

13. On 17th September a site on high ground 2 miles north-west of Yola was selected as a camp for the garrison, F company under Captain Baker with two other Officers, one Doctor, two Non-commissioned Officers, 180 Rank and File, one Maxim, and one three-pounder Nordenfolt gun were landed: a fort is in course of construction.

14. On the 8th, after the ceremony of installing the new Emir was over, all troops were re-embarked: stores landed at the new site, and on the morning of the 9th the Expedition started on its return to Ibi and Lokoja.

15. All ranks worked well throughout the operations.

I wish to specially bring to notice the services of the following Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and men:—

Major McClintock acted as Staff Officer, and carried out his duties most ably: at a critical moment in the town he displayed great personal gallantry and efficient leadership.

Captains Rose, Mayne, and Baker, 2nd West African Frontier Force.

Lieutenant Macgregor (Intelligence Officer), 1st West African Frontier Force.

Lieutenant Henvey, Royal Artillery, in command of the guns.

Dr. Blair, Senior Medical Officer.

Sergeant Major Daniels, 2nd West African Frontier Force.

Sergeant Woodall, Royal Army Medical Corps.
1478 Lance Sergeant Balarehe, "F" Company
2nd West African Frontier Force.

1623 Corporal Babar Orloo, "F" Company
2nd West African Frontier Force.

1197 Private Adamu Beriberi, "F" Company
2nd West African Frontier Force.

989 Private Adamu Kura, "E" Company
2nd West African Frontier Force (appointed Lance Corporal at Yola).

286 Lance Corporal Owesu, "B" Company.

491 Private Akamore, "D" Company (attached "B").

I have, &c.,

T. L. N. MORLAND, Colonel.

90, Bedford Court-mansions, W.C.

31st July, 1901.

Despatch Relating to Field Operations.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to submit the following report on the operations undertaken in the Ishan and Uli countries to the north-east of Benin City, and to bring to notice the services of the officers mentioned.

2. The force engaged, consisting of 225 officers and men, was absent from headquarters from 1st March to 23rd May, and in actual contact with the enemy from 9th March to 8th May, during which latter period there was some very severe fighting. The casualties amounted to 25, or 11 per cent. in the force, and 17 in carrier column. All wounds were severe and three soldiers died of wounds. The operations were entirely successful, unfriendly tribes making absolute submission.

3. I strongly recommend the services of Captain (local Major) W. C. G. Heneker, Connaught Rangers, for consideration. He had command of the force and conducted the operations to a successful and satisfactory issue. I wish also to mention Mr. Wideuham Fosbery, the Political Officer who accompanied the expedition, and assisted in providing carriers and transport, and showed great tact and judgment in dealing with the unfriendly tribes when the military operations were completed. I consider his services equally deserving of consideration with those of Major Heneker.

4. I endorse strongly the following recommendations of Major Heneker which occur in his detailed report of the operations and submit that the services of the officers brought to notice are deserving of special mention, and that those of all engaged are worthy of consideration with a view to the granting of a medal in recognition.

"I beg to bring the names of the following Officers to your notice:—

"Captain A. M. N. Mackenzie, Royal Artillery, Adjutant of Expedition, gave me every assistance and worked hard,

"Captain A. D. Lewes, Royal Scots Fusiliers, was Quartermaster, and is an exceedingly hard-working energetic Officer. He performed the duties of Sanitary Officer, and had a great deal of work in the different camps, especially in Idigu, where we remained at one time for nearly a month.

"Dr. J. C. Whitley, as the only Medical Officer attached to the Expedition, had a tremendous lot of work, and his care of and attention to the sick and wounded night and day without a relief was unceasing.

"Captain G. E. Hewett, West India Regiment, sketched the country through which we moved, and I am indebted to him for the attached map. I beg particularly to thank Mr. Fosbery, the Political Officer, for the help he gave me, and desire to bring his services to your notice. Besides his work as Political Officer, he organised the carriers, and by the system he inaugurated was always able to replace sick men on the march up from Benin City. At all the towns on the road everything was ready and provided for the troops when we marched in, and I consider the success of the Expedition was largely due to his work and to the personal influence he has (apart from that exercised by him in his official position) over the Benin City Chiefs."

5. I further recommend that any recognition of services be extended to the Benin Chiefs who accompanied the force and rendered signal service.

I have, &c.,

R. MOOR, High Commissioner.

The Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

War Office,

April 18, 1902.

THE following Despatches have been received by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs:—
Consul-General Sadler to the Marquess of Lansdowne.—(Received November 19.)
[Despatch relating to Field Operations.]

Bailey's Hotel, London,

MY LORD,

November 18, 1901.

I HAVE the honour to submit Lieutenant-Colonel Swayne's final report on the operations recently undertaken under his command against the Mullah, Muhammad-bin-Abdullah, in Somaliland.

The rise of the fanatical movement headed by this Mullah and the reasons why it became necessary to put it down by armed force are detailed in despatches dating from April, 1899, which have since been published in Parliamentary papers—"Africa No. 5 (1901)". Reports have also been submitted from time to time on the progress made in the raising and equipment of the native levy, and of the operations conducted by Lieutenant-Colonel Swayne in the field.

The original plan of campaign was that the Abyssinian force, which was to co-operate with ours, should drive the Mullah from his position in the western Ogaden, towards Bohotele, where our force would deal with him. The Abyssinian expedition, however, moved into the Ogaden