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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