

UNDERSTANDING...

THE SUDAN CAMPAIGN

WHAT HAPPENED?

- This particular campaign was part of the 18 year-long Mahdist War, which ultimately resulted in the state of Anglo-Egyptian Sudan.
- Egypt had ruled Sudan since 1821, but at the time, Egypt was largely controlled by Britain.
- The British aimed to retake Sudan and defeat Muhammad Ahmad (The Mahdi).

THE QUEEN'S SUDAN MEDAL



THE HIGHLANDERS

- The 42nd Cameron Highlanders were brought in as reinforcements in 1898, and fought in the Battle of Atbara.
- 1st Battalion Seaforth Highlanders took part in the reconquest of Sudan at the Battle of Atbara and the Battle of Omdurman 1898.

KEY EVENTS

- Threatened by the impending invasion of European powers, Lord Herbert Kitchener was ordered to invade Sudan in 1896.
- 9,000 conscripted Sudanese and Egyptian troops were mobilised on 4th June, fighting as part of the 9th & 10th Sudanese Battalion.
- Fighting between Anglo-Egyptian-Sudanese troops and Mahdist forces continued for 3 years.
- After the campaign, Kitchener was criticised for accusations of looting, firing on civilian fugitives, and massacring wounded Mahdists.
- Sudan gained independence in 1956.