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A DESPATCH, of which the following is a copy, has been received at the Admiralty from Admiral Sir Beauchamp Seymour, G.C.B., Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Ships and Vessels on the Mediterranean Station, dated on board H.M.S. "Invincible," 14th July, 1882, at Alexandria:—

*"Invincible," at Alexandria,
July 14, 1882*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to request that you will acquaint the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty that, in consequence of the arduous nature of my duties since the 11th instant, I regret I am unable to send a detailed account at present of the attack on the Forts of Alexandria.

2. Having failed to obtain compliance with the demands which I was directed to make on the "*de facto*" rulers of Egypt, I attacked the batteries on the northern face of Alexandria and the south-western works simultaneously on the morning of the 11th instant, and succeeded in silencing the Forts at 5.30 p.m., when I made a signal to cease firing.

3. On the morning of the 12th I ordered the "*Téméraire*" and "*Inflexible*" to engage Fort Pharos, and after two or three shots had been fired a flag of truce was hoisted on Fort Ras-el-Teen, and I then sent my Flag Lieutenant—the Honourable Hedworth Lambton—in to discover the reason, and from his report there is no doubt it was simply a ruse to obtain time; and as negotiations failed, my demand being to surrender the batteries commanding the Boghaz Channel, one shot was fired into the Meix Barracks Battery Earthwork, when a flag of truce was again hoisted. I then sent Lieutenant and Commander Morrison into the harbour in the "*Helicon*," and on his going on board the Khedive's yacht "*Maharoussa*," he found she had been deserted, and he reported on his return after dark his belief that the town had been evacuated.

4. Yesterday morning I steamed into the harbour in the "*Invincible*," with the "*Penelope*" and "*Monarch*" following, and landed a party to take possession of Ras-el-Teen.

5. I regret to say that the city of Alexandria has suffered greatly by fire and pillage.

6. At 4.45 p.m. His Highness the Khedive arrived and proceeded to the palace, where I placed a guard of 700 Marines for his protection, and to occupy the peninsula.

In the evening a party of blue-jackets landed with a Gatling gun, and cleared some streets of

the Arabs who were setting fire to and pillaging the town.

7. I have to express my great admiration of the manner in which the officers and men of the Squadron carried out their various duties, reflecting the greatest credit on all concerned; and I would make especial mention of Captain Walter Hunt Grubbe, C.B., of the "*Sultan*," the Senior Officer in command of the Northern Division.

8. The Egyptians fought with determined bravery, replying to the hot fire poured into their forts from our heavy guns until they must have been quite decimated.

9. A detailed account of my proceedings, with copies of correspondence, will be forwarded as soon as possible.

10. A list of killed and wounded is attached hereto.

I have, &c.,

F. BEAUCHAMP SEYMOUR,
Admiral and Commander-in-Chief.

To the Secretary of the Admiralty.

List of Killed and Wounded in Engagement with Batteries and Forts of Alexandria on the 11th July, 1882:—

KILLED.

"Inflexible."

Mr. William Shannon, Carpenter.

"Alexandria."

Walter Fisher, A.B.

"Superb."

George McCharne, Private R.M.

"Sultan."

Charles Collins, A.B.

Robert Marshall, A.B.

WOUNDED.

"Inflexible."

Lieutenant Fras. S. Jackson, R.M. (severely).

William Houghton, R.M. (slightly).

"Alexandria."

John Myers, A.B. (severely).

Thomas Palmer, Captain Forecastle (slightly).

George Talbot, Private R.M. (slightly).

"Superb."

George Webb, Ship's Corporal, 2nd Class.

"Sultan."

James Dexter, Boy, 1st class (severely).

Albert Jutson, A.B. (slightly).

Jas. McCarthy, A.B. (slightly).

Robert Pacey, A.B. (slightly).

Jas. Tussell, A.B. (slightly).