

Unto Dame Brionna of Stanway, OV; Captain of the Archducal Guard and Military Adviser to his Imperial Highness, the Most Eminent Grace, Alastair, Archduke of Canberry and by the Grace of the Lord of Light, Emperor of the Sardonyx Throne

From Flight Captain William Smith, HMS Sparrowbeak

RE: Continued shadowing of the southern movements of the traitor army

Honored and respected Dame,

Permit me to first report the loss of my sister ship, HMS Longcast, with all hands aboard either dead or taken, yestereve. Captain Clark Cooper was killed surely, we saw him still aboard the ship when it struck ground after powerbow fire reduced its flight worthiness. The crewmen aboard took glider wings to escape, but were all either killed or captured.

The two armies of our enemies, together with the smaller Orc horde that has been shadowing them have now joined forces, and the total force is pressing South more rapidly. We observed the first actual battle last night. A coalition of local villagers (there are no centralized Lords here) - banded together in support of a Rakshasha knight and his retainers to defend a small keep. The battle was fierce, lasted about 2 hours, and ended with the death of all the defenders and about 200 Orc kind.

It was the powerbows that they unlimbered to take out the defenders that also took out HMS Longcast, I am sorry to say. We barely reacted in time to move out of the way, truth be told.

Respectfully submitted.