

U DX105

**Transcription of a letter written from
the Camp before Sevastopol**

1855

Historical Background:

The Siege of Sevastopol lasted a year, from September 1854 to September 1855. The combined British, French and Ottoman forces had landed at Eupatoria and intended a swift march to the capital of Crimea, Sevastopol. However, it took a year of fighting to take the city, including the battles of Alma (September 1854), Balaklava (October 1854), Inkerman (November 1854), Tchernava (August 1855), Redan (September 1855) and Sevastopol (September 1855).

Sevastopol was the base for the Tsar's Black Sea Fleet and the siege of the strategically important port heralded the end of the campaign in the Crimea. The siege involved several artillery bombardments. The first began on 29 October 1854 and was resumed on 8 April 1855 after poor weather conditions during the winter had ruined the Allies' camps, destroyed supply lines and caused sickness and starvation within the army. The final attack on the city was made on 8 September 1855.

Custodial history:

Donated by Elizabeth Malam, Hull, 1 December 1975

Description:

This small collection contains two transcriptions, one handwritten and one typed, of a letter from Sgt David [Angus] of the 179th Highlanders from Crimea. The letter mentions the forthcoming attack on Sevastopol. The original letter is now lost.

Extent: 1 item

Related material:

Photocopy. Letter from Sgt. Joseph Pickford, 1st Battalion Rifle Brigade, Camp before Sevastopol [U DX106]

Copy of Letter from John Hepton killed at the taking of the Ridau [U DDSY/1/101/34]

The War Almanac for 1856 [U DDBH/29/35]

Diaries of Charles Raleigh Chichester, kept in the Crimea [U DDCH/99-100]

Bulletin on the fall of Sevastopol [U DDJ/34/127]

Sketch showing 'Tom's Hut' before Sevastopol during the Crimean War [C DFP/3283]

U DX105/1	Transcription of a letter from Sgt. David Angus, 179th Highlanders, Camp before Sevastopol to an ancestor of Elizabeth Malam Includes handwritten and typed transcriptions of the letter. Refers to a joint French and English advance on the town of Sevastopol, the planned areas of assault on the town and the use of sharp shooters. Includes descriptions of the weather and attacks on the English trenches by the enemy. 1 item	3 Aug 1855
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