

BATTLE OF THE ALMA.

MARSHAL ST ARNAUD'S ACCOUNT OF THE BATTLE.

Field of Battle of the Alma, Sept. 21. Sir, the cannon of your Majesty has spoken—we have gained a complete victory. It is a glorious day, sir, to add to the military annals of France, and your Majesty will have one name more to add to the victories which adorn the flag of the French army.

The Russians had yesterday assembled all their forces, and collected all their means in order to oppose the passage of the Alma. Prince Menschikoff commanded in person. All the heights were crowned with redoubts and formidable batteries. The Russian army reckoned 40,000 bayonets; from all points of the Crimea; in the morning they arrived from Sebastopol 3000 cavalry and 150 pieces of heavy and field artillery.

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THE RUSSIANS ENGAGED. The Russian regiments engaged against us, judging from the numbers on the captured standards of the dead and wounded, were of 11th, 12th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, and some of the Imperial Guard. The Russian regiment consists of four battalions, and each battalion may be said to be 550 strong.

a loaf of dark brown bread, of a sour taste and disagreeable odour in his knapsack, and a linen roll, containing a quantity of brown coarse stuff broken up into lumps and large grains, which is crushed biscuit or hard granulated bread prepared with oil.

turning the right wing while the French troops turned the left. True, it was perfectly understood that the English carried by downright pluck the heights they might have turned, but why prefer the direct and costly attack to the artful strategy by which life might have been saved?

THE FRENCH HAD PRISONERS IN THE BATTLE.—It so happened that twice or thrice during the action, the French were so hardly pressed that they sent urgent messages to us for aid, and our guns were directed with such good effect on a mass of infantry which threatened their left that they were relieved from all embarrassment.

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THE RUSSIAN BOAT ON THE BAY OF THE ALMA.—The Russian boat on the bay of the Alma was a small vessel, and was used for the purpose of conveying provisions and other necessaries to the army.

THE MARCH TO BALAKLAVA.

The following is an extract of a letter from an officer of the Brigade of Guards.—Camp near Balaklava, Sept. 27. You will scarcely be more surprised than we are ourselves at the English army being here, in possession of a perfect report and new basis of operations for both armies.

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