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TUESDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER, 1917.

War Office,
25th September, 1917.

The Colonial Office has forwarded for publication the following Despatch on military operations in the Nyasaland Protectorate:—

From the Governor of Nyasaland,
To the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Government House,
Zomba, Nyasaland,
30th April, 1917.

SIR,—

I have the honour to transmit herewith a despatch from Brigadier-General Edward Northey, C.B., A.D.C., in which he submits the names of various officers, non-commissioned officers and men serving under him for mention in despatches. The despatch reached me only on the 26th instant.

2. General Northey briefly reviews the operations conducted by him. The record is a brilliant one of consummate success at all times

and at all points, the more so when regard is had to the small striking force at his disposal, the large area involved, and the difficulties in establishing and maintaining long lines of communication in a wild and unhealthy country. Particular and well-deserved stress is laid on the services of the administrative branches.

3. It is probably beyond my province, as it certainly is beyond my capacity, to offer any comment on the marked ability General Northey has displayed in the conduct of the operations entrusted to him; but I can properly give expression to the feeling of security which I and all in Nyasaland have experienced at all times since he commenced his advance.

4. In all his recommendations I most cordially concur. He asks me to add the names of others at the Base or on the Lines of Communication south of the Lake with whom I have been more in contact and whose services in my opinion deserve mention for conspicuously good work.

5. The services of Temporary Major Charles Thorburn as Officer Commanding Base and

Lines of Communication and of Lieutenant-Commander G. H. Dennistoun, D.S.O., R.N., in command on Lake Nyasa, are dealt with by General Northey. I would add to these the following:—

Temporary Lieutenant-Colonel Herbert Hyde Young Hearsey, Principal Medical Officer, Nyasaland Government, as Director of Military Medical Services, has rendered important assistance in maintaining the medical services and supplies at the front, and in establishing and controlling hospitals and convalescent camps at the base, discharging at the same time the duties of his civil office.

Temporary Captain Ernest Costley-White, Assistant Transport Officer Base and Lines of Communication, has given invaluable service in organising the carrier transport on the lines of communication, and in maintaining the supply of carriers for General Northey's forces at the front.

Temporary Captain Vincent John Keyte, Assistant Supply Officer Base and Lines of Communication, has been responsible for procuring all food supplies for the native troops and carriers, and has discharged his duties with marked assiduity and success.

Temporary Captain Thomas William Armitage, Chief Mechanical Transport Officer, has displayed considerable organising capacity, and it is due to his ability and energy that the increasing mechanical transport service has been maintained and efficiently controlled.

Temporary Captain William Henry Evans, Staff Officer Base and Lines of Communication, has shown conspicuous energy and ability in the discharge of the onerous and responsible duties of that office.

Temporary Lieutenant John Conrad Abraham, Station Staff Officer Fort Johnston, has worked indefatigably, and has been most successful in the handling and embarkation of troops and stores at the Lake terminus.

6. When forwarding in my despatch of the 1st November, 1915, Lieutenant-Colonel Hawthorn's report on the military operations up to that time I drew attention generally to the valuable assistance in many directions afforded by the various civil departments. Their services have continued in increasing magnitude, and in particular the district residents have been unremitting in their efforts to recruit native labour for the carrier service and otherwise on which the success of General Northey's operations has so largely depended. In his despatch he gives some indication of the numbers involved. To the recognition due to residents must be added that of the valuable support they have received from Native Chiefs and Headmen.

7. My despatch would be incomplete without notice of the ever ready and valuable services rendered by His Majesty's Consul-General at Lourenco Marques and the Consuls at Chinde and Beira. I must also add a few words on the satisfactory manner in which the great strain on the railway and telegraph services has been met by the staffs of the Shire Highlands and Central Africa Railways and the African Transcontinental Telegraph Company.

I have, etc.,

G. SMITH,
Governor.

From Brigadier-General E. Northey, C.B., A.D.C., Commanding Nyasaland-Rhodesia Force,

To His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Zomba, Nyasaland.

Ubena, German East Africa,

10th March, 1917.

Your Excellency,—

I have the honour to forward herewith a list of Officers, N.C.O.'s and Men of the Force under my command whom I recommend for mention in despatches for their splendid work during the past year.

A brief summary of the operations which have been carried out is as follows:—

From January to May, 1916, the time was spent in reorganising the forces on the border, converting the garrisons between lakes Nyasa and Tanganyika into mobile columns, and arranging for supply and transport.

The results since obtained reflect the greatest credit on the Administrative Services; I think the difficulties to be overcome can hardly be realised by any but those who have experienced them.

Arrangements were made by which we were able in a few months to deploy, feed, and munition columns operating a hundred miles north of Bismarckburg, at and east of Iringa, and fifty miles east of both Lupembe and Songea.

The distances by road from Bismarckburg to New Langenburg, thence to Iringa, and from Iringa to Songea, are each about 200 miles. None of the roads are more than improved native paths, and the country is all hilly or mountainous, much of it being dense bush and very unhealthy.

It must also be remembered that, up to our own frontier, all supplies had to be brought either through Rhodesia, some 600 miles from the nearest railway, by native porters, or from Chinde up the Zambesi, through Nyasaland and up the Lake, a distance of 700 miles, with constant transfers from sea-going ship to stern-wheeler, railway, motor, carriers, and lake steamer.

