

first, and so on in succession, to enable our boats to get back.

15. The chief attacks from the shore took place towards our rear, at the battery at the lower end of the town, where most of the casualties occurred.

Commander Turnour was there most active and useful, and on two occasions landed in a very gallant manner with small parties of marines, under Lieutenant G. L. Blake, R.M., charged some 200 men, well armed, and drove them beyond the embankments.

16. An attempt was made to tow down the fine war junk already noticed, but she accidentally caught fire, and was, therefore, destroyed with the others. That being accomplished the boats returned down the creek.

17. This again was a severe day's work, officers and men behaved admirably and with the greatest spirit. I beg to report to you the able assistance I received from Captain Edgell, and from Commanders Forsyth, Corbett, and Tournour, during the two days' operations. Their zeal and activity the last day (as before) were emulated by the officers of all ranks under them, from Lieutenant Nares, the Senior Lieutenant, to the Junior Cadet.

18. Captain Edgell brings to my notice the active share taken by Lieutenant Staniforth, in the Tribune's barge; and the services of Mr. Hudson, Acting Mate of this ship, I beg particularly to notice.

Lieutenant Richard Cox, of the 38th Regiment Madras Rifles, accompanied the expedition each day as a volunteer, and made himself very useful.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) CHAS. M. ELLIOTT,  
Commodore.

The conduct of Mr. T. R. Hudson, Mate, has been highly represented, and was most exemplary.

*His Excellency Rear-Admiral Sir  
Michael Seymour, K.C.B., Com-  
mander-in-Chief.*

*Return of the Force engaged in the Escape Creek  
on 25th May, at the capture and destruction of  
Chinese war-vessels.*

Steam-tender Hong Kong, Lieutenant Edward F. Dent.

Gun-boat Bustard, Lieutenant Collinson.

Steam-tender Sir Charles Forbes, Lieutenant Viscount Gilford.

Gun-boat Starling, Lieutenant Villiers.

Gun-boat Staunch, Lieutenant Wildman.

Sybillé.

Launch—Lieutenant E. Nares, Lieutenant Blake, R.M., Mr. Price, Midshipman.

Barge—Mr. A. T. Brooke, Midshipman.

Pinnace—Mr. T. K. Hudson, Acting Mate, Lieutenant Swale, R.M.

Cutter—Mr. W. H. de Burgh, Midshipman.

Raleigh.

Cutter—Commander Turnour, Mr. J. Forbes, Assistant-Surgeon, Mr. Pilkington, Midshipman.

Launch—Lieutenant Goodenough, Lord Charles Scott, Midshipman.

Pinnace—Lieutenant Graham, Mr. Dupuis, Midshipman.

Tribune.

Gig—Captain Edgell, Mr. F. Elwyn, Naval Cadet, Mr. Childers, Midshipman.

Barge—Lieutenant Staniforth, Lieutenant Boyle, Mr. Harvey, Surgeon, Lieutenant A. Ozzard, R.M., (Volunteer, Lieutenant Richard Cox, 38th Regiment M.N.I.)

Pinnace—Lieutenant Norman, Mr. Barker, Midshipman, Mr. Rowe, Assistant-Paymaster, Mr. Hawkins, Naval Cadet.

Cutter—Mr. Yeatman, Midshipman, Mr. R. Ferry, Gunner.

Hornet.

Gig—Commander Forsyth.

Pinnace—Mr. R. A. Brown, Acting Mate.

Cutter—Lieutenant Brock, Honourable A. Denison, Acting Mate.

Inflexible.

Gig—Commander Corbett

Starboard Paddle-box Boat—Lieutenant Hanson, Mr. C. Buckle, Midshipman.

Port Paddle-box Boat—Mr. J. Stokes, Midshipman, Mr. Magrath, Assistant-Surgeon.

Pinnace—Lieutenant Bacon, Mr. Trefusis, Midshipman.

Fury.

Paddle-box Boat—Lieutenant Smith, Mr. Moysey, Assistant-Surgeon, Mr. Hayes, Midshipman.

Pinnace—Mr. Smith, Acting Mate.

Total force—

Boats with guns	-	-	-	13
Cutters and Gigs	-	-	-	7

(Signed) CHARLES G. J. B. ELLIOTT.  
Commodore.

*Return of the Force engaged on the 27th May, at  
the destruction of Chinese war-boats at Young  
Könan.*

Sybillé.

Barge—Lieutenant Edward Nares, Mr. A. T. Brooke, Midshipman, Lieutenant George L. Blake, R.M.

Pinnace—Mr. Thomas R. Hudson, Acting Mate, Lieutenant Henry Swale, R.M.

Cutter—Mr. Walter H. De Burgh, Midshipman.

Raleigh.

Cutter—Commander E. W. Turnour, Mr. James G. T. Forbes, Assistant-surgeon, Mr. E. Pilkington, Midshipman.

Pinnace—Lieutenant James S. Graham, Mr. A. E. Dupuis, Midshipman.

Tribune.

Gig—Captain H. E. Edgell, Mr. W. Elwyn, Naval Cadet, Mr. J. Phillips, Acting Quartermaster.

Barge—Lieutenant William L. Staniforth, Lieutenant A. H. Ozzard, R.M., Mr. W. R. Bennett, Acting Assistant-Surgeon, Volunteer Lieutenant Cox, 38th Regiment Madras Native Infantry.

Pinnace—Lieutenant F. M. Norman, Mr. H. L. Barker, Midshipman, Mr. C. H. Hawkins, Naval Cadet.

Cutter—Lieutenant R. J. Stotherd, Mr. E. S. Mangan, Midshipman, Mr. Perry, Gunner.