

danger threatened them so nearly. The noise was that of 50,000 Russians moving up with guns and ammunition-carts to a position in front of our right. Heavy 24 and 32-pounders were in the train, and the masses of the evening moved so silently that they caused us no alarm. The attack commenced as the light appeared. On our left, a ravine which leads to Sebastopol, were pickets of the 47th, under Major Fordyce; and of the 41st, under Capt Rowlands and Lieut. Fitzroy. The first announcement to them of the enemy's approach was a sharp fire from the sentries along the front. The companies, on moving out, found themselves instantly opposed by columns, when they expected to meet but skirmishers; and, though they maintained a bold attitude, they were forced to retire before the heavy masses of the enemy advancing with irresistible force. Our pickets whilst retiring charged repeatedly with the bayonet, causing the Russians in the front to fall back. Captain Rowlands and Lieut. Fitzroy were both wounded in their efforts to hold their ground against the enemy. The position which the Russians had assumed was the same as that from which they were expelled in the affair of the 23rd October. Their columns moved simultaneously—their right extending to the ravine already mentioned, their centre on "Shell Hill" and their left up the main Sebastopol road. Whilst our pickets were driven in by the Russian right, those of the centre were forced back upon the barrier on the Sebastopol road, and a strong Russian force doubled down the quarry ravine, to turn the right flank of our position. The heavy guns, which had taken up a position during the night on the extreme right of the Russian line, shot and shell upon the camp of the Second Division. The troops had barely had time to form when the fire commenced. The greater part of the tents were struck with great speed, and the various regiments of the division moved up in haste to support its pickets. The enemy had made great progress at this time, however. Their guns had moved to the brow of "Shell Hill," and were pouring in a destructive fire upon the advance of our men; whilst our artillery, which had hastily taken a position opposite to them, were unable to cope, either in weight of metal or in number, with the large and numerous train of the Russians. The enemy, therefore, gradually drove us back from the barrier on the Sebastopol road, from the spur on our right, and from that on our left. They did not do so, however, without heavy loss. As fast as the various regiments came up from the First, Fourth, and Light Division to reinforce the Second, companies were detached to the divers points where they were required, and this caused considerable confusion, by separating the different portions of regiments from each other. It is impossible, for that reason, to define with any accuracy the position of any detailed portion of our force. They maintained a determined front everywhere. The 53th, part of the 49th, and companies from some other regiments, were commissioned to hold the enemy in check on the left; whilst, on the right, three companies of the 49th, part of the 41st and 30th, and two companies of the Grenadier Guards, advanced from the two-gun battery against the enemy, and charged at them down the hill. The Russians served from them, but continued their flank movement towards our right. As they did so, General Sir George Cathcart was observed advancing with the 46th, the 63th, and Grenadier Guards, who, joining the men already in hot action with the Russians, rushed with an irresistible impetus against them. As they moved down the hill, Sir George Cathcart, conspicuous by his dress, and the Guards by their bayonets, became a sure mark for the enemy. The Russians, however, gave way in front, but gradually closed in upon our right and in a few minutes outflanked us. Our men, by this time, had most of them expended their ammunition, and they found themselves in the dreadful position of charging back up the hill to cut through the enemy who had outflanked them and obtained possession of the two-gun battery behind. Luckily for us the work had been dismissed a few days previously. Sir George Cathcart and many other brave officers fell at this juncture, but our men used the cold steel with vigour, and they were cutting their way up when they caught sight of General Bosquet moving with a regiment of Turcos and one of Zouaves upon the battery which the Russians then held. The assistance of the French had not been timely only here, but had been of the utmost consequence in other parts of the field. Whilst Sir George Cathcart charged upon our right, the long line of English infantry which formed our centre had been strengthened and was beating back the Russians along the whole front. Our artillery, which had been reinforced from the other divisions, kept up a heavier fire, and the enemy quailed everywhere at our advance. But when our right flank turned, the effect was instantly felt at the centre. Fresh columns of Russians poured in to fill the space left by those which had been beaten back, and on all sides our line began to retire. Notwithstanding repeated charges at them, by which they were but partially and momentarily checked, the Russians poured an enormous column up the Sebastopol road, and reached the crest of the hill above the camp of the Second Division. Our retreating companies retiring before this column, were formed up in line amongst the struck tents of the 30th, Regiment, and not thirty yards from the enemy. At the word of command they moved with left shoulder forward and took the advancing Russians in flank; whilst opportunity at the same instant the French Light Infantry furiously attacked their front.

