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SITUATION IN JUBALAND

Enclosed copy of letter and enclosures from the Acting Provincial Commissioner, Kismayu.

Mr Bottomley
Mr Read

See also 20453

The Governor sends us the complete evidence of the survivors of Brenli and from it we are able to get a full and graphic description of the terrible night of February 2nd when the garrison was overpowered and the place destroyed by the Ambian. It is unfortunately impossible to acquit the Chief of a grave share of responsibility for the disaster. Both separately warned that Kwaiba with the Ambian might begin and even that the attack might be expected on the very day on which the attack did actually

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he refused at arms, and refused all precautions. When the attack came, the garrison was entirely unprepared. The sentry on guard was shot before he could give the alarm; the soldiers were for the most part overpowered in their beds. The "maxim" could not be brought into action. The whole thing was a mere massacre, and the tragedy of it is that (according to the evidence of one of the survivors) 30 men and the maxim gun would have held Serenbo against the whole of the Aulihan.

The evidence of the intelligence agent, Ali, (p. 58 etc of evidence) is very striking. He had learnt from an informant what the intentions of the Aulihan were, and (at 9 p.m. on Feb. 2nd) came to the office to inform Mr Elliott. "I told him what I had heard, and that the Aulihan were going to attack us to-night or to-morrow night. He asked who told me. He said: 'Do you know what an egg is?' I replied: 'yes'. He said: 'The Aulihan are just like an egg in my hand; if I drop them on the ground, they will break'. . . . The Elliotts told

Mr Elliott "kept I was employed as a Government man, and that my information was good, and that he ought to take some notice" ... "Mr Effendi wanted to put a guard of 25 men on Mr Elliott's house and take the remainder inside the boma." But Mr Elliott refused to listen, and, it seems, reprimanded the Effendi, who went away, very angry, and "threw himself on his bed with all his clothes on, and told me to go home and not to talk to the askaris about anything he had heard." Six hours later the attack was made, and we hear that the Effendi "tried to get up to the machine gun, but was shot". He afterwards died of his wounds at Bardera.

Mr Elliott has, unhappily, paid for his lack of judgment with his life, and it would be unfair not to recognise his courage and his loyalty which he inspired in his men. But we can hardly do otherwise, I fear, than hold him partly responsible for what occurred.

There is a certain amount of information about Abdulrahman himself, in the [illegible] of the attack. He was for a [illegible] in the Govt. service [illegible]

had resigned his position some months back.

According to one version he had his agent everywhere, even in Italian Somaliland. He rose to power from Naibi to Sultan and had his headquarters in the right place to lead his head and wanted to be the big man and lacked the Grit. I heard the people at Serenli saying, say about 5 or 6 months ago the British were defeated by the Germans and had no more strength. Abdulrahman Hussein was the man who spread these reports.

It is surely safe to conclude from this that Abdulrahman was influenced in his attitude and actions from outside and that he has been used as an instrument of German or Turkish intrigue?

Mr Elliott & Abdulrahman Hussein are said to have been great friends, and sometimes Abdulrahman would come to Mr Elliott's house to speak to him privately. He had been training his tribesmen at Hagaghatti for some time under Mr Elliott's eyes. On the night he left Hagaghatti he left a large force (estimated at 700 men and 18 guns) and was present at subsequent proceedings. It is thought that Abdulrahman himself killed Mr Elliott and his own land.

This is very fair but unfortunately contains inferences which should be expunged. Not be used anywhere. [illegible]

The general position in the north where the disturbances have written had not materially changed from what it was when the last report was made. Neither the Dervishes nor the Mohammed Sheikh had joined the Ambilan. It is reported that the Turkish [illegible] of the Ambilan have gone over to Abdulrahman Mushal, but this is comparatively unimportant, the tribe is of all kinds unreliable, & it was concerned in the troubles said on the Samburu in December last.

At Warsheik the situation was more satisfactory. The Ambilan had made no attempt to do more, and the question of re-occupying the post was under consideration. This question was to be left to the discretion of Major Hoskins on his arrival in East Africa.

A reply to two despatches seems hardly required at present, and we may confine ourselves to dictating copies to the usual signatures i.e. to W.O., to [illegible] & to Aden, Somaliland (EPH).

