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<p>John Edmund Commerell, Commander .....</p>	<p>impression that the expedition was a feasible one. This opinion, however, he was induced to change on the following day, in consequence of the increasing activity which was apparent in the direction of the vessels, and therefore he determined on making a second visit to the spot. On this occasion the night was a squally one, and the journey longer and more difficult than before. On reaching the spot, finding the vessels manned, and their crews apparently on the alert, he decided that any attempt to surprise them was out of the question.</p> <p>(Despatch from Admiral Lord Lyons, 9th October, 1855, No. 844.)</p> <p>N.B.—It was while attempting a reconnoissance on the same ground, that Captain L'Allemand, of the French steam-vessel "Mouette," lost his life.</p> <p>"When commanding the 'Weser,' in the Sea of Azoff, crossed the Isthmus of Arabat, and destroyed large quantities of forage on the Crimean shore of the Sivash."</p> <p>This enterprise was performed by Commander Commerell, at night, accompanied by William Rickard, Quartermaster, and George Milestone, A.B. Having hauled their small boat across the Spit of Arabat, they traversed the Sivash to the Crimean shore of the Putrid Sea. The magazine of corn, of which they were in search, lay about two miles and a-half off, and to reach it they had to ford two rivers, the Kara-su and the Salghir. The forage and corn, amounting to 400 tons, were stacked on the banks of the latter river, in the vicinity of a guard-house, and close to from twenty to thirty mounted Cossacks, who were encamped in the neighbouring village. Commander Commerell and his two companions contrived to ignite the stacks, the rapid blazing of which alarmed the guard, who pursued them to the shore with a heavy fire of musketry, and very nearly succeeded in taking them prisoners.</p> <p>(Despatch from Admiral Lord Lyons, 6th November, 1855, No. 899.)</p>
<p>William Rickard, Quartermaster ..</p>	<p>"Accompanied his Commander, Lieutenant Commerell, of the 'Weser,' to the Crimean shore of the Sivash, and, whilst under a heavy fire of musketry, remained to assist George Milestone, who had fallen."</p> <p>(Despatch from Admiral Lord Lyons, 6th November, 1855, No. 899.)</p> <p>The service performed by William Rickard is thus described by Commander Commerell, in his despatch :—"I must bring to your notice the excellent conduct of the small party who accompanied me, more especially that of William Rickard, Quartermaster, who, though much fatigued himself, remained to assist the other seaman, who, from exhaustion, had fallen in the mud, and was unable to extricate himself, notwithstanding the enemy were keeping up a heavy fire on us, at the distance of thirty or forty yards, as we crossed the mud."</p>

## NAVAL BRIGADE.

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<p>William Peel, Captain .....</p>	<p>Sir Stephen Lushington recommends this Officer :—</p> <p>1st. For having on the 18th October, 1854, at the greatest possible risk, taken up a live shell, the fuze still burning, from among several powder cases, outside the magazine, and thrown it over the parapet (the shell bursting as it left his hands), thereby saving the magazines, and the lives of those immediately round it.</p> <p>(Despatch from Sir S. Lushington inclosed in letter from Admiral Lord Lyons, 10th May, 1856).</p>