

SCHEDULE 1.
Ammunition Return.

Operations.	2-95".	7-Pounder.	303 S.A.A.
1. (Bibi-Kala)	Nil	Nil	2,020
2. (Eket)	Nil	Nil	5,034
3. (Mkpani)	5	Nil	11,610
4. (Ibibio)	62	Nil	15,103
5. (Ndoto)	Nil	Nil	5,397
6. (Asaba)	22	Nil	11,522
7. (Kwale)	8	Nil	1,242
8. (Imo River)	Nil	Nil	5,547
9. (Cross River)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Totals	97	Nil	57,475

SCHEDULE 2.
Casualty List.

Operation.	Classification of Personnel.	Classification of Casualties.		
		Killed.	Severe.	Slight.
1. (Bibi-Kala)	Europeans	} Nil	} Nil	} Nil
	Soldiers			
	Carriers			
2. (Eket)	Europeans	—	1	—
	Soldiers	2	16	2
	Carriers	1	3	2
3. (Mkpani)	Europeans	Nil	2	Nil
	Soldiers	2	11	3
	Carriers	Nil	1	11
4. (Ibibio)	Europeans	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Soldiers	2	5	12
	Carriers	1	Nil	6
5. (N'doto)	Europeans	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Soldiers	4	3	1
	Carriers	5	7	4
6. (Asaba)	Europeans	1	Nil	1
	Soldiers	7	11	11
	Carriers	2	2	3
7. (Kwale)	Europeans	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Soldiers	1	Nil	6
	Carriers	Nil	Nil	6
8. (Imo River)	Europeans	Nil	Nil	1
	Soldiers	1	7	5
	Carriers	Nil	3	15
9. (Cross River)	Europeans	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Soldiers	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Carriers	Nil	Nil	Nil
Totals	Europeans	1	3	1
	Soldiers	18	46	35
	Carriers	9	13	32
		29	72	89

Government House, Zungeru,
15th September, 1904.

Despatch Relating to Field Operations.

SIR,

I have the honour to forward the report of the Acting Commandant on the operations in the Bassa Province consequent upon the annihilation of the party under Captain O'Riordan (Resident), and Mr. Amyatt-Burney, District Superintendent of Police, on the 16th and 17th December last.

2. The punitive force consisted of 262 rank and file, with 8 Officers and 3 British Non-Commissioned Officers, with 2 Maxims and 1 2-95 gun; the whole under command of Captain (local Major)

G. C. Merrick, Royal Artillery. The country is an extremely difficult one to operate in, since there is much forest and dense cover. The Okpotos are well armed, and have many Sniders and other arms of precision. Their custom is to lay ambushes, and to fire at the troops from the dense bush, seldom exposing themselves.

3. The remains of the deceased Officers, and a considerable quantity of their effects, including rifles belonging to their party, were recovered, and many of the survivors (who had been made slaves) were rescued. The portion of the country in which the fighting with Captain O'Riordan had taken place was traversed and re-traversed, and the hostile villages destroyed and fines inflicted, and many arms given in and destroyed. The casualties amounted to 48 in all; only 5 soldiers having been killed, or having died of wounds. The operations lasted 3 months, and were carried out, in my opinion, with great ability.

4. Of the Officers whose names are mentioned by the Acting Commandant, I would especially commend the following:—

Major Merrick, Royal Artillery (in Command).
Captain E. E. Williams, Northumberland Fusiliers, who has also done very excellent work on other occasions, and was strongly mentioned in the Kano Sokoto Campaign, but has never received any reward; he is an Officer especially deserving of recognition, since I have always heard that his Company was one of the smartest and best conducted in time of peace.

Lieutenant R. D. F. Oldman, Norfolk Regiment, is spoken of in terms of especially high praise by Major Merrick.

I have, &c.,

F. D. LUGARD,

High Commissioner.

The Right Honourable Alfred Lyttelton,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Brigade Office, Northern Nigeria,
West African Frontier Force,
Zungeru, 5th September, 1904.

Despatch relating to Field Operations.

SIR,

I have the honour to forward following brief report on the Okpoto operations.

News was received at Lokoja on the 23rd December, 1903, that Captain O'Riordan, Resident of Bassa Province, who was on tour with a small escort of soldiers and police under Captain Burney, District Superintendent of Police, had been attacked in the neighbourhood of Agwachta.

It was further stated that a force of Okpotos was moving on Dekina.

A force which consisted of 262 native ranks, 34 enlisted carriers, 307 temporary carriers, and the following Officers, British Non-Commissioned Officers, and armament was immediately mobilized:—

Major Merrick, Royal Garrison Artillery, in command.

Captain T. A. Rose, D.S.O., Royal Scots Fusiliers, Staff Officer and Transport.

Lieutenant C. W. Spinks, Royal Field Artillery, Artillery, 1 gun section, Northern Nigeria Regiment.

Sergeant Belverstone, Royal Field Artillery, 1 2-95 quick-firing gun.

Captain E. E. Williams, Northumberland Fusiliers, 1st Northern Nigeria Regiment.