In addition to the troops with the columns many thousands of carriers had to be fed; and it must be borne in mind that each carrier eats the equivalent in weight of his own load in three weeks.

This colossal task was considerably helped later by the arrival of light motor lorries, by the untiring efforts of the mechanical transport units, and the splendid work of the South African Engineers, under Major Colin Clark, in cutting and maintaining roads through most difficult hilly country. In six months 450 miles of motor road were made, and from Mwaya to the Poroto Hills, just north of New Langenburg, the road level varied from 1,500 to 8,000 feet above sea level.

On May 25th we attacked the enemy all along the frontier, and by the end of July had cleared him out of the whole of the New Langenburg and Bismarckburg districts, occupying about 20,000 square miles of very rich and fertile country and capturing many prisoners and much war material.

During August and September we made a complete wheel to the eastward, pivoting on the north end of Lake Nyasa, and driving our enemy, who had now been reinforced from the north, eastwards from the districts of Iringa,

Ubena and Songea, the occupation of Iringa being timed to synchronise with the arrival of General Van Deventer at Kilossa.

From October to February the troops under my command had some very hard fighting. In addition to our original opponents we had to deal with Major Kraut (the late adversary of the 2nd Division) on our right, while the Tabora forces, under General Wahle, ordered to join Kraut, came down on our left and across our lines of communication. Kraut, in his attempt to contain Colonels Hawthorn and Murray, suffered very heavily on the Ruhudje River, and the Tabora forces lost about half their numbers in getting across.

Between 30th October and 26th November we inflicted over 600 known casualties on the enemy—that is to say, that number were actually dead and buried or captured. There were, of course, a proportionate number killed and wounded, and many deserters, whom we did not pick up.

The known enemy casualties we have inflicted up to date are:—Europeans: 56 killed, 275 captured; native soldiers 336 killed, 1,093 captured. To them must be added the many hundred askaris wounded, and deserters, who have got away.

Our casualties have been slight in proportion.

We have also captured two out of four 10.5 cm. howitzers, one 8.8 gun, one 6 cm. gun, three smaller guns, nine machine guns, and forced General Wahle to abandon two naval 12-pounders soon after he captured them from us near Iringa on his way to join Kraut.

The enemy companies which recently escaped southwards to the Portuguese border under Kraut have been reduced to an average of ten Europeans and fifty askaris each, about one-third of their strength in September.)

I cannot speak too highly of the work done by Colonels Hawthorn and Murray, whose columns have been marching and fighting the whole time, even throughout the last few months of constant heavy rain.

Both these commanders are young, active and most reliable, and thoroughly understand the tactical use of all arms. I strongly recommend them for advancement when they can be spared from service in this theatre.

My Staff has been none too large, and in consequence of the great distances covered, and the composition of my troops, *i.e.*, the staff work has been out of all proportion to the actual size of the Force. That all has worked smoothly and well is very largely due to the tact, ability and unceasing devotion to duty of my Chief Staff Officer, Major William Arthur Cecil Saunders-Knox-Gore, D.S.O., who is well fitted to fill higher Staff appointments in the future.

The greatest assistance has been given to me all through by the Civil officials of Nyasaland and Rhodesia, and by the Commandant-General of the Rhodesian Forces, Brigadier-General A. H. M. Edwards, C.B., M.V.O.

The medical officers, nurses and orderlies from the Union of South Africa, Nyasaland and Rhodesia, under the able direction of Major Hugh Stannus Stannus, Deputy-Director of Medical Services, have combined most efficiently to fight the many diseases, especially malaria, incidental to a tropical campaign, and to lessen the sufferings of wounded often at great distances from a hospital.

Communication between different columns

operating far apart, with the Central Railway *via* Iringa, and with the bases in Nyasaland and Rhodesia, has been kept up only by the most constant hard work on the part of the Signal Units (telegraph, wireless and visual) and by the indefatigable energy of despatch-riders.

The services of the Hon. H. C. Duff, C.M.G., Chief Political Officer, and of Mr. J. S. K. Wells and Mr. C. P. Chesnaye, in the administration of the conquered territory have been invaluable.

Our supplies have come forward from south of Lake Nyasa regularly and satisfactorily, under great difficulties; I am sure Your Excellency will agree with me as to the valuable services rendered by Lieutenant-Commander G. H. Dennistoun, D.S.O., R.N., in command on Lake Nyasa, and by Temporary Major Charles Thorburn, Reserve of Officers, as Officer Commanding base and lines of communication, and by all those working under them, whose work, though far from the fighting line, has been none the less arduous throughout the campaign.

The list of recommendations for award or mention in despatches which I now have the honour to submit covers a period of arduous campaigning extending over seventeen months, no such recommendations having been made from this force since 11th October, 1915.

In conclusion, I wish to thank Your Excellency for your constant support and loyal co-operation in meeting my constant demands on Nyasaland for assistance of every description, without which our efforts could not have been so productive of success.

Your Excellency will no doubt add a few names for mention of those serving under you at the base and on lines of communication in Nyasaland and on the Lake, who have conspicuously contributed to the solution of our transport difficulties.

I have, etc.,

EDWARD NORTHEY,

Brigadier-General, A.D.C.,
Commanding Nyasaland-Rhodesia Force.

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