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To relieve the Trenches on the right Major Genl Week & Brigadier Swartzell with 3 Battalions, Orange, Dutch Guards & Leyden and on the left Major General Villate and Brigadier D. Argyle with 4 Battalions, Evans Murray North and Redam. The Majors to go and see their Books To continue to Work at the Gabines for the night 500 Workmen at 7 at Night at the Prussian Guards for that on the left at Pallonets 800 each Detachment a Field Officer & Officers in proportion and to be relieved at Break of day each by 700 The Regiment who carried away the Tools to return them to the Trenches, when the Workmen are relieved in the Morning one Major General to go off the other with the 2 Brigadiers to stay in the Trenches every Man to carry 2 fassernes and the Picket & Mallets proportionably. The Hospital is at the head of Leydens Regim.

WB The Enemy about two in the Afternoon made a sorty with 600 Men at 2 places and came up pretty near our Trenches but were very warmly received and beat back again with loss of 40 or 50 Men, we had a Colonel and Lieut Colonel wounded but few Men killed two or three hours after this the Enemy desired a truce to carry off some Wounded and bury their dead which was granted by our people in the Trenches before the General sent his approbation some of our Officers in the Trenches had some discourse with theirs near the Counterscarp they owned they did not believe our Trenches so perfect in one night nor so filled with Troops and said that they had Workmen ready to throw down our Trenches and were to have been sustained by a Brigadier and 600 but did not think fit to push after that first Reception, The Captain of Grenadiers of St Supplie was killed who they carried off and retired after an hours Cospation. This Night our paralells were joined & we began