

piece of French make, from which two rounds had been fired before being seized.

We now ceased firing, and proceeded to embark our prisoners.

The enemy's loss is about 100 killed (including 3 officers, one of whom was the officer in command), and 62 prisoners, out of which 27 are wounded, and we have captured a large number of Remington rifles, with quantities of ammunition and stores.

The enemy fought with bravery, but their shooting was most inferior, and owing to this latter defect I am happy to say there are only two casualties on our side, viz.: Benjamin Davis, A.B., "Euryalus," one of my boat's crew, who accompanied me, slightly wounded; and Joseph Fernandez, Wardroom steward of the "Seagull," one of the stretcher party, severely wounded.

Besides the above, I regret to say Corporal Hind and Private Reeves, of the Highlanders, were drowned in trying to cross the canal.

The wounded men are receiving every possible attention from Surgeons A. McKinlay, of the "Mosquito," and S. W. Vasey, of the "Seagull," who were attached to the landing parties of their respective ships.

The conduct of the seamen and marines under fire was everything that could be desired, and I would wish to express my admiration for the coolness and gallantry of the Highlanders, to which, with the excellent fire from the ships, the success of the day must be attributed.

I have to thank Commander Mather Byles, of the "Seagull," Lieutenant-Colonel H. Helsham Jones, R.E., Lieutenant and Commander the Honourable F. R. Sandilands, of H.M.S. "Mosquito," and Major W. F. Kelsey, of the Seaforth Highlanders, for their valuable co-operation and assistance, and I beg to bring to favourable notice the services of—

Lieutenant E. Rac, who commanded the landing party from the "Seagull";

Sub-Lieutenant W. O. Story, who commanded the landing party from the "Mosquito";

Sub-Lieutenant E. J. Carus Wilson, who worked the Gatling gun in the main-top of the "Seagull";

Mr. George Peavitt, gunner, who worked the 7-pounder in foretop of the "Seagull";

Mr. G. Gore-Browne, midshipman, my aide-de-camp, who was most useful to me; and

Mr. T. R. B. Rogers, Assistant Paymaster in charge, of the "Seagull," who rendered good service by bringing the boat from the lock.

I attach a plan of the position drawn by Navigating Lieutenant Richard J. Rogers, of H.M.S. "Seagull."

I have, &c.,

ALICK P. HASTINGS, Captain.

Rear-Admiral Sir W. N. W. Hewett, K.C.B.,
V.C., Commander-in-Chief, East Indies.

"Euryalus," Suez,

August 27, 1882.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to forward herewith reports from Major Kelsey, of the Seaforth Highlanders, and the Lieutenant in command of the "Mosquito," relative to the recent operations at Chalouf, forwarded to me by Captain Hastings after the despatch of my letter of the 21st inst.

I have, &c.,

W. HEWETT,

Rear-Admiral and Commander-in-Chief,
in the East Indies.

Admiral Sir F. Beauchamp Seymour, G.C.B.,
Commander-in-Chief in the Mediter-
anean.

"Euryalus," Suez,

August 25, 1882.

No. 62.

FORWARDED for the information of the Commander-in-Chief with reference to my letter of proceedings dated the 20th inst.

I would wish to call attention to the fact that after Lieutenant Lang, of the Seaforth Highlanders, procured a boat, Sub-Lieutenant W. O. Story and the blue-jackets of the "Mosquito" were the first to cross the canal, and they held a house on the opposite bank until reinforced by the Highlanders.

I was not aware of this until I received the written report from Major Kelsey now submitted.

ALICK P. HASTINGS,

Captain.

From Major W. F. Kelsey, Commanding Detachment, 1st Battalion Seaforth Highlanders, to Captain Hastings, Commanding Naval Brigade.

Chalouf,

August 20, 1882.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to report for your information that on landing at Chalouf on the 20th August, 1882, I found two companies, each company 50 rifles, up in extended order, supported by two others, total 200 rifles.

On arriving on the bank of the Freshwater Canal the enemy showed, and I opened fire about 11.30 a.m.; at the same time I sent Captain Lendrum, with one company under the direction of Colonel Jones, R.E., to hold the lock about two miles to our right.

About twenty minutes after the action commenced I sent a company, under command of Major Garnett, to work round through some houses on our extreme left; this company was supported by a party of blue-jackets and Marines from H.M.S. "Mosquito," under command of Sub-Lieutenant Story, R.N.; the houses were occupied by Major Garnett, and I reinforced him with half another company of Seaforth Highlanders under command of Lieutenant Lang.

The houses were passed through and the bank of the Freshwater Canal lined.

Major Garnett's party was here checked for some time until a boat was procured by Lieutenant Lang swimming over to the other side under the enemy's fire, and bringing it back.

Sub-Lieutenant Story, R.N., and a party of blue-jackets then crossed and held a house until re-inforced by the Seaforth Highlanders, then advanced and took the enemy in flank, who then retreated rapidly.

About 4 p.m. Captain Hughes Hallett took his company across the canal in a boat sent to me by Captain Lendrum from the lock he was occupying, this boat was towed up by a couple of men of his company under the direction of Paymaster Rogers, R.N., H.M.S. "Seagull."

As soon as Captain Hughes Hallett's company had crossed, the remainder of our line was taken across, and advanced, driving the enemy before it.

A party of blue-jackets and Marines from H.M.S. "Seagull" occupied a forward position in the centre of our line during the action, and by their fire kept down the enemy's considerably.

The Gatlings in the tops of H.M.S. "Seagull" and "Mosquito," kept up a galling fire during the day, and did great execution.

I beg to bring to your notice the name of Sub-Lieutenant Story, R.N., H.M.S. "Mosquito." Major Garnett reports to me that he led his men in a forward and gallant manner.

I regret to have to report the loss of two men of Major Garnett's company by drowning; their