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*Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,  
March 24, 1885.*

**N**OTICE is hereby given, that Her Majesty's Birthday will be kept on Saturday, the 6th of June next.

*War Office, April 24, 1885.*

**A** DESPATCH, of which the following is a copy, has been received by the Secretary of State for War from General Lord Wolseley, G.C.B., G.C.M.G.:—

*Camp Korti,  
March 16, 1885.*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to forward herewith the report by Captain Lord Charles Beresford, R.N., of the proceedings of the Naval Brigade under his command, and to request that you will be so good as to cause the same to be forwarded for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

In a previous despatch I have drawn attention to the admirable service rendered by Lord Charles Beresford and the officers and men under him. I cannot speak too highly of the manner in which they have all done their work, nor too strongly of the value of that work to the Expedition. I trust that your Lordship may see fit to bring their excellent conduct on all occasions under the notice of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) WOLSELEY, General.  
The Right Honourable  
Marquis of Hartington.

SIR,

*Korti, March 12, 1885.*

I HAVE the honour to forward herewith a letter of proceedings of the Naval Brigade, under my command, and to request that should you think fit, you will be pleased to forward the same for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES BERESFORD, Captain.  
Major-General  
Sir Redvers Buller, V.C.,  
Chief of the Staff.

Report of Proceedings of Naval Brigade from  
November 26 last to March 8, 1885.

SIR,

*Korti, March 10, 1885.*

I HAVE the honour to report the proceedings

of the Naval Brigade from November 26 last, the day on which I was appointed to take command.

November 26, 1884, to January 5, 1885, the men forming the Naval Brigade were employed on various duties on different parts of the river.

5 January. The 1st Division under the command of Lieutenant A. Pigott arrived at Korti, I myself arriving from Dal, where I had been employed on duty.

8 January. The 1st Division left Korti in the column commanded by Brigadier-General Sir Herbert Stewart.

12 January. Arrived at Gakdul.

14 January. Left Gakdul with column.

16 January. In the afternoon we first had touch with the enemy, the Hussar scouts reporting them to be in considerable numbers about 4 miles ahead of the column, which position was 4 or 5 miles distant from Abou-Klea Wells.

The General formed a Zareba for the night. Camels inside, men outside between them and Zareba.

The Naval Brigade were posted with their Gardner on the flank. During that night a continuous and annoying rifle fire was kept up on the Zareba by riflemen from hills on the right flank, distant about 800 yards.

As the morning dawned this fire increased. There were no casualties in the Naval Brigade. 17th January, after breakfast, at 6 A.M., the force was formed up for receiving an attack outside the Zareba, the Artillery (half battery 7-pr. screw guns) and Naval Brigade with the Gardner gun taking position on the right front. The fire from the enemy's riflemen increased considerably during this period.

Shortly after 9 A.M. the General, having waited for presumed attack, ordered the square to be formed on a clear space, about 400 yards in front of the Zareba. I was directed to place the Gardner gun in the centre of the rear face, keeping it in a line with men marching; but if the square was attacked from the front, or on either of the flanks, I was to use my own judgment as to the best place for the gun. The square advanced under a very hot fire, from the left flank, for about 2 miles, as we cleared a hill on our left flank, flags of different devices, numbering nearly 100, were seen attached to poles planted in the ground amongst the grass, which was high. The edge of the grass, from the flank of the square, was about 400 yards distant, the flags about 700 yards. Not one of