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A force of my troops, under Lieutenant-Colonel Picher, has lately been sent to the Royal Niger Company by Colonel Lugard, Commissioner and Commander of the British Forces in the Niger Coast Protectorate, to subdue the Emirs of Lapaie and Argau, tributary States of Sokoto, who have persistently made a fruitful field of the Niger south of Niger. The advance party pushed forward and completely surprised the war camp of the Emir of Lapaie eighteen miles from the river. A square was formed immediately the force

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crossed the open plain on which the camp was situated, and all attempts of the Fula's cavalry to flank the squares and intercept were frustrated. After a short skirmish of about three-quarters of an hour the enemy retired towards Lapaie. A portion of the camp was then destroyed, by shells and rockets, and the square engaged. The following day the remainder of the camp was demolished, and the British took up a strong position on the far side in the direction of Lapaie.

THE FIGHTING IN THE NIGER COUNTRY: SURPRISING THE EMIR OF LAPAIE'S WAR CAMP

**ROYAL NIGER CO. FIGHTING.** British colonialism was often violent. In the picture, soldiers of the British Royal Niger Company form a square to attack the camp of the Emir of Lapaie and to subdue West African resistance to British colonial efforts. © Illustrated London News/Mary Evans Picture Library



# Part I

## Research Design