



SUPPLEMENT

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*Admiralty, August 23, 1854.*

THE following additional Despatch has been received from Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Napier, K.C.B., detailing operations connected with the fall of the Fortress of Bomarsund :

No. 340. *Bulldog, off Bomarsund,*  
SIR, *August 11, 1854.*

BY the last mail I informed their Lordships of the arrival and debarkation of the troops ; I now beg to acquaint you that, on Wednesday morning, the 9th instant, the troops were in position, both to the north and south, and the western battery of the enemy completely invested.

2. It was now time to land the guns, and as we had no horses, it was necessary to employ the ships' companies instead. Enclosed is a copy of the order I gave to Rear-Admiral Chads, and his report of proceedings.

3. There were many instances last war of guns being placed in extraordinary positions, but I do not believe that in any one case such difficulties were overcome as in the present instance.

4. The moving of the guns was under the command of Captain Hewlett, of the *Edinburgh*, but Admiral Chads, with his usual activity was there to cheer them on, and indeed all the captains occasionally gave the benefit of their presence to the men employed on this hard and fatiguing service.

I have, &c.,

CHAS. NAPIER,

Vice-Admiral and Commander-in-Chief.

*The Secretary of the Admiralty.*

Enclosure No. 1, in Sir Charles Napier's letter,  
No. 340.

*Bulldog, off Bomarsund,*  
*August 9, 1854.*

(Memorandum.)

I WISH as many thirty-two-pounder guns as General Jones may require to be landed from the *Belleisle*, and conveyed to him.

Having the fullest reliance on your skill and exertions to perform this difficult and important service, I shall give you no other instructions than to get them there.

If the portion of your squadron now here is not sufficient, you shall have what further assistance as is in my power to give you.

(Signed) CHAS. NAPIER,  
Vice-Admiral.

*Rear-Admiral H. D. Chads, C.B.*  
*H.M.S. Edinburgh.*

Enclosure No. 2, in Sir Charles Napier's Letter,  
No. 340.

No. 18. *Edinburgh, off Bomarsund,*  
SIR, *August 12, 1854.*

IN obedience to your directions to give every aid from the four ships of my squadron named in the margin\*, to Brigadier-General Jones, to form a breaching battery, I consulted with that officer, who proposed to compose his battery of six thirty-two pounders of 42 cwt., which guns you had forwarded in the *Belleisle*, when the following operations were undertaken.

Each ship having previously prepared two sledges, after a pattern made by Captain Ramsay, for dragging the guns, four were landed on the morning of the 10th, to convey three guns and the carriages and the gear, with 150 men to each sledge, under their respective senior lieutenants, the whole being under the command of Captain Hewlett, of my flag-ship, encouraged occasionally by their own captains.

The situation selected for the battery from the landing-place was four and a half miles distant, over execrable ground, the greatest portion of steep rocky hills and ploughed fields.

\* *Edinburgh*... Donald Mc L. Mackenzie, Senior Lieut.  
*Hogue* ..... Thomas Davies (B), Senior Lieut.  
*Blenheim* ... Geo. H. Clarke, Senior Lieut.  
*Ajax* ..... Walter J. Potlard, Senior Lieut.