

Morris, as you are aware, conducted two successful operations against the Dagombas and Fra Fras, and for these operations I beg leave to recommend him to favourable notice.

5. For his services in Kumasi and in bringing the column safely through the rebel lines, he will, I trust, be considered to have deserved further reward.

6. I entirely endorse all that Major Morris has said in favour of Captain C. H. Armitage, 3rd Battalion South Wales Borderers. He was in several engagements with the rebels during the siege and commanded the native levies whenever they were employed, and, as Major Morris says, "handling them well in action on several occasions." During the march from Kumasi he was in command of the advance guard, and it was in a great measure due to his pluck, coolness, and dash, that the Patassi stockade was taken, that the rebels were cleared out wherever they were met along the route, and that the column found itself able to reach the friendly town of Ekwanta. I trust that you will find it possible to recommend this most deserving officer for reward.

7. The mention made by Major Morris of the services rendered by Captain G. Marshall, Royal West Kent Regiment, and Captain P. H. A. Leggett, 5th Battalion Worcester Regiment, both of whom were mortally wounded in the engagements on the 23rd June is, I submit, well deserved. Captain Marshall was in command of the troops at Kumasi when the rebels attacked the fort on the 29th April. The defence was complete, as the rebels were defeated with great loss and never again ventured to molest us. Captain Leggett was in nearly every engagement with the rebels, and was three times wounded before the 23rd June. He showed conspicuous gallantry on more than one occasion.

8. I endorse the mention made of Captain A. P. Berthon, Royal Munster Fusiliers, and Drs. P. J. Garland, A. J. Chalmers, and E. H. Tweedy, of the Medical Department, and I will add also the names of Captain J. E. C. J. Cochrane and Captain B. M. Read, of the Lagos Constabulary, whom Captain J. G. O. Aplin, C.M.G., Inspector-General of that Force, reported as having shown conspicuous gallantry in taking the stockade on the Kumasi-Prahsu road near Karsi on the 29th April, the date on which the detachment under his command pushed through the rebel lines and entered Kumasi.

9. I have not referred to the services of the three gallant officers, Captains Bishop and Ralph and Dr. Hay, who guarded the fort from the 23rd June to the 15th July, the date on which the Relief Column found it possible to reach Kumasi. I will do so later, but a report with respect to them will, I doubt not, be made to you by the Officer Commanding that column,

I have, &c.,

F. M. HODGSON,

Governor.

Extract from a Report by Major A. Morris, D.S.O., late Commanding Kumasi Garrison, to the Governor of the Gold Coast.

July 12, 1900.

11. I WOULD wish to bring prominently to Your Excellency's notice the names of the following officers as having rendered particularly good service during the siege of Kumasi and the march down country.

Captain C. H. Armitage, Acting Resident at Kumasi, was most energetic during the siege, displaying great tact and ability in dealing with the loyal Ashanti Kings and native levies, hand-

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ling them well in action on several occasions. He commanded the advance guard during the march down with much dash and vigour, his taking the Patassi stockade being particularly smart. I consider his services specially worthy of reward.

Captain G. Marshall, Royal West Kent Regiment, Special Service Officer, and Assistant Inspector P. H. A. Leggett, Gold Coast Constabulary, whose untimely deaths are a great loss to the Service, had each of them been wounded on two previous occasions. Had these two officers lived, they would, I consider, have been especially worthy of reward for their gallantry.

Assistant Colonial Surgeon P. J. Garland, Principal Medical Officer, gave me much assistance, and his medical arrangements were very good.

12. The following officers also are worthy of mention in this despatch:—

Assistant Inspector A. P. Berthon, Gold Coast Constabulary, looked after his men well, and was most energetic in shelling the various camps and working the rocket trough.

Assistant Colonial Surgeons E. H. Tweedy and A. J. Chalmers displayed much zeal and energy in their manifold duties.

My thanks are also due to Mr. L. F. David, Consulting Engineer to the Ashanti Company, Limited, who, having previously prospected the country, gave me much valuable information regarding the road to Nkwanta.

I have, &c.,

A. MORRIS,

Major,

(late) Commanding Troops, Kumasi.

Governor Sir F. M. Hodgson to Mr. Chamberlain.
Despatch Relating to Field Operations.

Government House, Accra,

SIR,

August 28, 1900.

IN continuation of my despatch of the 24th July,* marked "Despatch relating to Field Operations," I have the honour to bring to your notice for special reward the names of Captain F. E. Bishop, Assistant Inspector, Gold Coast Constabulary; Mr. J. C. Ralph, Assistant Inspector, Lagos Constabulary; Dr. J. B. Hay, Assistant Colonial Surgeon, Gold Coast Colony; and Native Officer Harri Zenuwa, Gold Coast Constabulary. These were the officers selected to guard the Fort at Kumasi when it became necessary in consequence of shortness of provisions to make an attempt with the bulk of the force to break through the rebel lines on the 23rd June.

2. The work entrusted to these officers was a very hazardous one, because, although it was taken for granted that the relief of the Fort was being organised and arranged, no news from the outside world had come in since the 29th April. Nothing was known, therefore, as to whether a relieving column could reach Kumasi by the 15th July, up to which date the scanty stock of provisions could be made to last.

3. The mental anxiety which these officers had to endure must have been very severe, and as each day passed and brought them and the gallant soldiers under their command nearer to the end the strain upon them must have become almost unbearable. For three weeks they truly and unflinchingly upheld the honour of the British flag under circumstances which might have appalled the stoutest heart.

4. I beg leave to ask that the name of Captain Bishop may be submitted for reward.

5. Mr. J. C. Ralph has, I notice from a despatch