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[illegible] of all [illegible]
[illegible] Mahony [illegible] concerned which
he can [illegible] If not, it will
be best to leave Ellington [illegible] the
[illegible] for his own judgment.

See new minute on file 24/4/16 [illegible]

You will notice that when he [illegible]
Dr. Hartley he said that his son
knew [illegible] was in great danger. I
am afraid his bold talk was assumed
& that he is capable of breaking out
to lawlessness within [illegible] confidence.

p.12 of Memo on file

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T AFRICA PROTECTORATE.
No. 491

Government House,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

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March 23rd, 1916.

Sir,

In continuation of my despatch No. 171 of the 16th instant I have the honour to transmit a copy of a letter and enclosures from the Acting Provincial Commissioner, Kisumayu, dated 10th instant, together with a copy of a further memorandum summarising the events of the past week.

Precis

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your humble, obedient servant,

GOVERNOR'S Deputy

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
ANDREW BONAR LAW, P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET,
LONDON, S. W.

INCLOSURE

No.351/628.

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BOMA AND WAIKI DISTRICT,

KIBWAYI

19th March 1916.

Sir,

From the sworn statements of witnesses at the Court of Inquiry held at Yonte under the Presidency of Lieut. Bayne attached herewith, it is clear that the attack on Serenli by the Aulihan was premeditated and an act of treachery on the part of that tribe under the leadership of Ahmed Madji the son of Madji [illegible] Mansal who was a clerk in Government employ.

2. From the evidence of witnesses it would seem that such an attack was expected by Natives including the Kazi at Serenli who warned Mr.Elliott that the Aulihan were against the Government. Unfortunately no special steps were taken by Mr.Elliott serene in his own personality and feeling able to meet any eventuality.

3. Madji [illegible] Mansal evidently suffered from a badly swollen head and though this is not definite in the evidence

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY,

NAIROBI.

it is a fair conclusion to draw that other influence than local was behind him; but whether from Northern Somaliland or from the home of 'Kultur' or both cannot be definitely stated.

4. The Kazi in giving his evidence clearly states that Mr.Elliott and Abdurehman Mursal were great friends. So it is very doubtful if the sudden change of attitude on the part of the Somali was due to the small local question of stock looted from the Marehan by the Aulihan. Further it would seem from the evidence of the Kazi that Mr.Elliott unfortunately disregarded the advice tendered (i.e. to be careful that he and the Government he represented were cordially hated) and told him - the Kazi, to 'mind his own business' -

That was when the crisis came. Then Mr. Elliott refused permission to the Serenli Aulihan to migrate into Italian territory.

5. The remark in the Kazi's evidence to the effect that since the visit of Hadji Abdurehman Mursal to Nairobi his (Hadji Abdurehman Mursal's) heart was not in the right place' is worth noting as it tends to prove the presumption that the rising at Serenli was not organised locally.

6. That the Italian Authorities were on the alert

alert and wondering which station would be attacked first is to me further proof that outside influence had more to do with this rising than any local event.

Mr. Elliott spoke Somali, knew the Somali and was liked by the Somali generally.

His men with few exceptions stood by him loyally to the end and those who died with him share the meed of praise due to a brave Officer.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

E. Powell.

'AG' PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER

Said Ahmed Gathi of Serenli

Duly sworn states:- On the morning of 3rd February about 3 A.M. I was sleeping in Serenli and was awaked by rifle fire. All the Arabs came to my house and asked me what is wrong. I could note a difference in the noise of the rifles. This I explained by the difference in bore and size of Government rifles. After waiting some time the Government Clerk stark naked and some Somali women came to my house. The women told me that a lot of askaris had been killed. I told all the people who came down to my house on hearing this that if we went to the boma we might be killed also and the best thing to do was to go to Bardera. This we all did reaching there at 6 A.M.

The attack took place at 3 A.M. we waited at my house for more than one hour before leaving. My house is amongst the Arab houses in the village. I saw no Somalis the whole time and heard the noise at the boma only also/the at Commandant's house or near there.

