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WAR-DEPARTMENT, July 9, 1855.

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

*Before Sevastopol,
June 26, 1855.*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to transmit to your Lordship the accompanying letter, dated this day, from the Inspector-General of Hospitals.

Your Lordship will observe with pain that this Report exhibits a considerable increase of both admissions and deaths, arising chiefly, however, from the accidents of war, resulting from the assault of the Redan and the attack of the Cemetery on the 18th instant, on both which occasions the troops were exposed to a heavy fire of grape-shot.

It will be satisfactory to your Lordship to find that the arrangements both for the accommodation and treatment of the sick and wounded were such as can rarely be expected under such circumstances, and no exertions have been spared to render their situation as comfortable as possible.

I regret to say that cholera and bowel complaints have been somewhat on the increase; but neither the admissions nor the deaths have been so marked as to attract special attention. I have, however, with much sorrow, to report the very sudden death, from cholera, of Captain Charles Bowles, 10th Hussars, an officer of great merit, who had served in India with distinction, and is much regretted in the regiment.

Amongst the killed I lament to announce the loss of Lieutenant and Adjutant H. Marsh, 32d Regiment, who was killed in the trenches on the 24th inst. This young officer had served throughout the campaign and was distinguished for his gallantry and devotion to the service; and his conduct on a former occasion I had the honour to bring under your Lordship's notice.

I beg to enclose the List of Casualties on the 18th ult., and of those that have since arisen up to the 24th inst., inclusive.

I have, &c.,

RAGLAN.

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

Enclosure 1.

*Head-Quarters, Camp before Sevastopol,
June 26, 1855.*

MY LORD,

THE weekly Return of Sick and Wounded, I regret to say, exhibits a considerable increase of both admissions and deaths, arising chiefly from the accidents of war, occasioned by the assault of the 18th instant on the Redan Battery and the works in the Dockyard Creek. Many of the injuries received were occasioned by grape-shot, fired at short range, and were of a very serious nature. The loss, consequently, has been heavy; but I have much satisfaction in being able to assure your Lordship that prompt aid was afforded to all, and the action having taken place within a short distance of our fixed hospital establishment, accommodation was provided for them at once. This is an advantage rarely attainable on active service in the field, so that the wounded were placed under as favourable circumstances as could be expected; the amount of mortality, therefore, amongst them is mainly attributable to the severity of their wounds, and not to any want of either surgical aid or hospital accommodation, as both were at hand. There was no occasion either to remove the more seriously wounded when once they were brought in; and the cases selected to be sent down to the surgical hospital at Balaklava were of a nature not likely to be injured by the journey, and I am happy to say they are nearly all progressing in a most satisfactory manner. Indeed they have done so well, I regret our accommodation at the Castle, Balaklava, is not more extensive, but, unfortunately, the ground will not admit of its being enlarged.

The hospital now in course of erection on the high bold promontory near the Monastery of St George, will soon be ready for the reception of patients; and so far as position is concerned, I think they will be placed under as favourable circumstances as can possibly be obtained. The situation is high and dry, overlooking the sea, and subjected to no malarious influence that I can discover; and whatever the result may be on trial, the site is admitted by all who have seen it to be unexceptionable.

Cholera and bowel complaints still prevail, and have been on the increase within the last two or