

9. On the 29th the position was shelled and taken, the particulars of which are given in my letter, No. 41.

10. The seamen and marines landed at Te Papa have, since the engagement, been busily employed in returning the guns to the "Esk," and bringing down the stores, &c., from the front; the seamen have been embarked again.

11. Yesterday (the 2d instant) the bodies of those who had lost their lives in the action at Pukehinahina were buried at Te Papa with military honours.

12. The wounded of the Naval Brigade have been placed on board the "Miranda," and are, I am glad to say, doing well.

I have, &c.,

W. S. WISEMAN, Commodore.

The Secretary of the Admiralty,
Whitehall, London, S.W.

GENERAL ORDER.—No. 794.

Head-Quarters, Pukerimu,
April 14, 1864.

THE Lieutenant-General Commanding cannot permit the Naval Brigade to quit the force under his immediate command without recording his appreciation of the valuable services they have rendered during the late operations. He requests that Commodore Sir William Wiseman will convey to both Officers and Men his thanks for their uniform excellent conduct in the field, and for the cheerful alacrity and unwearied zeal with which they have at all times carried out the harassing and arduous duties entrusted to them in the river transport service.

The Lieutenant-General Commanding begs that Commodore Sir William Wiseman will accept his acknowledgments for the cordial co-operation he has ever afforded him, and which has aided most materially in conducting to the success of the campaign.

By Command,

(Signed) R. CAREY, Lieutenant-Colonel,
Deputy Adjutant-General.

H.M.S. "Miranda,"
Off Camp Te Papa, Tauranga,

SIR, April 16, 1864.

I HAVE the honour to inform you that during last night the natives have thrown up a strong earthwork just outside the boundary fence, about three miles from the Camp Te Papa; and from the work done in so short a time they must be in very considerable force.

2. It is reported that they are acting under the orders of William Thomson, and that he is endeavouring to collect all the forces he can for operations in this neighbourhood.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) ROBERT JENKINS, Captain.

To Commodore Sir William Wiseman,
Bart., Commanding-in-Chief, &c.,
&c., &c.

H.M.S. "Miranda,"
Tauranga, April 27, 1864.

SIR, I HAVE the honour to inform you that, in compliance with your orders, I embarked at daylight this morning in the Colonial steamer "Sandfly,"

and with Her Majesty's ship "Falcon" proceeded to Maketu.

2. On the arrival of the vessels off that place, Major Colville sent on board Ensign Langlands, of the 43d Light Infantry, with a letter (copy of which is enclosed), and to show me the position of the hostile natives; a whale-boat also came out with natives going to Flat Island. I however sent them back with a letter to Major Colville, informing him that I was going to shell the enemy's position.

3. The "Falcon" was placed in a position which enfiladed the enemy's works from the whares on their right on the cliff; but before she had opened fire a large number of natives were seen retreating along the beach to the eastward. I immediately followed them with the "Sandfly," and on nearing them, opened on them with the 12-pounder Armstrong of the "Falcon," manned by "Miranda's," and the "Esk's" manned by its own crew.

4. On our firing, the natives took cover under the sand-hills, and continued their hurried retreat to Otamarako; they were however seen to stop in several clumps of trees, &c., into which shells were at once thrown, after which the extensive whares, both inside and out of the old pah at Otamarako, were shelled.

5. Soon after noon "Falcon" ceased firing, the enemy's works on the left bank of the Waihi River being occupied by the troops from Maketu, under Major Colville, of the 43d; "Sandfly" then anchored to await the arrival of "Falcon," when both vessels shelled the whares at Otamarako, the "Falcon" also throwing shell amongst bodies of natives which were seen from her mast heads retreating.

6. At 3 P.M. ceased firing, the enemy having apparently entirely abandoned the settlement, and a body of friendly natives being seen advancing along the beach from Maketu. I then returned in the "Sandfly" to Tauranga, the "Falcon" proceeding to Auckland with the mails which were awaiting her at the mouth of the harbour.

7. I beg to bring to your notice the zeal and exertions of Senior Lieutenant G. R. Hope, in command of the "Falcon," and of Captain Hannibal Marks, commanding the Colonial steamer "Sandfly," whereby, in a few hours, the enemy has been driven from the strong position which completely hemmed in the garrison of Maketu, and also from the extensive settlement of Otamarako, the former being occupied by a detachment of 43d Light Infantry, under Major Colville, and the latter by friendly natives of Maketu.

I would also beg to recommend Henry Glaslington, Boatswain's Mate and Seaman Gunner, Edward Metters, Leading Seaman and Gunnery Instructor of the "Miranda"; and John Towel, Gunner's Mate and Gunnery Instructor of the "Esk," for the extraordinary precision of their fire from the 12-pounder Armstrongs, notwithstanding that there was a very considerable swell during the whole time.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) ROBERT JENKINS, Captain.

To Commodore Sir William Wiseman,
Bart., Commanding-in-Chief, &c.,
&c., &c.

Her Majesty's ship "Miranda,"

No. 41. Tauranga, New Zealand,

SIR, May 3, 1864.

I BEG to state, for the information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that the