

Korogu he was met by the son of the King of Navrongo amongst other people. This chief Lieutenant-Colonel Morris reported as having come in to Gambaga after the Tiansi expedition, to make his submission, and was given a British flag.

4. In the last paragraph of his confidential despatch of the 31st May last,* transmitting to you Lieutenant-Colonel Morris' report on the expedition into the Tiansi country, Sir M. Nathan recommended that the West African Frontier medal with clasp 1902 be given to all the troops who took part in the expedition, and I would now suggest, for your favourable consideration, that the medal with clasp be granted to any troops who formed part of Lieutenant Griffin's column, and who did not take part in the former expedition under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Morris.

I have, &c.,

L. R. ARTHUR,
Acting Governor.

Enclosure.

Acting Chief Commissioner, Northern Territories,
to Acting Governor.

(No. G/217/02. N.T.)

SIR, Gambaga, September 23, 1902.

I have the honour to forward, for Your Excellency's information, Lieutenant Griffin's report, with sketch map, on his recent mission to Fra Fra, to inquire into: (1) An attack made by the people of Gah, Dobah and Navrapum on the Chief of Merrigu, when he was returning to his country from Gambaga with our flag; two of his followers being reported killed. (2) Also, to investigate a complaint made by a Moshi trader against the Chief of Sherigu.

2. It will be seen, from Lieutenant Griffin's orders (copies attached), that he was given a free hand in dealing with the chiefs of Gah, Dobah, and Navrapum and their people, if, on investigation, he found the complaints made by the Chief of Merrigu correct.

3. After careful enquiries at Korogu he ascertained that the complaint made by the chief of Merrigu was correct, and the reason assigned for it was that the people of the town were angry with Merrigu for going to Gambaga to seek protection, and they therefore decided to punish him on his return, especially as he had been given a flag.

4. Lieutenant Griffin then decided to go to Gah, Dobah, and Navrapum, and see the Chiefs, if possible, as he was assured that they would not come to him. On arrival at Gah he was attacked by the combined forces of the three towns, and these attacks continued for several hours during the early part of the day, all of which he repelled very successfully, especially the final attack, which took place in front of a stream, the enemy retiring in all directions, after having suffered very severely; fifty-nine men being counted killed. Our casualties were, fortunately, practically nil, only two native followers being reported wounded.

5. The chief of Navrapum seems to have tried to prevent his people from fighting, and Lieutenant Griffin recommends that he should be given a flag. I shall consider this recommendation when the chief comes to Gambaga. The chief of Gah came in before the fight and protested his friendliness, which was not borne out by subsequent events; consequently, Lieutenant Griffin made him a prisoner, and intended to bring him to Gambaga. Unfortunately, how-

ever, he escaped on the way. The chief of Dobah is now in Gambaga, and I shall go into his case as soon as some witnesses I have sent for arrive.

Lieutenant Griffin has enquired into the complaint made against the chief of Sherigu, and as the chief was unable to recover the trader's property, he brought in his son and brother to Gambaga, the chief himself being too old to travel; and burnt the compound belonging to the man who was reported to have stolen the property.

I think the results of the mission may be summarized as follows:—

(1) The people of Gah, Dobah, and Navrapum, have been severely punished for their attack on a friendly chief, and the authority of the Government has been vindicated.

(2) We have shown them that we can fight in the rainy season.

(3) The chief of Merrigu has been established in his country, and that those found guilty of looting from traders, &c., will be severely punished.

I consider Lieutenant Griffin carried out his mission very successfully under very trying circumstances, and I am sure Your Excellency will be pleased to hear that the Non-commissioned Officers and men behaved so well.

I have, &c.,

R. A. IRVINE, Major,
Acting Chief Commissioner,
Northern Territories.

His Excellency the Acting Governor, Accra.

Lieutenant Griffin, 2nd Gold Coast Regiment, West African Frontier Force, to Acting Chief Commissioner and Commandant, Northern Territories, Gambaga.

SIR, September 23, 1902.

I have the honour to report that, acting under orders received from the Officer Commanding at Gambaga, on 2nd September, I left Gambaga on special service with 75 rank and file.

My orders were to proceed to Korogu, and investigate a complaint made by the King of Merigu, and take necessary action.

I reached Wale Wale on September 3rd, and while here I received further orders to proceed to Serigu in connection with another complaint. I subsequently ascertained that Serigu lay considerably east of Korogu, and quite out of line between that town and Wale Wale.

On September 4th we left Wale Wale, and, going north through Navari, camped at Du. We reached the Volta at 6.45 p.m. on September 5, but were not all across till 12.45 p.m., and I camped for the night at Naga.

On the morning of September 6th I arrived at Korogu, and was met by the following on entering the town:—The King of Korogu, Chief Bago, King of Merigu, Chief of Kikilo, the King of Paha's brother and a son of the King of Navrongo and their chief men.

From inquiries I learnt that Gah, Dobah, and Navrapum were most defiant, and had been drumming and blowing war horns quite close to Korogu. They were aware of our approach before we reached the Volta, and boldly asserted that the English were not fit to fight in the wet season.

I decided to start for Gah next day. Owing to the state of the streams and country generally, I arranged to leave behind in camp all loads except medicine box and matchets, with one sergeant and 20 men to guard the camp.

At 5.30 a.m. on September 7th, as I was marching off, the King of Gah came in and said

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