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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,
March 20, 1855.*

MY LORD,

I DO myself the honour to transmit to your Lordship a letter from the Inspector-General of Hospitals, forwarding the weekly return of sick to the 17th instant.

The number of sick is not diminished, but the cases are lighter, and every day the men in camp exhibit a more healthy appearance.

I have, &c.,

RAGLAN.

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

Enclosure.

*Before Sevastopol,
March 19, 1855.*

MY LORD,

IN transmitting the weekly state of sick of the Army to the 17th instant, I have the honour to state, that though the sickness still amounts to 14.31 per cent., the mortality does not exceed 0.51 per cent., which is a proof that the diseases are milder in character; and I think I may safely say the general health and appearance of the men is greatly improved; and had not the duty, by the unavoidable operations of the siege going on, been increased of late, I think the sick list would have been still more diminished, as the men's condition is in every other way so much improved both in diet, dress, and accommodation.

It has been proposed by the Minister-at-War to give the men Tea, Coffee and Cocoa on alternate mornings, and to-morrow your lordship will

receive the report of the Medical Board ordered to consider the subject. The two first, I think good, and the change will be both agreeable and beneficial to the men, but cocoa I am afraid requires too much preparation to be usefully adopted in the Army under present circumstances.

The prevailing diseases are fevers of a low typhoid form in some instances, and in others assuming an intermittent and remittent type, and bowel complaints.

Fevers have been rather on the increase of late, but bowel complaints have become much fewer in number, and milder in character.

Scurvy, too, though the number appears large in the return, is on the decrease; and I can assure your Lordship, from recent personal inspection of the men of the different divisions, that the generality of the cases returned under that head are of the most trifling character, and under the use of the present change of diet, I am in hopes the disease will soon totally disappear from our list.

In the 1st Division, the Brigade of Guards continues to improve in health and appearance, from its change of situation; and the Brigade of Highlanders is also efficient. The 79th and 93rd are influenced by the locality of their camps, which cannot well be changed, and have more sickness than the 42nd, which are more favourably placed, and in this regiment the most scrupulous attention is paid to the sanitary condition of their camp.

To show how locality affects the health of the men, I may mention the wing of the 2nd battalion of the Rifle Brigade which occupies the high promontory of the southern extremity of the Bala-klava lines overlooking the sea; and here, though the men are exposed, and the duty is as severe as in any other part of the camp, there is little or no disease.

In the 2nd Division, the 41st and 95th Regiments have been more unhealthy than the rest, and have had a larger number of fever cases than

others admitted into hospital, and many of them have been of a serious character. It is difficult to account for this, as there is nothing in the locality of the ground occupied by these two regiments different from that of the rest of the division. Perhaps their tents were a little more crowded than the rest, and the hospital huts, from the pressure of sickness, had more men in them than was advisable; but this I directed to be remedied when I visited the hospitals a few days ago.

The health of the 3rd Division is improved, decidedly so in some of the regiments; and the health of the 4th and Light Divisions is improved also.

The cavalry, with the exception of the 2nd Dragoons, is in good health, and the health of the 2nd, the Superintending Medical Officer seems to think, has been influenced by local causes that are now in course of removal.

The health of the artillery has been tolerably good during the week, and the cases under treatment, both in the general and convalescent hospitals at Balaklava, have progressed favourably; and when the remainder of the hospital huts at the Castle come into use, I expect great advantage from their occupation, both by convalescents and wounded men, should we unfortunately have any.

I have, &c.

J. HALL,
Inspector-General of Hospitals,
To Field-Marshal Lord Raglan, G.C.B.,
Commanding-in-Chief.

*Before Sevastopol,
March 20, 1855.*

MY LORD,

IN my despatch of the 17th instant, I reported to your Lordship the progress made in forming the parallel constructed to unite the right of our right attack with the left of the French on the Inkerman heights.

The contest of the latter with the enemy for the possession of the Rifle pits in their immediate front was renewed after dark on that night, and was continued for several hours, the fire being excessively heavy, particularly of musketry, and considerable loss must have been sustained by our allies I fear, as well as by the enemy, who continue to hold the ambuscades; but the French persevere, notwithstanding, in working forward, and are approaching the mamelon, on which the Russians are busily engaged in building a formidable work, though frequently interrupted by our batteries and those of the French.

On the night of the 17th the English parallels were not attacked, but the fire to which I have above alluded was so continuous, that the whole force was either under arms or ready to turn out.

I inclose the returns of casualties to the 18th instant.

It was currently reported yesterday that Prince Menchikoff had died on his way to Moscow. I have not been able to ascertain if this report be founded; but it was so fully credited as to have been despatched to Constantinople.

Prince Gortchakoff is stated to have arrived at Bachshi Sarai, and to have assumed the command of the army.

Reinforcements are reported to be on their way from Russia, and the 9th Division to have reached the neighbourhood of Eupatoria. The position of the Russian troops in the vicinity of the Tchernaya remains unaltered.

The progress of the railway continues to be satisfactory, and we are already enabled to use it

with considerable advantage, both for the conveyance of supplies and hutting, so far as the high ground some way on this side of Kadikoi.

Mr. Beattie's exertions deserve every commendation.

I have, &c.,

RAGLAN.

Enclosure 1.

*Return of Casualties from the 16th to 18th
of March, 1855, inclusive.*

17th Regiment of Foot—1 rank and file, Missing.
34th Foot—3 rank and file, Wounded.
49th Foot—1 rank and file, Wounded.
57th Foot—1 Officer, Wounded.
77th Foot—1 rank and file, Wounded.
89th Foot—2 rank and file, Wounded.
2nd Battalion Rifle Brigade—2 rank and file, Wounded.
Royal Artillery—1 serjeant, Wounded.
Royal Sappers and Miners—1 rank and file, Wounded.

Total—1 Officer, 1 serjeant, 10 rank and file, Wounded; 1 rank and file, Missing.

J. B. BUCKNALL ESTCOURT,
Adjutant-General.

Enclosure 2.

*Nominal Return of Officers who have been
WOUNDED from the 16th to the 18th March,
1855, inclusive.*

WOUNDED.

18th March, 1855.

57TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.

Lieutenant George Mitchell, dangerously

J. B. BUCKNALL ESTCOURT,
Adjutant-General.

Enclosure 3.

*Nominal Return of Non-Commissioned Officers
and Privates WOUNDED from the 16th to 18th
March, 1855, inclusive.*

WOUNDED.

16th March, 1855.

ROYAL SAPPERS AND MINERS.

2115 Private H. Masters, slightly

77TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.

3473 Private Robert Wiley, slightly

17th March, 1855.

49TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.

3477 Private Thomas Rutledge, dangerously

89TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.

1061 Private John Wall, slightly
3489 John Kelly, slightly

2ND BATTALION RIFLE BRIGADE.

4020 Private Emanuel Gillard, slightly

ROYAL ARTILLERY.

475 Serjeant Alexander Hunter, slightly

18th March, 1855.

34TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.

1647 Private Robert Hughes, severely
3773 Andrew Humphries, severely
3665 Sidney Vinning, slightly

2ND BATTALION RIFLE BRIGADE.

4178 Private Thomas Franklin, severely

J. B. BUCKNALL ESTCOURT,
Adjutant-General.

Inclosure 4.

*Nominal Return of Non-Commissioned Officers
and Privates MISSING from 16th to 18th
March, 1855, inclusive.*

MISSING.

17th March, 1855.

21ST REGIMENT OF FOOT.

2143 Private Hugh McWiggin

J. B. BUCKNALL ESTCOURT,
Adjutant-General.

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