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Replies by Officers commanding Regiments in the Crimea, to the Queries submitted to them by

Question 1.—What portions of the time during which the Army has been in the Crimea have you been in command of the Corps?
 Question 2.—Since what date have you been in command of the Corps?

The replies to these two queries are comprised in the following summary.

John McNeill and Colonel Tulloch.
 State the dates.

Corps.	Officer's Name and Rank.	Reply to Question 1.	Reply to Question 2.	Date of Reply.	Remarks.
1st Division.	42nd Regiment	Colonel Cameron	Whole time	Since 5th September 1843	
	68th Regiment	Captain Carter	Whole time	Since 16th April, 1855	
	71st Regiment	Lieutenant-Colonel Ready	Whole time	Since 13th February, 1855	
	79th Regiment	Lieutenant-Colonel Douglas	Whole time	Since 31st July, 1855	
	93rd Regiment	Lieutenant-Colonel Ainslie	Whole time	Since 14th September, 1854	
	1st Battalion Grenadier Guards	Colonel Ridley	Since 26th November, 1854	Since 14th January, 1855	
	1st Battalion Coldstream Guards	Colonel Lord Paulet	Whole time	5th Nov. to 6th Dec., 1854, 4th Mar. to 7th May, 1855	
	Scots Fusilier Guards	Colonel Walker	Whole time	Since 15th January, 1855	
	20th Regiment	Lieutenant-Colonel Mauleverer	Since 27th February, 1855	Since 29th September, 1854	
	55th Regiment	Lieutenant-Colonel Cuddy	Whole time	Since 11th November, 1854	
2nd Division.	62nd Regiment	Lieutenant-Colonel Shearman	Since 13th November, 1854	Since 12th December, 1854	
	95th Regiment	Major Dennis	Since 19th February, 1855	Since 22nd February, 1855	
	41st Regiment	Lieutenant-Colonel Eman	Whole time	Since 6th November, 1854	
	47th Regiment	Lieutenant-Colonel Farren	Whole time	Since 5th November, 1854	
	48th Regiment	Lieutenant-Colonel Grant	Whole time	Since 5th November, 1854	
3rd Division.	1st Battalion, 1st Foot	Lieutenant-Colonel Montgomery	Whole time	Since 10th November, 1854	
	14th Regiment	Colonel Barlow	Since 19th January, 1855	Since 30th June, 1847	
	38th Regiment	Lieutenant-Colonel Louth	Whole time	Since 1st April, 1854	
	39th Regiment	Lieutenant-Colonel Munro	Since 31st December, 1854	Since 11th November, 1853	
	50th Regiment	Lieutenant-Colonel Waddy	Whole time	Since 24th February, 1854	
	89th Regiment	Colonel Ferryman	Since 15th December, 1854	Since 4th September, 1849	
	4th Regiment	Colonel Cobbe	Whole time	Since 14th April, 1854	
	9th Regiment	Lieutenant-Colonel Borton	Since 27th November, 1854	Since 10th June, 1855	
	18th Regiment	Lieutenant-Colonel Edwards	Whole time	Since 28th March, 1855	
	28th Regiment	Lieutenant-Colonel Adams	Whole time	Since July, 1852	
4th Division.	44th Regiment	Colonel Spencer	Whole time	Since 17th May, 1845	
	17th Regiment	Lieutenant-Colonel Cole	Since 30th January, 1855	Since February, 1855	
	20th Regiment	Colonel Horn	Whole time	Eleven years	
	21st Regiment	Lieutenant-Colonel Lord West	Whole time	Since 16th November, 1854	
	57th Regiment	Lieutenant-Colonel Shadforth	Since 8th November, 1854	Since 8th November, 1854	
	46th Regiment	Lieutenant-Colonel Maxwell	Since 9th November, 1854	Since 9th November, 1854	
	68th Regiment	Lieutenant-Colonel Smyth	Whole time	Since 14th September, 1854	
5th Division.	1st Battalion Rifle Brigade	Lieutenant-Colonel Norcott	Since 1st February, 1855	Since 1st February, 1854	
	7th Regiment	Colonel Yea	Whole time	Since 10th July, 1850	
	23rd Regiment	Lieutenant-Colonel Lysons	Whole time	Since 20th September, 1854	
	53rd Regiment	Lieutenant-Colonel Johnstone	Since 26th March	Since 26th March, 1855	
	34th Regiment	Major Simpson	Since 9th December, 1854	Since 23rd March, 1855	
	97th Regiment	Major Welsford	Whole time	Since 9th March, 1855	
	19th Regiment	Major Rooke	Whole time	Since 14th February, 1855	
	77th Regiment	Lieutenant-Colonel Dixon	Whole time	Since 21st April, 1855	
	88th Regiment	Colonel Snirley	Whole time	Since May, 1848	
	90th Regiment	Lieutenant-Colonel Campbell	Since December, 1854	Since 13th February, 1855	
6th Division.	2nd Battalion, Rifle Brigade	Captain Forman	Whole time	Since 11th April, 1855	
	1st Dragoons	Major Wardlaw	Since 6th October, 1854	Since 25th October, 1854	
	2nd Dragoons	Lieutenant-Colonel Griffiths	Whole time	Since 27th August, 1852	
	4th Dragoons	Lieutenant-Colonel White	Since 1st October, 1854	Since 1st June, 1854	
	4th Dragoon Guards	Lieutenant-Colonel Forrest	Whole time	Since 18th February, 1855	
	5th Dragoon Guards	Major Thomson	Whole time	Since 17th November, 1854	
	4th Light Dragoons	Lieutenant-Colonel Low	Whole time	Since 11th November, 1854	
	8th Light Dragoons	Colonel Shewell	Whole time	Since arrival of corps in the Crimea	
	11th Light Dragoons	Lieutenant-Colonel Douglas	Whole time	Since 9th May, 1854	
	12th Light Dragoons	Lieutenant-Colonel Doherty	Whole time	Since 10th October, 1852	
7th Division.	17th Light Dragoons	Major Benson	Since 14th January	Since 14th January, 1855	
	Royal Artillery, Light Division	Major Wodehouse	Since 26th December, 1854	Since 26th December, 1854	
	Royal Artillery, 2nd Division	Lieutenant-Colonel FitzMayer	Whole time	Since 14th September, 1854	
	Royal Horse Artillery	Major Brandling	Whole time	Since 23rd January, 1855	
	Royal Artillery, 3rd Division	Lieutenant-Colonel Nedham	Since 3rd April, 1855	Since 5th April, 1855	
	Royal Horse Artillery	Captain Thomas	Since 24th December, 1854	Since July, 1854	
	Royal Artillery, 4th Division	Lieutenant-Colonel Wood	Whole time	Since 28th September, 1854	
	Royal Engineers	Major Chapman	Whole time	Since 23rd March, 1855	
	Siege Train	Lieutenant-Colonel Warde	Since 1st February, 1855	Since 1st February, 1855	
	Naval Brigade	Captain Lushington	Since 2nd October, 1854	Since 2nd October, 1854	
8th Division.	Royal Marines	Lieutenant-Colonel Hurdle	Since 3rd September, 1854	Since 30th September, 1854	

