

few loads which occurred. On learning of this affair, I took immediate steps for clearing my line of communications, and brought in large convoys this morning in perfect safety to Amoaful. The officers commanding the columns as above-named performed their difficult tasks most excellently, and were efficiently aided by their staff; Lieutenant-Colonel Evelyn Wood, V.C., was wounded while at the head of his troops.

Nothing could have exceeded the admirable conduct of the 42nd Highlanders, on whom fell the hardest share of the work. As Colonel McLeod was in command of the left column, this Regiment was led by Major Macpherson, who was twice wounded. The two wings of the Naval Brigade, under command of Captain Grubbe, R.N. (severely wounded), and Commander Luxmore, R.N.; the Head-Quarters and Detachment of the 2nd Battalion 23rd Royal Welsh Fusiliers, under Lieutenant-Colonel Mostyn; the 2nd Battalion Rifle Brigade, under Lieutenant-Colonel Warren; Wood's Regiment, under Captain Furse (42nd Highlanders); Russell's Regiment, under Major Russell (13th Hussars), and the scouts under Lieutenant Lord Gifford (24th Regiment), all behaved steadily and coolly under the trying conditions of a fight in dense bush. Sir A. Alison has brought the valuable services of Captain Rait and his Artillery specially to my notice; and Major Home, Commanding Royal Engineers, led the advanced working party of the front column, being slightly wounded in so doing.

Commodore Hewett, V.C., R.N., was present with me during the action, and placed his services at my disposal. I received every possible assistance from him, and from the following Officers of my Staff:—Colonel Greaves, Chief of the Staff; Major Baker, 18th Regiment, Assistant Adjutant-General; Captain H. Brackenbury, R.A., Assistant Military Secretary; Captain Buller, 60th Rifles, D.A.Q.M.G.; Lieutenant Rolfe, R.N., Naval A.D.C.; Lieutenant the Honourable H. Wood, 10th Hussars, A.D.C.; Lieutenant Maurice, R.A., Private Secretary.

The arrangements for the wounded by Surgeon-Major McKinnon, C.B., Principal Medical Officer, were excellent, and I regret that the enclosed return of casualties shows that his duties were not light.

It is difficult to estimate the numbers of an enemy in thick bush, still more difficult to estimate their loss, but the Ashantis opposed to us must have numbered many thousands; and as we have buried about 150 corpses beside the main road only, and as the enemy ran great risks to carry off their dead, their loss in killed and wounded must have been very heavy.

I intend to-day to attack Becquah, which the scouts report occupied by the enemy.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) G. J. WOLSELEY,  
Major-General.

*The Right Honourable the Secretary  
of State for War.*

*Army Head Quarters, Amoaful,  
February 1, 1874.*

**NOMINAL RETURN of Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men, Killed and Wounded in Action, at Amoaful, on 31st January, 1874.**

*Officers Killed.*

*Royal Engineers.*

Captain R. N. Buckle, gunshot wound through lung and heart and abdomen (penetrating).

*Non-Commissioned Officers and Men Killed.*

*42nd Highlanders.*

2019 Private Thomas Thompson, gunshot wound through head.

332 Private P. Reid, gunshot wound through heart.

*Wood's Regiment.*

Private Salyah (Kossoo), gunshot wound of brain.

*Officers Wounded.*

*Royal Engineers*

Major R. Home, gunshot wound of chin; slight.

*23rd Regiment.*

Lieutenant G. H. Hutton, gunshot wound of right side; severe.

*42nd Highlanders.*

Major D. Macpherson, gunshot wound through right leg; severe; ditto right side of neck, slight.

Brevet Major W. Baird, gunshot wound of left thigh, dangerous; ditto of right leg, severe; ditto of right forearm and back, slight.

Captain E. Whitehead, gunshot wound of left thigh (contusion); slight.

Captain A. M. Creagh, gunshot wound of scalp and right side of neck (contusion); slight.

Lieutenant G. B. M. Cumberland, gunshot wound of right arm; severe.

Lieutenant A. S. Stevenson, gunshot wound of neck; slight.

Lieutenant W. A. Berwick, gunshot wound of right leg and ankle; severe.

Lieutenant W. H. C. Mowbray, gunshot wound of left temple and contusion right arm; slight.

*79th Regiment attached to 42nd Highlanders.*

Lieutenant R. C. Annesley, gunshot wound of left thigh (contusion); slight.

*2nd Battalion Rifle Brigade.*

Major A. Stephens, gunshot wound of wrist; slight.

Lieutenant C. D. Sherston, gunshot wound of right arm with fracture; very severe.

Lieutenant W. J. Smyth, gunshot wound of thigh; slight.

*Wood's Regiment.*

Lieutenant-Colonel Evelyn Wood, V.C., 90th Regiment, gunshot-wound of left side of chest; slight.

*Non-Commissioned Officers and Men Wounded.*

*Royal Engineers.*

11601 Sapper H. Rowe, gunshot wound of left hand; slight.

9481 Sapper J. Law, gunshot wound of thigh; severe.

9620 Sapper William Little, gunshot wound of chest (penetrating); dangerous.

1165 Sapper J. Voss, gunshot wound of chin; slight.

*2nd Battalion, 23rd Regiment.*

2088 Private A. Goodwin, gunshot wound of shoulder; severe.

1013 Private J. Torish, gunshot wound of head and neck; dangerous.

62 Private J. North, gunshot wound of hip; severe.