

to Gedarif. The march was one of considerable difficulty owing to the scarcity of water on the road, but it was successfully accomplished, and Lieutenant-Colonel Collinson reached Gedarif on October 21.

On October 23 Ahmed Fedil made an ineffective night attack on Gedarif, which was easily repulsed, and on the following day (24th) a strong reconnaissance, sent out by Lieutenant-Colonel Parsons, discovered that the enemy were retiring southwards towards Karkoj, on the Blue Nile. A large number of Dervish deserters were captured, Ahmed Fedil's force breaking up.

On September 10 I left Omdurman and proceeded up the White Nile with the following force, in five gunboats:—

100 Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Cameron Highlanders, under Captain (now Brevet Major) the Honourable A. D. Murray.

1 Battery Egyptian Artillery.

The 11th and 13th Soudanese Battalions.

At Renk, on the White Nile, a Dervish station with a garrison of 700 Rifles and 2 guns was met. They opened fire on the gunboats, but were easily dispersed, and the position taken after a short action.

A French Detachment, under Major Marchand, was found at Fashoda.

Having left a garrison of the 11th Battalion Soudanese and four field guns at that place the flotilla advanced south, and a station was formed at the mouth of the Sobat, and garrisoned by the 13th Battalion Soudanese. The gunboats subsequently patrolled the Sobat and Bar-el-Gazal rivers.

The Khalifa, with his son Sheikh el-Din, the Emir Osman Digna, and a small following of less than 200 adherents, retired after the battle of Khartoum to a position about 250 miles southwest of Omdurman, and subsequently moved in the direction of Gebel Taaisheh, his force being harassed by the local tribes, and receiving no support from the Arab inhabitants in answer to his repeated appeals.

The Khalifa Sherif, and the son of the Mahdi, having surrendered, and the Dervish garrisons of El Fasher and El Obeid having been driven out by the loyal Arab tribes in those districts, the country may be said to be now practically clear of Dervish Forces.

In conclusion, I beg to bring to your notice the names of the following Officers who have distinguished themselves during the recent operations in the Soudan:—

Lieutenant-Colonel J. A. Clery, Royal Army Medical Corps.

Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel C. S. B. Parsons, Royal Artillery.

Lieutenant-Colonel N. Leader, late Royal Army Medical Corps.

Major H. M. Lawson, Royal Engineers.

Major C. O. Hore, South Staffordshire Regiment.

Major G. D. Hunter, D.S.O., Royal Army Medical Corps.

Brevet Major the Honourable A. D. Murray, Cameron Highlanders.

Captain St. G. C. Henry, Northumberland Fusiliers.

Captain the Honourable E. Baring, 10th Hussars.

Captain H. Slessor, Royal Marine Artillery.

Captain F. G. Anley, Essex Regiment.

Captain T. W. Hale, Wiltshire Regiment, Ordnance Officer, Fourth Class.

Captain A. de S. McKerrell, Cameron Highlanders.

Captain O. H. Pedley, Connaught Rangers.
Captain F. A. MacFarlan, Cameron Highlanders.

Captain H. G. Majendie, Rifle Brigade.

Captain E. B. Wilkinson, Lincolnshire Regiment.

Captain C. C. Fleming, Royal Army Medical Corps.

Captain H. C. Smith, Royal Dublin Fusiliers.

Captain A. G. Dwyer, East Surrey Regiment.

Captain A. G. Fraser, King's Own Scottish Borderers.

Captain E. G. T. Bainbridge, East Kent Regiment.

Captain the Honourable A. G. A. Hore-Ruthven, 3rd Battalion, Highland Light Infantry.

Lieutenant F. Burges, Gloucestershire Regiment.

Lieutenant C. J. Clerk, 21st Lancers.

Lieutenant H. H. S. Morant, Durham Light Infantry.

Lieutenant G. C. M. Hall, Royal Engineers.

Lieutenant F. Hunnard, Army Service Corps.

Lieutenant R. L. Adlercron, Cameron Highlanders.

Non-Commissioned Officer:

Sergeant A. Nicklin, North Staffordshire Regiment.

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KITCHENER OF KHARTOUM,
Major-General,
Sirdar, Egyptian Army.

*Chancery of the Royal Victorian Order,
St. James's Palace, November 28, 1898.*

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Staff Surgeon James Lawrence Smith, M.B., R.N., to be a Member of the Fourth Class of the Royal Victorian Order.

St. James's Palace, December 7, 1898.

THE Queen has been pleased to appoint John Adrian Louis, Earl of Hopetoun, G.C.M.G., to be Lord Chamberlain of Her Majesty's Household, in the room of Edward, Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., deceased.

India Office, December 3, 1898.

THE Queen has been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable Lord Curzon of Kedleston to be Governor-General of India.

India Office, November 21, 1898.

THE Queen has been pleased to appoint Mr. Henry Martin Winterbotham, of the Civil Service of India, in the Madras Presidency, to be a Member of the Council of the Governor of Madras, in succession to Sir Henry William Bliss, K.C.I.E., retired.

India Office, December 6, 1898.

THE Queen has been pleased to approve the appointment of Mr. Louis Pitman Russell, Barrister-at-Law, to be a Judge of the High Court of Judicature at Bombay, in the place of Mr. Justice Strachey, who has recently been appointed Chief Justice of the High Court of Judicature for the North-Western Provinces of India.