

that he was equally anxious and equally successful in affording me assistance.

Captain Bradshaw has already received well merited praise for the prompt action which he took when, on arriving at St. Helena, he heard of the disaster at Isandlwana.

The garrison of St. Helena and the naval contingent which was landed from the "Shah" were very seasonable reinforcements at a time when every additional man was of importance.

During Commodore Richards' absence at the front Captain Bradshaw acted as senior officer at Durban, and was most useful and energetic in assisting the disembarkation of troops, horses, and stores. His popularity amongst the merchants of Durban was most useful in allaying friction and in preventing misunderstandings with regard to the delay in landing their goods, which resulted at times from the quantity of military stores which claimed precedence.

Captain Twiss was the senior naval transport officer at Port Natal, and as such deserves great credit for the successful arrangements which were carried out under his personal supervision.

I should here wish to bring to notice the names of numerous officers who, on board ship or on shore, assisted so materially in the disembarkation at Port Natal. I am, however, unfortunately not in possession of them, as of course, no reports could be sent to me after I had ceased to command H.M.'s forces in South Africa. I know, however, that Captain Adeane, H.M.S. "Tenedos," and the officers left in charge of H.M.S. "Shah," "Active," and "Boadicea," exerted themselves most zealously to assist the military authorities at Durban who were charged with the duty of superintending the numerous disembarkations. Lieutenant Sidney Smith, in command of H.M.S. "Forrester," did excellent service in reconnoitring the coast of Zululand and in finding the landing place at Point Durnford.

Lieutenant A. B. Milne acted as my Naval A.D.C. during the time that the Naval Brigade were on shore.

He proved himself a most intelligent and trustworthy officer, and was of great assistance to me on numerous occasions.

I have mentioned this officer's name in my despatch written after Ulundi, but have thought it only fair to him that I should include it amongst others of the Naval Brigade.

Captain Campbell, H.M.S. "Active," Commander Brackenbury, H.M.S. "Shah," Lieutenant Kingscote, H.M.S. "Tenedos," Lieutenant Carr, H.M.S. "Boadicea," were respectively in command of that portion of the Naval Brigade which was landed for service in Zululand.

I cannot speak too highly of the manner in which these officers exercised their commands, or of the conduct and behaviour of those under their immediate charge.

I regret that I am not in possession of any separate reports from these officers, so that I might particularise those who had an opportunity of specially distinguishing themselves. I am glad, however, to have this opportunity of thankfully acknowledging the excellent service rendered by the Naval Brigade generally during the time that they were serving under my command.

[Enclosure.]

ROYAL MARINES.

THE contingent of these excellent troops which was landed for service in Zululand was a most efficient one.

Lieutenant T. W. Dowding, R.M. was at first the senior officer in command, and advanced with

the force under Colonel Pearson to Ekowe, where he remained until the garrison was relieved.

Captain J. Philips, R.M.L.I., subsequently landed with the contingent from H.M.S. "Shah," and was present in command of all the Marines at the battle of Ginginhovo.

I am much indebted to both these officers for their assistance, and for the efficient manner in which they exercised their respective commands.

Staff Surgeon H. F. Norbury was for a long time the senior medical officer with Colonel Pearson's column, and discharged those duties with marked ability and zeal.

Staff Surgeon W. D. Longfield was the senior medical officer with the Naval Brigade in the engagement at Ginginhovo, and was dangerously wounded.

I had previously had an opportunity of noticing the efficient manner in which this officer performed his duties when in charge of the hospital at Fort Tenedos.

SIR, *Downing Street, October 1, 1879.*

I AM directed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to transmit to you, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the accompanying copy of a despatch from the Governor of the Cape Colony, on the subject of the employment of Her Majesty's Naval Forces in Land Service.

I have, &c.

ROBERT G. W. HERBERT.

The Secretary to the Admiralty.

SIR B. FRERE TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE. (No. 253.) *Government House, Cape Town, August 28, 1879.*

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge your despatch No. 374, of the 24th of April last, relative to the employment of Her Majesty's Naval Forces on Land Service. I need hardly assure Her Majesty's Government that the instructions to land these men only in case of great and emergent necessity, and to re-embark them as soon as the exigencies of war would permit, have been strictly observed.

2. I understand that by this time all the officers and men of Her Majesty's Ships who were landed in Natal have been re-embarked.

3. I have already reported to Her Majesty's Government the important services performed by the bodies of Blue Jackets and Marines during the war, composed as they were of seasoned and hardy well trained and disciplined men, accustomed to turn their hands to any sort of employment, and to work in small detachments; these were far more serviceable than unseasoned troops and immature recruits.

I have, &c.

H. B. E. FRERE, Gov. and H. C.

The Right Honourable The Secretary of State, &c., &c., &c., Colonial Office.

The Secretary of the Admiralty to Commodore Richards.

SIR, *Admiralty, November 7, 1879.*

I HAVE laid before my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty your letter of the 13th September, No. 158, in which you bring generally to the notice of their Lordships the services rendered by the officers and men of the squadron under your command during the recent war in Zululand.

2. My Lords, on the arrival of H.M.S. "Tenedos," and on the paying off of H.M.S. "Shah" and "Active," communicated to the officers and men of those ships the satisfaction which they felt in receiving from his Excellency Sir Bartle Frere, from Major-General Lord