Question 22, continued.

Have you anything further to state regarding the supplies for your corps?
If so, state it.

OFFICERS' NAMES.	ANSWERS.
ROYAL ARTILLERY, continued. Lieut.-Col. Wood, Royal Art., 4th Division.	I have again to repeat that I consider the ration of rum prejudicial to the health and discipline of the corps, and believe that the men would do just as well without it. More fresh meat, vegetables, tea, cocoa, coffee, in larger quantities would be desirable. Limejuice ought always to be issued with salt provisions, and these raisins almost necessary (with salt provisions) have not been issued on the same receipts as the bread and meat, but required a different order. The forms required by the Commissariat are inconvenient. I am obliged to sign the receipts for issues, which the Commissariat have not in their power to make, but the Commissariat officers retain the receipts, which I consider irregular. The general orders direct issues, but the Commissariat never make a voluntary issue.
Major Chapman, Royal Engineers.	Supplies of preserved meats and vegetables would have been more valuable during the winter, as the former would have been wholesome without cooking, and the latter easy of transport.
Lieut.-Col. Warde, Siege Train.	I have nothing further to state except that it is impossible to supply an army with food or anything else where the means of transport is as entirely wanting as it has been, and still is, with this army.
Captain Lushington, Naval Brigade.	I have received every assistance in obtaining supplies of all sorts from the army on proper application being made. The supplies sent by the Admiralty were more than sufficient, but arrived rather late.
Lieut.-Col. Hurdle, Royal Marines.	Nothing whatever.