Capt. Glazbrook and Gubbins, of Gen. Evan's staff, to bring them up in time. They charged, in spite of their confusion, in gallant style, pouring in a deadly fire in front, whilst our line poured in an equally deadly one in flank, and our artillery threw a volley of grape into the midst of them. The Russian, without any further shower, and fairly ran, leaving the ground strewn with the dead and dying. French artillery came up to our assistance at the same moment, and the 6th Regiment of Infantry joined the 7th Light, the Zouaves, and Turcos in the onslaught, headed by General Bosquet, who led by this time cleared the two-gun battery on the right of the enemy. This grand effort of the Russians was beaten back at half-past nine in the morning, up to which time the British had thus been keeping in check, with their comparatively small force, no less than 50,000 men, with sixty heavy field-pieces. But, though they had received a severe check, the enemy retired very slowly from the field; and they even succeeded in a second flanking movement against General Bosquet's Division. This bold officer, after having re-taken the two-gun battery, and thus saved the remnants of the troops which were charged with Sir George Cathcart, fell into the same mistake as that which had cost that General officer his life; he charged the enemy furiously in front, and drove them slowly away by repeated volleys from the hill. But the Russians again gave way in front, and rallied on the flank; and, before General Bosquet could recover himself, he found he had to retire up hill, through the enemy, which pressed him on the right and rear. The Russians, however, were no longer in spirit to make use of their advantage; they allowed themselves to be cut through, and then were gradually driven back towards their centre. These our Riflemen, thrown forward in advance, had been steadily playing on the Russian artillery in front of "Shell Hill." Two heavy 18 pounders, from our siege train, had been brought up, and played with great effect on the enemy's guns. Several of them were dismantled, and their crews were killed, men and horses harnessed to them, and our line gradually advancing as the enemy withdrew, the artillery in our front was finally silenced, and the guns refted. Still, however, the heavy pieces on the Russian left kept up a destructive fire upon the crest of the French, and English were firing, and on the camp of the Second Division. Near a spot of ground occupied by six regiments remained a shell from these guns. The enemy probably supposed our reserves to have been there, but they were, fortunately, in error. Their fire, however, was extremely dangerous to the ammunition carts and horses as they passed through to the rear of the camp. Captain Aitiz, of the 7th Light, General Pennesfather with an order, when, as he reached that part of the ground, he was struck in the stomach by a shot, and killed. General Pennesfather himself, who had been in the thick of the fight, had two horses killed under him; and, though bruised by a fall, was otherwise unhurt. But death had been wrought by repeated officers. General Stragways had been killed off the field, having a leg shot off. He died almost instantly. Brigadier-General Torrens and Brigadier-General Goldie were mortally wounded. Sir George Brown retired early from the field, with a wound through the fleshy part of his arm; and Brigadier-General Buller was wounded. Brigadier-General Bentinck was severely wounded. General Adams bayoneted in the instep. The Duke of Cambridge was slightly contused. Our loss in General officers led the French to say that they exposed their persons too much, and in this they were not far wrong. The enemy only kept up the cannonade at last to cover the retreat of their main force. In the afternoon the crests of the hills in front of Sebastopol were clear of the enemy, who was observed, shortly after, debouching on the plain below, crossing the valley of the Tchernaya and entering the hills on the other side. As they moved along the road, and formed columns to cover the retreat of their main force, they were met by the 53th, and they still appeared to amount to 30,000 strong. The French dragged up some guns to the top of the hills, and threw shells into the retreating columns, which hastened away as fast as possible. The battle-field thus remained in possession of the Allies. It was found that the Russian army numbered 50,000 men, and that the two-gun battery. Of our own men the loss had also been great. Upwards of 600 men had fallen, and 2000 were wounded or missing. The severest loss, however, was that which was suffered by the Coldstream Guards. They behaved admirably in their dress; and as they behaved admirably in the defence of the two-gun battery, and the subsequent charge under General Cathcart, they were almost marked for destruction. Out of the entire regiment, which left England in February, 850 strong, only 300 can now be mustered in the field. In the battle of Inkerman the regiment lost no less than eight officers and 400 men, and was severely wounded. Captain Cartwright, killed; Captain Buller, also through the thigh—these two officers were hit whilst making an admirable charge to the front, as the first repulse of the enemy. Major Rogers, of the same regiment, was hit in the shoulder. It may not be amiss to note that the 1st Battalion of the Rifle Brigade was 200 strong, and lost 110 men.