Q. There was no attack on Serenli towards Gillet you were in the town or before you left.

A. No.

(Note:- It is 1800 yds about from the village in which the Jadi lived to the boma: Gillett's house was on the apex of a triangle formed by the three points of his house, the boma and the village and his house was [illegible] 400 yds from the boma) [illegible] I believe [illegible] chiefs and [illegible] the river [illegible] 2 [illegible] I was sitting on the river [illegible] then I met [illegible] amongst askaris, armed Syens, [illegible] their rifles [illegible]

were also there. Some of the Armed Syces and askaris crossed the river before I did. Some of the askaris and armed syces had ammunition and some had not. I did not think to look if they had a lot of ammunition. I only noticed if men were wearing bandoliers. I saw no men of the serkal actually fighting as I was far away from the boma at the time.

Did the askaris you saw at the river impress you as being afraid or not.

A. They were frightened, but they had no Sergeants or N.C.Os with them. The Colour Sergeant was not with them.

Q. Did you hear anything about the Aulihan intention to attack Serenli before it transpired.

A. Never. I heard that they made a meeting and were collecting at Dakacha but I thought they were going to attack the Marehan. Dakacha might be six hours from Serenli.

Q. Did you see the Effendi.

A. I saw him at Bardera after I crossed not before. He was very ill from his wound and could not talk.

Q. Were you when they burned the village.

A. I was in Bardera and saw the smoke. They burned it on Friday about 3 P.M. There were three askaris in the village when I left. They did not leave the village but stayed and fought; they were alive when I left and killed afterwards. I saw one of those men's body brought to Bardera. He was I think a Hausa and his name was Abdi Gabam. I do not know the other two men's names.

Q. The whole time you were in the village and at the ford did you ~~know~~ hear fighting.

A. Yes. The whole time from 3 A.M. to 6 A.M.

Q. When did you cease to distinguish the difference in noise of rifles, and did you hear any volleys.

A. The whole time they were really fighting until 6 A.M. There were no volleys that I heard.

Q. Were there any Aulihan on the ford where you crossed.

A. No, no one tried to stop us.

Q. Later in the day did you hear any fighting at the fords.

A. Yes all day long, askaris were getting across. At 11 A.M. a lot of askaris came across fighting. The Colour Sergeant brought a lot of men with him and crossed at Arari about 8 A.M. or 9 A.M.

Q. Did you notice how the Colour Sergeant and his party were dressed.

A. All dressed differently. Some in parts of uniform some in blankets and some in clothes. They had their rifles and a few rounds of ammunition. I ask d them about their ammunition when they arrived and that is how I know.
There were about twenty five or thirty men.

Q. Is there any thing else you think we ought to be told.

A. Yes, when I first heard the firing I went and called the Civil Clerk named Fazal Ellahi a Mahomm dan Indian and asked him to come and discuss the shauri and let us decide whether we should go the boma or what we should do. There were Arabs with me at the time. The clerk came

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with us to my house and told us that the firing was nothing at all and that every man must go back to his house. The clerk went out of my house and four yards away met Ahmed Haji s/o Haji Abdurehman Mursal. Ahmed Haji said "Are you the clerk", the clerk replied "yes" and Ahmed Haji shot him. he Ahmed Haji did not see me and did not speak to me or wait there. Ahmed Haji was a civil clerk too. Ahmed Haji had a Djibouti rifle of his own.

Q. I want you to tell the court exactly what your opinion of the whole Serenli affair is, and what led up to it.

A. I have been three years in Serenli and I know every one. The Somalis have never told any one the truth yet. They do not want the English in Serenli. I warned Mr. Elliott personally, that the Aulihan did not like him personally, nor the Government nor the Government methods. Mr. Elliott told me that I was the Kathi and I had better get my Koran and do the Kathi's business. I warned Mr. Elliott shortly before the Serenli disaster. I told Mr. Elliott he must not trust the Aulihan but put his trust in himself and his men. He replied I do not count these people at all, do your business you are the Kathi. Haji Abdurehman lost his head and wanted to be the big man and hated the Government. About a month before the Serenli affair Her ~~Afgab~~ Afghab Aulihan sent a letter to Serenli asking for permission to cross into Italian Territory. I read the letter to Mr. Elliott. Mr. Elliott called Haji Abdurehman Mursal and Kabeba [illegible] (Chief of Her Afghab) and he told Haji Abdurehman [illegible] shoba Abdi had sent his this letter. [illegible]

