

Nine prisoners were captured, amongst them two wounded officers; these I sent to the ship; the remainder I have distributed amongst the boats to act as pilots.

The defences of the post consisted of six angular stockaded entrenchments, formed of very tough timber, eight feet high and four feet thick, one side of each stockade looking across the river, and the other down the reach. The principal stockade commanded the landing-place, in which one of the guns was mounted at the time.

It was with great satisfaction that I saw the cool and steady behaviour of the men, under the trying circumstances of crowded boats, exposed to a hot fire from both sides of the river from unseen marksmen, without the possibility of effectually returning it, while in almost a stationary position, owing to the current running like a mill-stream. And it is astonishing to me that a greater loss did not occur, as the boats were riddled with shot, and nearly half the oars broken.

To distinguish one brave officer from another, when all did their duty, is a difficult task; but I may remark, that I found Captain Smith, commanding the detachment of Her Majesty's 38th regiment, by my side on landing; Commander Ryder, at the head of his division, close by me; Lieutenants Johnston and Ridge, of the Alarm, leading their men in gallant style; and First Lieutenant Boyle, Royal Marines, of the same ship, leading his detachment as my guard, and showing an example, which his marines could not but follow.

Mr. Martin, Paymaster and Purser of the Alarm, accompanied me in my gig, and was of the greatest value and assistance. Besides these officers, I beg to recommend to your favourable notice Mr. Collins, Paymaster and Purser of H. M. S. Vixen, who was a volunteer in the head quarter port paddle box boat; the Honourable H. A. Moreton, Mate of the Alarm, who commanded the pinnace, and did good execution; Mr. Tyler, Mate of the same ship; Mr. N. E. B. Turnour, Midshipman of Vixen, who was badly wounded; and I beg to mention a seaman of the Vixen, named in the margin*, who captured the colours. If I have, &c.

(Signed) GRANVILLE G. LOCH,
Captain H. M. S. Alarm,
and Senior Officer, &c.

P. S. Commander A. Rider has brought under my notice the zeal and gallantry of Mr. F. A. Dewdney, Midshipman of H. M. S. Vixen, commanding the S. P. B. boat.

I beg also to mention the zeal and activity of Lieutenant Scott, First of the Vixen, in forwarding the advance of the launches over the rapids, and his exertions in pushing on the slow boats of the force.

Vice Admiral Sir Francis W. Austen,
K. C. B. Commander in Chief,
&c. &c. &c.

* Dennis Burke, stoker.

A List of Boats and the Number of Men on the River San Juan de Nicaragua Expedition.

Her Majesty's Ship Alarm.

Galley.—Captain Loch; Mr. Martin, Acting Paymaster and Purser; crew, 6.—Total 8.
Barge, 12-Pounder Carronade.—Lieutenant Ridge; Lieutenant Boyle, R. M.; Mr. Tyler, Mate; crew, 13; marines, 10.—Total 26; 3 wounded.
Spare Pinnace, 12-Pounder Howitzer.—Lieutenant Johnston; Mr. Irvine, Midshipman; crew, 13; soldiers, 18.—Total 33; 1 killed, 1 wounded.
Pinnace, 12-Pounder Carronade.—Honourable H. Moreton, Mate; Mr. Hatherly, Assistant Surgeon; Mr. Balfour, Midshipman; crew, 13; marines, 10.—Total 26; 1 wounded.
1st Cutter, Rocket Boat.—Mr. W. Rees, Boatswain; crew, 11.—Total 12.
2d Cutter.—Mr. Blakeley, Midshipman; crew, 10; soldiers, 6.—Total 17.
Total 122.

Her Majesty's Steam Sloop Vixen.

Gig.—Commander Ryder; crew, 5.—Total 6; 1 wounded.
Port P. B. Boat, 24-Pounder Carronade.—Mr. Collins, Acting Paymaster and Purser (Volr.); Mr. Turnour, Midshipman; Captain Smith, 38th Regiment; crew, 15; soldiers, 22.—Total 41; 1 killed, 1 wounded.
Starboard P. B. Boat, 24-Pounder Carronade.—Mr. Deudney, Midshipman; Lieutenant Hugonin, 38th Regiment; crew, 13; soldiers, 23; Mr. Brown, Engineer (Volr.).—Total 38; 5 wounded.
Pinnace, 12-Pounder Carronade.—Mr. Fayrer, Midshipman; Mr. Le Blanc, Assistant Surgeon, 38th Regiment; crew, 13; marines, 10.—Total 25; 1 wounded.
Cutter.—Mr. Hughes, Midshipman; Mr. Campion, Clerk (Volr.); crew, 10, soldiers, 6.—Total 18.
Second Gig.—Mr. Lambert, Midshipman; crew, 5. Total 6.
2 Dories Crews.—Total 4.
Total 138.
Grand Total engaged 260; 2 killed and 13 wounded.

Killed.

Her Majesty's Ship Alarm.

James Johnson, boatswain's mate.

Her Majesty's Steam Sloop Vixen.

Charles Fowell, captain fore top.

Wounded.

Her Majesty's Ship Alarm.

John Mitchell, coxswain, slightly.
William Smallman, private, marine, slightly.
John Powell, private, marine, slightly.
John Benney, private, marine, slightly.
James Nolan, private, 38th Regt. slightly.