It was therefore to be expected, that an extensive movement would not be long deferred. Accordingly, shortly before daylight on the 5th, strong columns of the enemy came upon the advanced pickets covering the right of the position. These pickets behaved with admirable gallantry, defending the ground, foot by foot, against the overwhelming numbers of the enemy, until the Second Division, under Major-General Pennesfather, with its field-guns, which had immediately been got under arms, was placed in position. The Light Division, under Lieutenant-General Sir George Brown, was also brought to the front without loss of time: the First Brigade, under Major-General Codrington, occupying the long slopes to the left towards Sebastopol, and protecting our right battery, and guarding against attack on that side; and the Second Brigade, under Brigadier-General Buller, forming on the left of the Second Division, with the 85th Regiment, under Lieutenant-Colonel Jeffrey, thrown in advance. The Brigade of Guards, under his Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge and Major-General Bentinck, proceeded likewise to the front, and took up most important ground to the extreme right on the alignment of the Second Division, but separate from it by a deep and precipitous ravine, and posting its guns with those of the Second Division. The Fourth Division, under Lieutenant-General Sir George Cathcart, having been brought from their encampment, advanced to the front and right of the attack: the First Brigade, under Brigadier-General Goldie, proceeded to the left of the Inkerman road; the Second Brigade, under Brigadier-General Torrens, to the right of it, and on the ridge overhanging the valley of the Tchernaya. The Third Division, under Lieutenant-General Sir Richard England, occupied in part the ground vacated by the Fourth Division, and supported the Light Division by two regiments under Brigadier-General Sir John Campbell, while Brigadier-General Ryre held the command of the troops in the trenches. The morning was extremely dark, with a drizzling rain, rendering it almost impossible to discover anything beyond the flash and report of artillery and heavy musketry fire. It, however, soon became evident that the enemy, under cover of a vast cloud of skirmishers, supported by dense columns of infantry, had advanced numerous batteries of large calibre to the high ground to the left and front of the Second Division; while powerful columns of infantry attacked with great vigour the Brigade of Guards. Additional batteries of heavy artillery were also placed by the enemy on the slopes to our left; the guns in the field, amounting in the whole to ninety pieces, independently, however, of the ship guns and those in the works of Sebastopol. Protected by a tremendous fire of shot, shell, and grape, the British columns advanced in great force, requiring every effort of gallantry on the part of our troops to resist them. At this time two battalions of French infantry, which had on the first night been sent by General Bosquet, joined our right, and very materially contributed to the successful resistance to the attack, cheering with our men, and charging the enemy down the hill with great loss. About the same time a determined assault was made on our extreme left, and for a moment the enemy possessed themselves of four of our guns; three of which were retaken by the 85th, while the fourth was speedily recaptured by the 77th Regiment, under Lieutenant-Colonel Egerton. In the opposite direction, the Brigade of Guards, under his Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge was engaged in a severe conflict. The enemy, under the cover of thick brushwood, advanced in two heavy bodies, and assaulted with great determination a small redoubt which had been constructed for two guns, but was not armed. The combat was most obstinate, and the Brigade, after displaying the utmost courage and gallantry, was obliged to retire before very superior numbers, until supported by a wing of the 20th Regiment, of the Fourth Division, when they again advanced, and retook the redoubt. The ground was afterwards occupied in gallant style by French troops, and the Guards speedily re-formed in rear of the right flank of our position. In the meanwhile, Lieutenant-General the Honorable Sir George Cathcart, with a few companies of the 63th Regiment, considering that he might make a strong impression by descending into the valley, and taking the enemy in flank, moved rapidly forward; but, finding the heights above him in full occupation of the Russians, he was obliged to discontinue his attempt, and to withdraw his men, he received a mortal wound; shortly previously to which, Brigadier-General Torrens, when leading the 68th, was likewise severely wounded. Subsequently to this, the battle continued with unabated vigour and with no positive result, the enemy bringing upon our line not only the fire of all their field-batteries, but their fire in front of the works of the place, and the ship-guns, till the afternoon, when the symptoms of giving way first became apparent; and, shortly after, although the fire did not cease, the retreat became general, and heavy masses were observed retiring over the bridge of the Inkerman, and ascending the steep heights, abandoning on the field of battle 6000 dead and wounded, multitudes of the latter having already been carried off by them. I never before witnessed such a spectacle as the field presented: but upon this I will not dwell any positive conclusion. It is difficult to arrive at the actual number of the enemy, the configuration of the ground did not admit of any great development of the force, the attack consisting of a system of repeated assaults in heavy masses of columns; but, judging from the numbers that were seen in the plains after they had withdrawn in retreat, I am led to suppose that they could not have been less than 60,000 men. Their loss was enormous, and it is calculated that they left on the field near 5000 dead, and that their casualties amount in the whole, in killed, wounded, and prisoners, to not less than 15,000. Your Grace will be surprised to learn that the number of British troops actually engaged little exceeded 8000 men, whilst those of General Bosquet's division only amounted to 6000, the remaining available French troops on the spot having been kept in reserve. I ought to mention that, while the enemy was attacking our right, they assailed the left of the French trenches, and actually got into two of their batteries; but they were quickly driven out in the most gallant manner with considerable loss, and held passed to the very walls of Sebastopol.

