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War-Department, November 29, 1855.

LORD PANMURE has this day received a Despatch and its Enclosures, of which the following are copies, addressed to his Lordship by General Sir William Codrington, K.C.B.

Sevastopol, November 17, 1855.

MY LORD,

ON the 15th instant, about 3 P.M., a terrific explosion shook the camp of the army and spread heavy destruction in the immediate neighbourhood of its force; even here, at Head-Quarters, two and a half miles perhaps distant, it burst open and broke windows, all felt the power of it, and the high column of smoke, with shells bursting in the midst and around it, told too well the cause, and showed the danger of all within its reach.

It was not long before we were on the spot: to the sudden burst had succeeded a continued and dark drift of smoke, which told its tale of continued fire and of danger; constant bursting of shells was going on, and the ground was covered with bits of wood, musquet balls, and splinters of shells from the first heavy explosion, which had strewed the ground with destruction, and killed and hurt very many people.

100,000 pounds of powder had exploded in the French siege train, set fire to all the stores there, and to our neighbouring English park where all was fiercely burning, whilst the tendency of the light air at first threatened a second and as serious an accident from powder, not eighty yards off, for the roof of the building had been damaged and the door blown in by the shock.

Some General Officers had fallen in and marched part of their divisions down, others sent some in fatigue, some with stretchers for the wounded, all exerted themselves with the French with an energy and disregard of danger that was admirable; blankets were taken to the exposed store, placed and wetted on the roof by water being passed up in buckets; the doors were covered with wet

blankets and sandbags, and in a short time it was reported and looked safe, though the closeness of the fire and frequent explosions could not allow the feeling of security. Many detached though small fires were burning, and the ground of both the French and English parks, a space of 150 yards across, was a mass of large fires, some of fuel, some of huts, some of gun carriages, boxes, handspikes, and rope.

The fortunately light air had rather changed its direction, and by breaking up and dragging away things, a sort of lane was at last formed, the fires cut off, and gradually got under control, because confined to smaller though fierce fires, but manageable.

I saw every one working well, and I know that French and English took live shells from the neighbourhood of danger to a more distant spot, and at a later period parties threw what earth the rocky soil could give, upon the fires, and helped much to subdue them; all was safe about 7 P.M., and a strong guard and working party posted for the night.

The army was under arms the following morning before daylight, and everything being quiet, I ordered the divisions to turn in, and continue the working parties in the roads, which I had counter-ordered for that morning.

The exploded powder store was situated in the ruins of some walls which had advantageously been made use of for the purpose of shelter; it had been the store of supply to the French attack on the Malakoff front, and it contained the powder which had been brought back from their batteries.

It is at the head of the ravine, which, as it gets towards Sebastopol, forms the steep and rocky valley of Ravin du Carénage.

The Light Division was on the ground which it first took up in October, 1854; the Rifles on the right, then the 7th, the 33rd, and 23rd; on their left the 34th Regiment, which subsequently joined, was on the right front in advance; and the vacating of a spot of ground by the Sappers' camp, enabled me when commanding

the division to place the Artillery and Small-arm Brigade on the immediate right of the Rifles.

The French subsequently brought their main siege train and store to the position it has now for some time occupied.

Daylight showed the damage, of which I have given your Lordship an outline in another letter.

But the more important and sad part is the loss of life, and the wounded who have suffered.

One officer and 20 non-commissioned officers and men, killed; 4 officers and 112 non-commissioned officers and men, wounded; with 7* missing, show the sudden and fatal power of the shock, which not only destroyed in its immediate neighbourhood, but wounded, by shell and splinters, some at a distance of three-quarters of a mile.

The loss of our Allies is distressingly heavy.

I have, &c.,

W. J. CODRINGTON,
General Commanding.

The Lord Panmure, &c. &c. &c.

Enclosure 1.

Numerical Return of Casualties on 15th November, 1855, by the Explosion of Magazines in Camp, at French Siege Train.

Royal Artillery—1 Officer, 1 serjeant, 6 rank and file, Killed; 3 Officers, 9 serjeants, 25 rank and file Wounded; 7 rank and file, Missing.

7th Regiment of Foot—1 rank and file Killed; 13 rank and file Wounded.

19th Foot—8 rank and file Wounded.

21st Foot—1 rank and file Wounded.

23rd Foot—2 rank and file Killed; 6 rank and file Wounded.

33rd Foot—2 rank and file Killed; 14 rank and file, Wounded.

34th Foot—1 rank and file Killed; 14 rank and file, Wounded.

41st Foot—1 rank and file Killed.

47th Foot—2 serjeants, 3 rank and file, Wounded.

49th Foot—1 rank and file Killed; 2 rank and file Wounded.

