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While the Emperor, in Bayonne, was assembling his troops on the Ebro, preparing to march on Madrid and invade the center of the Peninsula at the head of six army corps, General Gouvion Saint-Cyr was organizing the Seventh Corps in Roussillon, to penetrate into Catalonia and relieve General Duhesme, who was blockaded in Barcelona. General Reille had remained in Empordà with four thousand men to cover the border and defend Figueras; but, forced to retreat to that stronghold, he found himself severely pressed by the Spanish bands, and his communication with France was even cut off, when the first troops destined to form the Seventh Corps arrived from Italy and relieved him. This reinforcement consisted of the Souham division, the Italian division of General Pino, and a reserve division, formed in Perpignan under the command of General Chabot, and composed of two Neapolitan battalions and a battalion of chasseurs from the Eastern Pyrenees. These three divisions, together with that of General Reille, comprised a total of twenty-two thousand infantrymen and fifteen hundred cavalymen.

The Commander-in-Chief was to open the campaign with the siege of Rosas (Roses). This stronghold was indeed of the greatest importance for subsequent operations in Catalonia, due to the magnificent roadstead it protected. An English squadron was stationed there, and as long as it could maintain its position, it became almost impossible to resupply Barcelona by sea, the only route, however, that could be attempted, since the land routes were closed by the fortresses of Girona and Hostalrich, which were in the hands of the Spanish. Finally, by taking Roses, the English would be deprived of an easy and convenient supply point from which they could provide the insurgents with provisions and ammunition, launch raids at will on the rear of the French army, and once again blockade the fortress of Figueras. But before undertaking anything, it was necessary to gather the supplies needed to sustain the troops. They were in a state of complete destitution, as nothing had been prepared for their assembly. The soldiers had neither shoes, nor greatcoats, nor camping equipment; the army lacked wagons and supply carts, and all the resources of Roussillon—food, fodder, and means of transport—had been diverted to Bayonne, where the Emperor was located. The scarcity was no less severe in the plain of Empordà. The countryside was ravaged, and the inhabitants, abandoning their villages, had withdrawn to the town of Rosas or into the mountains, taking all their provisions with them.

It took the Seventh Corps nearly two months to overcome these initial obstacles and gather at Figueras all the supplies essential for the siege of Rosas. The cavalry was sent to Languedoc to find fodder. Carts, horses, and mules necessary for transport were requisitioned from the neighboring departments.

Finally, on November 5th, the army began its movement. The Italian Division, which was covering the road from Bellegarde to Figueres at Peraleda, was joined with the Reille Division to lay siege to Roses. These two divisions formed a corps of twelve thousand men, of which General Reille took overall command. The Souham and Chabot Divisions were tasked with covering the siege operations. The Souham Division took up position on the Fluvià River, guarding the road from Bàscara to Figueres; the two Neapolitan battalions of General Chabot occupied Espolla and Rabós, and the Roussillon chasseur battalion advanced towards La Jonquera to guard the road to France. The commander-in-chief established his headquarters in Figueres.

On November 6th, General Reille advanced along the road to Rosas and seized Palau, which the Spaniards attempted to defend; his vanguard took up position on the heights leading to Garriga¹.

Rosas (Roses) is only a small town of fifteen hundred inhabitants, consisting of a narrow row of houses built on the seashore, at the back of a vast gulf, between the marshes of Castillon and the mountains that terminate the Pyrenees range on the Mediterranean. This town, which the proximity of the marshes makes very unhealthy, is protected to the east by a simple field entrenchment supported on one side by a poorly constructed stone redoubt, and on the other, by the citadel, which constitutes its main defense.

The roadstead is very open; the largest fleets can anchor there under the protection of the citadel and the Castillo de la Trinidad (Fort of the Trinity), known as the Bouton (Rosebud), located at the end of a promontory south of the town. The part of the coast between these two points forms the harbor, which is sheltered from the north, east, and southwest winds by the mountains. The citadel is a bastioned pentagon with revetted escarp and counterscarp. To protect the masonry of the enceinte and compensate for the shallow depth of the moats, an outer defense of counterscarps and ravelins was constructed on the landward fronts, abutting the counterscarp and presenting a sloping glacis, five to six meters high on the opposite side. The terrain in front is low-lying and marshy, becoming impassable during the rainy season. The front AB, which faces the sea, has no moat; the curtain wall is angled to provide a double flank, beneath which the citadel's entrance gate is located.

The fortress was well-stocked with provisions and ammunition. Colonel O'Daly commanded the garrison of three thousand men, and the English Commodore West was in the roadstead with two bomb ketches and the 74-gun ship of the line, the (HMS) *Excellent*.

The Fort of the Trinity, also known as the Rosebud Fort, is a star-shaped fort built of masonry on a rock sixty-six meters above sea level, located at the foot of the Puig-Rom mountain. It contains vaulted, bomb-proof living quarters and magazines. It defends the entrance to the bay and primarily provides fire into the indentation between the fort and the town, the area with the greatest depth and the best anchorage. On the landward side, the approaches to this fort are very difficult. The rocks overlook it so steeply that it can only be breached from a distance of six hundred meters. Although overlooked from very close range, its fortifications are arranged in such a way that the upper parts serve as traverses and effectively protect all the interior parts, especially the batteries directed against the sea. The English, sensing the importance of this fort

¹ See supporting documents, Nos. 1 and 2.

for the defense of the roadstead where their squadron was anchored, had undertaken to defend it jointly with the Spaniards. Lieutenant-Colonel Fitz-Gerald commanded there with two hundred men.

General Reille arrived on November 7th under the walls of Roses with his two divisions, driving before him the Spanish troops and the peasants from the surrounding villages who were taking their belongings and livestock with them. He established his headquarters at Palau and immediately began the investment of the town. The French division camped on the side of the marshy ground crossed by the road to Figueres; the Italian division extended to the left on the heights, as far as opposite the Fort of the Trinity. The besieged, protected by fire from the town and the English squadron, tried to prevent this movement, and there was a fairly lively engagement in which both sides suffered casualties; however, our troops took advantage of the terrain's undulations to avoid direct fire from the enemy batteries and managed to establish their camps. On the same day, Captain Piantanida was sent with four companies of the Second Italian Light Infantry to the eastern slope of the mountains, to the villages of Selva de Mar and Llançà, to ensure the security of the army's rear and to monitor this point on the coast where the enemy might attempt a landing.

