

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.

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