Sodi and her allies in the shape of the [illegible] Aulihan wished to cross into Italian territory. Afterwards Mr. Elliott sent a letter to Haji Abdurrehman Mursal saying that he did not want his and his people to follow Sheikh Abdi if he went. Haji Abdurrehman Mursal sent a reply saying I cannot leave my own tribe and sit here under another tribe never. ('Ma'n aqdar nakhalli qabila haqqi wa n'iglis ma'qabila tani, abadan'). I did not hear what happened after that excepting that Mr. Elliott was building his boma and making it stronger. About four months ago a question was raised as to whether Elliott would make Marehan return Aulihan looted cattle or give Aulihan permission to fight Marehan. I think Haji Abdurrehman Mursal ever since his return from Nairobi has not had his heart in the right place: I always read Haji Abdurrehman Musal's letters to Mr. Elliott and came to that conclusion from the tone of his letters. Elliott and Haji Abdurrehman Mursal were great friends and I thought it was no use warning Mr. Elliott further about things I thought only. Elliott told Haji Abdurrehman Mursal in a letter about Aulihan raid on Scemburru, and asked him to restrain his young men from going to Scemburru or assisting Southern Aulihan. Haji Abdurrehman Mursal replied that his people were not in the Sheburi [illegible] and did not want to mix in it. I did not believe Haji Abdurrehman Mursal. I think that it was [illegible] Sheburi [illegible] Abdurrehman Mursal [illegible] people [illegible]. He [illegible] every [illegible] even in Italian [illegible]. I heard [illegible] people at Serenli saying [illegible] say [illegible] or [illegible] that the Britishers [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]ated by the [illegible]ermans and had no more strength. Haji Abdurrahman [illegible] was the man who spread these [illegible] informed. I think that Haji Abdurrahman [illegible] man will [illegible] make peace perhaps.

Sd/- H.Payne
3rd K.A.R.

Date, March 3rd 19[illegible]

[illegible] Sergeant
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[illegible] Swahili.

I did not hear there was going to be an attack on Serenli. I did not think the Aulihan were likely to give trouble. I heard of the attack I was sleeping in a house about 1[illegible] yds outside of the boma with my wife. The effendi one sergeant and six askaris were in the boma. The sergeant and six askaris were on guard and the effendi was in the boma. There were two sentries, one on each gate. The married askaris and interpreter were living in [illegible] about 250 paces or more away from the boma. There was no sentry on their houses. The remainder were in the single men's quarters. These quarters were mud huts in two lines and the men were sleeping some inside and others outside houses. The end of these houses nearest to the boma was about fifty yards away. There were three men in the civil office in the town and they took turns in going rounds. Three men did rounds in the askaris lines. These men did four hours each and after completion duty obtained relief and slept in his house. The guard in the boma had been increased by three men about ten days previously. There used to be only three men in boma and one

sentry

sentry. About 3 A.M. the boma was attacked. I woke up with a volley through my house. I had nine rounds ammunition on top of my box. Orders for next morning were right half company on parade in the morning without ammunition as blank was going to be used. Every askari was told that if he turned out with ammunition for parade he would have to parade to orderly room. The askaris put their ammunition in their boxes when they were told this. They received this order at 9 A.M. The Affendi brought this order himself. The Effendi saw Lieut Elliott in his office at 8 A.M. I had placed my ammunition also in my box excepting the nine rounds. I was afraid if my ammunition were left out some one would steal it when I was on parade in the morning. Some of the men hung their bandoliers on the walls. I thought the askaris had seen something and that their bullets were going through my house so I ran to the boma. I went in the front gate and saw the sentry lying dead and found the Ambihan in possession. I turned round very quickly and got out the gate. I could hear the askaris shouting out as they were being killed. The Ambihans were wailing out. Kaboba Abdi shouted out "I am the man who killed the Kaffirs and seized the guns I Kaboba Abdi". I knew him and recognised his voice. I went back through the barbed wire a good distance from the [illegible] the b[illegible] into the bu[illegible] askari who had a [illegible] Elayan [illegible]