General Sanson, commanding the engineers, undertook reconnaissance of the area and began stockpiling fascines and gabions. Since most of the engineering officers who were to participate in the siege had not yet arrived, the Commander-in-Chief had brought with him Colonel Ribes, director of engineers in Perpignan, and three other engineering officers from that command. Colonel Demarçay, commanding the artillery, chose a location for the siege park in the village of Garriga, situated on the road to Figueres, two thousand toises from the fortress.

On 8 November, most of the inhabitants embarked to avoid the hardships of the siege. It had been raining heavily for several days; the streams and torrents overflowed to the point of preventing any arrival of artillery. It was learned that the English, favored by a thick fog, had made a landing near Llançà, after having sent several corps of Miquelets along the coast, who had forced Captain Piantanida to retreat. General Fontane was immediately detached with three battalions to reinforce him, and he arrived in time to extricate him from the Miquelets, Somanténs, and English who surrounded him². However, two companies were cut off and taken prisoner. Nevertheless, this loss had a positive effect; it angered the Italians to the point of stopping the desertion among them, which, until that moment, had been very widespread. General Gouvion Saint-Cyr, unwilling to continue the burning of the insurgent villages, yet impatient to put an end to the peasants' ambushes, ordered, in retaliation for the loss of these two companies, the capture of an equal number of peasants, whom he sent as prisoners to France. At the moment of the English landing, the garrison of the town, with approximately two thousand men, attempted a sortie against the Italian camp. This attack, supported by the artillery of the citadel and the English squadron, advanced against the left flank of Pino's division, where General Mazzucchelli was positioned opposite the Fort of the Trinity. The enemy was repulsed. General Mazzucchelli, taking advantage of their disarray, pursued them as far as the first houses of the town, on the side of the Buton; and, although he did not manage to establish a firm

² In Catalonia, the term *somanténs* (from the word *somatén*, which means *alarm bell*) refers to all men capable of bearing arms and acting as partisan units. The miquelets are chosen from among the most agile of the somanténs and form a militia organized into companies and her troops fought in battalions, like regular line infantry.⁴⁴⁰

foothold in these houses, he at least indicated the most direct route for the decisive attack on the town.

However, the continuous rains formed a lake in the plain of Empordà, and halted the siege operations; the roads were transformed into streams, and the streams into veritable rivers; the low-lying areas surrounding the fortress were impassable; the men on guard duty were knee-deep in mud; there were no shoes to give the soldiers, and they had an extreme aversion to wearing the sandals or espadrilles used in the region³. The Sixth Italian Regiment, commanded by Colonel Eugène, and whose march had been delayed by the rains, arrived at the camp on 13 November. It had lost six men crossing the torrents.

The Castillo de la Trinidad, which secured the English possession of the bay, could inflict damage on our lines of communication; therefore, on 15 November, it was decided to capture it by force, thus making use of the time lost due to the bad weather preventing the transport of artillery and the trench works. Battalion Commander Lange was entrusted with this operation, with the elite companies of the Second Italian Light Infantry Regiment; Battalion Commander Casella was to simultaneously create a diversion against the city with several Italian companies of the Sixth Line Regiment. The attackers advanced against the Fort of the Trinity, through various obstacles presented by the terrain; they arrived in large numbers at the foot of the walls; but they searched in vain for a breach to assault, an opening or a rocky outcrop that could facilitate the scaling of the walls. Overwhelmed by enemy fire and by the grenades thrown at them, they were forced to retreat, after suffering considerable losses. The failure of this attempt led General Sanson to order the bombardment of the fort from a rocky outcrop where, during the 1794 siege, he himself had established breaching batteries. The Italian engineering Captain Rougieri was tasked with repairing the old road leading to the location of these batteries.

The rains having ceased for several days, and the roads appearing passable, the siege artillery began to be transported to Rosas on 16 November. The repair of the road by which some pieces were to be brought to the Fort of the Trinity continued, and the very next day, breaching batteries No. 12 and 13 were begun against this fort, armed with a piece of 24 and two pieces of 16.

The ground having dried out somewhat, the opening of the trenches was considered. The point of attack had long since been chosen. General Sanson, who had directed the siege of Roses in 1794, wanted to take advantage of his experience. He had then ordered the trenches to be opened in the plain against the CD front, in order to link this attack to that of the Fort of the Trinity, and to the batteries erected on the coast, between this fort and the city, to keep the fleets of Admirals Lángara and Gravina at bay, which were anchored in the roadstead with thirteen ships of the line or frigates, and about forty gunboats or bomb vessels. Since this siege had taken place in January and February, the rains came; the water flowing in torrents from the mountains filled the trenches; the snow then suspended the work, and the thaw completed its destruction. When they tried to resume the work, they found only liquid mud from which it was impossible to form parapets. They then moved to the small hillock located about six hundred meters north of the citadel. From there, the revetment of part of the DE front was visible to a height of twelve to fifteen feet. A battery established at this point breached the fortifications in two days, and

³ See supporting documents, Nos. 3 and 4.

Governor Izquierdo, fearing the consequences of an assault, embarked with his garrison after six weeks of open trench warfare.

General Sanson proposed attacking in the same manner, and General Reille adopted his plan. It was thought that a bombardment from the direction of the marsh, and a few breaching batteries on the height bordering it, as well as a simple feigned attack across the plain, would be sufficient to induce the garrison to surrender or embark.

1st NIGHT, of 18 to 19 November.

At eight o'clock in the evening, a first parallel, approximately seven hundred meters long, was opened against the DE front, about six hundred meters from the fortress. One thousand men of the line and a company of sappers were employed in this work. On the left, the ground proved to be very hard, and it was very difficult to dig, this part of the parallel remained incomplete. That night, the artillery began work on battery No. 2, with six mortars, intended to bombard the citadel and drive away the English squadron.

