



A contemporary map of the Siege of Sevastopol

WYLD, James.

The Environs of Sevastopol with the Batteries & Approaches. Seventh Edition.

London: September 1st 1855. Original colour. Dissected and laid on linen as issued, total 690 x 505mm.

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A detailed plan of the Siege of Sevastopol, marking the locations of the British, French, Turkish and Sardinian troops and their Russian opponents. The new Grand Crimean Central Railway, completed at the end of March 1855 to bring ammunition from Balaclava to the siege lines for the renewed bombardment, is marked. Bottom right is a plan of the Russian attack on Ottoman-held Eupatoria (Yevpatoria) on 17th February 1855, regarded as the most important military engagement away from Sevastopol. Wyld's adoption of lithography to print his maps allowed him to frequently update this map during the course of the war, even making changes within an edition. This Seventh Edition was published near the end of the long siege of Sevastopol. Compared to the Sixth edition it shows the French troops gathering around the Malakoff redoubt and the British around the Great Redan just to the south. In the Great Harbour the ships of the Russian fleet not already scuttled to block the harbour are marked 'destroyed', a word added since a Seventh Edition dated June 20th, 1855.

BAYNTON-WILLIAMS: Maps of War, p.208 (sixth edition illustrated).



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