

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