On the 19th, in the morning, the mortar battery was ready to fire; but the Spaniards and English directed such a heavy fire upon it from the citadel and the ships that they blew up the powder magazine and silenced it. We had three men killed and twelve wounded.

2nd NIGHT, of 19 to 20 November.

Work continued on digging the first parallel on the left. Along the rest of its length, it was given a width of four meters, and its parapet was completed. A communication trench was dug behind it to provide access.

Battery No. 2 was repaired; at daybreak, it resumed firing and succeeded in driving away the English squadron, which anchored further out at sea. Batteries Nos. 12 and 13 began firing against Castillo de la Trinidad.

3rd NIGHT, of 20 to 21 November.

Benches were constructed along the entire length of the parallel trench, and a communication trench was begun to the right, through the vineyards, to reach the site of Battery No. 1, consisting of six heavy-caliber guns, intended to enfilade the right face of Bastion E.

4th NIGHT, of 21 to 22 November.

The enemy appearing determined to defend themselves despite the bombardment, which continued day and night, it was decided to open a new parallel trench against the DC front, in order to better encompass Bastion D and reach the site of Battery No. 6, intended to enfilade the left face of this bastion. The right-hand section of this parallel was constructed to a length of two hundred and sixty meters. The existing sunken roads were utilized to provide cover. The left-hand section of the same parallel was also begun, for a length of one hundred meters, towards the site of Battery No. 6, but the lack of workers prevented its completion.

5th NIGHT, of 22 to 23 November.

The new parallel trench was completed, and benches were built along it. Its length was approximately seven hundred meters.

On the right flank of the attack, one hundred and sixty meters of communication trenches were dug behind the first parallel. The artillery began constructing ricochet battery No. 6, for four 24-pounder guns, and battery No. 3, for three six-inch howitzers. Throughout the night, the firing was very heavy. A double line of musketry fire extended from Fort Trinity to the extreme right towards the sea.

The English ship (HMS) *Excellent* having been replaced by the (HMS) *The Renown*, Captain Bennet, commanding the latter, decided to attempt a surprise attack against the breaching batteries that were bombarding Fort Trinity. At two o'clock in the morning, three or four hundred men landed at the foot of the fort and advanced on the batteries; but they were repulsed with a loss of ten men killed, including one officer, and about twenty wounded.

At daybreak, the citadel and the squadron engaged in a lively cannonade to oppose the construction of battery No. 1, which our artillery had just begun.

6th NIGHT, of 23 to 24 November.

The new parallel trench was improved along its entire length. A parapet bridge was built over a stream it crossed, and a communication trench was opened towards the extreme left, behind battery No. 6.

On the morning of the 24th, General Alvarez, Governor of Girona, advanced towards the Fluvià River with a corps of five to six thousand men, detached from the vanguard of the Spanish army. He attacked with considerable vigor and in several columns, the positions of General Souham at Navata, Pontons, Armadas, and Garriga, and forced our outposts to retreat. But he was soon repulsed with heavy losses beyond the Fluvià. This attempt should have made General Vives, commander of the Spanish forces in Catalonia, realize that he could not lift the siege of Rosas with his vanguard alone, while his army, numbering twenty-five to thirty thousand men, remained uselessly employed in the siege of a large city like Barcelona, which, lacking supplies and ready to capitulate unless promptly relieved, only needed to be blockaded by a very small force.

However, this affair momentarily gave some hope to the garrison of Rosas, which had heard the sound of cannon and musketry so close by.

7th NIGHT, of 24 to 25 November.

The communication trench to battery No. 6 was completed. Battalion Commander Cometti, at the head of several companies of the First Italian Regiment, seized an old redoubt that formed the head of the Spanish entrenchments in front of the city, and occupied the first houses with

outposts. The first parallel was extended towards this redoubt in order to better envelop Bastion C, to divide the enemy's fire, which was still very intense, and to confine the garrison to the left. General Sanson thus seemed to be giving up on attacking from the marsh front, choosing instead another approach closer to the batteries erected against the Fort of the Trinity. In any case, it is surprising that after seven days of open trenches, he had not yet advanced a single approach trench beyond the first parallel.

At daybreak, the ditches of the redoubt captured during the night were prepared to serve as entrenchments.

8th NIGHT, of 25 to 26 November.

A trench one hundred and fifty meters long was dug to the left of the parallel, to connect it to the old redoubt, and then extended beyond it, to the first houses of the town.

On the 26th, it was learned that the Marquis de Lazan, older brother of Palafox, had just arrived on the Fluvia with six thousand men to reinforce the Alvarez Division, which had been defeated on the 24th. This circumstance led General Gouvion Saint-Cyr to concentrate his forces at Navata, Armadas, and San-Tomas, and to detach the Mazzucchelli Brigade from the siege to cover the left flank of the observation army at San-Pedro Pescador (Sant Pere Pescador).

The siege troops nevertheless received orders to redouble their efforts to hasten the surrender of the town. The circumstances were pressing, and the slowness of the work was disrupting the campaign plan of the Commander-in-chief. First, the army, being without provisions, could not remain any longer on the Fluvia, and the increasingly critical situation of General Duhesme in Barcelona required that he be promptly relieved. On the other hand, Napoleon, who had already destroyed the Spanish armies of Galicia, Extremadura, Andalusia, and Aragon in several major battles, was beyond Burgos, marching on Madrid, and was most impatient to see the Seventh Corps advance on the Ebro. The Major General had already written to General Gouvion Saint-Cyr not to allow himself to be stopped by the bands he had before him, but to march and reach Barcelona between the 20th and 25th of November⁴. General Gouvion Saint-Cyr replied directly to the Emperor that he would begin his movement as soon as Rosas was taken; that he refused to believe that His Majesty intended to order him to lift the siege of that place, and that, without a formal order from him, he could not bring himself to do so⁵.

The arrival of Generals Kirgener and Ruty, commanders of the engineers and artillery of the Seventh Corps, supported the wishes of the Commander-in-chief. Upon visiting the trenches, these two generals judged that the attack would be much easier from the BC front than from any other, as the terrain allowed for the establishment of a breach battery half the distance closer than the one they had planned to construct against the DE front; that since the town facilitated the approaches, it was necessary to begin by dislodging the enemy who had placed part of their supplies there and found refuge for a portion of their troops, weary from the bombardment of the citadel. The capture of the town offered even more advantages because there was a breach on the left face of bastion B, previously made by the explosion of a powder magazine and only

⁴ See supporting documents, No. 5.

