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*Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,  
April 23, 1884.*

**N**OTICE is hereby given, that Her Majesty's Birthday will be kept on Saturday, the 24th of May next.

*Admiralty, April 29, 1884.*

**A** DESPATCH, from which the following is an extract, has been received from Rear-Admiral Sir N. W. Hewett, K.C.B., K.C.S.I., V.C., Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's ships and vessels on the East Indian Station, enclosing a report, a copy of which is appended, from Major-General Sir Gerald Graham, K.C.B., V.C., on the services rendered by the Naval Brigade during the operations connected with the action of Tamai on 13th March, 1884:—

Extract from Despatch, dated 2nd April, 1884, from Rear-Admiral Sir William Hewett, K.C.B., K.C.S.I., V.C.

"ON the 11th March, at the request of the General Officer Commanding, I landed a Naval Brigade, similar in strength to that which had been attached to the force for the relief of Tokar. I beg to enclose, for the information of their Lordships, a copy of General Graham's report on the services which Commander Ernest Rolfe, the officers, and men of this Brigade rendered."

From Major-General Sir Gerald Graham, K.C.B., V.C., Commanding Expeditionary Force, to Rear-Admiral Sir William Hewett, K.C.B., K.C.S.I., V.C., Commander-in-Chief, East India Station.

*Sir, Suakin, March 30, 1884.*

ON the 3rd March I had the honour of reporting to you on the conduct of the Naval Brigade under Commander Rolfe, R.N., during the operations connected with the relief of Tokar; I now beg to forward a report from Commander Rolfe, dated 16th March, 1884, on the proceedings of the Naval Brigade, during the operations connected with the action of Tamai on the 13th March.

Here, as at El-Teb, the Naval Brigade displayed the utmost gallantry, and I deeply regret their heavy loss during the temporary check to the advance of the 2nd Brigade. It is a significant proof of the coolness and gallantry of the officers and men of the Naval Brigade, that during all the heat and excitement of the enemy's desperate charge, when three officers and seven men were

killed beside their guns, not one of these guns was allowed to fall into the enemy's hands before it had been secured by the safety key from being turned against us. The machine guns did excellent service both before and after this temporary reverse. As in the previous operations, I cannot too highly praise the endurance and discipline shown by the men when toiling with their guns under a burning sun over heavy ground, or when under fire, in bivouac, or in action.

I must again bring to your notice the coolness in action, readiness, and power of command shown by Commander Rolfe, R.N., and he specially mentions Lieutenant Graham, R.N., Mr. Edward Tyndale Biscoe, and Mr. Edward Hyde Hewett, Midshipmen of the "Euryalus," also the Reverend Mr. Todd and Doctor Gimlette.

As the military operations are now concluded, I must beg to express my thanks and those of the force under my command, to you, Sir, for your unvarying courtesy and readiness to meet all our requirements, and to express my opinion that the success of the expedition has been very materially furthered by your personal influence. I have also to express my thanks for the untiring zeal and devotion with which the naval officers and men have worked day and night when required at embarking and disembarking troops and stores. I may also be allowed to express my admiration at the skill and ability displayed by those in authority in organizing the transport arrangements, and in the difficult tasks of embarking and disembarking numbers of riding horses and transport animals, besides troops and stores. In all this trying work the naval and military officers employed have, I am happy to say, worked together in perfect harmony, having one object in common, the furtherance of the expedition. The duties of embarking and disembarking were most efficiently carried out by Captain Andoe, of Her Majesty's ship "Orontes," in conjunction with Lieutenant-Colonel Gordon, Deputy-Assistant Quartermaster-General, and with the following officers under him:—

Lieutenant William D. Morrish, Her Majesty's ship "Jumna."

Lieutenant Algernon H. Oliver, Her Majesty's ship "Jumna."

Lieutenant Charles S. Elliot, Her Majesty's ship "Orontes."

Lieutenant Horace H. Barnard, Her Majesty's ship "Orontes."

Lieutenant John A. Colwell, Her Majesty's ship "Ranger."