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THE HISTORY OF CREATION AND MEANING OF THE FIRST
RAILROAD IN THE CRIMEA

This article is devoted to history of creation and functioning of the first railroad on steam draft in the Crimea . It was constructed by the British staying on the peninsula during East war in 1854-1856 near Balaklava. The reasons of construction of this road are in detail revealed in the article. Difficulties with which workers and firm-contractor met with its making are described; course of a preparatory work and direct construction. From the text of the article it is obviously visible that British, relying on the hardware, put before themselves and solved a difficult problem of construction of the railroad in the occupied territory in close proximity to a front line. Value of this branch was exclusively tactical, but its construction showed superiority of English equipment over equipment of the opponent, and principal possibility of creation difficult on the design and an embodiment of ways and means of communication on difficult sites of the district with application of various innovative technical means. So, a machine for pile driving was used.

Completely the construction of the road was finished in the end of March, 1855, and final installation of a cloth was carried out after signing of the Parisian peace treaty in March, 1856. Despite it, it considerably facilitated the supply of the army with the food and ammunition, and in the spring of 1856 became almost a tourist object of the main base of British in the Crimea - Balaklava.