

flankers, and to harass my baggage column and rear guard. Owing to the country south-east of Oguta being almost waterless, I was obliged to carry my water with me, and this made my baggage column unusually long, the length of the whole column being $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. The situation became so critical at last that I decided on forming a hollow square, placing all my carriers in the centre, and on advancing in this formation. The result was successful, as although attacked on every face, and although from the noise made by the enemy they must have been present in large numbers, my men advanced steadily through the thick bush, each unit maintaining its distance and interval admirably. The fighting was at close quarters throughout, and under a trying sun, but at 12 noon the enemy was driven back at all points, and I occupied the central market place, where I made my camp, and cleared my fields of fire." (Colonel Montanaro's report.) Most of the Juju Elders surrendered, and 4 cannon and 2,235 small arms were taken and destroyed.

From 27th April to 15th May the time was occupied in punishing towns who had actively allied themselves with Omonoha, in destroying the Igwe Juju, which was fenced round by iron railings 6 feet in height, and situated in the centre of a dense forest, and preparing for the advance on Ebima. Arrangements for the future good government of the Omonoha district having been completed, the advance on Ebima began on 16th May. By approaching the town from an unexpected direction, Colonel Montanaro took this town by surprise and thus averted bloodshed; the disaffected compounds in the district were punished and order re-established.

7. In addition to those already named in this despatch, the following officers deserve mention:— Captain A. J. Campbell, D.S.O. (19th Hussars), Captain and Brevet Major A. H. Macdonell, D.S.O. (Canadian Militia), Lieutenant D. Mathers (Royal Scots), Captain E. L. Roddy (Cheshire Regiment), and Lieutenant H. C. Fox (Royal Scots Fusiliers). No. 1550 Company Sergeant-Major Bawaro and No. 729 Sergeant-Major Elesho Oudo also deserve mention.

8. The Commanding Officer, Colonel A. F. Montanaro, concurs with me in the several mentions made in this despatch, and we also agree in recommending the following for special consideration:—Brevet Major W. C. G. Heneker, D.S.O., Connaught Rangers; Captain J. G. Hogg, 4th Hussars; and Lieutenant A. C. Ward, Lancashire Fusiliers. We also think that Colour-Sergeant A. Anderson, Royal Lancaster Regiment, and Sergeant-Major Ojo Ibadan deserve recognition.

9. I have the honour to submit the name of Colonel Montanaro for special consideration. In his case I am naturally unaided by expert advice, and can therefore only compare his services with those of others who have been thus recommended. This despatch testifies, I think, to the efficiency of the Protectorate troops, and that efficiency is unquestionably largely due to Colonel Montanaro.

10. Credit is due to the medical officers attached to the forces engaged in the above operations, and the efficiency of the medical aid rendered reflects very favourably on the administration of the medical department.

11. I have not mentioned the work done by the civilian officers attached to the troops during the

operations, because the value of the work done by each has been pointed out in despatches already sent to you.

12. I have the honour to submit for consideration that the African General Service Medal, with clasp "S. Nigeria, 1902-03," may be awarded to the officers (including civilians) and men of all ranks for work done by them in the above operations.

I have, &c.,

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Casualty List.

	Killed.	Wounded. Severely.	Wounded. Slightly.
Europeans ..	—	—	6
Soldiers ..	13	26	42
Carriers ..	7	2	13
Total ..	20	28	61

War Office,
28th October, 1904.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, in recognition of the services of the undermentioned Officer during the operations in Southern Nigeria in 1903:—

To be an Ordinary Member of the Military Division of the Third Class, or Companions, of the said Most Honourable Order, viz. :—

Major and Brevet Colonel Arthur Forbes Montanaro, Royal Artillery.

The King has also been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Distinguished Service Order, and promotion in the Army. The Brevet promotion to bear date of 21st August, 1903.

To be Companions of the Distinguished Service Order, viz. :—

Captain and Brevet Major Herbert Alfred Porter, 19th Hussars, in recognition of his services with the Kano-Sokoto Expedition.

Captain Ian Graham Hogg, 4th Hussars, and Lieutenant Arthur Claud Ward, the Lancashire Fusiliers, in recognition of their services during the operations in Southern Nigeria, 1902-3.

BREVET.

Captain and Brevet Major William Charles Giffard Heneker, D.S.O., the Connaught Rangers, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, in recognition of his services during the operations in Southern Nigeria, 1903.

The King has further been pleased to approve of the grant of the Medal for Distinguished Conduct in the Field to the undermentioned soldier:—

Colour-Sergeant A. Anderson, Southern Nigeria Regiment (Sergeant, Royal Lancaster Regiment).