

from Colonel Sir F. W. FESTING, C.B., K.C.M.G.

Lieutenant R. B. Deane, Royal Marine Light Infantry, served on the Gold Coast during the latter part of the Ashanti war, and was engaged against the enemy while attached to the Naval Brigade.

When in command of a detachment I witnessed his manner in dealing with those under him, and can confidently say that I know of no officer more qualified to perform the special duties of an Adjutant: and I should say that his age, disposition, ability, and general bearing eminently fit him for such a post at the present time.

(Signed) FRANCIS W. FESTING,

Bt. Colonel R. M. Artillery.

EASTNEY BARRACKS,

24th January, 1875.

Extract from a letter from Major General J. W. A. KENNEDY, R.M.L.I.,

9th February, 1878.

MY DEAR DEANE,

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I cannot conclude without most sincerely thanking you for the valuable assistance you rendered me in the office during the period I was in command of the Chatham Division.

Your extensive knowledge of the service in all the varied details of your important duties I have rarely seen equalled and never surpassed; whilst the very assiduous manner in which those duties were *at all times* performed left absolutely nothing to be desired and merit my warmest acknowledgments.

&c., &c.,

(Signed) J. W. A. KENNEDY.