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LORD PANMURE has this day received a Despatch and its Enclosures, of which the following are copies, addressed to his Lordship by General Simpson.

Sevastopol,
September 25, 1855.

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to transmit the report of the principal Medical Officer for this week, as well as for the week ending 18th September, which, by mistake, I omitted to send before.

Your Lordship will read with satisfaction that the health of the Army is all that can be desired, and the marked improvement since the arduous night duties have ceased is very apparent.

The troops continue to be employed in the construction of the roads, and in making preparations for the winter, which are greatly facilitated by the fineness of the weather.

The enemy have commenced firing into the town, and the troops stationed there for the purpose of performing fatigue duties have been, in consequence withdrawn. Large quantities of timber and building material are daily taken from the houses by our troops.

I have, &c.,
JAMES SIMPSON,
General Commanding.

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

Enclosure 1.

Head Quarters, Sevastopol,
September 18, 1855.

SIR,
I HAVE the honour to transmit the weekly state of sick to the 15th instant, and have much

satisfaction in being able to state that the health of the army continues to improve. During the period embraced by this return the admissions from wounds, owing to the assault of the Redan battery, have been numerous, and the number of deaths, I am sorry to say, is very considerable; but the cases that remain are for the most part doing well, and a large portion of them are of a slight nature, and many of the men will soon be restored to the ranks.

Cholera continues to decrease and may now be said to have almost disappeared, and during the present week there has been diminution of every other form of disease, as will be seen by the following abstract, in which it will be observed, that gunshot accidents alone are in excess over the previous week.

	This Week.		Previous week.	
	Admitted.	Died.	Admitted.	Died.
Fevers	349	15	396	20
Diarrhœa	498	4	561	7
Cholera	21	11	25	20
Dysentery	139	7	169	4
Wounds	1965	150	702	56
Other diseases	628	7	481	5
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The admissions to strength this week have been 7.22 per cent; last week they were 4.91 per cent.

The deaths to strength this week have been 0.40 per cent; last week they were 0.23 per cent.

The sick to well this week is 12.0 per cent.; last week it was 10.96 per cent.

I have, &c.,
J. HALL,
Inspector-General of Hospitals.

General Simpson, Commanding-in-Chief.

Enclosure 2.

*Head Quarters, Sevastopol,
September 25, 1855.*

SIR,

IN transmitting the weekly state of sick to the 22nd instant, I have much satisfaction in stating that the sanitary condition of the Army is satisfactory, and were the casualties of war deducted from the list, it would be very favourable indeed. As it is the admissions to strength during the present week have only been 2·98 per cent., and some of these were transfers from regimental to general hospitals.

The deaths to strength have been 0·20 per cent.; and the sick to well is 10·02 per cent. Last week these proportions were, 7·22, 0·40, and 12·00 per cent., respectively. Deducting the casualties of war, the proportion of sick to well this week would be, 6·26 per cent., and that of deaths to strength 0·05 per cent.

The following abstract shows the near approximation of disease and death between this and the preceding week :

	This week.		Previous week.	
	Admitted.	Died.	Admitted.	Died.
Fevers .	356	15	349	15
Diarrhoea .	436	4	498	4
Cholera .	7	3	21	11
Dysentery .	146	5	139	7
Wounds .	84*	76	1,965	150
Other diseases	528	3	528	7
Total	1,567	106	3,500	194

* Two of this number were transfers to General Hospital.

The only head under which there is a remarkable and decided decrease in the admissions is wounds, and 2 out of the 84 of these were transfers to the General Hospital at Balaklava. The number of deaths from wounds is, I regret to say, considerable, but a great many men were shot through the upper part of the chest in the assault on the Redan, and wounds of that nature are always serious; but a large proportion of the wounds were slight, as is evinced by the discharges this and the preceding week, amounting to about 1000 men, deducting those transferred to General Hospital.

Cholera has nearly disappeared, and there has been no increase in the other forms of bowel complaints, and the health of all the divisions is reported by the different Superintending Medical Officers to be highly satisfactory. In the 3rd Division no death occurred during the week, and in the 4th only one, from an injury of the skull. During the week we have had strong equinoctial gales, with heavy rain, which has reduced the temperature considerably, and rendered the weather delightful.

The men are employed on fatigue duties in making roads and preparing for their own comforts during the winter; but the night duty is light. Their rations are good and abundant, and everything is favourable to health.

I have, &c.

J. HALL,
Inspector-General of Hospitals.

General Simpson, Commanding-in-Chief.