men be[illegible] arrows in the bush. I then returned with twelve rifles towards the bomb. I counted the ammunition and [illegible] men had more than 20 rounds excepting an armed ayoe named Juma a Sudanese who had forty rounds. I told him to give me his ammunition and go back with the wounded men as he was too old and had a lame leg. He gave me the ammunition and followed them and I gave to Sergeant Ali Juma's rifle. Sergeant Ali was on guard in the bomb and had been wounded in the hand. [illegible] decided as we had [illegible] little ammunition to wait for daylight. At [illegible] A.M. we came down to the barbed wire near the lines where there were a lot of Aulihan. We fired [illegible] people from 200 yards and they ran away. We advanced into the lines. We had killed five Aulihan savages and one Aulihan askari. [illegible] askari killed was Adan Ali an Aulihan and son of Ali Kush, who is now a prisoner in Yonte. 284 Aulihan fired on us from the house and the people who had been defeated and returned. We had to retire as we were attacked on two sides. We separated into parties of ten and three men and [illegible] the bush. As soon as we got into the bush [illegible] sent back to the bomb and we collect- [illegible] We had lost [illegible] A.M. [illegible] some had none [illegible] men who had most ammunition had only five [illegible] I told my men that our ammunition was finished and that it was useless attacking because we would only lose our lives and the rifles too. We wou[illegible] disarmed party and wounded men were [illegible]

I [illegible]

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I had sent earlier had gone across to Italian side. We also crossed. The Italians took our rifles away and treated us kindly.

Q. Had you any orders what to do in Serenli in case the boma was attacked.

A. No.

Q. At the time of the attack when you left your house did you see any askaris at all near the boma or in their lines.

A. No. I did not go to the lines. My house is 300 yds away from the lines, and I did not see any askaris at the boma.

Q. Who was sleeping at Elliott's house.

A. His orderly and one corporal slept behind his house in a makuti house. I did not see Mr. Elliott until they brought his dead body to Bardera.

I saw one Aulihan who was in Majheir and came from there to Hagaghabi where I saw him. I asked him the news . He told me that the Aulihans had been down to the Kore (Samburru) and raided. The Government went out and brought back everything. I told Mr.Elliott and he asked me what I thought about it and I said it might be true. There was a shauri at Hagaghabli and the Aulihans were jumping round and pretending to fire off their guns. They asked Mr.Elliott if they might have a dance and he refused. Ali Kush was there and was teaching the askaris how to manoeuvre, and how to fire their rifles in different positions. Also about turns &c., &c., Mr.Elliott and I both saw this ourselves.

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sein Gibril.

I was Mr.Elliott's orderly. There was another askari as well. e slept outside Mr.Elliott's house in a makuti hut. I was awakened by shooting. I have had no rifle for 5 months. That night the Effendi gave me a rifle, and said he did not know what it was like and he game me ammunition too. When I heard the shooting I came outside with rifle and I sat down between my house and Mr.Elliott's house. It was very dark. I took 20 rounds out of my bandoliers and put it on the ground and loaded my rifle. The house was surrounded by men. I tried to shoot but the rifle would not fire though I tried again and again. I left the ammunition and took the rifle and dashed through the Mzilihans. They fired at me but missed. Three men chased me. The other people called out leave that fellow alone and come back until we make sure the officer is dead. They went back. I met the cook and one of the boys in the river bank. The cook was wounded. Cook [illegible] the river and they and I sat [illegible]. By and by the [illegible] crawled down the river and told me to [illegible] to [illegible] side [illegible] and tell the [illegible] we were on the banks. I did so. They refused to come with me. I [illegible] [illegible] side. I [illegible] lying down [illegible]. I got the [illegible] his way. I picked up [illegible] askari and [illegible] if he could swim. He said yes. [illegible] and we got the [illegible]. [illegible] rifle [illegible] Effendi said his rifle was in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I did not [illegible]

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again but looked after Effendi as day had broken. I think Elliott was alive when I left. I could not get up to him because the door was held by Aulihans. Elliott was not in the habit of locking his door. I heard shooting going on inside the house. I do not know why the Effendi gave me the rifle that night but he brought it to me at [illegible] a.m. at night.

