

the natives surrendering all war guns (rifles and cap-guns) when making their submission. This resulted in over 25,000 of such guns being captured and destroyed.

10. I now submit, for the consideration of His Majesty's Government, that the Officers and men of all ranks who have participated in these operations and brought them to a successful issue, should receive recognition of the services rendered by the grant of a medal, and while endorsing fully the recommendations of the Officer Commanding the Field Force with reference to those who have acted under him in military capacity, I would bring to your favourable notice the services of the following Officers. I refrain from specially mentioning any of the military Officers whose services have come under my personal observation, as the names of those who appear to be deserving of special recognition for military services have been fully dealt with by Lieutenant-Colonel Montanaro in his report, and it would be invidious for me to draw special attention to any of them. I will, however, particularly endorse his mention of those Officers who, from the reports furnished me from time to time, appear to be deserving of special mention.

11. The Officer Commanding the Field Force, Lieutenant-Colonel A. F. Montanaro, is clearly deserving of special mention for services rendered in organizing and conducting the operations of the Field Force to a successful issue. The strategical arrangements at the commencement, which were based on the intelligence supplied by the civil staff, have proved in the event to have been well thought out and planned, and the general conduct of the operations themselves has been carried out with precision and success.

The reports furnished me from time to time show clearly that the most arduous work of the campaign fell upon Brevet Major (local Lieutenant-Colonel) A. Festing, D.S.O., of the Royal Irish Rifles, who was in command of the contingent from Northern Nigeria, and who has on all occasions with the columns under his command been thoroughly successful.

In the same way I gather from the reports that the severest opposition was encountered by Captain, Local Major, W. C. G. Heneker, Connaught Rangers, of the Southern Nigeria Regiment. His disposition of his men was such as to entail the minimum of loss to the forces under his command, and he was successful in all operations entrusted to him.

The work done by the staff of the Commanding Officer does not, of course, appear detailed in the reports, but it is evident that all arrangements were made with the utmost care and foresight, and I would therefore endorse the recommendations of the Officer Commanding in this direction.

12. With regard to the civil staff attached to the Field Force, I would mention the name of Lieutenant-Colonel H. L. Gallwey, C.M.G., D.S.O., Senior Political Officer, whose work throughout was performed in an able and satisfactory manner, and whose arrangements of the Political Staff under him were such as to avoid friction and give general satisfaction.

Mr. F. S. James, Divisional Commissioner, was originally attached to the Field Force as Intelligence Officer, and the map, from which the original plan of operations was arranged, was practically prepared by him, as also the general intelligence with regard to the natives of the territories. This Officer has for many years been engaged in collecting information with regard to

the Aros, and has proved himself to have the capacity for assimilating information of this nature and putting it into a practically useful form. His services during the operations were of great value, and he has shown himself particularly able in handling and dealing with natives. I consider that the satisfactory issue of the campaign is to some considerable extent due to the work of this Officer, and submit his name for your special consideration.

In connection with the Political Staff I consider the services of Captain R. E. P. Gabbett, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, should be mentioned. He has been mentioned as one of the special Officers by the Officer Commanding for his work in the military capacity. He was on two occasions employed as Political Officer accompanying, on one occasion a company, and on the second occasion a column, as he had previously been in the Regiment here and had some knowledge of the territories and the natives. In the capacity of a Political Officer he did his work to my entire satisfaction, and showed considerable tact, judgment, and capacity.

13. The Medical Staff was organized from the civilian staff of the Protectorate by the Principal Medical Officer, Dr. Robert Allman, and was augmented by a Medical Officer, Dr. Brook, accompanying the Northern Nigerian Contingent, and a Medical Officer, Dr. Hadley, specially engaged to accompany the Lagos Column. The organization of the Medical Staff in the Field was, I understand, found to be thoroughly efficient at all times, and of that of the Base Hospitals I can speak personally, having visited and inspected them on several occasions. The organization was, I consider, everything that could be desired in this direction, and when the difficulties of transport, especially of the wounded, is considered, it will be understood that there was great difficulty in rendering them of practical assistance. Such Hospitals were, during the conduct of affairs, established at different times at Itu, Opobo, Degama, Aro-Chuku and Bende. I consider that Dr. Allman is deserving of great credit for the successful manner in which he organized his Department.

I would bring the name of Dr. A. H. Hanley, Senior Medical Officer of the Civil Medical Staff of this Protectorate, to your notice for favourable consideration on account of services rendered in the Field when accompanying columns. This Officer volunteered to come out from England to assist in the operations, though his leave was but half completed. His devotion to his work and care to the sick and wounded, of whom he appeared to have had more than his share, was remarked by every one connected with the Force, and he is, I consider, the Officer, as representing the Medical Department, whose services are deserving of special mention. I should, however, point out that all civilian doctors who volunteer to take part in the operations of this nature are deserving of great credit, for they have little or nothing to gain thereby, and suffer in nearly all cases pecuniary loss in the matter of private practice.

14. The actual cost of the undertaking cannot at present be given, but it has been estimated with considerable care, and I think it may be taken that the entire expenditure will not exceed £55,000, which, having regard to the extent of the territories dealt with, and the effective work done, is, I submit, particularly small. It is possible that when the accounts are fully made up there may be a saving on this amount, which I give as the maximum.

I can add nothing further. An arduous and dangerous duty has been successfully carried out