77th Foot—3 rank and file Killed; 6 rank and file Wounded.

88th Foot—1 serjeant, 1 rank and file, Wounded.

90th Foot—1 serjeant, 2 rank and file, Wounded.

1st Battalion Rifle Brigade—2 serjeants Wounded.

2nd Battalion Rifle Brigade—1 rank and file Killed; 2 Officers, 4 rank and file, Wounded.

Total—1 Officer, 1 serjeant, 18 rank and file, Killed; 5 Officers, 15 serjeants, 99 rank and file, Wounded; 7 rank and file Missing.

Killed	20
Wounded	119
Missing	7

Total 146

W. L. PAKENHAM,
Adjutant-General.

* Six artillery men since accounted for and alive.—W.C., 1 P.M., November 17.

Enclosure 2.

Nominal Return of Officers KILLED on the 15th November, 1855,

KILLED.

15th November, 1855.

ROYAL ARTILLERY.

Field Train Department.

Deputy-Assistant-Commissary G. Yellon, by the explosion of magazines in camp (at the French siege train)

W. L. PAKENHAM,
Adjutant-General

Enclosure 3.

Nominal Return of Officers WOUNDED on the 15th November, 1855.

WOUNDED.

15th November, 1855.

ROYAL ARTILLERY.

Lieutenant F. C. Roberts, dangerously
W. J. Dawson, dangerously.

Field Train Department.

Deputy-Assistant-Commissary H. Hodds, severely

2ND BATTALION RIFLE BRIGADE.

Lieutenant W. H. Eccles, slightly
Assistant-Surgeon J. B. C. Reade, slightly

W. L. PAKENHAM,
Adjutant-General.

Enclosure 4.

Numerical Return of Casualties on 15th November, 1855.

KILLED.

15th November, 1855.

By the explosion of magazines in camp (of French siege-train).

ROYAL ARTILLERY.

2 Comp. 11 Bat. Corporal William Langley
2 Comp. 11 Bat. Gunner William Spence
5 Comp. 9 Bat. John McCrae
5 Comp. 9 Bat. Samuel T rgoose
7 Comp. 11 Bat. Bombardier Daniel Lackie
6 Comp. 11 Bat. Gunner James Hemsley

Field Train.

Serjeant-Conductor John Dickson

7TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.

3249 Private Charles Boyle

23RD REGIMENT OF FOOT.

4660 Private George Morris
4839 Mark Sheppard

33RD REGIMENT OF FOOT

3692 Lance-Corporal Alexander McKay
3873 Private John Bell

34TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.

3904 Private William McLean

41ST REGIMENT OF FOOT.

2397 Private Joseph Latty

49TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.

674 Private John Irvin

77TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.

3524 Private Joseph White
3229 John Freeman
3609 John Davison

2ND BATTALION RIFLE BRIGADE.

4466 Private William Powell

W. L. PAKENHAM,
Adjutant-General.

Enclosure 5.

*Nominal Return of Non-Commissioned Officers
and Privates WOUNDED on the 15th November,
1855.*

WOUNDED,

By the explosion of magazines in camp (of French
siege-train.)

15th November, 1855.

ROYAL ARTILLERY.

2 Comp. 11 Bat. Colour - Serjeant John Cooper,
severely
2 Comp. 11 Bat. Bombardier James Hemp,
severely

Gunners.

1 Comp., 12 Bat. Edward Wodsworth, severely
1 Comp., 12 Bat. John Cox, severely
3 Comp., 12 Bat. John Wright, dangerously
3 Comp., 12 Bat. Patrick Foy, slightly
3 Comp., 12 Bat. Donald Mc Donald, slightly
3 Comp., 12 Bat. James Pardmore, slightly
1 Comp., 5 Bat. Henry Pickup, severely
1 Comp., 5 Bat. Robert Marshall severely
1 Comp., 5 Bat. James Mallin, slightly
1 Comp., 5 Bat. Edward Ryan, slightly
1 Comp., 5 Bat. John Downy, slightly
7 Comp., 5 Bat. Colour-Serjeant C. G. Fitz-
Simons, slightly
7 Comp., 5 Bat. Corporal William Russell,
slightly
7 Comp., 5 Bat. Acting Bombardier James
King, slightly
7 Comp., 5 Bat. Gunner William Ross, slightly

FIELD TRAIN DEPARTMENT.

Serjeant William Sands, slightly
Store Conductors Joseph Buchanan, slightly
James Findley, slightly
Serjeant Thomas Churcher, severely
Store Conductor James Boggie, severely
James McFaddyen, dangerously
Civil Artificer George Brooks, severely
Henry Wells, severely
7 Comp., 12 Bat., Quarter-Master Serjeant Henry
Collins, slightly

Gunners.

