

WAR-DEPARTMENT, June 18, 1855.

LORD PANMURE has this day received three 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,
June 5, 1855.

MY LORD,

I AM deeply concerned to have to inform your Lordship that Rear-Admiral Boxer died on board the Jason last night, outside the harbour of Balaklava, after a very short illness.

He was removed to that ship in the hope that the pure sea air might prove beneficial to him; but this expectation was not fulfilled. His malady made rapid progress, and early in the afternoon of yesterday it was intimated to me that his life was despaired of.

His nephew died of cholera last week, and this melancholy event so deeply affected him that his health at once gave way, and he sunk under the same disease.

It is well known that this Officer devoted his whole life to the public service. Since he undertook the appointment of Admiral Superintendent of the harbour of Balaklava, he has applied himself incessantly to the discharge of his arduous duties, exposing himself in all weathers; and he has rendered a most essential service to the Army by improving the landing-places and establishing wharves on the west side of the port, whereby the disembarkation of stores and troops has been greatly accelerated, and communications with the shore have been rendered much easier.

I have, &c.,
RAGLAN.

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

Before Sevastopol,
June 5, 1855.

MY LORD,

I HAVE great satisfaction in informing your Lordship that I received intelligence the night before last of the evacuation of Soujak Kali by the Russians on the 28th ultimo.

It appears that previously to their retirement from the place the troops destroyed the principal buildings and the armament, which consisted of about sixty heavy guns and six mortars, and it is concluded that they have joined the garrison of Anapa, from whence many of the inhabitants have removed.

Sir Edmund Lyons has been so good as to send me the detached report of the naval operations in the Sea of Azof, which will reach England either before or at the same time as this Despatch. They reflect the highest credit on Captain Lyons of the Miranda, and the officers and men serving under his orders, and are remarkable for the intelligence, gallantry, and judgment with which they have been conducted; and it is a matter of much gratulation, which will be peculiarly felt by Her Majesty, that whilst great injury has been inflicted on the enemy in the loss of resources of every description, the most brilliant and unwonted success has been achieved in an incredibly short time, with only one casualty, and that not of a serious nature.

These gallant exploits of the Navy have spread joy in our camps, and afforded vast satisfaction to every individual in the Army.

A body of French troops under the command of General Morris and General Canrobert, and a column of the Sardinian Corps under General La Marmora, made a reconnaissance on Baidar, on the morning of the 3d.

The former proceeded along the Woronzow road, and pushed their cavalry several miles beyond Baidar; the latter operated on the left through a mountainous district, and advanced into Baidar, after a fatiguing march; only a small number of Cossacks showed themselves.

Nothing has occurred in front of the town.

I enclose the Return of Casualties to the 3d instant inclusive.

I have, &c.,
RAGLAN.

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

Enclosure 1.

Return of Casualties from the 1st to the 3d of June 1855, inclusive.

2d Battalion, 1st Regiment of Foot—1st rank and file, killed; 1 rank and file, wounded.
3d Foot—5 rank and file, wounded.
18th Foot—1 rank and file, wounded.
23d Foot—1 rank and file, killed.
28th Foot—1 Officer, 3 rank and file, wounded.
30th Foot—1 rank and file, wounded.
33d Foot—1 rank and file, killed; 2 Officers, wounded.
34th Foot—1 rank and file, wounded.
39th Foot—1 rank and file, wounded.
41st Foot—1 rank and file, wounded.
49th Foot—1 rank and file, killed.
57th Foot—2 rank and file, wounded.
88th Foot—1 rank and file, killed; 2 rank and file, wounded.
89th Foot—6 rank and file, wounded.
97th Foot—1 rank and file, killed; 1 rank and file, wounded.
2d Battalion, Rifle Brigade—1 serjeant, killed.
Royal Sappers and Miners—1 rank and file, killed.
Total—1 serjeant, 7 rank and file, killed; 3 Officers, 25 rank and file, wounded.

J. B. BUCKNALL ESTCOURT,
Adjutant-General.

Enclosure 2.

Nominal Return of Officers who have been Wounded, from the 1st to the 3d June 1855, inclusive.

WOUNDED.

3d June 1855.

28TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.

Lieutenant Hill F. Morgan, severely

33D REGIMENT OF FOOT.

Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel G. V. Mundy, slightly
Lieutenant J. Thompson, slightly

J. B. BUCKNALL ESTCOURT,
Adjutant-General.

Enclosure 3.

Nominal Return of Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates Killed, from the 1st to the 3d June 1855, inclusive.

KILLED.

1st June 1855.

23D REGIMENT OF FOOT.

2871 Private James McCrorey