Replies by Medical Officers in Charge of Regiments in the Crimea to the Queries submitted by Sir John McNeill and Colonel Tulloch.

Question 1.—How long have you served with the Army in the Crimea?

Question 2.—Since what date have you been in Medical Charge of the Corps?

The replies to these two Queries are contained in the following Summary.

CORPS.	NAME AND RANK OF MEDICAL OFFICER.	REPLY TO QUESTION 1.	REPLY TO QUESTION 2.	DATE OF REPLY.	REMARKS.
1st DIVISION.	42nd Regiment Surgeon Furlong	Since it landed	Since 8th March, 1854	1855.	
	79th " Surgeon Scott	Ditto	" 28th May, 1854	May 12	
	93rd " No reply; officer absent sick.				
	Coldstream Guards Assistant Surgeon Wyatt	Since it landed	" 1st November, 1854	May 21	
	Grenadier Guards Surgeon Blenkins	Since 18th December, 1854	" 28th December		
	Scots Fusilier Guards Assistant-Surgeon Robinson	The whole time.	" 12th April		
2nd DIVISION.	30th Regiment Surgeon Dowse	Since it landed	Since 9th December, 1854	April 25	
	55th " Surgeon Blake	Ditto, except in January and February last	" 14th September	" 23	
	62nd " Assistant-Surgeon Young	Since it landed	" 21st March, 1854	" 20	
	95th " Surgeon Scott	Ditto	" 25th December,	April 22	
	41st " Surgeon Weld	Since 29th September, 1854	" 17th March, 1854	April 21	
	47th " Surgeon Davies	" 2nd December, 1854	" 2nd December,	" 18	
	49th " Surgeon Davies	The whole time	" October, 1848	" 21	
3rd DIVISION.	1st Regiment Assistant-Surgeon Dumbreck	Since it landed	Since 14th March, 1854	April 22	
	14th " Surgeon Chalmers	" 26th December, 1854	" Ditto	April 25	
	38th " Surgeon Foaker	Since it landed, except from 18th December to 20th February	" March, 1848	" 18	
	39th " Surgeon Woodman	3 1/2 months	" 24th July, 1854	" 27	
	50th " Surgeon Trousdell	Since it landed	" 8th July, 1854	" 29	
	89th " Surgeon Gilborne	" 17th December, 1854	" 18th January,	" 25	
	9th " Surgeon De Lisle	Since it landed	" 5th November,	April 29	
	18th " Assistant-Surgeon Owens	" 13th November, 1854	" 19th March, 1854	" 21	
	28th " Surgeon Crawford	" 13th March, 1855	" 13th "	" 18	
	44th " Surgeon Mee	Since it landed	" 25th July, 1854	" 20	
4th DIVISION.	17th Regiment Surgeon Simpson	Since 16th December, 1854	Since 16th June, 1854	" 21	
	20th " Surgeon Howard	Since it landed	" February "	" 18	
	21st " Surgeon McKinnon	Ditto	" 7th April "	" 27	
	57th " Surgeon Dickson	Ditto	" April, 1852	" 29	
	46th " Surgeon Webb	Since 8th November 1854	" 2nd May, 1854	" 25	
	68th " Assistant-Surgeon Cullen	" January, 1855	" 6th Feb. 1854,	" 20	
	Rifle Brigade, 1st Battalion .. Surgeon Innes	" 13th March, 1853	" 20th March, 1854	" 21	
LIGHT DIVISION.	7th Regiment Surgeon Lockwood	Since it landed	Since 28th February,	May 2	
	23rd " Assistant-Surgeon Wood	Ditto, except from October to January	" 2nd March	" 2	
	33rd " Surgeon Muir	Since it landed	" 14th September	May 2	
	34th " Surgeon Dwyer	" 17th January, 1855	" 24th January,	April 25	
	97th " Surgeon Downes	" 20th November, 1854	" arrival of Corps	" 22	
	19th " Surgeon Longmore	Since it landed	" Corps left England	" 28	
	77th " Assistant-Surgeon Burton	Ditto	" 5th April, 1855	" 27	
	88th " Surgeon Dunlop	Ditto	" 10th January,	" 27	
	90th " Surgeon Anderson	Four months	" 29th May, 1848	May 25	
	Rifle Brigade, 2nd Battalion .. Surgeon Frazer	Since it landed	" 10th May, 1854	" 4	
Cavalry Division.	1st Dragoons Surgeon Forteach	Since it landed	Since 1st November,	May 11	
	2nd " Surgeon Brush	Ditto	" 31st August	" 12	
	4th Dragoon Guards Surgeon Cooper	Ditto	" 31st October	" 12	
	6th Dragoons Surgeon Baxter	Fourteen days	Twelve days	" 12	
	5th Dragoon Guards Assistant-Surgeon Cattell	Since 1st October, 1854	Since 10th August	" 12	
	4th Dragoons Surgeon Kendall	Since it landed	" 1st November	" 12	
	8th " Surgeon Anderson	Ditto, except three months	" 10th September	" 13	
	11th " Surgeon Crosse	Since it landed	" 30th June, 1854	" 13	
	13th " Surgeon Home	Since 1st October, 1854	" 4th March, 1854	" 13	
	17th " Surgeon Massey	Since it landed	" the Corps arrived	" 13	
ROYAL ARTILLERY.	A Battery Assistant Surgeon McMunn	Since 26th December, 1854	Since 22nd March, 1854	May 12	
	H " Assistant-Surgeon Ward	" 14th September "	" May, 1854	" 27	
	C " Assistant-Surgeon Bowen	Since it landed	" 3rd April, 1854	" 27	
	G " Assistant-Surgeon Perry	Since 24th June, 1854	" 24th June, 1854	" 27	
	F " Assistant-Surgeon Combe	Since it landed	" March "	" 28	
	P " Assistant-Surgeon Wright	Ditto	" 25th July "	" 28	
	W " Assistant-Surgeon Fogo	Ditto	" 16th September	May 19	
	Royal Horse Artillery .. Assistant-Surgeon Thornton	Ditto	" 9th March	April 30	
	Siege Train Assistant-Surgeon Park	Since 27th September, 1854	" 10th November	" 20	
	Sappers and Miners Assistant-Surgeon Longhead	" 11th November "	" 12th December	" 20	
	Do. Do. Assistant-Surgeon Hyde	" 16th November "	" 28th "	" 20	

