

sentiments have pervaded all ranks—captains, officers, seamen and marines, all agreeing with each other in following, as I believe I have said once before, the excellent example set them by my able second in command and coadjutor Rear-Admiral Houston Stewart.

Perhaps in closing this letter I may be permitted to indulge in the expression of the gratification I feel in reflecting that under all the circumstances to which it relates, my gallant colleague Vice-Admiral Bruat and I have gone heart and hand together, and that the most perfect understanding and hearty co-operation in the great cause of humanity in which we are all engaged, have invariably prevailed throughout both fleets.

I am, &c.,

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

To the Secretary of the Admiralty.

Streletzka Bay,
September 8, 1855.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to report that, in pursuance of the orders which I received from you this morning, I opened fire from the mortar vessels, at 8:30 A.M. upon the Quarantine Battery, and a general and more rapid fire, from noon until 7 P.M., upon the Quarantine Battery and Fort Alexander. The two outward vessels were much exposed to the swell which set into the bay, rendering a large object desirable, and I therefore directed their fire between Artillery Bay and the Bastion de Quarantine, where I had been informed that Russian reserves were placed.

The force of the wind and heavy swell which prevailed were singularly unfavourable to accuracy, and the general satisfactory nature of the firing was due to the ability exercised by the officers of Royal Marine Artillery who conducted it; and I beg to submit to your notice the names of First Lieutenant Starr, First Lieutenant Hewett, First Lieutenant Brookes, First Lieutenant Festing, and First Lieutenant Pitman, the officers employed.

The non-commissioned officers and gunners also performed their duties in a most satisfactory manner; and I may especially mention the services of Colour-Serjeant Horner, who, in the absence of an officer, undertook the firing of the Firm, mortar vessel.

Owing to the state of the weather, and the smallness of the means at their disposal, the officers in command had to overcome great difficulties in maintaining the position of their vessels; and I beg to be allowed to express my high opinion of the services of Messrs. Leet, Creagh, and Pearson, Brent, Hart, and Vaughan (Mates), who so ably performed these duties, and greatly contributed to the success of the firing.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) G. DIGBY,
Captain Royal Marine Artillery.

Rear-Admiral Sir Edmund
Lyons, Bart., &c., &c., &c.,
G.C.B.

Her Majesty's ship Odin, off Sevastopol,
September 8, 1855.

SIR,
I HAVE the honour to acquaint you that, acting in pursuance of your directions, and in conjunction with Captain Bachm, commanding four French mortar-vessels, you did me the honour of placing under my command, till 7 P.M., against

the Quarantine Fort and outworks, as well as upon Fort Alexander and the upper bastions (where, near to the latter place, a large number of the enemy's reserve were posted), keeping their fire so completely under that only a few shot and shell were returned, and but few fired into the French battery and advanced works before us. A small number of carcasses were also successfully thrown into the town and upper bastion, which produced a conflagration of some extent.

To Captain Digby, Royal Marine Artillery, and the artillery officer in each vessel, I must attribute the successful practice, and I am glad of the opportunity of bringing to your notice the indefatigable and zealous conduct of Mr. H. K. Leet, Mate, in charge of the Firm, who, from being the senior officer of the mortar vessels has always ably carried out my instructions; and I am happy to bear testimony to the praiseworthy conduct of Messrs. J. B. Creagh, T. L. Pearson, H. W. Brent, A. F. Hart, and Henry Vaughan, Mates, in charge of the other mortar vessels.

I have also great pleasure in stating that no casualty occurred, and that neither the mortars or vessels were at all damaged by the heavy firing.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. A. WILLCOX,
Captain.

Rear Admiral Sir Edmund
Lyons, Bart., &c., &c., &c.,
G.C.B.

PROCEEDINGS OF NAVAL BRIGADE.

No. 754. *Royal Albert, off Sevastopol,*
SIR, *September 10, 1855.*

I BEG leave to enclose, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, copy of a Letter from Captain the Honourable Henry Keppel, reporting the proceedings of the Naval Brigade under his command, on the 7th and 8th instant, and enclosing a list of casualties.

I am, &c.

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

The Secretary of the Admiralty.

REPORTING PROCEEDINGS.

Royal Naval Brigade,
No. 16. *before Sevastopol,*
SIR, *September 9, 1855.*

I HAVE the honour to inform you that, in pursuance of instructions, a vigorous fire was opened from the batteries at six o'clock on the morning of the 7th, and was maintained throughout the day; the fire was recommenced yesterday morning with increased vigour, preparatory to an assault to be made by our Allies on the Malakoff, and subsequently by ourselves on the Redan.

2. At noon the French were observed to start *en masse* from their trenches and possess themselves in gallant style of the Malakoff Battery, on which the tricolor flag was hoisted and the imperial eagles planted within ten minutes of their quitting their trenches.

3. The French flag was no sooner displayed on the Malakoff than our storming party issued from their trenches and assailed the salient angle of the Redan, but the enemy were by that time prepared to meet them, and as the supporting party advanced, a heavy fire of grape and canister was opened on them, in spite of a brisk fire kept up from our batteries on all parts of the Redan not assailed, as well as on the flanking batteries.