

Nzekwe and his followers, but on their approach they immediately scattered and kept up a guerilla warfare.

The second phase lasted from the 6th January to the 24th April. The casualties during this period amounted to:

1 soldier killed,
4 soldiers wounded,
1 carrier wounded.

On the 25th of April reinforcements [strength 5 Officers, 160 rank and file, 2 Maxims] were sent to join the column, and Major Bruce proceeded from Lagos to take over command.

On the 4th of May an attempt was made to capture the ringleader Nzekwe at Aniogu, where he was reported to be living, but owing to the darkness of the night, the trees that had been felled across the paths, and the numerous spikes as well, it was decided to give up the attempt and return to camp. The following night the column took another road, and successfully surprised the bush camp, but failed to capture Nzekwe; one soldier was severely wounded. On the 6th of May Major Wayling surprised another bush camp, and had one soldier wounded. Sub-columns were out during the next few days getting information and searching surrounding country. On the 15th the column under Major Bruce reached Abedi, after a trying march in torrents of rain on the 14th. Strong opposition was met with, the roads leading into the town being stockaded and a heavy fire opened by the bushmen. Captain H. G. Chapman, Suffolk Regiment, and 3 soldiers were killed and 2 soldiers wounded (one since dead). The bush round the town was exceptionally thick, which made advance most difficult, and but for the inaccurate shooting of the bushmen the casualties would have been far heavier than they were. Several more bush camps were located on the following days, and the enemy, continually harassed and kept on the move, decided to give up the war, and on the 27th of May Nzekwe and 200 armed bushmen gave themselves up to Major Bruce at Ogwashi-Oku.

The total casualties up to date amount to:

1 Officer and 11 rank and file killed.
23 rank and file wounded.

I would recommend to your Excellency's notice the excellent work performed by the following Officers:—

Major Bruce, Norfolk Regiment, commanded the Ogwashi-Oku patrol during the third phase, and, owing to the excellent plans made and the very hard work carried out during the rainy season, brought the operations at last to a successful conclusion.

Captain G. N. Sheffield, 3rd Battalion, Essex Regiment, for five months commanded the Ogwashi-Oku patrol, and inflicted heavy defeats on the enemy.

I have, &c.,

H. TRENCHARD, Lieut.-Colonel,

Commanding Southern Nigeria Regt.

His Excellency,

The Governor and Commander-in-Chief,
Southern Nigeria.

Whitehall, April 6, 1911.

The KING has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 5th instant, to appoint William Percival Gratwicke Boxall, Esq., K.C., to be Recorder of the Borough of Brighton in the room of Philip Chasemore Gates, Esq., K.C., resigned.

Downing Street,

5th April, 1911.

The KING has been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable Lord Denman, P.C., K.C.V.O., to be Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Downing Street,

6th April, 1911.

The KING has been pleased to approve of the retention of the title of "Honourable" by William Kidston, Esq., who has served for more than three years as a Member of the Executive Council of the State of Queensland.

Board of Trade (Harbour Department),

London, April 6, 1911.

H. 4520.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of Circulars, dated 9th March, issued by the Imperial and Royal Marine Board of Trieste, to the effect that, cases of cholera having ceased in Italy, the dispositions set forth in Government Circulars against that country have been rescinded by Ministerial Order.

Board of Trade (Harbour Department),

London, April 6, 1911.

H. 4582.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of the following Telegram, dated 4th April, from His Majesty's Ambassador at Rome:—Sanitary measures against Funchal revoked.