GENERAL CANROBERT'S DESPATCH. The following is General Canrobert's report of the battle of Inkerman: Headquarters, Before Sebastopol, Nov. 7, 1854. Monsieur le Maréchal, I have the honour to confirm to you my telegraphic despatch, dated Nov. 6. The action, summarily expressed by the despatch, was one of the hottest and most violently contested. From the very first musket shots that were fired, the decision that came over us was revealed the true state of the Russian army with respect to its effective strength, and we were enabled to calculate the reinforcements it has successively received since the battle of the Alma. These are: 1st, some contingents from the Asiatic coast, from Kertch and Caffa; 2dly, six battalions and some detachments of marines from Nicolaïeff; 3dly, four battalions of the Cossacks of the Black Sea; 4thly, a great part of the army of the Danube; 10thly, 11thly, 12thly, some divisions of infantry, forming the 4th corps, commanded by General Donnenberg. These three divisions were transported by post-horse, with their artillery, from Odessa to Sebastopol in a few days. Finally arrived the 6th corps, which had been ordered to march from the front of the Black Sea; it was not possible for it to reach us before the commencement of the battle, but it was in this condition that 45,000 men of this army surprised the point of the heights at Inkerman, which the English army had not been able to occupy with sufficient force. Only 6,000 English took part in the action, the remainder being employed on the siege-works; they valiantly sustained the shock until the moment when General Bosquet, arriving with a part of his division, could lend them such aid as might insure success. One hardly knows which most to praise, the energetic firmness with which our troops held their ground, or the intelligent vigour displayed by General Bosquet, when conducting a part of the brigades Bourbaki and d'Autemarre, in order to attack the enemy, who extended beyond them on their right. The 2d Regiment of Zouaves, under the chef de bataillon, Montaudou and Dudois, there fought with the English artillery, or the 5th Battalion of the Rifles (Grenadiers), Colonel de Wimpflin; a battalion of the 6th Light Infantry, commander Vaisnier; the 6th Regiment of the Line, Colonel de Camas, vied with them in ardour. Three times they crossed beyond the enemy, who only yielded ground after the third charge, upon which he left it strewn with the dead and wounded. The Russian heavy artillery and their field-pieces were very superior in number, and had a commanding position. Two horse battalions, Commander de la Bousinière, and one battery of the Division of Infantry, Commander Barral, the whole under the orders of Colonel Fergot, sustained, in the face of the English artillery, the struggle during the entire day. The enemy decided upon beating a retreat, leaving behind more than three thousand dead, a very large number of wounded, a few hundred prisoners, as well as several powder-chests, in the hands of the Allies. His losses in the gross aggregate cannot be put down at less than 8,000 men. The English army lost 2,400 men killed or wounded, among which were 1,720 killed or wounded. We have bitterly to regret the loss of General de Brialmont, since dead from his wounds, whose brilliant qualities promised a grand career in the future. It is my painful duty, also, to acquaint you with the death of Colonel de Camas, of the 6th Regiment of the Line, killed at the head of his troop, at the very instant in which they came in contact with the enemy. The vigour of the Allied troops, subject as they were to the two-fold struggle of a siege of unprecedented difficulty, and of battles which could not be regarded as of our military history, cannot be too highly praised. Accept, Sir, THE GENERAL-IN-CHIEF, CANROBERT.

INCIDENTS OF THE WAR. THE NIGHT BEFORE THE BATTLE. It was a little after five o'clock this morning when Brigadier-General Codrington, in accordance with his usual habit, visited the outlying pickets of his own brigade, and the outposts of the Light Division. He was accompanied by Major Banbury; but it was supposed that the sound arose from ammunition-carts or arabs upon the undefended flank of the Second Division. It was a little after five o'clock this morning when Brigadier-General Codrington, in accordance with his usual habit, visited the outlying pickets of his own brigade, and the outposts of the Light Division. He was accompanied by Major Banbury; but it was supposed that the sound arose from ammunition-carts or arabs upon the undefended flank of the Second Division. It was a little after five o'clock this morning when Brigadier-General Codrington, in accordance with his usual habit, visited the outlying pickets of his own brigade, and the outposts of the Light Division. 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