

77TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.

3118 Private William Carr, slightly

90TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.

3317 Private Joseph Crowrick, slightly

95TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.

3276 Private George Shearman, dangerously
3368 John Smith, slightly

2ND BATTALION RIFLE BRIGADE.

4195 Private Thomas Hathaway, slightly

W. L. PAKENHAM,
Adjutant-General.*Admiralty, August 18, 1855.*

DESPATCHES, of which the following are copies have been received from Rear-Admiral Sir Edmund Lyons, Bart., G.C.B., Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Mediterranean and Black Sea.

No. 633. *Royal Albert, off Sevastopol,*
Sir, *August 4, 1855.*

IN continuation of the proceedings of the squadron in the Sea of Azof since those which were reported in my letter of the 30th ultimo, No. 613, I have the honour to enclose, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a copy of a letter from Commander Sherard Osborn, of the Vesuvius, the senior officer in that sea, reporting to me the steps he had taken to harass the enemy as much as possible, and to punish him at Berdiansk for having fired at some of our people, although the town had been previously spared on the plea of its being defenceless.

Commander Osborn does not fail to point out and to do justice to the merits of the officers by whom he has been so ably seconded, and he particularly mentions Commander Rowley Lambert, of the Curlew, the officer next in seniority to himself, who has on all occasions been conspicuous for his activity and gallantry.

Commander Osborn has also on several occasions borne the highest testimony to the merits of those gallant officers, Lieutenant William Horton, commanding the Ardent, and Lieutenant John E. Commerell, commanding the Weser.

I am, &c.

(Signed) EDMUND LYONS,
Rear-Admiral and Commander-in-Chief.

The Secretary of the Admiralty,
&c. &c. &c.

Her Majesty's ship Vesuvius,
Sir, *Arabat Spit, July 25, 1855.*

SINCE my last letter I have fully succeeded in destroying, by means of submarine explosions, the four Russian steamers sunk in Berdiansk Bay, and as the enemy had, from the houses of the western suburb of Berdiansk, twice fired upon our people, whilst peaceably and unguardedly employed, I considered it right that such a dishonourable course, from a town which had been spared under plea of being defenceless, should be severely punished, and the more so as Berdiansk had been

treated with unusual leniency upon the occasion of our former visits.

I therefore, on the 22nd of July, caused to be destroyed the western suburb, which had screened their riflemen, and succeeded in discovering and setting fire to no less than ten large granaries, filled with wheat, each averaging about two hundred tons in capacity, and several flour mills, which have been employed, night and day, grinding for the use of the Russians.

The church and major portion of the town I spared, although nearly every house we searched contained grain in large quantities, and the whole place might be considered little else than a general granary.

The dangerous service of landing in so large a town, with bodies of Cossacks threatening, was entrusted to Commander Rowley Lambert, Lieutenant Hubert Campion (senior of this ship), Lieutenant Hewett, Her Majesty's steam-vessel Beagle, and Lieutenant Marryat, Her Majesty's steam-vessel Cracker, and the skill with which it was executed reflects the highest credit upon their zeal and judgment.

The operations were admirably covered by the gun-boats under Lieutenants Grylls, Commerell, and Townsend, and Her Majesty's ships Vesuvius and Curlew; the latter under charge of her zealous First Lieutenant, C. J. Rowley.

On the 24th July I rejoined Lieutenant Horton, Her Majesty's steam-vessel Ardent. He, I found, had not been idle; and, with the assistance of the Clinker, Lieutenant Smithett, and Wrangler, Lieutenant Burgoyne, very much damage had been done to the enemy from Gbenitch to Obi-totchna Spit, in the destruction of forage, fish, stores, and launches.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) SHERARD OSBORN,
Commander and Senior Officer.

Rear-Admiral Sir Edmund
Lyons, Bart., G.C.B.,
Commander-in-Chief.

With reference to the above despatches, the undermentioned officers have this day been promoted:—

To be Captain.
Commander Sherard Osborn.

To be Commander.
Lieutenant William Horton.

Admiralty, August 20, 1855.

DESPATCHES, of which the following are copies, have been received at the Admiralty from Rear-Admiral the Honourable R. S. Dundas, Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Baltic.

Duke of Wellington,
Sir, *before Sweaborg, August, 13, 1855.*

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that, after my arrival here on the 6th instant, with the squadron under my orders, I was joined the same evening by Rear-Admiral Pénaud, in the Tourville, and on the following day by the remainder of the French squadron, including, in addition to the ships of the line, five mortar-vessels and five gun-boats, with store ships and steam-vessels.