⁵ See supporting documents, No. 6.

repaired with barrels filled with earth, and that by advancing on this bastion, they could easily link up with the attack on Castillo de la Trinidad, while simultaneously developing new batteries to drive the English squadron away from the shore.

These observations were too accurate to be ignored. The works on the right, whose batteries were not yet completed, were therefore abandoned, and all resources were directed towards the left; from that moment, the siege proceeded with all the speed that could be desired.

9th NIGHT, of 26 to 27 November.

In order to carry out the planned works, the elite companies of the First Light Infantry and the Sixth Line Infantry were tasked with seizing the town by force. Five hundred men, well entrenched in the houses, defended it with remarkable ferocity; but the Italians carried out their attack with valor beyond all praise. The Spaniards were engaged in hand-to-hand combat, and only fifty managed to escape into the citadel. One hundred and sixty prisoners were taken, including four officers; all the rest were killed. The Italians reached the last houses of the town, one hundred and forty meters from the citadel, and our engineers quickly barricaded the street entrances on that side⁶.

This bold move initially discouraged the Spaniards, but they soon prepared to retake the city where the first Italian light infantry unit had remained under the command of Colonel Rougieri. On the 27th, during the day, after a terrible bombardment from the citadel and the fleet, which set several houses on fire, they advanced into the city; but the Italians repelled them and prevented the fire from spreading.

10th NIGHT, of 27 to 28 November.

The occupation of the city allowed for the opening of a section of the second parallel in front of the BC front, approximately three hundred meters from the fortress, its right flank resting on the redan of the old Spanish entrenchment, and its left flank on the city. The English landed a battalion of the Bourbon Regiment, composed of about two hundred men, at the foot of the citadel. This landing was facilitated by a strong wind in the darkness of the night, and by the fire of two gunboats.

On 28 November, the work begun during the night continued. As the citadel was suffering greatly from the bombardment and the ricochet batteries, General Reille summoned the Governor a second time to surrender; but the latter replied that, his walls being intact, honor commanded him to reject such a proposition. Work continued with renewed activity on the construction of the breaching batteries.

11th NIGHT, of 28 to 29 November.

A communication trench was opened in front of the first parallel in order to reach the location of battery No. 5, intended to fire ricochet shots with four guns against the right face of bastion C. A

⁶ See supporting documents, No. 7.

redan, designated No. 10, was also constructed on the quay, designed to accommodate two 12-pounder guns, with the objective of intercepting the fortress's communications with the sea.

On 29 November, General Souham conducted a reconnaissance along the Fluvià River to determine if the Spaniards had sent new troops from the vicinity of Barcelona to lift the siege of Rosas. The result of this reconnaissance was that the enemy had not moved. This misjudgment filled the Seventh Corps with hope for the campaign that was about to begin.

12th NIGHT, of 29 to 30 November.

The artillery began constructing breach battery No. 8, consisting of seven heavy-caliber guns and three howitzers, to bombard the right face of bastion B, of which about five meters of the revetment were visible; battery No. 7, with six mortars, was positioned to the right of the Spanish entrenchment to silence the fire from bastion C and destroy the fortifications of the town; finally, battery No. 9, with four pieces of 24 or of 16, was intended to fire directly at the embrasures of the attack front.

On 30 November, six longboats approached the citadel with the intention of embarking the sick and wounded; but a grapeshot fired from battery No. 10 at the first longboat, which was only a few fathoms from the shore, caused them all to turn back. Work continued on the new batteries, and stockpiles of materials were prepared for crossing the moat.

Lord Cochrane arrived with the frigate (HMS) *Imperieuse* to reinforce the English squadron in the bay. This intrepid sailor threw himself with eighty sailors into Fort Trinity, resolved to defend it to the last extremity. This fort had been bombarded for nearly ten days by the four guns of batteries Nos. 12 and 13, and General Sanson, supposing that a practicable breach would be found there, persuaded the Commander-in-chief to order an assault. Battalion Commander Cometti was entrusted with this operation, with six elite companies from the First and Sixth Italian Regiments, and a detachment of gunners and sappers, commanded by an engineer officer. Captain Sabatier and Lieutenants Piccoletti, Haze, and Baccarini, followed by sixty grenadiers, were the first to leap into the ditch, searching for the presumed breach amidst the storm of grenades and grapeshot raining down on them; but the obstacles were no less formidable than those that had caused the failure of the first assault. Only a portion of the parapet had been destroyed, revealing an opening into an old gallery that Lord Cochrane had had filled with earth and hammocks. The Italians lost forty-one soldiers; Captain Sabatier was killed; Piccoletti fell seriously wounded, and the rest of the column retreated hastily across ground swept by the heavy fire from the fort. Two soldiers who remained in the ditch were hoisted into the fort with ropes thrown to them by the English sailors.

13th and 14th NIGHTS, of 30 November to 2 December.

A redan, designated No. 13, was constructed to support the right flank of the attacks on the windmills located on the seashore, and to prevent communication between the English and the citadel. Work continued on the new batteries.

15th NIGHT, of 2 to 3 December.

A communication trench was opened from the first parallel to the right of mortar battery No. 7. The enemy, wishing to destroy the new batteries, made an attempt: five hundred of the most intrepid men of the garrison sallied from the citadel through the postern gate on the DE front, crossed the counterscarp with ladders, and slipped into the ditch of the fortified camp of the city, unheard, due to the noise of the waves breaking on the shore. From there, they threw themselves into the trench and onto the rear of the batteries, which another column was attacking simultaneously from the front. The trench guards and laborers, frightened by such a sudden and unexpected attack, fled; but soon the fugitives, recovering from their panic, and joined by a battalion of the First Light Infantry which had quickly arrived, returned to the trenches and reoccupied the batteries, where several gunners had been killed. Those of the Spaniards who had remained to spike the guns, destroy the platforms, gun carriages, and revetments, were killed with bayonets; the others were pursued to the quay gate, through which they re-entered the citadel, leaving forty-five dead on the field. Our loss was thirteen men killed, including one officer, and nineteen wounded⁷. The gunners and sappers immediately worked with the greatest activity to repair the damage caused by the enemy. That same night, work began on the redan at point 14, below Fort Trinity, for a post intended to intercept communication between the fort and the sea.

