

33. The Southern Nigeria detachment, consisting of six Officers, one Medical Officer, four Non-Commissioned Officers, 297 Rank and File, two mm. guns and two Maxims, was sent on arrival to Lokoja, and Major Mackenzie and Captain Carré, were sent up the Benue to enlist carriers, where they did most useful work. I much regret the death of Captain Carré, a most promising Officer, who died at Lokoja on the 7th March, of blackwater fever.

Owing to trouble in the Kabba district, a portion of this force under Major Mackenzie* had to be sent off on a punitive expedition, which was concluded without bloodshed. For this expedition all the transport was provided by the gun carriers, which had accompanied the Detachment from Southern Nigeria.

Before the return of this force, orders which I had sent from Kano for the despatch of one Company and one mm. gun to Argungu were received. Major Moorhouse was unable to take a company at full strength or all the carriers I had ordered owing to the absence at Kabba of a portion of his force. He left Lokoja on the 3rd March, escorting a convoy of ammunition, treasure and rations to Argungu. On the conclusion of operations I proceeded to meet him with a detachment of Northern Nigeria Regiment, which took over the convoy. I was then able to arrange for the return of the Southern Nigeria Company via Wushishi to Southern Nigeria in accordance with Your Excellency's instructions.

34. Colonel Morland makes the following recommendations:—

STAFF.

Brevet Major T. A. Cubitt, Royal Field Artillery, has been my staff officer throughout, and has done splendid work.

Quartermaster (Honorary Lieutenant and Local Captain) D. Wallbach, as Chief Transport Officer has done invaluable work.

Captain R. C. E. Skeffington-Smyth, Coldstream Guards, 1st Northern Nigeria Regiment, acted as Orderly Officer and late as Provost-Marshal. In both capacities he has been most useful.

Infantry.

Captain and Brevet Major (Local Lieutenant-Colonel) A. McClintock, D.S.O., Seaforth Highlanders, 1st Northern Nigeria Regiment, who commanded the composite Battalion, has done exceptionally good work.

Lieutenant (Local Captain) H. N. Kempthorne, Royal Scots Fusiliers, 1st Northern Nigeria Regiment, as Adjutant, has worked hard and well, he has also done excellent topographical work.

Captain E. E. Williams, Northumberland Fusiliers, 1st Northern Nigeria Regiment, has done consistent good work throughout the operations.

Lieutenant S. B. B. Dyer, 2nd Life Guards, 2nd Northern Nigeria Regiment, commanded the storming party at Kano. His gallantry was conspicuous.

The following are also deserving of mention. Lieutenant F. K. Gascoyne, 20th Hussars, 2nd Northern Nigeria Regiment; Colour-Sergeant J. H. Robinson, Dublin Fusiliers, 1st Northern Nigeria Regiment.

Armourer-Sergeant H. W. Hire, Army Ordnance Corps, 1st Northern Nigeria Regiment, and Sergeant R. N. Lefanu, East Kent Regiment, 2nd Northern Nigeria Regiment.

Mounted Infantry.

All officers of this arm have worked hard and well. I would specially mention Lieutenant (Local

Captain) H. A. Porter (19th Hussars), and Lieutenant W. D. Wright, Royal West Surrey Regiment.

Sergeant T. Pearson, East Yorkshire Regiment, has done good work.

Artillery.

Captain G. C. Merrick, Royal Garrison Artillery, only joined the force a few days before the conclusion of the operations with a column from Argungu. He commanded the guns in action at Sokoto.

Lieutenant C. W. Spinks, Royal Field Artillery, has done consistent good work throughout the operations.

Medical.

Dr. W. Langley, as Principal Medical Officer, throughout the operations has worked hard and well.

Staff-Sergeant G. C. W. King, Royal Army Medical Corps, has worked well throughout the operations. He was specially mentioned by the Principal Medical Officer for his services at the storming of Kano.

Native Ranks.—Mounted Infantry.

No. 1096, Sergeant Arrie, 1st Northern Nigeria Regiment.

All distinguished themselves in Lieutenant Wright's action near Rawia.—1213, Corporal Gado Zaria, 2nd Northern Nigeria Regiment; 1121, Private Sumaila, 1st Northern Nigeria Regiment; 1062, Private Bako Ninge, 1st Northern Nigeria Regiment.

Infantry.

Distinguished themselves at the storming of Kano.—312, Corporal Lawani Kewar, 2nd Northern Nigeria Regiment; 1551, Private Lonyeh Yagba, 2nd Northern Nigeria Regiment.

Artillery.

352, Gunner Damana, No. 2 Battery, 2nd Northern Nigeria Regiment.

I agree with Colonel Morland's recommendations, but I consider that the following are worthy of special mention.

Infantry.

Lieutenant A. N. Kempthorne, whose mapping and road reports were most useful.

Captain E. E. Williams, a hard working officer with a specially smart company.

Lieutenant S. B. B. Dyer, who has on previous occasions been brought to notice for gallantry.

Colour-Sergeant J. H. Robinson, who has done much good service in West Africa.

Artillery.

Captain G. C. Merrick. This zealous and capable officer, until ordered to join Colonel Morland's column, had been holding an important and responsible post on the frontiers of Sokoto and Gando, and his presence there had a considerable effect on the operations.

35. Colonel Festing specially mentions his Staff Officer, Captain W. H. Maud, Somersetshire Light Infantry, as an officer full of energy and resource, who has given him the greatest assistance.

He also commends Captain and Brevet Major Moorhouse (Royal Garrison Artillery), Southern Nigeria Regiment. Captain E. A. C. Wilcox (4th Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers), Brigade Transport Officer, Northern Nigeria Regiment. Lieutenant M. H. Corsellis (Royal Garrison Artillery Militia), and Colour-Sergeant W. Currie, Seaforth Highlanders, 1st Northern Nigeria Regiment, for the good work that they have done on the Line of Communications.

36. On my part I wish to specially bring to notice the services of Lieutenant-Colonel (Local Colonel) T. L. N. Morland, D.S.O., and Brevet Major (Local Lieutenant-Colonel) A. H. Festing, C.M.G., D.S.O. As you are aware the preparations

* 3 Officers, 1 Medical Officer, 2 Non-Commissioned Officers, 118 Rank and File, 1 Maxim, 107 Carriers.