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Admiralty, December 9, 1893.

DESPATCHES of which the following are copies have been received from Rear-Admiral Frederick G. D. Bedford, C.B., Commander-in-Chief on the Cape of Good Hope and West Coast of Africa Station, and from the Senior Naval Officer, Zanzibar, forwarding reports of the operations of Naval Brigades landed at Lamu and Kismayu:—

Extract from Letter of Commander-in-Chief to Admiralty, dated 3rd September, 1893.

*"Raleigh" at Zanzibar,*

SIR, *September 3, 1893.*

I HAVE received the reports of Captain Lindley of the operations of the Naval Brigade landed at Lamu, dated 10th and 17th August, duplicates of which have been furnished to their Lordships by the Senior Officer, Zanzibar.

I have but few remarks to offer on this subject. Captain Lindley's Despatches, which are very full, are before their Lordships, and the Consul-General has fully explained the circumstances under which it was necessary to have recourse to force.

Captain Lindley conducted the operations in a manner which I feel sure will meet with their Lordships' approval, and was ably supported by Commander Sampson and the officers and men landed.

I regret to have to mention that a considerable number of the force that was landed have since suffered from fever. A report, which I called for from the Fleet Surgeon on the state of the wounded, &c., is enclosed.

Since that affair, as will be seen by the enclosed despatches from Her Majesty's ship "Blanche," another collision with the natives has taken place on the River Juba. It seemed inevitable, if the lives of the two Englishmen, Captain Tritton and Mr. McDougall, of the Imperial British East African Company, were to be saved, and I think that no one reading Lieutenant Lewes's letter can fail to be struck with the dash and determination displayed by that Officer and the small force under his orders.

I have informed Lieutenant Lewes that I approve of his proceedings, and consider he was quite right to insist on the withdrawal from the steamer of the Company's officers.

I have, &c.,

FREDK. G. D. BEDFORD,

Rear-Admiral and Commander-in-Chief.

Report on Wounded.

Enclosure in Commander-in-Chief's Letter of 3rd September, 1893.

*Her Majesty's Ship "Raleigh,"*

*Zanzibar, September 2, 1893.*

SIR, I HAVE the honour to submit the following statement of the sick and wounded from Her Majesty's ships "Blanche," "Swallow," and "Sparrow," when engaged in operations against Lamu:—

Her Majesty's ship "Blanche."

1. Lieutenant Fitzmaurice, deep flesh gunshot wound of left forearm; now convalescent.
2. Charles Kingston, A.B., gunshot flesh wound of left thigh and left forearm; convalescent.
3. Benjamin Williams, A.B., deep flesh wound of right shoulder, posteriorly; healing rapidly.

Her Majesty's ship "Swallow."

1. George Sparrowhawk, gunshot wound of left thigh; convalescent.
2. William Maple, O.S., slight flesh wound of right loin; recovered.

Her Majesty's ship "Sparrow."

1. Sub-Lieutenant Gervis, wound of left side of neck, near the jugular vein, from a slug, which is deeply lodged in the tissues; convalescent.
2. William Leighton, P.O., 2nd class, severe gunshot compound fracture of left wrist, rendering future use of hand doubtful.
3. John Wall, P.M., gunshot wound of left leg, fissuring tibial bone; progressing favourably.

Since returning to the ships, of the "Blanche," Captain Lindley, Sub-Lieutenant Double, and 14 marines, had malarial fever; of the "Swallow," 25 of the landing party, including 14 marines, had simple continued fever.

The Surgeons of the ships consider the clothing of the marines rendered them more liable to fever than the sailors.

The fever is attributable to wet, exposure, and the necessary use of shore water in this malarial climate.

All the wounded men suffered from fever.

I have, &c.,

W. R. WHITE, B.A., M.B.,

Fleet Surgeon.

Extract from letter of Senior Naval Officer, East Coast of Africa Division, to the Commander-in-Chief (duplicate sent to Admiralty).

*"Raleigh" at Zanzibar,*

*August 15, 1893.*

SIR, I HAVE the honour to report that upon your departure in Her Majesty's ship "Raccoon," on