During the day, work continued on accumulating materials for crossing the ditch, and the city's barricades were improved.

16th NIGHT, of 3 to 4 December.

A portion of a parallel trench was opened about two hundred meters from the citadel to crown a rise in the ground, and a communication trench was simultaneously dug to reach it.

On the 4th, at daybreak, our batteries No. 5, 7, 8, and 9, armed with twenty-five guns began firing. The four guns of battery No. 5 ricocheted their shots along the attack front, while the six mortars of battery No. 7 hurled bombs onto the same front to destroy its defenses, and battery No. 9 provided direct counter-battery fire. The breaching battery No. 8, armed with seven guns and three howitzers, caused the weak revetment of the old breach on the right face of bastion B to collapse, and widened this breach. Despite our fire, the enemy maintained theirs vigorously throughout the day.

17th NIGHT, of 4 to 5 December.

A sap was pushed forward to the foot of the first outer wall of the citadel. This outer wall was unoccupied and offered a ready-made covered way, from which the sappers could begin mining operations to breach the counterscarp and reach the main breach when it became practicable. Our artillery continued the bombardment.

At daybreak, our batteries resumed their fire with renewed intensity; but the enemy responded only weakly. The fortress was in dire straits; the breach was practicable, and the head of our

⁷ See supporting documents, No. 8

trenches was very close to the counterscarp. The garrison no longer hoped for any relief and had no shelter to escape the crushing bombardment; it was weakened by a large number of sick and wounded. Finally, he was running out of provisions. Reduced to such an extremity, Governor O'Daly sent a messenger at eight o'clock in the evening to negotiate a surrender. He requested permission to join the army of General Vives, which was blockading Barcelona, or to withdraw with his troops to any other point in Spain, promising not to take up arms against France. These conditions being refused, he agreed to surrender with his garrison.

While the articles of capitulation were being drawn up, Lord Cochrane blew up Fort Trinity by setting fire to the powder magazine and managed to embark with his troops in long boats, despite the gunfire of the skirmishers who had rushed to the beach to confront him.

That same day, two companies of grenadiers occupied the citadel gate.

On 6 December, at noon, the Spanish garrison, consisting of two thousand regular soldiers or Miquelets, with one hundred and twenty officers, marched out of the citadel, leaving behind six hundred sick or wounded. It had numbered three thousand two hundred men at the beginning of the siege.

As the Spaniards, leaving the fortress, were marching along the seashore to surrender, they were fired upon by the English squadron, which was anchored in the harbor. Was this a mistake or an act of anger on the part of their allies?

Fifty-eight cannons, fifty thousand cannonballs of various calibers, a thousand bombs, three thousand shells, and five thousand pounds of gunpowder were found in the citadel; but the magazines were empty; the English had not been in communication with the citadel for eight days⁸.

Thus ended a siege which, due to the irregular development of several attacks, various ill-conceived assaults, and the lack of provisions and camp equipment, in a deserted land, during a cold and rainy season, was very arduous for the troops who took part in it. The Italian Division alone lost thirty officers and four hundred soldiers killed or wounded.

The day after the capture of Rosas, the troops of the Seventh Corps left the positions they occupied around the town to regroup on the Fluvià River. The Commander-in-chief sent his artillery and baggage back to Figueres. He ordered each soldier to take fifty cartridges and four days' rations; and, carrying only a small reserve on packhorses, he began the bold and rapid march that took him, across the mountains and through a rebellious country, to the relief of Barcelona.

The Reille Division remained in the Empordà region to form the garrisons of Figueres and Rosas, and to cover the French border. This general immediately brought the artillery that had been used in the siege back into Rosas and secured the town against a surprise attack. Scarcely had these works been completed when the Marquis de Lazan advanced with eight or nine thousand men from Girona to Castelló d'Empúries, at the mouth of the Fluvià, and from there to

⁸ See supporting documents, Nos. 9, 10 and 11.

Roses, hoping to seize the artillery from the siege park. But finding Rosas well-defended, and seeing himself outflanked by General Reille, who had hurried from Figueres to threaten his lines of communication, he was forced to retreat.



STATE

OF THE TROOPS EMPLOYED IN THE SIEGE OF ROSAS.

HEADQUARTERS.

Count Reille, Major General, Aide-de-Camp to the Emperor, commanding the siege troops.
Requin, Adjutant Commandant, Chief of Staff.

INFANTRY AND CAVALRY.

1st DIVISION, General Reille.

1 st Brigade, General Joba.	{	32 nd Light.....	1	Bn.	442	m.	Pres.
		16 th Line.....	1		605		
		5 th Reserve Legion.....	1		625		
		Mountain Chasseurs.....	1		564		
		Valaisans.....	1		211		
		28 th Chasseurs à Cheval.....	det.		9		9 h.
2 nd Brigade, General Guillot.	{	Gendarmes.....	"		82		82
		2 nd Line.....	1		461		
		56 th id.....	1		643		
		113 th id.....	1		746		
		2 nd Neapolitan Chasseurs.....	2	Sq.	224		196

ITALIAN DIVISION, General Pino.

1 st Brigade, General Mazzucchelli.	{	2 nd Light.....	2		1497				
		4 th Line.....	2		1788				
2 nd Brigade, General Fontane.	{	Royal Chasseurs.....	2	Sq.	559		535		
		7 th Napoleon Dragoons.....	2		523		506		
3 rd Brigade, General Balabio.	{	1 st Light.....	2		1469				
		6 th Line.....	2		1955				
		7 th id.....	1		618				
		Royal Velites.....	det.		122				
		5 th Line.....	det.		461				
TOTAL.....						13604	m.	1328	h.

ARTILLERY.

HEADQUARTERS.

