

deemed and taken to be incorporated with this Order for the purposes thereof.

"16. All *finis* recovered under this Order shall be paid into the Colonial Treasury, for the use of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors.

"Your Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies has signified his concurrence in these proposals."

His Majesty, having taken the said Memorial into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve of what is therein proposed. And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

Almeric FitzRoy.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office,
St. James's Palace, S.W.*

April 7, 1911.

Notice is hereby given that Their Majesties The King and Queen will hold a Diplomatic and Official Court at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday, the 9th May next, at 9.30 o'clock p.m., also that Their Majesties will hold Courts at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday the 10th, Wednesday the 24th, and Thursday the 25th May next, at 9.30 o'clock p.m.

*War Office,
7th April, 1911.*

The following despatch has been received by the Secretary of State for the Colonies:—

*Government House, Lagos,
Southern Nigeria,
13th June, 1910.*

Despatch relating to Field Operations.

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit a report by the Officer Commanding the Southern Nigeria Regiment on the Ogwashi-Oku Patrol.

2. The fact that one Officer and 11 rank and file were killed while 23 rank and file were wounded indicates the arduous nature of these operations, and I trust that the strenuous and efficient work performed by the troops engaged will meet with deserved recognition. I may add that every effort was made to bring the disaffected natives under control by pacific measures, and that actual hostilities were engaged in only as a last resource.

3. Such efforts should also, I venture to think, be duly recognised in estimating the real success of operations from a military and political point of view. I hope, and in this hope Sir Walter Egerton joins, that the Africa General Service Medal will be awarded for the operations on account of the admirable manner in which they were carried out.

4. I endorse Lieutenant-Colonel Trenchard's commendation of the excellent services rendered by Major Bruce and Captain G. N. Sheffield. The efficient and tactful conduct of

affairs by Mr. Norton-Harper as Political Officer in Ogwashi-Oku was an important factor in the successful issue of the patrol, and I mention his name as deserving special commendation for the good service he has rendered.

I have, &c.,

J. J. THORBURN, Acting Governor.

The Right Honourable,
The Earl of Crewe, P.C., K.G.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies,
&c., &c., &c.

Lagos, Southern Nigeria,
1st June, 1910.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to submit the following despatch on the Ogwashi-Oku Patrol.

The Ogwashi-Oku Patrol, Nov. 1909-May 1910.

This Patrol [*] was rendered necessary by the people of Ogwashi-Oku refusing to comply with Government orders, blocking the roads through their town, and destroying the Government Rest House. It was under the command of Captain Sheffield, 3rd Battalion Essex Regiment, and was composed of 3 Officers, 1 B.N.C.O., 1 Medical Officer, 131 rank and file, and 1 Maxim. Onitsha was left on the 2nd November and Ogwashi-Oku reached on the 8th November. It was found necessary soon after the patrol started to increase this force by 1 Officer and 60 men, owing to the density of the bush and the strong opposition encountered. The column was in the field from the 2nd November, 1909, to December 18th, 1909. Strong opposition was met with in the town of Ogwashi-Oku, the casualties amounting to:

7 N.C.O.'s and men killed.
15 soldiers wounded.

And amongst the carriers to:

3 killed,
7 wounded.

On December 18th the troops were withdrawn to Onitsha (20 miles), and the people informed that they would be given three weeks to come in and submit. But early in January, 1910, they again defied the Government by destroying the Roman Catholic Mission buildings in the town; the column under Captain Sheffield was, therefore, ordered to return to Ogwashi-Oku on the 6th of January. A night march was made to the former camp in order to lessen the risk of casualties, opposition being met with at the entrance to the camp, and one soldier severely wounded; further casualties were prevented by the darkness of the night. Fighting continued for several days in the vicinity of the camp until a considerable clearing of the bush had been made all round, so as to prevent the bushmen from continually sniping day and night, which they had been doing with some success. Sub-columns were sent out to try and capture the ringleaders

[*] Strength—

4 Officers.
1 B. N.C.O.
2 Political Officers.
1 Medical Officer.
131 Rank and File
1 Maxim.