

severe, and a casualty roll is now being prepared.

I cannot speak too highly of the conduct of all the troops engaged, and only regret I was not able to put more cavalry in the field. I beg to bring to the favourable notice of the Lieutenant-General Commanding the names of Lieutenant-Colonel Lord Ralph D. Kerr, commanding the 10th Hussars; Lieutenant W. R. P. Hamilton, commanding the Guide Cavalry,* after Major Batty's death; Major the Hon'ble A. Stewart, commanding I-C, Royal Horse Artillery, 4 guns; Major F. S. S. Brind, commanding the 17th Regiment, 220 men; Lieutenant-Colonel C. J. Hughes, commanding the 27th Punjab Native Infantry, 210 men; Major C. L. Woodruffe, commanding the 45th Sikhs, 240 men; and the Staff Officers who accompanied me during the engagement—Captain J. Davidson of the Quartermaster-General's Department, Captain Boyce A. Coombe, 10th Hussars, Brigade-Major of Cavalry; Captain T. A. St. Quintin, 10th Hussars, A.D.C., Lieutenant the Hon'ble G. L. Bellew, 10th Hussars, Orderly Officer, and Major H. F. Blair, R.E., Field Engineer, who also acted in conveying orders.

I found on my return to camp that considerable bodies of men were observed on the slopes of the Seah Koh, and the reconnoitring party of the 10th Hussars, which proceeded to Nimla Bagh in the morning and returned just in time to take part in the engagement, came across others. I have therefore no doubt that the enemy came from all parts of the country round.

Return of Killed, Wounded, and Missing in the action of Futtchabad, 2nd April, 1879.

I-C, R. H. Artillery—1† rank and file, 1 horse, wounded. Total 1.

10th Hussars—1 horse, killed; 1 sergeant, 6 rank and file, 10 horses wounded; 1 horse, missing. Total 7.

Cavalry of the Corps of Guides—1 British officer, 1 native officer, 1 sergeant, 1 rank and file, 5 horses, killed; 4 native officers, 5 sergeants, 19† rank and file, 20 horses, wounded; Total 32.

1st Battalion 17th Foot—1 British officer, 1 rank and file, killed; 1 sergeant, 3 rank and file, wounded. Total 6.

Total.—2 British officers, 1 native officer, 1 sergeant, 2 rank and file, 6 horses, killed; 4 native officers, 7 sergeants, 29 rank and file, 31 horses, wounded; 1 horse, missing. Total 46.

Grand Total.—6 men, 6 horses, killed; 40 men, 31 horses, wounded; 1 horse, missing. Total 46.

Names of Officers killed and wounded.

Killed.

Major Wigram Batty, Bengal Staff Corps, Officiating Commandant, Cavalry of the Corps of Guides.

Lieutenant Nicholas C. Wiseman, 1st Battalion 17th Foot.

Ressaidar Mahmoud Khan, Cavalry of the Corps of Guides.

Wounded.

Ressaidar Dhuni Chand, } Cavalry of the Corps
" Kali Sing, } of Guides,—all
Jemadar Jewand Sing, } slightly.
" Bishen Das, }

* 190 sabres.

† Mortally wounded.

‡ One sowar since dead of his wounds.

Admiralty, November 7, 1879.

THE following Despatches and Communications, relative to the proceedings of the Naval Brigade in Zululand, are published by desire of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty:—

H.M.S. "Active," Sierra Leone.

September 3, 1879.

Sir,
I HAVE the honour to submit, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a short account of the proceedings of the naval forces, lately under my command, landed for service in the Zulu war.

2. Enclosure (A.) shows the total of officers and men landed from the fleet, with other particulars.

3. Enclosure (B.) shows the strength of the "Active's" party landed at Durban in November, 1878. This force at once marched to the Lower Tugela, of which place, and Fort Pearson, it formed the garrison until the concentration of No. 1 column, under Colonel Pearson, took place.

This party established the pont, and collected boats preparatory to the passage of the Tugela, which took place on 12th January; the river was, at this time, a torrent 270 yards across, rendering the work both difficult and dangerous. More than once the pont upset, drowning William Martin, A.B., of H.M.S. "Active," while Lieutenant Craigie and others narrowly escaped.

The entire responsibility of transporting the column, with its immense quantity of stores, &c., fell on the Royal Navy, and was rapidly and successfully performed.

4. On 7th January, 1879, a detachment of 50 men from H.M.S. "Tenedos" (C.) joined the Naval Brigade. This party took charge of the pont and general working of the river on 18th January, when the "Actives" advanced with No. 1 column into Zululand, they (the "Tenedos") advanced with Lord Chelmsford's army to the relief of Ekowe, and were present at the battle of Gingilhovo; shortly after they re-embarked.

5. On 22nd January the "Actives" took a distinguished part at the battle of Inyezane, sustaining a loss of seven wounded.

Lord Chelmsford described the part taken by the Royal Navy "on this occasion, as one of the finest incidents of the war."

This party formed part of the garrison of Ekowe from 24th January to 4th April, 1879, sustaining considerable hardships; one officer and four men having died during the siege, while three more died soon afterwards from diseases contracted there.

6. Ekowe was relieved on the 3rd April, and the following day I assumed command of all the naval forces landed, amounting to 858 men. This force was divided between the Lower Tugela and Fort Chelmsford, Commander Brackenbury being in command of the detachment at the latter place.

On the 19th June, the main naval forces, consisting of 545 officers and men of H.M.'s ships "Active," "Boadicea," and "Shah," with three 9-pounder guns, six rockets, and five Gatling guns, were concentrated at Fort Chelmsford, from which they advanced with General Crealock's army to Durnford, employed there disembarking provisions and stores till 21st July; when, after a review by Sir Garnet Wolesley, the detachments of "Active" and "Shah" embarked, leaving the detachment of "Boadicea" to continue the work of landing.

Sir Garnet made a flattering speech after the review, and then handed me a General Order, (Enclosure D).

I also annex extracts from a letter addressed to me by General Crealock, (Enclosure E), who having been relieved from the chief command of