

which by the very great exertions of the artillery, under Lieutenant-Colonel Sir G. Wood, and the engineers, under Lieutenant-Colonel Carmichael Smyth, and the good-will of the working parties, were completed by half-past three, P. M. of the 3d.

The batteries, as per margin\*, opened at that hour. During the short trial of the fire that evening, the defective state of the Williamstadt mortars and ammunition was too visible. Our means were thus diminished, and much time was lost, as it was not till twelve, at noon, the following day (the 4th) that the fire could be opened again†.

That day's fire disabled five of the six 24-pounders. Yesterday the fire was kept up all day with as per margin‡. The practice was admirable, but there was not a sufficient number of shells falling to prevent the enemy from extinguishing fire whenever it broke out among the ships, and our fire ceased entirely at sun-set yesterday.

It is impossible for me to speak too highly of the indefatigable exertions of the two branches of the Ordnance Department.

I have much reason to be satisfied with the steadiness of the troops, and the attention of the Officers of all ranks, during the continuance of this service. Detachments of the rifle corps did the most advanced duty, under the able direction of Lieut.-Col. Cameron, in a way that gave security to the batteries on Ferdinand's Dyke, and though this line was infladed, and every part of the village under the range of shot and shells from the enemy, I am happy to say the casualties, on the whole, have not been numerous.

As soon as every thing is cleared away, we shall move back into such cantonments as I have concerted with General Bulow.

I cannot conclude this dispatch without expressing my admiration of the manner in which General Bulow formed the disposition of the movement and supported this attack.

The enemy were in great force on the Deurne and Berchen Roads, but were every where driven by the gallant Prussians, though not without considerable loss.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) THOMAS GRAHAM.

P. S. His Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence returned from the Hague on the 1st instant, and has accompanied this advance on Antwerp.

I enclose a list of the casualties.

Captain Mills, of the Guards, going home on promotion, is the bearer of this dispatch.

General Bulow's head-quarters are to be to-morrow at Malines. T. G.

\* English Ordnance—4 ten-inch mortars, 2 eight-inch howitzers, 6 twenty-four-pounders.—Total 12.

Dutch Ordnance—3 twelve-inch Gomer's mortars, 4 eleven-inch mortars, 6 seven and half-inch mortars. On 3d total 25.

† English Ordnance as before—12.  
Dutch Ordnance—3 twelve-inch Gomer's, 2 seven and half-inch mortars. On the 4th, total 17.

‡ English Ordnance—4 ten-inch mortars, 2 eight-inch howitzers, 3 twenty-four-pounders.

Dutch Ordnance—3 twelve-inch Gomer's, 6 seven and half-inch mortars without beds. On the 5th, total 18.

*Return of Ordnance, &c. captured from the Enemy in the Affairs of Merxem, February 2, 1814.*

2 eight-pounder iron guns, 2 cast iron carriages, 35 fixed ammunition rounds.

(Signed) EDWARD MICHELL,  
Brigade-Major R. A.

(True copy.)

A. M'DONALD, Dep. Adj. Gen.,

*Abstract Return of Killed, Wounded, and Missing of the Army under the Command of His Excellency General Sir Thomas Graham, K. B. in the Attack upon the Village of Merxem, on the Morning of the 2d February 1814.*

6 rank and file killed; 2 captains, 8 lieutenants, 3 ensigns, 1 staff, 8 serjeants, 2 drummers, 121 rank and file, 1 horse, wounded; 2 rank and file missing.

N. B. One hundred and eighty prisoners taken from the enemy.

A. MACDONALD, Dep. Adj. Gen.

*Rank and Names of Officers wounded on the 2d of February 1814.*

Royal Artillery Drivers—Lieutenant William Smith, slightly.

2d Batt. 25th Foot—Lieutenant Samuel Brown, severely; Volunteer Sinclair, slightly.

2d Batt. 35th Foot—Lieutenant Austen, severely (not dangerously).

2d Batt. 54th Foot—Captain Blakeman, Lieutenants Blake, Potts, and Evanson, slightly.

3d Batt. 56th Foot—Ensign Sparks, slightly.

2d Batt. 73d Foot—Lieutenant and Adjutant James, slightly; Lieutenant M'Connell, Volunteer J. Simpson, severely (not dangerously.)

Provincial Batt. 95th Foot—Captain Eccles, First Lieutenant Ferguson, and Second Lieutenant Fitzgerald, severely; Second Lieutenant Wright, slightly.

*Abstract Return of Killed, Wounded, and Missing of the Army under the Command of His Excellency Sir Thomas Graham, K. B. from the 3d to the 5th February 1814, both Days inclusive.*

3 rank and file, 16 horses, killed; 1 lieutenant, 2 ensigns, 3 serjeants, 2 drummers, 48 rank and file, 9 horses, wounded; 12 horses missing.

N. B. The horses returned missing of the artillery, escaped from the drivers during the firing; they were Dutch horses.

*Names of Officers wounded.*

2d Batt. 37th Foot—Lieutenant Robert Stowers, severely, leg amputated; Ensign George Chapman, severely, leg amputated.

2d Batt. 44th Foot—Ensign Alexander Reddock, slightly.

(Signed) A. M'DONALD, Dep. Adj. Gen.