Demarçay, Colonel, Commandant of the Artillery.

Laurent, Battalion Chief.

Clément, Italian Squadron Chief.

TROOPS.

Foot Artillery.	{	4 th Regiment.....	10 th Company.....	94	m.
		Italians.....	One company.....	89	
Horse Artillery.	{	2 nd Regiment.....	7 th Company.....	51	54 h.
		Italians.....	One company.....	81	78
Train		Italians.....	Two companies.....	143	245

ENGINEERS.

HEADQUARTERS.

Count Sanson, Division General, Commandant of the Engineers.

Ribes, Colonel, Chief of Staff.

Dianous, Colonel.

Théviotte, Battalion Chief, Aide de Camp of General Sanson.

Tournadre (Senior), Captain, Trench Major.

Fretille, Captain.

Clerc-Binarville, id.

Soleirol, id.

Bourgoin, id.

Barrin, id., Aide de Camp of Marshal Masséna.

Rougieri, Italian Captain.

Lafitte, Lieutenant.

Morlaincourt (Théodore), id.

Boyer, id.

Madron, Adjutant.

TROOPS.

Sappers.	{	2 nd Battalion, 7 th Company.	{	Salleton, Captain (wounded).	}	2	off.	68	m.
			{	Sarbourg, Lieutenant.	}				
		3 rd Battalion, 2 nd Company.	{	Poulain, Captain.	}	2		59	
			{	Euzenate, Lieutenant.	}				
		Italians, 4 th Company.	{	Rouzelli, Lieutenant	}	2		84	
			{	Alieto, id.	}				

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS.

No. 1

Letter from General Rey, Chief of Staff of the Seventh Corps, to the Minister of War.

Headquarters at Figueres, 8 November 1808.

Monseigneur,

I have the honor to report to Your Excellency that Generals Pino and Reille received orders on the 5th to move their divisions on the 6th to surround the town of Rosas, which His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief had ordered to be besieged. The siege will be commanded by Major General Reille, aide-de-camp to His Majesty the Emperor and King. On the 7th, the troops rectified their positions. An English ship of the line, a frigate, two corvettes, and several gunboats maintained continuous fire, as did the town and the fort: we had several men killed or wounded. The Miquelets, in very large numbers, defended themselves fiercely in several positions, particularly at Vallarta, Pau, and Palau, from which almost all the inhabitants had fled. Upon leaving the latter village, the Miquelets set it on fire, but the fire was extinguished; they were pursued as far as the suburbs of Rosas; a large number of them were killed. A portion of the Miquelets fled into the mountains to the left of Rosas, along the coast, towards Selva de Mar, Cadaqués, Rabós, and Espolla: orders have been given to attack them vigorously. Since yesterday, Your Grace, the weather has been dreadful; it is raining heavily. Communications are difficult, and some of the streams have overflowed their banks: if the weather continues, it will be impossible to cross the roads, which are covered with water and in the worst possible condition. Every effort will be made to repair them and to allow the artillery to pass, which will not be accomplished without great difficulty.

The Souham Division has orders to move on the 9th to occupy the approaches to the Fluvia River, with its left flank at San Pedro Pescador, Vilacolum, Pontons, Armadas, Siurana, Borrassà, Vignonet, Vilafant, etc. I will take care, Your Grace, to give you an accurate account of everything that happens during the siege. Only old men remain in the villages, and there are few resources for provisions. Everything will be used for the needs of the army.

I beg, Monseigneur, Your Excellency, to be so kind as to inform me of the amount allocated for my office expenses: I have the honor to observe that they are considerable, as I have only two staff officers and the details of six divisions to manage.

Please accept, Your Grace, the assurance of my profound respect,

Signed: REY.

No. 2

*Letter from General Gouvion Saint-Cyr, Commander-in-Chief
of the Seventh Corps, to Prince Berthier, Major General.*

At the headquarters in Figueres, 8 November 1808.

Monseigneur,

Yesterday, we tightened our siege of the town of Rosas. Our troops had several skirmishes with the enemy to force them back into the town. We had a few killed and about thirty wounded. The enemy must have suffered much heavier losses. The town's artillery, a ship of the line, a frigate, and several English gunboats in the harbor opened a very heavy fire. Some of the inhabitants embarked during the day.

Unfortunately, there is a very heavy rain, which is making the roads almost impassable and will greatly delay the movement of our artillery and convoys if it does not stop soon.

I beg Your Highness to accept the assurance of my respect,

Signed: COUNT GOUVION SAINT-CYR.

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### No. 3

*Letter from General Rey, Chief of Staff of the Seventh Corps, to the Minister of War.*

Headquarters in Figueres, 10 November 1808.

Monseigneur,

It has been raining constantly since the 7<sup>th</sup>, all the torrents are overflowing, and it was not without danger that the troops of the Souham Division were able to cross the Llobregat torrent yesterday to travel from La Jonquera to Figueres. It is nothing but a lake in the plain of Empordà; the corps that were making their way to their positions were forced to stop on the banks of the torrents, unable to cross them: the weather, which this morning seems to be improving, will, I hope, allow them to reach their positions.

The Second Neapolitan Regiment, under the command of Division General Chabot, which arrives today in La Jonquera, will proceed tomorrow to Rabós and Espolla, in order to, in conjunction with troops from the Italian division, drive the Miquelets from the rear of that division. The English, with their boats, have the ability to land at the points on this coast that are most favorable to them. I do not know if they have added any English troops to their forces: we are awaiting the reports, which I will have the honor of forwarding to you.

The roads are terrible for the artillery; we will have to wait for the water to recede before we can repair them, and it will not be without great difficulty that the artillery will be able to pass.

Please accept, Monseigneur, the assurance of my profound respect,

*Signed:* REY.

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No. 4

*Letter from General Gouvion Saint-Cyr, Commander-in-Chief
of the Seventh Corps, to Prince Berthier, Major General.*

Headquarters at Figueras, 11 November 1808.

Monseigneur,

Three battalions of the Pino division took advantage of a brief break in the weather to relieve the battalion that had been sent towards Selva del Mar. They forced the English and the Catalan militia who were in that area to embark, abandoning several pieces of artillery in Selva.

