

been ordered to hold Morenga until I came up, and was 36 hours continuously in the saddle. Position taken up by Morenga precluded any possibility of charging him in front. We swept round his left flank at a gallop in column of troops extended in file, No. 8 troop Cape Mounted Police leading, supported by No. 1 troop Cape Mounted Rifles, troops Nos. 2 and 4 Cape Mounted Police reserve; firing commenced almost immediately afterwards, and all four troops were then extended in a semicircle around Morenga. Key to position, Mander was ordered to take with his troops extended and dismounted, which he did in splendid style, leading his men, revolver in hand, the advance being covered by volley firing at 500 yards range by No. 4 troop Cape Mounted Police. Hottentots stuck to position until the last. The Cape Mounted Rifles were led up against left flank of position by Lieutenant Cowley, who was accompanied by Captain von Hagen of the Imperial German Army and Currie with his scouts. All ranks carried position in excellent style. When position was taken, volley firing was kept up, sweeping the bushes in which the enemy was located at ranges varying from 500 to 2,000 yards. Subsequently on going over position the excellence of the firing was discernible, bushes and trees being cut to pieces by the fire. At 5 P.M. firing ceased, and a mounted reconnoitring party was sent out on our front to search ground in immediate neighbourhood. On all being reported clear, I went over position, but could not remain owing to being without water for men and horses. There may be thus other bodies lying undiscovered. Dutch population here apparently jubilant at our success. The Cape Mounted Rifles, under Lieutenant Cowley, maintained well the reputation of their regiment, and possibly the Commandant-General would desire to have this conveyed to him. Captain von Hagen of the Imperial German Army was much in evidence, joining the firing line, and offering his assistance in every way. All ranks under my command behaved excellently under most trying circumstances, as the heat was almost intolerable, and no water for miles. Casualties sustained occurred in troop No. 2 Cape Mounted Police, on charging the ridge, and during the afternoon approximately 5,000 rounds of ammunition were expended.

Government House, Cape Town,
October 2, 1907.

MY LORD,

In continuation of my despatch of 25th September, I forward a copy of Major Elliott's report of the affair at Witpan. The report bears out the expression of opinion in the second paragraph of my despatch of 25th September. The number of men with Morenga appears to have been small; but, had it not been for the efficient scouting, for which credit is specially due to Sub-Inspector Mander and Sub-Inspector Currie, and for Major Elliott's prompt and energetic measures, Morenga would probably have succeeded in effecting a junction with Simon Kooper; and once their junction in the Kalahari had been effected, it would have become exceedingly difficult to deal with them.

I have, &c.,

WALTER HELY-HUTCHINSON.

Enclosure.

Commissioner Commanding, Cape Mounted Police, to Under Colonial Secretary, Defence and Police Branch, Cape Town.

Head-Quarters, Cape Mounted Police, Cape Town,
October 2, 1907.

Operations against Morenga.

SIR,

I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of Major Elliott's report dated the 24th ultimo, upon his engagement with Morenga, and of the incidents which led up to it.

The successful conclusion of the operations is undoubtedly due to the foresight exercised by Major Elliott, and to the general thoroughness of his arrangements and dispositions, to the admirable persistence and vigour with which the pursuit was pressed in a practically waterless country, to the excellent scouting, and the intelligence resulting therefrom, and finally to the manner in which Major Elliott's command responded to the call made upon it, due to the ability of officers and men to endure a strain such as this, the result of their training in a police force of this nature, to their being constantly in the saddle in the performance of their duties, and accustomed to long journeys on horseback often under very trying conditions.

Major Elliott's successful conduct of the operations confirms my opinion of the ability of this officer which led to my selection of him to take charge of the Cape Mounted Police in Gordonia-German border. I desire to bring his name specially to the notice of the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, and whilst all have done well, the names of Sub-Inspectors Currie and Mander are also specially mentioned. The former I selected for duty on the border, owing to his knowledge of the country and languages, and for his scouting qualifications in which he cannot easily be surpassed.

I have, &c.,

MACLEOD ROBINSON,

Lieutenant-Colonel,

Commissioner Commanding
Cape Mounted Police.

The Under Colonial Secretary,
Defence and Police Branch,
Cape Town.

Head-Quarters, Cape Mounted Police,
North-West Border,

Upington, September 24, 1907.

(Extract.)

Engagement with Morenga and Followers.

The COMMISSIONER COMMANDING,
Cape Mounted Police, Cape Town,

As desired in your telegram, No. 873, I beg to submit my report as follows. (Unfortunately, I have not for the moment with me any records, as, owing to the rapidity with which I moved, no wheeled transport was possible, and only actual necessities, including ammunition, were carried.)

To begin—I decided on evacuating Longklip on Saturday the 14th instant and marching on Zwartmodder. Sunday was spent quietly arranging various matters in connection with the squadron. On Monday I despatched Lieutenant Cowley, in command of the Cape