

He was attacked and wounded, and 5 soldiers and his servant were killed, 16 soldiers and 1 carrier wounded (3 soldiers and the carrier since dead), leaving 4 rifles and 3 boxes of ammunition in the hands of the enemy. The people who inhabit this hill are a band of robbers and murderers, who terrorised the country and who have long been a trouble to the Administration, and it was supposed that Lieutenant Browne was aware of their attitude. The expedition sent to make reprisals for this outrage was under the command of Major Merrick, Royal Artillery, and was accompanied by Captain Larymore, Royal Artillery, C.M.G., as Political Officer. It consisted of 5 Officers and Medical Officer, 4 British Non-Commissioned Officers, 2 '95 guns, a Maxim, and 213 rank and file. The Commandant reports that "on 18th October, under cover of the fire of the gun, which was got into position on a hill opposite, a party under Lieutenant L. Galloway, Royal Artillery, assaulted the hill by the only apparently practicable path, another party being sent round to cut off the enemy's retreat.

"The enemy fought in a very determined way, and it was only after some hard fighting, during which Lieutenants Galloway and Burnett and 9 rank and file were wounded (Lieutenant Galloway twice), that the town was eventually carried.

"On the 21st, the headmen of Semolika made their submission. The restitution of the lost rifles and ammunition was demanded and they were called on to surrender 50 Dane guns in addition. The lost rifles and ammunition were restored on the 22nd; but as by the 23rd the Dane guns had not been brought in, Lieutenant Galloway and 70 men moved against a village called Ogpwe to which most of the Semolika people had retired. This had the desired effect, and without further fighting 24 guns were brought in and satisfactory arrangements made for the recovery of the fines imposed."

He adds, "I desire to bring to your notice for special mention, the name of Major Merrick for the capable way in which he carried out the operation. He mentions specially Lieutenant Galloway for good leading and gallantry, and also brings to notice the names of Lieutenant Burnett, Highland Light Infantry, 2nd Northern Nigeria Regiment, Sergeant Williams, 1st Artillery, Northern Nigeria Regiment, No. 2571, Private Jigallah, 2nd Northern Nigeria Regiment, No. 2327, Private Ibrahim Kano, 2nd Northern Nigeria Regiment, No. Royal Artillery 5, Gunner Isa 1st Artillery, Northern Nigeria Regiment.

These operations were particularly arduous—the hill being some 1,700 feet high and most precipitous, and I concur with the Commandant in considering that they were carried out in an exceptionally capable way.

5. The Kilba Tribe close to the German border, North of Yola, had closed the main route by attacks on caravans, &c., and Lieutenant I. G. Sewell, Royal Fusiliers, was sent against them in July, with a total force of 2 Officers, 2 Non-Commissioned Officers, and 152 rank and file, and 2 Maxims. It was accompanied by Mr. Dupigny as Political Officer, and the Commandant reports that "there was a good deal of opposition, but no serious fighting." Our casualties were 2 carriers wounded.

"There was a great deal of hard marching and work generally, and Lieutenant Sewell deserves credit for the way in which he conducted the operations."

6. I concur in the recommendations made by the Commandant, and I have the greatest pleasure in recording my own appreciation of the

gallantry, skill, and humanity with which all these unavoidable expeditions were conducted.

I have, &c.

F. D. LUGARD,

High Commissioner.

The Right Honourable  
Alfred Lyttelton, M.P.,  
Secretary of State for the Colonies,  
&c., &c., &c.

*Whitehall, August 24, 1905.*

The KING has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 16th instant, to appoint Edward William Milner-Jones, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, to be Recorder of the Borough of Carmarthen, in the room of Arthur Griffith Poyer Lewis, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, resigned.

*Whitehall, August 24, 1905.*

The KING has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 23rd instant, to appoint General Lord Methuen, G.C.B., K.C.V.O., C.M.G., to be a Member of the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation, in the room of Lieutenant-General Sir Thomas Kelly-Kenny, G.C.B., resigned.

*Whitehall, August 24, 1905.*

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Heury Fiaschi, D.S.O., of the Australian Army Medical Corps, His Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the 5th Class of the Order of "SS. Maurizio e Lazzaro," and the Insignia of the 4th Class of the Order "Corona d'Italia," which Decorations have been conferred upon him by His Majesty the King of Italy in recognition of valuable services rendered by him to His Majesty.

*Whitehall, August 24, 1905.*

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto Amir Ali His Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Third Class of the Imperial Ottoman Order of the Medjidieh, conferred upon him by His Imperial Majesty the Sultan of Turkey in recognition of services rendered by him in the capacity of Physician at the hospital of the Imperial Palace.