

BATTLE OF PELISAT

The Turks Charging Again and Again Only to be Repulsed.

The following story of the battle of Pelisat, near Plevna, is furnished by the London Daily News's correspondent with the Russian army:

Osman Pasha's attack on the Russian positions at Pelisat was one of the hardest fought battles of the war. The Turks early in the fight captured a Russian redoubt one mile in front of Pelisat. In the course of one hour this redoubt was taken by the Turks, retaken by the Russians, and taken again by the Turks. The Russian left wing was driven back on Pelisat, in front of which trenches had been dug and were lined with troops. The Turks advanced as though determined to drive our left out of Pelisat and turn it. The Turks began to descend the hill in that direction, not with a rush, but leisurely, and without firing; not in masses or lines, but scattered and diffused. They came down about half-way in this manner, the Russian artillery tearing up the groups all the time in the most savage manner. The Turkish advance now veered to the left, and went at the Russian trenches on the crest of the hills between Pelisat and Zgalinco without a shout, opening fire at the same time. The Turks descended into a little hollow below and were lost to sight for a time, while the Russian trenches flamed and smoked and a storm of balls was poured into the advancing Turks. This must have lasted fifteen or twenty minutes, during which time a fearful loss of life must have occurred. Then we saw the Turks begin to withdraw, carrying off their wounded. The Turks had no sooner withdrawn from the Russian fire than they formed and advanced again. Many dead bodies of Turks were found within ten feet of the Russian trenches. The little slope on the crest of which the trenches were situated was literally covered with dead. I counted seven on a space of not more than ten feet square. The battle here was terrible; but the Turks were again repulsed. It will hardly be believed that they went at it again, and yet they did so. It seemed madness, because we could see that the Russian fire never slackened an instant, and that the Russian line never wavered, while reserves were waiting behind ready to fall in at the least sign of wavering. This scene of carnage was again repeated, but only lasted a moment. The Turks completely broken, withdrew sullenly, firing, and carrying off their wounded and many of their dead. They fell back on the redoubt which they had first taken, apparently with the intention of holding it, but they were not allowed to remain long there. Another attack on the Russian center had been equally as unsuccessful as that on the Russian trenches on the left. The Russians pursued the retreating Turks with a murderous fire. Then six companies went at them with bayonet and swept them out of the redoubt like a whirlwind. At four o'clock the Turks were in retreat everywhere, and the Russians occupied the whole of their first position besides pursuing the Turks a short distance with cavalry. The Russians were about twenty thousand strong. Their loss is estimated at five hundred, and the Turkish loss at two thousand killed and wounded.

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