

soldiers, and the force returned to the fort by 10.30 p.m. unmolested.

19. I attach a list* of casualties, from which it will be seen that the fighting has been severe and incessant; further, it has been chiefly done by the same troops, who have been called upon to accompany the different columns time after time in quick succession owing to the limited numbers available. The percentage of killed and wounded amongst combatants only exceeds 25 per cent.

The cheerfulness of Europeans, the wonderful stamina of the men, and the devotion to duty of all have been remarkable.

20. At the close of operations, it will be my pleasant duty to bring to notice the excellent work done by the various departments of this force, transport, supply, and medical, on which has fallen much of the labour.

I shall also report on the good work done by civil officers of the Gold Coast Service attached to the base of operations, as well as those of the Telegraph and Public Works Department, all of whom were in many cases, I fear, at great inconvenience to the Colony, most readily placed at the disposal of the force by the Honourable Mr. Low, Colonial Secretary, who was then administering the Government of the Gold Coast in the absence of the Governor in Kumasi.

21. I beg to bring to favourable notice the following officers and non-commissioned officers who have rendered good service, though I have found it a hard task to select names where all have done well.

(1) Lieutenant-Colonel C. A. P. Burroughs, Commanding West African Regiment.—A very keen officer; surprised enemy in the camp at Dampoassi on 1st July, and again in night attack Kumasi, 7th August; always anxious and ready for hard work. Wounded at Kokofu.

(2) Major (local Lieutenant-Colonel) T. L. N. Morland, King's Royal Rifle Corps, 1st Battalion West African Frontier Force.—Surprised and captured war camp at Kokofu on 22nd July. I have known this officer for two years in West Africa and would select him for any difficult job.

(3) Lieutenant-Colonel (Honorary Colonel) J. A. Man Stuart, C.M.G., 3rd Battalion Gordon Highlanders, Base Commandant.—Has given me every assistance, and everything under him has worked smoothly and well.

(4) Major (temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) F. T. Henstock, West India Regiment, Assistant Adjutant-General and Chief Staff Officer.—Very hard-working and a keen soldier; always on the spot where most wanted; an excellent Staff officer. I recommend him for promotion.

(5) Major (local Lieutenant-Colonel) P. S. Wilkinson, Northumberland Fusiliers, Inspector-General Gold Coast Constabulary.—A very good all-round officer; cool-headed and possessed of much common sense; commanded advance guard into Kumasi; has done capital work. Wounded at Dampoassi.

(6) Captain (local Major) C. J. Melliss, Indian Staff Corps, 1st Battalion West African Frontier Force.—A gallant officer and always to the fore (twice wounded); has seen much active service; has been invaluable here. I recommend him for a special reward.

(7) Dr. McDowell, West African Frontier Force, Principal Medical Officer of the Field Force; there is no officer in the force who has done better work; he is indeed a tower of strength; his untiring energy and devotion to duty are remarkable. I desire to prominently bring him to notice.

(8) Captain J. H. E. Holford, 7th Hussars,

Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General.—A first-class Staff Officer; full of energy and loves hard work; at Kumasi at a critical moment, when there was considerable hesitation in one portion of the line, he personally led the charge with only thirty men, himself killing two Ashantis and clearing the front. I recommend him for a special reward.

(9) Captain A. J. F. Eden, Oxfordshire Light Infantry, 2nd Battalion West African Frontier Force.—This officer has shown great aptitude for commanding native soldiers; under his able guidance the Yoruba has proved himself quite equal to the Hausa; he led the charge at Kumasi. I sincerely trust he will be rewarded.

(10) Captain W. M. Hall, West York Regiment, 1st Battalion West African Frontier Force.—For many weeks this officer held Esumeja and kept the King of Bekwai loyal. He deserves great credit.

(11) Lieutenant (temporary Captain) R. H. K. Willans, Army Service Corps, West African Frontier Force, Chief Transport Officer.—Has managed this, the most trying, department admirably, and kept the force supplied. He has great powers of organisation and is most energetic.

(12) Lieutenant (local Captain) R. S. McClintock, Royal Engineers, West African Frontier Force, Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General.—Was at first my only Staff officer; worked very well indeed, and most popular with all ranks. I beg to bring his services to notice. I regret to say he has just been invalided owing to prolonged service in West Africa. He stuck to his work most pluckily to the end.

(13) Captain H. V. J. McC. Neal, 3rd Battalion Scottish Rifles, Lagos Hausas.—A very hard-working and intrepid officer; he has raised a local pioneer company and done excellent work in the field.

(14) Captain E. P. S. Roupell, Royal Engineers (Militia), 3rd West African Frontier Force.—Behaved most gallantly at Dampoassi on 6th June; when severely wounded he continued to command his men till again dangerously wounded and totally disabled.

(15) Lieutenant W. F. S. Edwards, 4th Battalion Devon Regiment, Sierra Leone Frontier Police.—A very plucky and promising young officer; voluntarily led the scouts for two days on the way to Kumasi, and was wounded whilst performing this dangerous duty. His incessant energy has unfortunately been the cause of serious illness, from which he is now being invalided. I recommend him for a reward for his gallantry.

(16) Lieutenant E. H. Phillips, R.A., West African Frontier Force.—Commanded the guns at Kumasi 15th July with conspicuous success, and again on the 30th July at Yankoma, when he was severely wounded, but refused to quit, and remained in command till the fight was won.

(17) Lieutenant W. E. Edwards, R.A., West African Frontier Force.—Commanded the gun at Dampoassi on 6th June, and although severely wounded (three times hit) continued to do so until the whole gun detachment was disabled, when he worked it alone. This is cool pluck which deserves its reward.

(18) Lieutenant H. V. Shortland, 3rd Royal Irish Regiment, 3rd West African Frontier Force.—Behaved with great bravery at Dampoassi, 6th June; especially mentioned by Lieutenant-Colonel Carter.

(19) Lieutenant C. E. J. G. O'Malley, 6th Middlesex Regiment, West African Frontier Force.—Personally worked his Maxim gun at