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THE following Despatches and Enclosures have been received by the Secretary of the Admiralty from Commodore W. N. W. Hewett, V.C., Senior Naval Officer on the Gold Coast :—

*“Active,” at Cape Coast,
March 3, 1874.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to forward for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty a letter I have received from Captain J. H. Glover, R.N., Special Commissioner in the Volta, bringing to my notice the good services of Lieutenant George H. Moore (late “Druid”) and Sub-Lieutenant Henry Ponsonby, belonging to Her Majesty’s ship “Active,” and Retired Sub-Lieutenant Henry H. Adamson late “Argus”) while attached to the expeditionary force commanded by him in that river.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) W. N. W. HEWETT,
Commodore.

The Secretary of the Admiralty.

*Fort Anamaboe,
February 25, 1874.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to forward for your information extracts from report furnished by me to His Excellency the Major-General, of Services of Officers* attached to the Volta Expeditionary Force, and to request that you will bring the services of the Officers named in margin to the notice of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) JOHN H. GLOVER,
Special Commissioner.

*To Captain Hewett, V.C., C.B.,
Commodore Commanding
Cape Coast.*

* Lieutenant Moore, R.N., Sub-Lieutenant Ponsonby, Sub-Lieutenant Adamson.

(Extracts.)

Lieutenant Moore, of Her Majesty’s ship “Druid,” joined the expedition as a volunteer, with the approval of his commanding officer, on the 1st October last.

For the first part of his service he rendered valuable assistance in piloting vessels over the bar of the Volta, in landing stores, and in command of “Lady of Lake” steamer in the river.

On the 2nd December he went to Blapah, and planned and cleared there the camp on the Volta, previous to the arrival of Captain Sartorius.

On the 25th December he had charge of the battery on the right bank of the river, covering the landing on the opposite shore, and subsequently of the “Lady of the Lake” steamer, and had a narrow escape from sunstroke due to his exertions in the heat.

When it was decided to leave the left bank of Volta on 27th, he was left as Commissioner with 3,000 Aquapims and Crobboes, and served with them with Deputy-Commissioner Goldsworthy up to 11th January, and successfully brought 1500 of these native levies across the Prah, to join me at Odumassie on the 6th of February. Since that date he has had command of the Yorubas, and has marched with them to this place.

During the whole of this time he has shown great energy and constant willingness to carry out any duties required of him, and deserves my thanks for the assistance he has afforded me.

Sub-Lieutenant Ponsonby, Her Majesty’s ship “Active,” joined us just before the crossing of the Volta, on the 24th and 25th December. His skilful firing was referred to in General Orders of that date.

He was left in charge of the steam launches on the Volta, and subsequently received orders to join Head Quarters, which he did at Chibbi, on 11th January.

He accompanied Lieutenant Barnard in charge of rockets to Jaarsie, and in his reports of attack on Odumassie, 26th January, Lieutenant Barnard remarks on “the splendid way in which the