

A very heavy fire commenced from both
their Batteries & their Gun boats, entirely directed
against this half finished work, nor without
effect. Capt. Rind of the 53rd who was on the
Coast Party received a dreadful wound in the
left thigh supposed from his being so man-
aged by the splinter of a shell, I can't help
remarking, that it seemed a judgement upon
him, for when he went on duty last night
he actually was so drunk, that the Bde Major in-
sisted upon his falling out of the Rank & ~~he~~
~~was~~ he would not & I got Capt. Blakney
of our Regt. to go down with him, & in fact
take Com^d of the Party 100 Men - 2 Soldiers
of the 14th & 1 of the 1st 2nd 2 of the 53rd & 2 of Lewis
were killed, 3 of the 14th ^{was Officer} 2 of the 53rd & an Off. & 7 of
Lewis were wounded, an Off. of Lewis Chapmans but
employed by us as an Engineer was killed today
too by the splinter of a shell, at least there was no
apparent wound & the moment the shot passed
he fell, & blood gushed from his mouth & nose
^{which it did & got to his head}
in short our loss today has been dreadful,
greater than any one day during the Siege of
Valmieu, I mean to the British, & before the
storming of the covered way. The Total loss there 12
hours... 1 Off. & a Capt. killed 2 Off. & 1 Capt. & 1 Sub. wounded, 1 Capt.
Maj. 3. 14 Men killed, 14 Wounded: 7 Mij. 2. It is quite shocking