by Sir John McNeill

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ABSTRACT showing the Deficiency in each Month in the Rations Issued to the Regiments of the Line in Crimean Army, from 1st October, 1854, to 31st March, 1855

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No Returns of Deficiencies in the Provisions of the Cavalry except 70 lbs. of Sugar in the 1st Dragoons, and 67 lbs. in the 5th Dragoon Guards.

RETURN of RECEIPTS at the Quartermaster-General's Stores, Balaklava, from the 5th of December, 1854, to the 9th January, 1855, inclusive.

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*Commissariat Quartermaster-General's Stores,
Balaklava, 31st March, 1855.*

The letter **P** denotes the *Packages*, and **H₀**, the *Number*, of each *Article* received; but the *Quantity* in each *Package* is not stated in the *Receipts*. The above entries (marked thus *) appear to have been made, entered, but never by the *Receipts*.

this description will be found in the Supplementary Notes herewith.

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Yea, Colonel. Evidence of Colonel Yea, commanding the 7th Fusiliers, taken before the Commissioners on the 28th April 1855, relative to the dispatch of fatigue parties to Balaklava to carry up provisions to the Commissariat stores in front; employment of regimental bāt horses and officers' horses in bringing up warm clothing to the camp; bad quality of the boots and shoes, and cloth, supplied to the men; appearance of scurvy in the regiment; preference of the men of tea to coffee, *Ev. p. 115.*

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