

Letter from Lieutenant Lewes to Commanding Officer of the "Blanche."

Enclosure in Commander-in-Chief's Letter of September 3, 1893.

Her Majesty's Ship "Blanche,"

SIR, *at Kismayu, August 25, 1893.*

ON my return on board, finding you were just out of the sick list, I have the honour to inform you that being in temporary command of Her Majesty's ship "Blanche," my proceedings up to the time of leaving Gobwen, have been reported to the Senior Naval Officer, Zanzibar, and that I left Gobwen half-past two P.M., and to lessen the chance of attack returned by the beach to Kismayu, where I arrived about eight P.M., and, having placed the Company's officials safe in the Boma, arrived on board by nine P.M.

I have, &c.,

P. VAUGHAN LEWES,
Lieutenant in Temporary Command, Her Majesty's ship "Blanche," and Commanding Naval Brigade landed.

A Letter, of which the attached is a copy, has been addressed to the Commander-in-Chief with reference to the before-mentioned Despatches:—

SIR, *Admiralty, December 6, 1893.*

MY Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have had under consideration your communication of 3rd September, and the Despatches noted in margin* reporting the operations of the Expeditionary Force landed from Her Majesty's ships "Blanche," "Swallow," and "Sparrow," at Lamu, and also from the "Blanche," at Kismayu, in August last, and they desire me to signify their direction to you to express to the Officers and Men the cordial appreciation of their Lordships (in which the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs concurs) of the satisfactory manner in which these services were performed, which is highly creditable to all concerned.

My Lords have been pleased to cause these Despatches to be gazetted, and the names of the Officers and Men mentioned will be noted.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to appoint Captain Lindley to be a Companion of the Bath and Lieutenant Lewes to be a Member of the Distinguished Service Order, in recognition of their services.

Sub-Lieutenant W. H. Gervis has been promoted to be Lieutenant with seniority of 7th August, the date of the action in which he was wounded.

I have, &c.,

EVAN MACGREGOR.

Rear-Admiral Bedford, C.B.,

&c., &c., &c.,

Cape of Good Hope.

War Office, December 12, 1893.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, in recognition of the services of the undermentioned Officer in the late actions at Pumerani and Jongeni, and in the proceedings following upon the establishment of the Protectorate over Witu:

To be an Ordinary Member of the Military Division of the Third Class, or Companions, of the said Most Honourable Order, viz.:—

Captain George Robert Lindley, R.N.

* From:—Captain Lindley, Her Majesty's ship "Blanche," 10th August, 1893, and 17th August, 1893.
Commander Henderson, Her Majesty's ship "Raccoon," 27th August, 1893.

Lieutenant P. V. Lewes, Her Majesty's ship "Blanche," 25th August, 1893.

Chancery of the Order of Saint Michael and Saint George,

Downing Street, December 11, 1893.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to give directions for the following appointment to the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George:

To be an Honorary Member of the Third Class, or Companions, of the said Most Distinguished Order:—

Tenente di Vascello, Count Giovanni Lovatelli,
Cavaliere della Corona d'Italia.

War Office, December 12, 1893.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the Distinguished Service Order, in recognition of the services of the undermentioned Officer during the recent operations in aid of the British East African Company against the Somalis, &c., on the Juba:

To be a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order, viz.:—

Lieutenant Price Vaughan Lewes, R.N.

War Office, December 12, 1893.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to confer the Volunteer Officers' Decoration upon the undermentioned Officers of the Volunteer Force, who have been duly recommended for the same under the terms of the Royal Warrant, dated 25th July, 1892:—

NORTH WESTERN DISTRICT.

ARTILLERY.

2nd Lancashire.

Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel John Johnstone.

RIFLE.

2nd Volunteer Battalion, The Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

Major Henry Harvey Chattock, retired.

4th Volunteer Battalion, The King's (Liverpool Regiment.)

Major Joseph W. De Silva.

1st Volunteer Battalion, The East Lancashire Regiment.

Captain and Honorary Major William Clark.

2nd (Westmoreland) Volunteer Battalion, The Border Regiment.

Honorary Chaplain the Venerable Archdeacon John Cooper.

2nd Volunteer Battalion, The King's (Shropshire Light Infantry).

Honorary Chaplain the Reverend William H. Egerton.

Honorary Chaplain the Reverend John Wright.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

ARTILLERY.

2nd Glamorganshire.

Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Tanfield Vachell, M.D.

RIFLE.

2nd (Prince of Wales's) Volunteer Battalion, The Devonshire Regiment.

Acting Chaplain the Venerable Archdeacon Charles T. Wilkinson, D.D., retired.

4th Volunteer Battalion, The Devonshire Regiment.

Surgeon John Gould, retired.
Acting Chaplain the Reverend Frederick King, M.A.