

On the 27th February, however, the landing was completed, and on the following day the force advanced.

4. At General Graham's request I landed a battery of six machine guns with 13 officers and 150 seamen, and placed this force under the command of Commander Ernest N. Rolfe, an officer whom I specially selected for his tact, coolness under fire, and knowledge of native warfare. I beg to enclose that officer's report on the services performed by the brigade under his command, as well as a copy of the order issued, after the relief of Tokar, by the General Officer Commanding the expedition, in which the services of the Navy receive a highly appreciated recognition.

5. The battalion of Royal Marines having been placed under the provisions of the Army Act, their valuable services, while duly recorded by the military authorities, have also been specially brought to my notice, with those of the Naval Brigade, in a letter which I have received from Sir Gerald Graham, a copy of which it gives me great pleasure to enclose for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

6. I regret deeply the loss of Lieutenant Frank M. Royds, of Her Majesty's ship "Carysfort," and of the three seamen who lost their lives in the engagement at Teb on the 29th February.

7. It will afford their Lordships satisfaction that Captain Arthur Knyvet Wilson, of Her Majesty's ship "Hecla," should have distinguished himself by an act of gallantry which has called from Brigadier-General Sir Redvers Buller, V.C., so high a recognition as a recommendation for the distinction of the Victoria Cross. The gallant conduct of Captain Wilson is set forth in a Despatch from Sir Redvers Buller, endorsed by the General Officer commanding, and I beg most cordially to add to the opinion of those distinguished officers the expression of my own, based on my personal observation, that Captain Wilson has most deservedly earned the decoration of the Victoria Cross.

8. The landing and subsequent embarkation of the troops at Trinkatat reflect very much credit on all engaged, and I cannot speak too highly of the energy and zeal shown by both officers and men.

9. I would specially bring to their Lordships' notice the name of Captain Hilary G. Andoe, of Her Majesty's ship "Orontes," to whose indefatigable efforts, in his position as Principal Transport Officer, is due much of the success which attended the work of the department which he controlled.

10. To Captain Walter Stewart, of Her Majesty's ship "Carysfort," and Captain Uvedale C. Singleton, Her Majesty's ship "Jumna," my thanks are due for the very efficient manner in which they carried out, at different times, the duties of Senior Officer at Trinkatat, and to Captain Andrew J. Kennedy, of Her Majesty's ship "Briton," for his able superintendence of the re-embarkation of the troops.

11. Lieutenant William D. Morrish, whom I appointed to act as Beachmaster, was most untiring in the execution of his difficult duty. This officer displayed the greatest amount of tact towards all with whom he was brought in contact, and I would most strongly recommend him to their Lordships as an officer who, apart from his high standing on the list of Lieutenants, is one well worthy of promotion to the rank of Commander.

12. I beg also to bring to their Lordships' notice the admirable arrangements which were made for the reception and treatment of the sick

and wounded on board Her Majesty's ships "Orontes" and "Jumna," the credit for which is due Staff-Surgeon Robert Grant and Fleet-Surgeon James Trimble, of those ships respectively.

I have, &c.,

W. HEWETT, Rear-Admiral.

The Secretary of the Admiralty.

Naval Brigade.—Report of Proceedings.

H.M.S. "Euryalus,"

Suakin, March 4, 1884.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to report that on the 26th February, in compliance with your orders, I assumed the command of a Naval Brigade which was to accompany the expeditionary force for the relief of Tokar, and reported myself to Major-General Sir Gerald Graham, V.C., K.C.B. The details of the Brigade under my command are set forth in Enclosure No. 1.

2. The Brigade remained encamped at Trinkatat until 2.30 o'clock on the afternoon of the 28th, when, agreeably with orders received from the General Officer commanding, it moved on to Fort Baker. On arrival at Fort Baker the various arms of the expeditionary force bivouacked in the positions which it was intended that they should occupy during the march on the following day. The Naval Brigade, manning a battery of three Gardner (0.45) and three Gatling (0.45) guns marched in half batteries, resting on the right and left flanks of the Gordon Highlanders, and, with that regiment, formed the front of the square.

3. Soon after 8 A.M. of the following day the force marched in the direction of El Teb. At about 10.50 A.M. the enemy commenced firing on the left flank of the square from two 6-in. Krupp guns, mounted in an earthwork; fire was also opened by them with small arms. The square continued to advance until eleven o'clock, by which time it had passed the earthwork by a short distance. An attack on this earthwork was then made by the left flank of the square; the three machine guns of the left half battery formed columns of sub-divisions. During the execution of this manœuvre Lieutenant Frank M. Royds, of Her Majesty's ship "Carysfort," received a dangerous wound, which I deeply regret to report has since proved mortal.

At 11.30 A.M. I was directed to bring the left half battery into action to assist in silencing the fire from the guns in a fort on the right. This I did, firing the guns in succession from the right and continuing to fire and advance alternately, on the right of the York and Lancaster Regiment, until close to the fort. At this period the enemy made a sortie in force and I was obliged to use all three guns, working independently under their officers, the men not actually engaged at the guns formed a covering party, commanded by Lieutenant Walter H. B. Graham, your Flag Lieutenant.

The direction of our attack was then altered, and I was directed to move the left half battery to the left of the York and Lancaster Regiment, and to bring up from the right half battery (which up to this time had been in reserve under Lieutenant Houston Stewart) two Gardner guns under Lieutenant Crawford J. M. Conybeare. These two guns were placed in a position to the right of the centre of the Gordon Highlanders, and the whole force then moved on to attack the entrenchments, opening fire on the enemy whenever opportunity offered until the place was evacuated at 2.15 P.M. I then received orders to cease fire, the guns were therefore limbered up and the battery advanced