday. The attack made by the battalion of Las Ordenes, under the command of Colonel Hore, yesterday, was made in, as good order, and with as much spirit, as any that I have seen made by any troops; and I was much satisfied with the spirit and discipline of the whole of this corps.

I cannot applaud too highly the execution of the arrangements for these attacks by the Mariscal de Campo Don Pedro Giron, and the General and Staff Officers under his directions.

I omitted to report to your Lordship in my Dispatch of the 4th inst. that upon my way to Roncesvalles, on the 1st inst. I directed Brigadier General Campbell to endeavour to carry off the enemy's piquets in his front, which he attacked on that night, and completely succeeded, with the Portuguese troops under his command, in carrying the whole of one piquet, consisting of 70 men—a fortified post on the mountain of Arolla was likewise stormed, and the whole garrison put to the sword.

Since I addressed your Lordship last, I have received dispatches from Lieut.-Gen. Clinton, in

Catalonia, to the 3d inst. The General was still at Tarragona, and the enemy were in their old position on the 1st inst.

Lieut.-General Lord William Bentinck had embarked for Sicily on the 22d of September.

I send this dispatch by my Aid-de-Camp, Capt. the Earl of March, whom I beg to recommend to your Lordship's protection.

I have, &c.

(Signed) WELLINGTON.

I inclose a return of the loss incurred in the late operations; and a return of the killed, wounded, and missing of the army under Lieutenant-General Lord William Bentinck, in the affairs at Ordal, on the 12th and 13th ultimo.

[This return will be inserted in the Gazette of Saturday next.]

Return of the Killed, Wounded, and Missing of the Army under the Command of His Excellency Field-Marshal the Marquess of Wellington, K. G. in the Passage of the Bidassoa, and forcing the Enemy's Lines, on the 7th and 9th October 1813.

Royal Artillery—1 rank and file wounded.
Coldstream Guards, 1st Batt.—2 rank and file killed; 8 rank and file wounded.
3d Guards, 1st Batt.—9 rank and file wounded; 2 rank and file missing.
Royal Scots, 3d Batt.—1 rank and file killed; 4 serjeants, 15 rank and file, wounded.
4th Foot, 1st Batt.—1 staff, 1 serjeant, 4 rank and file, wounded.
6th Foot, 1st Batt.—1 captain, 1 rank and file, killed; 1 captain, 1 serjeant, 5 rank and file, wounded.
9th Foot, 1st Batt.—8 rank and file killed; 1 captain, 7 lieutenants, 2 ensigns, 2 serjeants, 62 rank and file, wounded.
38th Foot, 1st Batt.—1 rank and file killed; 1 serjeant, 18 rank and file, wounded.
43d Foot, 1st Batt.—1 serjeant, 1 drummer, 1 rank and file, killed; 2 serjeants, 14 rank and file, wounded.
47th Foot, 2d Batt.—1 serjeant, 4 rank and file, wounded.
52d Foot, 1st Batt.—1 serjeant, 11 rank and file, killed; 4 captains, 1 lieutenant, 1 ensign, 2 serjeants, 2 drummers, 60 rank and file, wounded.
59th Foot, 2d Batt.—1 drummer, 2 rank and file, wounded.
60th Foot, 5th Batt.—1 rank and file wounded; 2 rank and file missing.
95th Foot, 1st Batt.—10 rank and file wounded.
95th Foot, 2d Batt.—2 lieutenants, 2 serjeants, 23 rank and file, killed; 2 captains, 4 lieutenants, 5 serjeants, 67 rank and file, wounded; 1 rank and file missing.
95th Foot, 3d Batt.—4 rank and file killed; 1 lieutenant, 17 rank and file wounded.
1st Light Batt. King's German Legion—1 lieutenant, 6 rank and file, killed; 2 captains, 1 lieutenant, 1 ensign, 6 serjeants, 57 rank and file, wounded.
2d Light Batt. King's German Legion—4 rank and file killed; 3 lieutenants, 7 serjeants, 29 rank and file, wounded.

1st Line Batt. King's German Legion—8 rank and file wounded.

