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A DESPATCH, of which the following is a copy, has been received by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty from Captain Sotheby, of Her Majesty's steam-ship Pearl, reporting proceedings of the Naval Brigade under his command in India :

No. 74.

SIR, *Camp Amorha, April 22, 1858.*

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you, for the information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that the Pearl's Naval Brigade took part in a very successful action with the rebels, on the 17th instant, at the village of Thamowlee. At 7-30 A.M. intelligence was received that about 400 sepoy, with some sowars and two guns, had approached within three miles from our camp and four from Belwar, on a looting expedition; a troop of cavalry, with a detachment of infantry was immediately ordered out to disperse them; but, as reinforcements were requested, I joined, at 9-30, with two howitzers and a party of seamen, and found the enemy retiring, somewhat hastened by a few well directed shell; but, as they were falling back on their forces, which were coming out, whilst we were moving from ours, in concert with Major Cox, in hopes of drawing them out, we retired two miles, immediately followed by the rebels. cheering and keeping up a brisk fire at a prudent distance, we then halted in some topos making very good practice with our two guns. Colonel Rowcroft, at twelve o'clock, joined with the head-quarters, who, with Major Cox, made a flank movement on the enemy's left, whilst we on our left pushed forward, driving the enemy out of the villages, the whole pursuing them for three miles, where a troop (55) of the Bengal Yeomanry Cavalry, under their gallant leader, Major Richardson, made a most dashing charge against 400 sepoy drawn up behind a village with a gun, which they captured, and left 60 dead on the field all with English accoutrements. The heat was intense under a vertical sun, and a furious hot wind in our faces, rendered it nearly impossible to discern the two parties: the men being much fatigued, we rested a few minutes and returned to camp, having 2 killed and 19 wounded, nearly all belonging to the cavalry, 5 of whom were officers.

The enemy's force is reported to be during the latter part 2,000 sepoy and 1,000 irregulars, with 100 sowars and 4 guns, and their loss

between 200 and 300; our force was as per margin.*

It is my pleasant duty to record that the behaviour of the men was most excellent, ever most eager to move forward.

Lieutenant N. E. B. Turnour, who has been in six actions with the brigade, was in charge of the guns, and made capital practice. Lieutenant H. D. Grant was in charge of the seamen; a most zealous officer, and to whose services I am at all times much indebted, as well as Lieutenant F. G. Pym and his Marines.

The following officers were present in the field, and rendered most efficient service in this as in all previous engagements: Messrs. A. W. Ingles and J. M. Maquay, Acting Mates; Messrs. C. F. Foot and V. A. Montagu, Midshipmen; Messrs. Parkins, Cooley, and Burton, Warrant Officers, and Drs. W. J. Shone and Dickinson, Assistant Surgeons; and Mr. T. H. L. Bowling, Acting Clerk; as also James Coe, Captain of the Main-top; William Thompson, Gunner's Mate; and Luke Pearse, Carpenter's Mate; at all times most valuable and well-conducted men, and whom I beg most respectfully to recommend to their Lordships' notice.

My Aide-de-Camp, Mr. H. F. Stephenson, Midshipman, was much exposed to the enemy's fire in conveying messages; he has also been six times in action.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) E. S. SOTHEBY,
Captain, R.N.,
Commanding Pearl's Naval
Brigade.

The Secretary of the Admiralty.

* 400 Ghoorkhas and Sikhs; 180 Bengal Yeomanry Cavalry; 250 13th Regiment; 180 Naval Brigade.

AT the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 5th day of *June*, 1858,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of an Act passed in the third and fourth years of Her Majesty, chapter one hundred and thirteen, and of another Act passed in the fifth and sixth years of Her Majesty, chapter one hundred and eight, duly