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WAR-DEPARTMENT, April 24, 1855.

LORD PANMURE has this day received a Despatch and its Enclosures, of which the following are Copies, addressed to His Lordship by Field-Marshal the Lord Raglan, G.C.B.

My LORD, *Before Sevastopol,*
April 10, 1855.

IN accordance with the arrangement made between General Canrobert and myself, the batteries of the French and English armies opened upon Sevastopol soon after daylight yesterday morning.

The weather was extremely unpropitious. Much rain had fallen in the course of the night, and it continued during the day, accompanied by a tempestuous wind and a heavy mist, which obscured everything, and rendered it impossible to ascertain with any degree of accuracy the effect of the fire, which has been continued with little or no interruption from the commencement, and has been superior to that of the enemy, who were evidently taken by surprise, and, except upon the extreme left, did not respond to the attack for nearly half an hour.

This morning has been hazy, and for some time there was a drizzling rain; but it is clearing this afternoon, and there is again a prospect of fine weather.

The Country yesterday was covered with water, and the ground was again very deep. The trenches were likewise extremely muddy, and their condition added greatly to the labours of the men employed in the batteries, who consisted chiefly of sailors, artillerymen, and sappers.

They conducted their duties admirably, and I am sorry to say that the two former, particularly the Navy, sustained considerable loss.

I have not yet received the Returns of the Casualties beyond the 9th instant, which are herewith enclosed; but the death of Lieutenant Twyford, of the Royal Navy, a most promising officer, and greatly respected by all, has been notified to me; and Captain Lord John Hay, who has taken a most active part in the gallant and distinguished services of the Naval Brigade, was wounded almost at the very moment, I believe by the same shot. I hope the injury he has received is not very serious, but the loss of his assistance even for a time is much to be regretted.

The Russians have not shown themselves in any force in front of Balaklava.

I have, &c.

RAGLAN.

The Lord Panmure, &c., &c.

Enclosure 1.

Return of Casualties from the 6th to the 8th of April 1855, inclusive.

4th Regiment of Foot—1 rank and file, killed; 3 rank and file, wounded.
19th Foot—1 rank and file, wounded.
30th Foot—1 rank and file, wounded.
34th Foot—1 rank and file, killed; 2 rank and file, wounded.
39th Foot—1 rank and file, wounded.
49th Foot—1 rank and file, wounded.
89th Foot—2 rank and file, wounded.
97th Foot—1 rank and file, killed; 1 rank and file, wounded.
Royal Artillery—2 rank and file, wounded.
Royal Sappers and Miners—1 rank and file, wounded.

Total—3 rank and file, killed; 15 rank and file, wounded.

J. B. BUCKNALL ESTCOURT,
Adjutant-General.

Enclosure 2.

Nominal Return of Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates Killed, from 6th to 8th April 1855, inclusive.

KILLED.

6th April 1855.

34TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.
3535 Private John Blackburn

8th April 1855.

4TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.
3626 Private Charles Ship

97TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.
1327. George Keogh

J. B. BUCKNALL ESTCOURT,
Adjutant-General.