The weather remains utterly dreadful. The rain is falling in torrents. The plain has become a lake and the roads veritable rivers, which is interrupting communications and making all operations impossible. If this rain does not stop, the army will be completely without shoes, and I fear that a large number of men will end up in the hospitals.

I beg Your Highness to accept the assurance of my respect.

Signed: COUNT GOUVION SAINT-CYR.



No. 5

*Letter from Prince Berthier, Major General, to General
Gouvion Saint-Cyr.*

Coubo, 10 November 1810.

I am sending you, General, the report for the day of the 10th concerning Burgos; Marshal Victor had similar successes at Orduña, and Marshal Lefebvre equally complete ones at Valmaseda. I must repeat that you should pay no attention to the rumors of the country, which spread absurd things and exaggerate the Spanish forces, when in reality they are nothing but rabble. You must therefore, General, march directly on Barcelona; His Majesty is displeased that you have placed your best troops in the rear. Finally, General, by the 20th or 25th, you should be in Barcelona, united with General Duhesme, master of the capital and the surrounding country for ten leagues around. The armies of La Romana, Blake, and Galicia no longer exist; finally, when you receive this letter, the same will be true of the army of Zaragoza.

Signed: ALEXANDRE.

No. 6

Letter from General Gouvion Saint-Cyr to the Emperor.

Figueres, 17 November 1808.

Sire, the Vice-Constable writes to me that I must be in Barcelona between the 20th and the 25th. I intend to proceed to that point as soon as Roses is taken. I cannot believe that it is Your Majesty's intention to have me lift this siege: the troops that make up the garrison would again blockade Figueres, which would inevitably fall into their hands, because this place is not provisioned, and it cannot be. All the means of transport that the department of Pyrénées-Orientales could provide, and a greater number required from the neighboring departments, were barely sufficient to supply General Reille's division, and this division, before the arrival of General Pino, was no longer strong enough to protect the arrival of its convoys; so that in order to secure possession of Figueres, it is absolutely necessary to take Roses. It will already be a very risky undertaking to leave behind us a place as important as Girona. Therefore, unless I receive a formal order from Your Majesty to lift the siege of Roses, I will continue the operations begun against this fortress, and I have every reason to hope that it will soon be in our possession. The Vice-Constable tells me that Your Majesty was displeased that I had left my best troops behind; I have the honor to point out to him that I have nothing behind me, and that everything is facing the enemy. I had only hesitated to move the Souham Division near the Fluvià River because I foresaw how difficult it would be for them to subsist there; my predictions were not wrong; this Division is suffering greatly.

I have the honor, etc.

Signed: COUNT GOUVION SAINT-CYR

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**No. 7**

*Letter from General Rey, Chief of Staff of the Seventh Corps, to the Minister of War.*

Monseigneur,

Figueres, 29 November 1808.

During the night of the 25<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> of November, the garrison of Roses was resupplied by sea with seven to eight hundred men. During the night of the 26<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> of November, we seized the town; five hundred men who were defending it fought fiercely in the houses; they were killed, wounded, or captured; barely fifty escaped: we had twenty-two deserters and one hundred and thirty-eight prisoners, including five officers: they had set fire to several houses.

All our artillery fired vigorously on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> and must have caused considerable damage to the fortress; before the ricochet batteries were unmasked, the prisoners assert that, due to the bombs alone, they had almost every day more than sixty men killed or wounded: the English evacuate them every night.

The Bouton (Rosebud) battery is firing continuously; the breach has begun; the walls of the fort are very thick: the deserters claim that there is a second one behind it.

The observation corps has moved closer to the Fluvia River; it has been reinforced by an Italian brigade, withdrawn from before Roses. The three cavalry regiments that had been sent to the rear of the army have rejoined their respective divisions.

All intelligence indicates that the enemy is reinforcing itself on the right bank of the Fluvia. His Excellency, the Commander-in-Chief, is only waiting for the capture of Roses to continue his operations; he is prepared if his observation corps should be attacked.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurance of my deepest respect,

*Signed:* REY.

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No. 8

Letter from General Rey, Chief of Staff of the Seventh Corps, to the Minister of War.

Monseigneur,

Figueres, 4 December 1808.

The report from the commander of the engineers stating that the breach at Bouton was practicable, His Excellency the General-in-Chief ordered that the assault should take place at dawn on the 1st of December. General Reille, commanding the siege, ordered four elite companies of the First Light Infantry and two companies of the Sixth Italian Line Regiment, equipped with ladders, under the command of a senior officer, with an engineer officer, several sappers and gunners carrying grenades or shells at his orders. This attack was carried out with the greatest vigor; the difficulties multiplied; the ladders could not be used due to the uneven terrain. The enemy, hidden behind a second enclosure, opened considerable musket and grenade fire on our troops. A second assault was attempted: the same obstacle was encountered. The commander and the engineer officer having determined that the breach was not practicable, the troops withdrew in perfect order. We had two officers killed, one wounded, ten non-commissioned officers or soldiers killed, and about thirty wounded. It is unfortunate, Monseigneur, that no one has an accurate knowledge of the interior construction of this fort, not even the engineer officers who besieged it in the early campaigns of the revolution. As it was recognized that the 24-pounder battery could no longer have a significant effect, another battery of two twelve-inch mortars was established on the seashore, two hundred toises from the fort.

During the night of the 2nd to the 3rd of December, the enemy, about five hundred strong, made a sortie to try to spike the breaching batteries; he was vigorously repulsed, leaving forty-five men on the battlefield, not counting a large number of wounded whom he carried away. We regret the loss of one officer killed, twelve soldiers killed, and nineteen wounded.

This morning, the 4th, the breaching batteries were unmasked, and the firing is considerable.

The observation corps has been reinforced by the Italian brigade, commanded by General Mazzucchelli. There are various skirmishes every day. The enemy defended himself fiercely at Saint-Michel; we killed many of his men and took about thirty prisoners, including a Capuchin friar who, having retreated into a tower with about twenty irregulars, defended himself there with the greatest obstinacy. The lack of gunpowder on the spot prevented us from blowing them up: this was the intention of the Commander-in-chief, so that it might serve as an example.

