

for the operations were carried out entirely by these officers under your orders, and the organization and concentration of the Field Force was arranged by them.

Colonel Morland had command throughout of the Northern Nigeria Column, carrying out active operations, and was in sole command during the advance on, and capturing of, Kano. The organization of his column was very complete, and the arrangements for supplying this large body of men and carriers worked without a hitch in spite of considerable difficulties. They reflect the greatest credit on him and on his staff. The success which has attended his handling of troops in the field marks him as an able commander.

Lieutenant-Colonel Festing, from his long experience of the country, and his knowledge of the various races, was eminently fitted for his post as Officer Commanding Line of Communications. He had a large amount of work to perform, which I consider that he carried through with marked success and tact.

37. I wish also to express my acknowledgments to the Political Officers attached to the force at different times, viz., Captain Abadie and Major Burdon, for the assistance they rendered in obtaining intelligence and supplies.

38. I also desire to record the great assistance I have received from my Staff Officer Captain (Local Major) F. Lyon, D.S.O., a valuable officer, of sound judgment and tact.

39. In conclusion, I wish to record the endurance and cheerfulness shown by the Native Troops and Carriers in many severe and long-continued marches, with insufficient water. Many of them suffered severely from the cold of the piercing Harmattan on the plateaus of Central Hausa land, and not a few succumbed from its effects.

I have, &c.,

G. V. KEMBALL,

Brigadier-General,

Commanding Kano Expeditionary Force.

To His Excellency

The High Commissioner,

Northern Nigeria.

Commandant, Northern Nigeria Regiment, West African Frontier Force, Northern Nigeria, to High Commissioner, Northern Nigeria.

(Kano/83.)

SIR, Zunguru, April 21, 1903.

As General Kemball has left the country, I have the honour to address you direct, and to request that the names of Lieutenant and Quartermaster C. H. Carnell and Lieutenant and Quartermaster D. Lees may be added to the list of those of my Staff considered deserving of mention in my report on Kano-Sokoto operations.

I have, &c.,

T. L. N. MORLAND, Colonel,

Commandant, Northern Nigeria Regiment, West African Frontier Force.

Commandant, Northern Nigeria Regiment, West African Frontier Force, to High Commissioner, Northern Nigeria.

(Kano/83.)

SIR, Zunguru, April 21, 1903.

As representing Your Excellency in political matters throughout the Kano-Sokoto operations, I have the honour to bring to your notice the services of the following Political Officers.

Captain and Resident Abadie accompanied me to Kano as Political and Intelligence Officer, when I was in sole command: his tact and courtesy are only equalled by his ability, and his services were invaluable.

Major Burdon acted as Political and Intelligence Officer during the advance from Kano to Sokoto. I was not then in military command, but in political matters the services he rendered were exceptional. He was also most useful in obtaining supplies; as you arrived at Sokoto shortly after its occupation it is unnecessary for me to say more.

Mr. Resident Donisthorpe.—Lieutenant-Colonel Festing, Commanding the Lines of Communication, has requested me to bring Mr. Donisthorpe's services to your notice. He was of the greatest assistance to Colonel Festing in supplying runners, carriers, &c., and preparing the camp at Wushishi, and "his unflinching courtesy was much appreciated by all officers who came in contact with him."

I have, &c.,

T. L. N. MORLAND,

Colonel, &c., &c.

Casualties during Kano Expedition from 29th January, 1903, to 21st March, 1903.

| | Soldiers. | Carriers. |
|---|-----------|--------------|
| Died of wounds received in action | — | 1 at Sokoto. |
| Died of disease | 6 | 46 |
| Died of misadventure .. | 2 | 1 |
| Total .. | 8 | 48 |

| Wounded. | Severely. | Slightly. | Total. |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| 1. Bebege:— | | | |
| Lieutenant Wright .. | — | 1 | 1 |
| Native Rank and File | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 2. Kano:— | | | |
| Lieutenant Dyer .. | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Lieutenant Farquhar.. | — | 1 | 1 |
| Native Rank and File | 1 | 11 | 12 |
| 3. Rawia:— | | | |
| Native Rank and File | — | 2 | 2 |
| 4. Sokoto:— | | | |
| Native Rank and File | — | 1 | 1 |
| Carriers | 1 | — | 1 |
| Total .. | 4 | 18 | 22 |

| | |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Horses killed at Kano | 3 |
| Horses killed at Rawia | 3 |
| Horses killed at Sokoto | 1 |
| Horses died of disease, &c. .. | 8 |

| Sick. | Soldiers. | Carriers. |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Left at Kano | 27 | 11 |
| Left at Kaura | 57 | 124 |
| Left at Chagale.. .. | 22 | 85 |
| Total .. | 106 | 220 |

T. L. N. MORLAND, Colonel,
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