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Rewards for Officers and men engaged in East Africa Protectorate - Operations

Copy of letter to H.O. urging that rewards should be granted even though engagement was unsuccessful.

~~H. B. ...~~ Sri. G. Fiddler

I.O. might send us the whole of the copies. We have not had the H.O. letter to I.O., which seems to have opposed the grant of rewards and distinctions for review i.e. recent operations in E. Africa, on account of the failure at Tanga. As this letter deals mainly with the Indian troops we had not, I think, ask I.O. to supply the previous copies. We must wait for a letter from H.O. as to the KAR and volunteers (D.C.M.)

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H. J. R.

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to:-

The Under Secretary of State for India,
Military Department,
India Office,
London, S.W.

and the following reference quoted:-

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TELEPHONE: L.O. Extension No. 286

INDIA OFFICE,

WHITEHALL,
LONDON, S.W.

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11th March 1915.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 10th March 1915 No. 10866/15 I am directed to forward for the information of Mr. Secretary Harcourt the accompanying copy of a letter addressed to the Secretary, War Office on the subject of rewards for Operations in East Africa.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Chelmsford
General,

Military Secretary.

The Under Secretary of State,
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Ch. Selwyn Selous
for General.

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The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

1702.

10th March 1915.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 6th March 1915 No. 0165/6767(M.S.3.) I am directed to point out that the recommendations for rewards forwarded under cover of my No. 1635 dated 8th February 1915 were with the exception of the affair at Longido in connection with operations which took place before the arrival of Major General Aitken's force and appear to have fully accomplished the task allotted to the troops engaged up to that date under Brigadier General Stewart. Even the attack at Longido though not attended by any immediate result was eventually successful.

I am therefore to say that in the opinion of the Secretary of State for India the subsequent failure of the attack on Tanga should not debar consideration of the recommendations for rewards on account of distinguished services rendered in actions prior to

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The Secretary,

War Office.

that event.

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Moreover the Marquess of Crewe considers that even where operations are unsuccessful it would not be equitable to refuse recognition of specially good services particularly in the case of Indian ranks.

I am to remark that many individual officers and men have been rewarded for their conduct in military operations which could hardly be classified as successful e.g. Balaelava.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sd) E. G. Barron

General,

Military Secretary.