Please accept, Monseigneur, the homage of my deepest respect,

Signed: REY.

P.S. The English were reinforced yesterday by two large ships.



No. 9

Letter from General Rey, Chief of Staff of the Seventh Corps, to the Minister of War.

Monseigneur,

At Palau, 5 December 1808, in the evening.

I have the honor to report to Monseigneur that the fortress of Roses capitulated today, 5 December, at noon; the garrison, numbering approximately two thousand and a few hundred men, are prisoners of war. The governor only surrendered when the breach was opened. The English, Monseigneur, behaved on this occasion as they usually do instead of protecting the fortress with their squadron, consisting of two 74-gun ships, a frigate, three large corvettes, and two or three bomb vessels, they fled as soon as they saw a few bombs or cannonballs arriving at some distance from them.

Thirty-five fine 24-pounder bronze cannons, mortars, and howitzers were found in the fortress, a total of fifty-nine, as well as fifty thousand bombs or cannonballs, and four to five thousand pounds of gunpowder. The inventory of the provisions stores is not yet known.

The English who were defending the Bouton abandoned it and blew it up during the capitulation; they even fired on the fortress when they realized it was surrendering; but the great distance at which they were from the coast prevented the bombs and cannonballs from reaching the shore: officers and soldiers are furious with the English; they cannot get over the disloyalty of these islanders.

The army, on all occasions, has shown the greatest courage and the greatest devotion to our august Emperor; His Excellency the General-in-Chief has expressed his complete satisfaction with them.

Attached, Monseigneur, is a copy of the capitulation.

Please accept the assurance of my deepest respect,

Signed: REY.

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## No. 10

### *Capitulation of the town of Rosas and the Castillo de La Trinidad, 5 December 1808.*

In the name of His Majesty the Emperor of the French and King of Italy, capitulation of the town of Rases and the Castillo de La Trinidad, between M.M. Adjutant Commandant Dembrowski, Chief of Staff of the Italian Division, commanded by General Pino, and M. Chevalier Pia, Colonel Major of the Second French Line Regiment, entrusted by Division General Reille, Aide-de-Damp to His Majesty the Emperor and King, on the one hand; and M.M. Colonel Don Pedro O'Daly, Governor and Commander of the town of Rosas and the Castillo de La Trinidad, and Colonel of Engineers Manuel Lemaure, on the other hand.

#### DEMANDS.

1<sup>st</sup> The town of Rosas and the fort of La Trinidad will be surrendered to the French troops in the state in which they currently are. Officers will be appointed, from both sides, to make an inventory of the provisions and ammunition.

2<sup>nd</sup> The garrisons of the town and the fort will leave with the honors of war. All officers, without exception, will retain their arms and all their personal belongings.

3<sup>rd</sup> For the transport of the garrison to Escala, and to prepare the necessary transport, an officer from the Spanish garrison will be sent: in the event that the garrison withdraws by land, it will be provided with two days' rations from the town's stores and will be escorted by a French officer.

4<sup>th</sup> All individuals belonging to the garrison will be included in these articles.

5<sup>th</sup> After the surrender of the town, Colonel Governor may send an officer of the garrison to the Spanish headquarters at Martorell to inform General Vives of this surrender.

Rosas, 5 December 1808.

*Signed:* JEAN DEMBROWSKI, Adjutant Commander, Chief of Staff.  
PIA, Colonel Major.  
DON PEDRO O'DALY.  
MANUEL LEMAURE.

This capitulation is approved, as far as the answers only are concerned.  
The Divisional General commanding the siege,

*Signed:* REILLE.

#### ANSWERS.

The town and the fort will be handed over during the day to the troops of H.M. the Emperor and King.

These garrisons will lay down their arms on the glacis of the town, will be prisoners of war and taken to France.

The officers will retain all their personal belongings.

Immediately after the signing of this capitulation, a gate of the town of Rosas and a gate of the Trinidad Castillo will be handed over to two companies of grenadiers.

## No. 11

*General Inventory of the artillery objects found in  
the town of Roses the 5<sup>th</sup> of December 1808.*

|                                |   |                |   |                |                |                 |    |
|--------------------------------|---|----------------|---|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----|
| Pieces of ordinance.....       | { | cannons.....   | { | of bronze..... | {              | of 24.....      | 35 |
|                                |   |                |   | of 16.....     | 3              |                 |    |
|                                |   | howitzers..... | { | of iron.....   | {              | of 4.....       | 6  |
|                                |   |                |   | of 24.....     | 3              |                 |    |
|                                |   | mortars.....   | { |                |                | of 8.....       | 1  |
|                                |   |                |   |                |                | of 6.....       | 2  |
|                                |   |                |   |                |                | of 12 inch..... | 6  |
|                                |   |                |   |                | of 9 inch..... | 2               |    |
| Total pieces of ordinance..... |   |                |   |                |                | 58              |    |
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This inventory, drawn up and verified by the undersigned, is certified as accurate.

Done at Rosas, 5 December 1808.

The Squadron Commander of Artillery,

*Signed:* CLÉMENT.

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No. 12

Letter from General Gouvion Saint-Cyr, Commander-in-Chief of the Seventh Corps, to Prince Berthier, Major General.

Headquarters at Figueres, 7 December 1808.

Monseigneur,

In my letter of yesterday, I informed His Majesty that the garrison of Rosas consisted of approximately two thousand men; but according to the nominal rolls that I had taken yesterday evening, and of which I have the honor to submit the summary to Your Highness, there were found to be two thousand seven hundred and five. Adding to this number nearly three hundred wounded men who remained in Roses, it follows that the garrison was three thousand men strong.

These prisoners will spend the night in Bellegarde, from where they will continue their journey to Perpignan and Périgueux.

I also have the honor to submit to Your Highness the inventory of the artillery found in the fortress.

The troops are leaving their positions near Rosas; tomorrow they will be reunited on the Fluvia River, and the day after tomorrow we will set out to march directly on Barcelona, in accordance with the orders that Your Highness transmitted to me.

Please accept the assurance of my respect,

Signed: COUNT GOUVION SAINT-CYR.

