

10. Commander Campbell has also brought to my notice the gallantry of Thomas Harding, Ordinary Seaman, H.M.S. "Active," who was the first unmounted man in the enemy's position. (I may here remark that I have seen by letters from persons present that Commander Campbell himself and Captain Hart, Staff Officer to Natal Native Contingent, both being mounted, were together the first in.) I have in consequence rated him A.B. from the date of the action, but I venture to recommend him for some special mark of Her Majesty's favour.

11. I beg also to recommend to their Lordships' favourable notice E. White, P.O., 1 Cl. and E. Fletcher, P.O. 2 Cl., H.M.S. "Active" under the circumstances mentioned in Commander Campbell's Despatch.

12. Colonel Pearson in his report, a copy of which is attached, thus speaks of Staff Surgeon Norbury, H.M.S. "Active," :—"I cannot speak too highly of the energy and attention to their duties of Staff Surgeon Norbury, R.N., my senior medical officer and his assistants. The Field Hospital was established in a convenient place almost immediately after the firing began, and the wounded received every assistance."

It will be in their Lordships' recollection that I felt it my duty to recommend Dr. Norbury for promotion at the close of the late war for his services in the Transkei, it is with much gratification that I again bring his name under their Lordships' notice.

13. Surgeon William Thompson, R.N., H.M.S. "Active," was one of the assistants commended by Colonel Pearson.

14. In conclusion, I feel it but justice to again revert to the services of Commander Campbell during these operations.

Upon him devolved the whole onus of transporting the troops, their artillery, baggage, train, &c., across the Tugela River which happily by his skill and constant watchfulness was accomplished without loss (with the exception of one man) or delay. The Tugela, about 300 yards wide, is always a rapid river, and after rain a foaming torrent. It will be observed by Colonel Pearson's Despatch that his suggestions met with that officer's immediate approval, and were subsequently carried out by the commander with skill and gallantry.

15. Commander Campbell has been nearly nine years in that rank, has been 27 years in the service, and already wears several medals. I confidently recommend him to their Lordships for promotion.

I forward also herewith the report, plans, and notes thereon of the lamentable affair at Isandhlwana received by me from Lieutenant Milne, R.N., and A.D.C. to Lieutenant-General Lord Chelmsford, which appears to me to be remarkably lucid, and to do that officer much credit.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) F. W. SULLIVAN,
Commodore.

*The Secretary of the Admiralty,
Whitehall.*

Enclosure 1, 24th January, 1879, from Commander Campbell, Naval Brigade, to Commodore, reporting proceedings of Naval Brigade with Colonel Pearson's column, and particulars of the engagement at Inyezane, on January 22, 1879.*

* Enclosure No. 1, appeared in Gazette of 5th March.

(Enclosure No. 2.)

SIR,

Ekwoe, January 28, 1879.

IN continuation of my letter No. 13, of 24th instant, I have to report that no change has taken place in the distribution of the Naval Brigade.

Roughly speaking, nearly one-half of No. 1 column is employed, escorting convoys from the Tugela, and the other half, the largest, fortifying this place and preparing it for the depôt by which the whole fore in Zululand are in future to be supplied; a hospital is also to be established here.

Until a considerable quantity of stores, &c., are collected here, it is not intended that this column should advance further; this will perhaps occupy ten days more.

We are in constant expectation of a night attack, the alarm being given every night as well as the usual muster of everyone at the "alarm posts" two hours before day break.

No enemy have been seen since the battle of 22nd instant.

It seems the number of the enemy killed and wounded at the battle of Inyezane was underestimated, some of the convoys have passed over the ground since and found more bodies, which leads to the supposition that the killed must have been at least 400, and the wounded to double that amount.

Two of the wounded on our side have since died making our total loss as follows:—

Europeans—Killed 10; wounded 6; total 16.
Seven of the Europeans killed belong to the Native Contingent.

The wounded of the naval brigade are progressing favourably.

George Doran, bullet in thigh, bullet cannot be found, but he suffers no pain and seems doing well.

George Berryman, bullet in thigh, doing well.
H. Gosling, A.B., wounded in hand, doing well.

T. Butler, E. White, J. Ropeyarn, J. Lewis, slightly wounded, are well.

In addition to above two oxen drawing the rocket cart were wounded.

G. Berryman was knocked down by a bullet through his helmet just before being struck in the thigh.

George May, ditto.

The five white men were wounded on the hill when the Zulus were being driven back along the path by the A Company of Naval Brigade, and the right half of B Company; it will be observed that four men out of the five wounded belong to A Company which led the advance through.

Colonels Pearson and Parnell both had their horses shot under them as well as one of the mounted orderlies.

Other animals were also wounded and one ox killed.

Ammunition expended by the naval brigade at battle of Inyezane.

11 Rockets; 2,400 rounds Martini-Henry; 300 rounds Gatling.

I regret not having been able to inform you of the battle by the first messenger, but was unaware of his being sent.

I have, &c.

(Signed) H. FLETCHER CAMPBELL,
Commanding Naval Brigade.

To Commodore Sullivan, C.B., C.M.G.,
A.D.C., Senior Officer.