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WAR-DEPARTMENT, May 2, 1855.

LORD PANMURE has this day received two Despatches and their Enclosures, of which the following are Copies, addressed to His Lordship by Field-Marshal the Lord Raglan, G.C.B. :—

*Before Sevastopol,
April 17, 1855.*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to transmit for your Lordship's information a Letter from the Inspector-General of Hospitals, expressing his satisfaction in being able to report that the sanitary condition of the Army continues gradually to improve, and the mortality from disease to diminish.

I have, &c.

RAGLAN.

The Lord Panmure, &c., &c., &c.

Enclosure.

*Before Sevastopol,
April 17, 1855.*

MY LORD,

It is satisfactory to be able to say that the sanitary condition of the Army continues gradually to improve, and the mortality from disease to decrease.

Last week the ratio of admissions to strength was 3·95 per cent. ; this week it has been 3·52.

Last week the ratio of deaths to strength was 0·35 ; this week it has been 0·33.

This decrease may appear small to your Lordship, but it must be borne in mind that 106 of the admissions, and 13 of the deaths, were the result of accidents in the trenches ; besides which, 3 officers and 30 men were killed who have not been included in the above statement of casualties.

Fevers and bowel complaints continue to be the prevailing diseases amongst the troops, but in both there has been an evident decrease of admissions as well as deaths.

In the 79th Regiment, however, there has been an increase of 19 cases of fever during the week, and the mortality from the same disease has exceeded that of the preceding week by two. Last week the deaths from fever were 7, this week they have been 9. It is in contemplation to move the regiment a short distance from where it is at present encamped, as far, I understand, as the defence of the post will admit of, and I think good will result from it ; but if it could be moved up to the

ground where the 63d Regiment is stationed, still greater advantages might be expected.

In the 93d Highlanders the fever cases have become milder, and the mortality from that cause has decreased from 4, which it was last week, to 1.

In the 41st and 95th Regiments, the two other regiments which were suffering most from fever, the mortality has decreased during the week ; in the 41st from 5 to 2, and in the 95th from 8 to 3.

There has been a decrease in all the ordinary forms of bowel complaints, but I regret to have to notice two fatal cases of cholera, one in the Artillery, and the other in the 7th Fusiliers.

These were both brought up from the trenches, and both died after a few hours' illness. No other cases have occurred, and, from the general diminution of bowel affections, I trust they will prove accidental.

The Cavalry continue to enjoy good health, and only one casualty, out of a force of 1880 men, has occurred during the week.

The mortality in the General Hospital at Balaklava has also been small, and the result of the Convalescent Hospital, on the Castle Hill, has been most satisfactory. We have huts there all ready for the reception of 280 patients, and I purpose reserving them for wounded men, as I am of opinion they would recover sooner in such a locality, than in either camp, or the General Hospital at Scutari. Besides the hospital huts at the Sanitarium, the following ships have been fitted out for the reception of wounded, viz.—

Hut accommodation,	280
“ St Hilda,” fitted for	91
“ Wm. Jackson,”	100
“ Orient,”	100
“ Poitiers,”	100

The huts in the rear of the Third Division will accommodate about 1000, but say that 30 of them are appropriated for hospital purposes, that would give room for 480
And the calculation is, that at least 500 could be received into the different Regimental Hospitals, 500

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The rations of the men are abundant and good, and fresh bread has been issued three days this