

notice, they formed a most serviceable body of 1800 men, independent of 100 Royal Marines and 600 seamen in the gun-boats, held in hand by the Flag Captain for any emergency.

28. My thanks are particularly due to Commodore the Honourable Charles Elliot, C.B., and the Captains of the several divisions of the Naval Brigade. Commanders Hamilton and Hood have been in the Canton River for nearly twelve months, and Commander Fellowes is stated to have been the first of the brigade on the wall, from a ladder planted by Lieutenant Marescaux, of the Nankin. The names of Lieutenants Curme, Honourable W. J. Ward, Jenkins, Alston, Reilly, Madden, Cator, F. Smith, and Broad, have been brought to my notice. Most of the above officers took part in the action in Fatshan Creek, on the 1st of June. I would also venture to mention the name of Lieutenant Sholto Douglas, commanding the Coromandel, tender, which has carried my Flag in the river since the commencement of the operations, and who has conducted himself entirely to my satisfaction. Lieutenant F. R. Purvis, Senior Lieutenant of the Actæon, was prevented from participating in these operations in consequence of a serious wound received whilst assisting to put out a fire on the night of the 27th December. I cannot bear too high testimony to the important services rendered by the gun-boat squadron, under the varied and difficult circumstances in which they were called upon to act. Through the unwearied exertions of Mr. John Davey, the zealous and active Inspector of Machinery, they have been kept in an efficient state. Their gunnery was highly creditable, and their participation with the French gun-boats in the fire along the east wall, was most effective, nearly dismantling several of the gateways. They had also been constantly employed in the conveyance of stores, ammunition, sick, and wounded, and I can most cordially recommend the lieutenants commanding and the second masters, to their Lordships' favourable notice. Lieutenant Colin Campbell of the Oposum, an officer of long service and merit, is placed on the staff of the Major-General commanding. I should be glad if their Lordships would be pleased to place at my disposal a few warrants for deserving Petty Officers, whose good conduct may be brought to my notice.

29. The fire from the Dutch Folly, directed by Major Schomberg, was very effective, many of the shells exploding in the midst of the Government buildings on the City and Gough's Heights. I may add, that the accurate fire from the Cruizer, Hornet, Mitraille, and Fusée completely demolished the Viceroy's Yamun. I have much pleasure in noticing the services rendered by Captain Shadwell, who had charge of the Gun Boats, and also of Commanders Dew and Cresswell, of the Nimrod and Surprise, the fire from whose heavy guns must have materially assisted in disconcerting the enemy on the distant part of the walls.

30. I enclose a list of casualties in the Naval Brigade, amounting to 5 killed and 34 wounded, and 17 men severely burnt by an accidental explosion of a magazine. Five men have since died.

31. Every necessary arrangement had been made by Mr. David Deas, C.B., the Medical-Inspector of the Fleet, for the comfort of the sick and wounded. The Inflexible was stationed for their reception, with a staff of medical officers and two "Chinese Chops," or covered junks, had been fitted up as hospitals and conveyed near the landing place. Besides these vessels, the Assistance, steam troop-ship, and Imperador and Imperatrice, steam-transports, were also prepared. Happily

they were not required. Mr. Deas makes favourable mention of Dr. John Cotton, Surgeon of the Inflexible; Mr. Richard D. Pritchard, Surgeon of the Racshore; Mr. Forbes, Surgeon of Cruizer; and Mr. Edward T. Mortimer, Assistant-Surgeon of Hesper. Commodore the Honourable C. G. J. B. Elliot, has also mentioned the assistance rendered by Mr. W. Baynes, Surgeon of the Sybille; Dr. Richard D. Mason, Surgeon of the Sans Pariel, and Mr. J. McSwiney, Surgeon of the Furious.

32. The services rendered by Captain Harry E. Edgell, of Her Majesty's ship Tribune, at Hong Kong, in forwarding our supplies and guarding the colony, entitle him to my warmest thanks and commendation.

33. I have on former occasions reported the great assistance rendered by Captain William K. Hall, my Flag Captain. I can only repeat, that I am under the greatest obligations to that officer for the untiring zeal with which he has devoted his whole energies to the good of the public service.

34. As active operations may now be considered at an end in this quarter, I also take the liberty of mentioning the valuable services of Mr. W. D. Jeans, my Secretary, and the very laborious duties he has had to perform during the whole period of the existing difficulties with the Canton Government.

I have, &c.

M. SEYMOUR,

Rear-Admiral and Commander-in-chief.

To the Secretary of the Admiralty,
London.

Enclosure to No. 14 of 1858.

Return of Casualties.

Her Majesty's ship Cruizer,

January 1, 1858.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to transmit a nominal list of killed and wounded up to the evening of the 31st ultimo, and to inform you that, up to this time, the wounded have been disposed of without being exposed to the very least unnecessary suffering, and that every essential comfort has been afforded them.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) DAVID DEAS,

Inspector of Hospitals and Fleets.

To His Excellency Sir Michael
Seymour, K.C.B., Commander-
in-Chief, Canton.

List of Casualties of Naval and Marine Brigades
before and in Canton, on the 28th, 29th, and
31st December, 1857.

Actæon.

Captain Wm. T. Bate, gingall ball in chest,
killed.

Sanspareil.

Midshipman Henry Thompson, left arm and
kidney pierced by a rocket, mortally, since
dead.

Sybille.

Edward Loft, A. B., wound of chest, mortally,
since dead.