2d Line Batt. King's German Legion—1 lieutenant, 8 rank and file, wounded.

5th Line Batt. King's German Legion—1 rank and file killed; 1 serjeant, 2 rank and file, wounded.

Brunswick Oel's—1 serjeant, 6 rank and file, killed; 1 major, 2 captains, 4 lieutenants, 18 rank and file, wounded.

Total British Loss—1 captain, 3 lieutenants, 5 serjeants, 1 drummer, 69 rank and file, killed; 1 major, 12 captains, 22 lieutenants, 4 ensigns, 1 staff, 33 serjeants, 3 drummers, 419 rank and file, wounded; 5 rank and file missing.

Total Portuguese Loss—1 lieutenant-colonel, 1 captain, 1 lieutenant, 2 ensigns, 2 serjeants, 41 rank and file, killed; 1 major, 1 captain, 2 lieutenants, 7 ensigns, 15 serjeants, 1 drummer, 152 rank and file, wounded; 8 rank and file missing.

General Total—1 lieutenant-colonel, 2 captains, 4 lieutenants, 2 ensigns, 7 serjeants, 1 drummer, 110 rank and file, killed; 2 majors, 13 captains, 24 lieutenants, 11 ensigns, 1 staff, 48 serjeants, 4 drummers, 571 rank and file, wounded; 13 rank and file missing.

Accurate returns have not been received of the Spanish loss, but it is estimated at seven hundred and fifty killed, wounded, and missing.

(Signed) E. M. PAKENHAM, Adj. Gen.

Names of Officers killed and wounded on the 7th and 9th of October, 1813.

British killed.

95th Foot, 2d Batt.—Lieutenants Hill and Campbell.

1st Light Batt. King's German Legion—Lieutenant Klanck.

6th Foot, 1st Batt.—Captain Shawe.

Portuguese killed.

1st Caçadores—Lieutenant-Colonel Algeo, and Captain Joachim Ant. De Cunha.

3d Caçadores—Lieutenant Joao Pinto, Ensign Jose Pinto, and Joq. Navarro de Andrade.

British Officers wounded.

4th Foot, 1st Batt.—Surgeon J. Gordon, severely.

9th Foot, 1st Batt.—Captain Jervoise, slightly; Lieutenant Dale, severely; Lieutenants Shepard and M'Adam, severely; Lieutenants C. Campbell and Lemesurier, slightly; Lieutenants Brooks and Stirling, and Ensigns Nash and Kenny, severely.

52d Foot, 1st Batt.—Captains Mein (Major) and Douglas, Lieutenant Hunter, Ensign Fraser, severely; Captains P. Campbell and Sheddon, slightly.

95th Foot, 2d Batt.—Captain Hart, severely; Captain Gibbons, severely (since dead); Lieutenants Ridgeway and Fry, severely; Lieutenants Budgeon and Madden, slightly.

95th Foot, 3d Batt.—Lieutenant G. Vickers, severely.

1st Light Batt. King's German Legion—Captain Hulzemann, slightly; Captain Rautenburg, and Lieutenant Wahrendorf, severely; Lieutenants Lemers, Atkins, and Marweden, and Ensign Gibson, slightly.

2d Line ditto—Lieutenant A. Hesse, severely.

6th Foot, 1st Batt.—Captain Rogers, slightly.

Brunswick Light Infantry—Major Fragstein, slightly; Captain Wolfradt, severely; Captain Wackholz, slightly; Lieutenants Theide and Greisheim, slightly; Lieutenants Schneider and Grutemann (2d) severely.

Portuguese Officers wounded.

17th Line—Lieutenant John A. Mathison.

1st Caçadores—Major Antonio Lobo Teix. Barros, slightly; Lieutenant M. J. Antonio Sobral, slightly; Ensign M. Ter, D'Almeida, slightly; Ensign Dom. M. Coelho, Ensign Joao. Ant. de Millo, severely; Ensign Francisco Taveira, severely.

7th Caçadores—Joaq. Seciro, severely; Ensign Man. Martins, severely.

8th Caçadores—Captain Jose Valley, and Ensign P. J. P. Sirre, severely.

