

notwithstanding that he was then suffering from serious illness. He had, during the illness of Major-General Lord de Ros, acted for him in the most efficient manner. I cannot speak too highly of Brigadier-General Estcourt, Adjutant-General, or of Brigadier-General Airey, who, in the short time he has conducted the duties of the Quartermaster-General, has displayed the greatest ability, as well as aptitude for the office.

I am much indebted to my Military Secretary, Lieutenant-Colonel Steele, Major Lord Burghersh, and the officers of my personal Staff, for the zeal, intelligence, and gallantry, they all, without exception, displayed.

Lieutenant Derriman, R.N., the Commander of the Caradoc, accompanied me during the whole of the operation, and rendered me an essential service, by a close observation of the enemy's movements, which his practised eye enabled him accurately to watch.

I lament to say that Lieutenant-Colonel Lagondie, who was attached to my head quarters, by the Emperor of the French, fell into the enemy's hands on the 19th, on his return from Prince Napoleon's division, where he had obligingly gone at my request, with a communication to his Imperial Highness.

This misfortune is deeply regretted, both by myself and the officers of my personal Staff.

The other officer placed with me under similar circumstances, Major Vico, afforded me all the assistance in his power, sparing no exertion to be of use.

I cannot omit to make known to your Grace the cheerfulness with which the regimental officers of the Army have submitted to most unusual privations.

My anxiety to bring into the country every cavalry and infantry soldier who was available, prevented me from embarking their baggage animals, and these officers have with them at this moment nothing but what they can carry, and they, equally with the men, are without tents or covering of any kind.

I have not heard a single murmur. All seem impressed with the necessity of the arrangement; and they feel, I trust, satisfied that I shall bring up their bñ horses at the earliest moment.

The conduct of the troops has been admirable. When it is considered that they have suffered severely from sickness during the last two months; that, since they landed in the Crimea, they have been exposed to the extremes of wet, cold, and heat; that the daily toil to provide themselves with water has been excessive, and that they have been pursued by Cholera to the very battle field, I do not go beyond the truth in declaring that they merit the highest commendation.

In the ardour of attack they forgot all they had endured, and displayed that high courage, that gallant spirit, for which the British soldier is ever distinguished; and under the heaviest fire they maintained the same determination to conquer, as they had exhibited before they went into action. I should be wanting in my duty, my Lord Duke, if I did not express to your Grace, in the most earnest manner, my deep feeling of gratitude to the officers and men of the Royal Navy for the invaluable assistance they afforded the Army upon this as on every occasion, where it could be brought to bear upon our operations.

They watched the progress of the day with the most intense anxiety; and as the best way of evincing their participation in our success, and their sympathy in the sufferings of the wounded, they never ceased, from the close of the battle till we left the ground this morning, to provide for

the sick and wounded, and to carry them down to the beach, a labour in which some of the officers even volunteered to participate, an act which I shall never cease to recollect with the warmest thankfulness.

I mention no names, fearing I might omit some who ought to be spoken of; but none who were associated with us, spared any exertion they could apply to so sacred a duty.

Sir Edmond Lyons, who had charge of the whole, was, as always, most prominent in rendering assistance, and providing for emergencies.

I enclose the return of killed and wounded. It is, I lament to say, very large; but I hope, all circumstances considered, that it will be felt that no life was unnecessarily exposed, and that such an advantage could not be achieved without a considerable sacrifice.

I cannot venture to estimate the amount of the Russian loss. I believe it to have been great, and such is the report in the country.

The number of prisoners who are not hurt is small; but the wounded amount to 800 or 900. Two General Officers, Major Generals Karganoff and Shokanoff fell into our hands. The former is very badly wounded.

I will not attempt to describe the movements of the French Army; that will be done by an abler hand; but it is due to them to say that their operations were eminently successful, and that under the guidance of their distinguished commander, Marshal St. Arnaud, they manifested the utmost gallantry, the greatest ardour for the attack, and the high military qualities for which they are so famed.

This despatch will be delivered to your Grace by Major Lord Burghersh, who is capable of affording you the fullest information, and whom I beg to recommend to your especial notice.

I have, &c.,

RAGLAN.

P.S.—I inclose a sketch of the field of battle.  
*His Grace the Duke of Newcastle,*  
    &c.      &c.      &c.

*Nominal Return of Casualties among Officers in Action on the River Alma, Crimea, September 20, 1854.*

General Staff—Lieutenant T. Leslie, Royal Horse Guards, Orderly Officer to the Commander of the Forces, wounded severely; Captain H. E. Weare, 50th Regiment, D. A. A. G., wounded severely.

*1st Division.*

Staff—Captain H. W. Cust, Coldstream Guards, Aide-de-Camp to Major-General Bentinck, killed.

Grenadier Guards—Lieut.-Colonel Hon. H. Percy, wounded slightly; Lieutenant R. Hamilton, wounded slightly; Lieutenant J. M. Burgoyne, wounded slightly.

Coldstream Guards—Lieutenant C. Baring, wounded severely.

Scots Fusilier Guards—Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. Dalrymple, wounded slightly; Lieutenant-Colonel C. A. Berkeley, wounded severely; Lieutenant-Colonel H. P. Hepburn, wounded severely; Lieutenant-Colonel F. Haygarth, wounded severely; Captain Lord Chewton, wounded severely; Captain J. D. Astley, wounded severely; Captain W. G. Bulwer, wounded severely; Captain D. F. Buckley, wounded severely; Captain R. Gipps, wounded slightly; Lieutenant Lord Ennismore, wounded severely; Lieutenant Hon. H. Annesley, wounded severely.