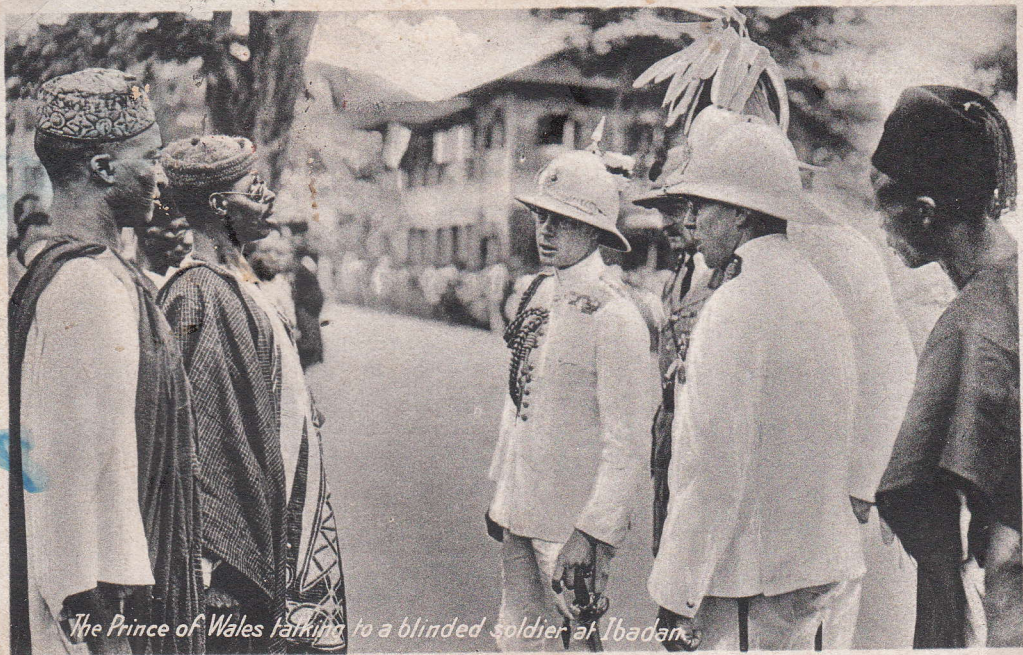


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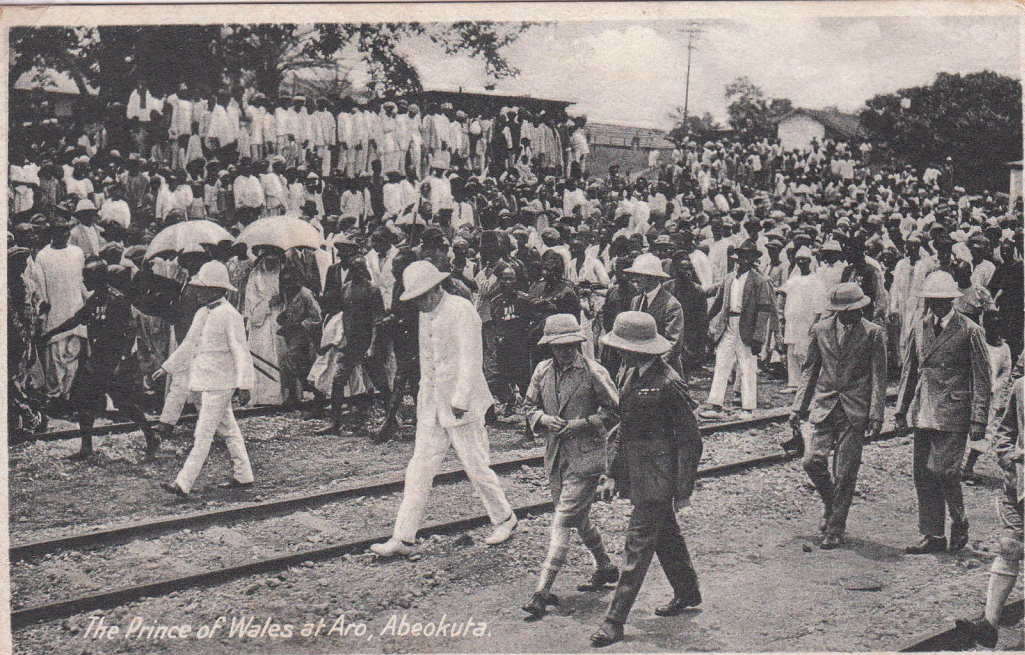
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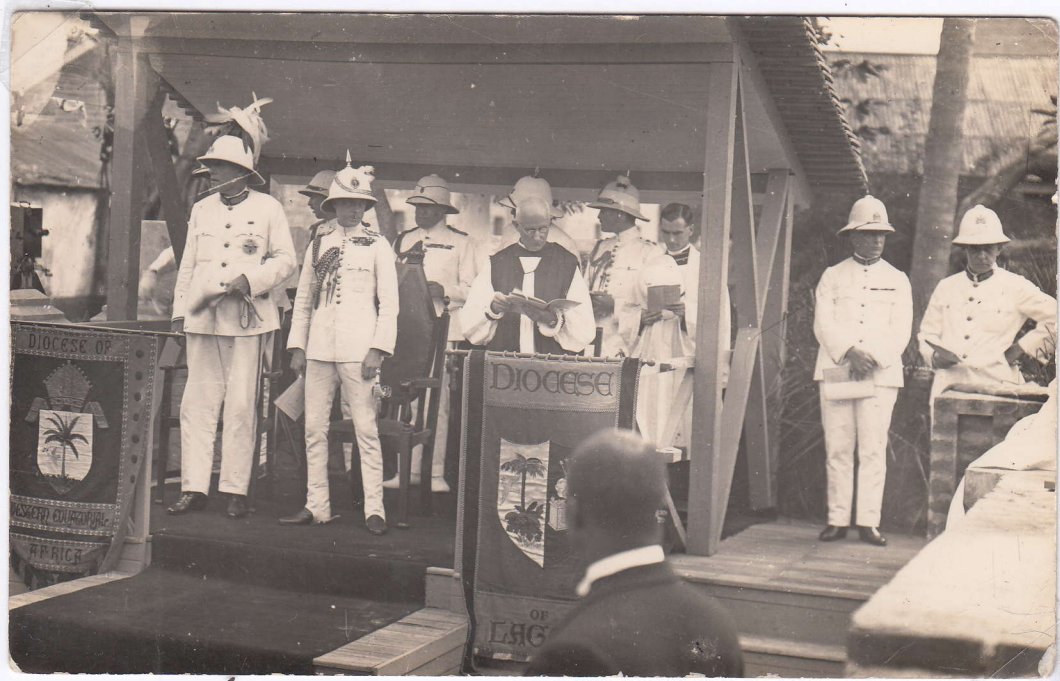
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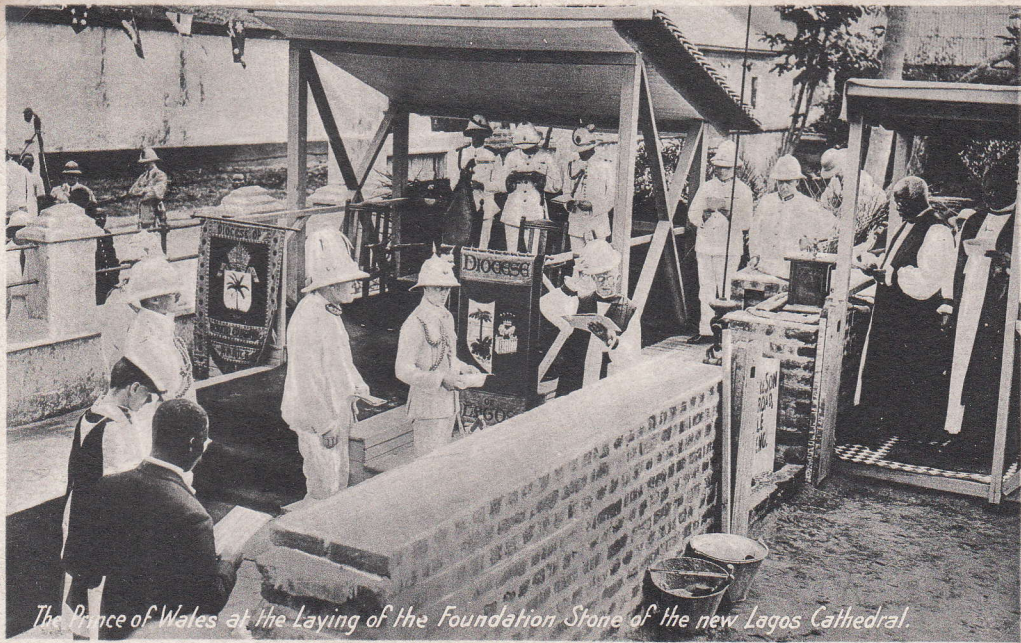


The Prince of Wales talking to a blinded soldier at Ibadan.



The Prince of Wales at Aro, Abeokuta.





The Prince of Wales at the Laying of the Foundation Stone of the new Lagos Cathedral.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES' VISIT.

The visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to Nigeria threw a great deal of responsible work on the Posts and Telegraphs. A continuous telegraph service was maintained between Lagos and all stations visited by His Royal Highness and the circuits so arranged that at any point on the line where there was a Post Office, telegrams could be handled without delay. Circuits were "duplexed" and European Surveying Officers stationed in the Telegraph Offices at Minna, Kano, Ibadan and Lagos to be in constant communication with each other for the control of the traffic. The whole of the electric signal apparatus was subjected to special scrutiny, while responsible Engineering Officers were stationed at vital points and accompanied the Royal trains. At Kano the telephone service was extended and every facility for communication given to the Officers in charge of the Durbar.

It is pleasurable to be able to record that there was no hitch of any description; Government was pleased to congratulate the Department on its work and later the thanks of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales were received through the London Post Office.

Special arrangements were made for the "Press" and the valuable co-operation of the Cable Company's Superintendent was readily given. The keenness of each press correspondent to get his own 'copy' over the line first was very noticeable and it was soon found that the correspondents knew as much about telegraph Office routine as many of the Staff. Before leaving Nigeria the press correspondents were kind enough to state their appreciation of what had been attempted and their congratulations on its success.

Every care was taken to minimise expenditure and although stores to the value of over £1,500 were issued for special purposes all but £180 worth were recovered and returned to Store. This is regarded as extremely satisfactory.