7 Comp., 12 Bat. Walter Devine, slightly
7 Comp., 11 Bat. George Young, severely
7 Comp., 11 Bat. James Perry, severely
7 Comp., 11 Bat. John McYork, severely
7 Comp., 11 Bat. John Hughes, severely
7 Comp., 11 Bat. James Peters, severely
7 Comp., 11 Bat. Anthony McCann, severely
5 Comp., 9 Bat. William McKrevey, severely

7TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.

3281 Corporal Joseph Johnson, slightly
3131 Private Thomas Carty, severely
3120 Edward Michan, severely
3580 George Evans, severely
2728 Thomas Browne, slightly
2863 Samuel Hobson, slightly
4074 Charles Lansley, slightly
3032 Patrick Sweeney, slightly
4025 George Kerry, slightly
2012 Andrew Cassidy, slightly
3483 Charles Wright, slightly
4231 Alfred Jackson, slightly
3469 James Buckley, slightly

19TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.

1214 Corporal James Doorly, severely
2987 Private Jeremiah O'Brien, severely
2693 John Caldwell, contusion
3319 Robert Sommerville, slightly
3596 John Gearedd, slightly
2485 John Sheehan, slightly
2763 Edwin Herwood, severely
887 William Beech, slightly

21ST REGIMENT OF FOOT

3854 Private Timothy Keely, severely

23RD REGIMENT OF FOOT.

1885 Private William Owens, severely
4045 Charles Hutchings, dangerously
2956 James Duskin, severely
4419 John Wheeler, severely
4574 Richard White, slightly
4474 Thomas Parker, slightly

33RD REGIMENT OF FOOT.

3153 Private Thomas Hotham, severely
3656 Edward Howely, severely
3624 John Mc Loughlin, slightly
3181 John Battison, slightly
3906 Joseph Lyons, slightly
3103 Patrick Mc Guire, slightly
2220 Patrick Welsh, dangerously
3513 Francis Bell, severely
3599 Michael Callaghan, slightly
2785 James Hodgins, dangerously
3931 James Hutchins, severely
321 Samuel Fatham, slightly
3194 John O'Connor, slightly
3505 Patrick Leary, severely

34TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.

4110 Private Richard Bradford, severely
 4130 Absalom Carey, severely
 3625 Arthur Crumpton, severely
 1448 John Henob, severely
 2334 William Corner, slightly
 3162 Alexander Eyre, slightly
 2931 Charles Kelly, slightly
 1546 John Kelly, slightly
 1966 James Lynch, slightly
 1813 George Price, slightly
 3882 James Fowhey, slightly
 4016 Thady Ward, slightly
 2139 George Weldon, slightly
 2165 William Pinkard, slightly

47TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.

2513 Colour-Serjeant John Wilson, slightly
 1654 Charles Wallace, slightly
 2852 Lance-Corporal William Rice, slightly
 2193 Private William Windsor, slightly
 2871 John Keefe, dangerously

49TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.

3159 Private Patrick Cunningham, severely
 2841 John Lambert, severely

77TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.

3326 Private James Bloomer, slightly
 3520 George Ashford, slightly
 3546 Michael Macnamara, slightly
 3721 Thomas Danton, slightly
 2472 John Bennett, slightly
 1189 Peter Lynch, slightly

88TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.

3896 Serjeant John McHugh, slightly
 3594 Private Chris. McDermott, dangerously

90TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.

3162 Serjeant Robert Sanders, slightly
 2651 Corporal Frank Cross, slightly
 3826 Private W. Lambert, severely

1ST BATTALION RIFLE BRIGADE.

2919 Serjeant William Smith, slight contusion
 3204 Charles Peskett, severe contusion

2ND BATTALION RIFLE BRIGADE.

3911 Corporal John Edwards, severely
 3615 Private Willm. Smith, slightly
 2257 William Edmonds, severely
 4169 John Payne, slightly

W. L. PAKENHAM,
 Adjutant-General.

Enclosure 6.

*Nominal Return of Non-Commissioned Officers
 and Privates MISSING on the 15th November,
 1855,*

MISSING,

Supposed to have been killed by the explosion of
 Magazines in Camp of French Siege Train.

15th November, 1855.

ROYAL ARTILLERY.

2 Comp., 11 Bat., Corporal James Early
 Gunners
 2 Comp., 11 Bat. John Henry
 2 Comp., 11-Bat. Thomas Bennett
 2 Comp., 11 Bat. George Neil
 2 Comp., 11 Bat. William Palmer
 7 Comp., 12 Bat. Ernest Angel
 7 Comp., 12 Bat. Richard Thompson

W. L. PAKENHAM,
 Adjutant-General.