

it was absolutely necessary to remain on the ground, and again to bring the guns up to the support of the Spaniards, should they be so fortunate as to repulse the enemy. But the numbers of the enemy, who continued to bring forward fresh troops, at last prevailed, and the infantry (British and Spanish) were, after a most determined and obstinate resistance, obliged to withdraw from the heights, and to retire through the mountains to the right and left of the road. I then commenced retreating with the guns, covered by about fifty cavalry (Spaniards), and an officer and twelve men of the 27th. In about half an hour the 4th hussars came up with us, and, attacking the covering party of dragoons, obliged them to retreat with so much precipitation, that, in the confusion which they occasioned by galloping past the guns on a causeway, it was impossible to unlimber; and the French cavalry followed them up so closely, that I found we were surrounded, even before I knew the cause of this sudden movement of the Spaniards.

The enemy guarded their prisoners badly; it being night I had myself the good fortune to escape by riding on with the French hussars, who continued their pursuit of the Spaniards, after they had placed a guard over the guns; and I have the satisfaction to add, that the greater part of the non-commissioned officers and gunners have effected their escape into the mountains and have joined the army, with the different detachments of infantry which have been constantly coming in, since the night of the action.

Previous to the commencement of the retreat, I had been informed by Colonel Terros, commanding the Spanish troops, that the infantry were retiring along the road in rear of the guns. The very sudden movement of the French cavalry was therefore entirely unexpected on my part; as I supposed I should always have had ample notice of such an event from the rear.

I am, &c.

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Major Williamson, commanding Royal Artillery.

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Return of Killed, Wounded, and Missing of the British Force commanded by Lieutenant-General the Right Honourable Lord William Bentinck, K. B. in Action with the French Army, commanded by Marshal Suchet, on the Night of the 12th and Morning of 13th September 1813.

General Staff—1 colonel, 1 subaltern, wounded.
20th Light Dragoons—1 captain, 1 serjeant, 7 rank and file, killed; 4 serjeants, 23 rank and file, wounded; 6 rank and file, 24 horses, missing.
Brunswick Hussars—8 rank and file, 6 horses, killed; 3 subalterns, 2 serjeants, 16 rank and file, 1 horse, wounded; 1 serjeant, 17 rank and file, 24 horses, missing.
Foreign Troop, Hussars—1 rank and file, 1 horse, killed; 1 serjeant, 3 rank and file, wounded.
Sicilian Cavalry—6 rank and file killed; 4 rank and file, 2 horses, wounded; 2 rank and file, 5 horses, missing.
Royal Artillery—1 subaltern wounded; 1 horse, 40 mules, missing.

1st Batt. 27th Foot—2 rank and file wounded.
2d Batt. 27th Foot—1 subaltern killed, 1 lieutenant-colonel, 2 captains, 5 subalterns, 1 staff, wounded; 2 subalterns missing.
1st Batt. 28th Foot—1 rank and file missing.
1st Batt. 81st Foot—2 rank and file killed; 5 rank and file wounded; 6 rank and file missing.
Calabrian Free Corps—1 subaltern wounded; 2 captains, 1 subaltern, missing.
De Roll's Rifle Company—1 subaltern killed.
Rifle Company 4th Batt. King's German Legion—2 subalterns wounded.

Total Loss—1 captain, 2 subalterns, 1 serjeant, 24 rank and file, 7 horses, killed; 1 colonel, 1 lieutenant-colonel, 2 captains, 13 subalterns, 1 staff, 7 serjeants, 53 rank and file, 3 horses, wounded; 2 captains, 3 subalterns, 1 serjeant, 32 rank and file, 54 horses, 40 mules, missing.

The number of rank and file killed, wounded, and missing in the 2d battalion 27th regiment, Calabrian free corps, rifle companies of Roll's regiment, and 4th battalion King's German legion, cannot be clearly ascertained, as these corps were obliged to disperse in the mountains. Seven hundred men have already come in, and others are known to be on their march to join the army. For the same reason it is equally impossible correctly to ascertain the loss of the Spanish brigade.

The British corps, viz. 2d battalion 27th regiment, Calabrian free corps, and rifle companies, did not exceed eleven hundred men in action.

Names of Officers Killed.

20th Light Dragoons—Captain Hanson
2d Batt. 27th Foot—Lieutenant and Adjutant Taylor.

De Rolle's Rifle Company—Lieutenant Segessar.

Wounded.

General Staff—Colonel Frederick Adam, 21st Foot, Commanding the Advance—severely (not dangerously); Lieutenant Campbell, Marine Artillery, D. A. A. G. (severely, not dangerously).
Brunswick Hussars—Lieutenant Schaefer; Cornet Micheler; Cornet Ahlers, severely, (since dead).
Portuguese Artillery—Lieutenant T. F. Madeira, slightly.
2d Batt. 27th Foot—Lieutenant-Colonel Reeves, severely (not dangerously); Captains Mill and Winsor, severely; Lieutenants McPherson, Drewe, Manly, Talbot, and Shea, severely (not dangerously); Assistant-Surgeon Fitzgerald, slightly.
Calabrian Free Corps—Lieutenant Taranto.
Rifle Company 4th King's German Legion—Lieutenant Graafe, severely, (since dead); Lieutenant Backmeister, severely.
Missing.
2d Batt. 27th Foot—Lieutenant Steele; Ensign Leatham, severely wounded.
Calabrian Free Corps—Captain Oliveira; Captain and Adjutant Choissuel; Lieutenant ...
(Signed) C. A. COURT
Lieut. Col. and Dep. Adj. Gen.