

Mallam Jibrella, and located a garrison there, and on the 23rd arrived by forced marches at Maidugiri (120 miles). Thence with a column of six Europeans and 200 rank and file he visited Kuka, and returned on the 6th April, covering 201 miles in eight days. A third garrison was located at Maidugiri, and leaving that place on April 8th, the remainder of the force reached Yola on April 18th, having succeeded, with great tact, in avoiding fighting with the tribes en route. From Yola, Colonel Morland returned to Lokoja, leaving Captain Cubitt, Royal Artillery, to deal with some turbulent tribes along the Benue, whom the Resident had long desired to coerce, on account of the frequent murders of traders which they had committed.

These difficult operations were carried out with the skill I should have expected, and both the Bassama and the Wurkum and Djen tribes were defeated in several actions till they sued for peace. On May 16th the troops reached Ibi.

7. The enormous distance traversed, the entire success with which fighting was avoided, except on the occasions in which it had previously been known to be inevitable and desirable, and the wonderful rapidity with which in three and a half months the whole was accomplished, enable me to bring the services of Colonel Morland to your notice with exceptional confidence that their merit will be recognized. I concur also in the selection of officers made by Colonel Morland for special mention, viz., Captain Cubitt, Royal Artillery, one of the original members of the Force, and one of the very best officers who has ever been in it; Captain Wallbach, Brigade Transport Officer, who has continuously done most excellent work, and who has merited recognition apart from this campaign; Lieutenant-Colonel Beddoes, Dr. Grant, Captain Beamish, and Sergeant Oldershaw, together with Lieutenant Dyer, an officer who has always been distinguished for his intrepidity and dash.

8. Simultaneously with these operations I was compelled, early in February, to direct Major Dickinson to endeavour to effect the capture of the ex-Emir of Kontagora, who, since his deposition, had been for just a year raiding the country to the north of the Kontagora and Zaria provinces, the more so that the latter Emir had appealed to me for help. It was important that the attempt should be made with rapidity, so as not to risk the intervention of Kano, while the bulk of my fighting force was away in Bornu, and in Southern Nigeria on the Aro expedition. Leaving Wushishi on February 12th, Major Dickinson covered the 150 miles to the entrenched camp at Kaya in eight days, sending on Captain Porter with about 37 Mounted Infantry to intercept the retreat of the enemy. Captain Porter was accompanied by Captain Abadie, Political Officer, and finding the camp evacuated they pushed on, overtaking and rounding up the fugitives and driving them back on Major Dickinson's force. The result was the capture of the ex-Emir and almost the whole of his leading men, with several thousand followers. Colonel Morland brings to notice the names of Major Dickinson and Captain Porter in this connection, and I recommend them as well as Captain Abadie strongly to your consideration.

9. It will be within your recollection that early in 1900 the attacks by the Munchis upon the telegraph construction party had led to my sending an expedition under Lieutenant-Colonel Lowry Cole to punish those tribes. This was efficiently done, with the exception of two chieftains, Abuja and Abaka, who thereupon asserted that the white man was afraid of them, and became a focus of trouble, seizing traders, &c.

Immediately after I left the Protectorate on leave in April, 1901, Mr. Wallace gave instructions that these two chiefs should be coerced. The expedition of about 160 rank and file was conducted with skill and success by Major McClintock, and I concur with Colonel Morland in bringing his services to your notice.

10. A separate clan of these irrepressible people, who live further east, and had not been previously dealt with, assumed a hostile attitude in May, 1901, and Mr. Wallace directed that a similar force should proceed against them under Captain Eckersley. The operations lasted about ten days, and were successful, the chiefs tendering their submission. Captain Eckersley then proceeded against the Yergums, and for a month during the rains under very exceptional hardships defeated them in several skirmishes. His name is recommended to your notice, and he was also mentioned by Major McClintock in his previous campaign. Lieutenant Stewart, Royal Artillery, also took part in both expeditions, and is mentioned by both Major McClintock and Captain Eckersley.

I have, &c.,
F. D. LUGARD,
High Commissioner.

Schedule of Enclosures.

1. Commandant, Northern Nigeria Regiment, West African Frontier Force, to High Commissioner. June 5, 1902.
2. Commandant, Northern Nigeria Regiment, West African Frontier Force, to High Commissioner. June 30, 1902.
3. Staff Officer, Benue Expeditionary Force, to Officer Commanding Benue Expeditionary Force.
5. Commandant, Northern Nigeria Regiment, West African Frontier Force, to High Commissioner. June 18, 1902.
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7. Commandant, Northern Nigeria Regiment, West African Frontier Force, to High Commissioner. June 27, 1902.

Enclosure 1.

From Colonel T. L. N. Morland, D.S.O., Commandant, Northern Nigeria Regiment, West African Frontier Force, to His Excellency the High Commissioner, Northern Nigeria.
(No. F/1297/1902.)

Field Operations.

SIR, Lokoja, June 5, 1902.

I have the honour to report that the following force, under my command, was concentrated at Ibi on 29th January, for the expedition to Bautshi and Bornu.

Staff Officer—Captain Cubitt, Royal Artillery.

Brigade Transport Officer—Captain Wallbach.

Survey—Captain Molesworth.

Royal Artillery—1 officer, 1 British non-commissioned officer, 2 75 M.M. guns, and 30 rank and file.

1st Battalion—2 officers, 2 British non-commissioned officers, 1 Maxim, and 125 rank and file.

2nd Battalion—Lieutenant-Colonel Beddoes, 6 officers, 2 British non-commissioned officers, 3 Maxims, and 360 rank and file.

3 Medical Officers and 800 carriers.

2. I decided to march on Bautshi by a direct road via Dull through the pagan country hitherto untraversed by a European.

3. On 1st February I sent on Lieutenant-Colonel Beddoes with one company to punish some Yergum villages to the west of the road,