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Interpreter told Elliott that Resident further
told him to [illegible] Elliott wanted help at [illegible]
time he [illegible] Interpreter [illegible]
that Resident wished him to [illegible]
two months Haji Abdurah an[illegible]
men near Hagaghabli and they [illegible]
and that he thought they intended [illegible]
or to attack Elliott. Elliott to [illegible]
tell Resident that he did not believe the
Abdurahman Mursal intended to attack him,
if he attacked the [illegible] he (Elliott)
come to their assistance. The whole of this
took place on top of the roof of house, onl
Elliott, myself and interpreter present. Th[illegible]ter-
preter and I went away together and I asked
to have tea but he refused, as he said it was so
late and he must go back quickly. While we were
on the roof talking to Mr.Elliott there was a lamp
burning. Then the interpreter left he very [illegible]ly
took this lamp away and put it down below. [illegible]ticed
this and when we were outside I asked him [illegible] he had
done it. He said there was only one whit[illegible]er
on the roof and it was very dangerous fo[illegible] to be
sitting on the roof like that with a [illegible] [illegible]ed
him if he knew anything he was hiding [illegible]
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he attacked Serenli by Abdi Nur and Aulihan Chief. He sent Abdi Nur previously to Kismayu and he had just returned from there and brought all the news. Abdi Nur was paid by Government.

When Haji Abdurehman Mursal resigned from his government position some months ago he went down the town and told his men who fired off their guns in joy. Mr. Fraser was in Serenli when this happened, Haji Issa is an Isaak trader, he is married to Haji A. Mursal's sister or rather he has paid a lot for her and not yet got her. He came to Bardera after I was there. Haji A. Mursal has all his property, his son and four other Issak. Haji Abdurhman Mursal sent him with a letter to Bardera after the affair, He threatened to kill his son and the other Issak if he did not return. Haji Issak told me that four months ago Haji A. Mursal wanted to attack Serenli. Haji Abdurhaman Mursal informed the chiefs only and he swore them to secrecy. When Abdi Nur returned from Kismayu Haji A. Mursal called all the Aulihans and said we are going against the Marehan now. He left Hagaghabli with a large force and proceeded towards Serenli. When he arrived about 1000 yds from the station he sent into Serenli for three Aulihan who were [illegible] there. They [illegible] gave him all the information he required [illegible] it they could give. He then told his men [illegible] that they were going to attack Serenli, [illegible] with one and two hundred [illegible] and [illegible] he broke the [illegible] hundred into parties and [illegible] guided them up and showed them where [illegible] brother of Haji A. Mursal led the party [illegible] down. He [illegible]

and all other [illegible] to do nothing until they heard the first shot from the boma. His name was Abdullahi Haji. He [illegible] a little in front of his party. The [illegible] hailed him. He replied to sentory "I am Abdullahi Haji, I want to know the time". The sentry let him past. He shot the sentry and the Aulihans entered the boma. The gate was wide open. When the shot at the boma was fired the firing broke out all round. This is what Haji Issak told me. I asked him what the Aulihans intended doing. He said that they were saying that if no troops were sent they would remain. If troops were sent they would go away.

The Aulihan fired into my house but did not come in. They cleared off to the boma and I got my rifle away. I found the Dr. Sgt. and about 20 askaris in the watering place at about 4 A. M. A part from any fighting that [illegible] our Sergeant Ali the Armed Syces twelve men [illegible] two Corporals fought and drove the [illegible] from the boma. The guard in the civil town [illegible] men) [illegible] very well, they killed about [illegible] in [illegible] they were killed themselves.

[illegible] sgd/ F. Bayne Lieut;
[illegible] K. A. R.

[illegible]

us. [illegible] were rushed. One the Corporal and two of my men. [illegible] permission to sleep in the village. They returned and shouted out to us not to sleep. I let them into my boma. They told me the town had been rushed. I said let us go to the Officer's house. They said that the house was full of Aulihan and we must be finished. I decided that I heard this to get near to the new fires, and if possible get into the boma and [illegible] gun, or perhaps we might get into a stone house. We advanced but saw we had no chance. I heard the Effendi was wounded in two places. I lined out my men between the Cr. Sergeants house and the Sergeant's house and opened fire. They returned a heavy fire. We could not see the Aulihan as it was so dark but saw the flash from their rifles, and I told my men to fire at the flash. I fought there until daylight [illegible] but used ammunition sparingly as we had only forty rounds each. When daylight broke our ammunition was finished and we were in danger of being rushed. I took my men to the new fires. I found the Cr. Sergeant and some [illegible] there. Some of the natives were talking and saying that they had a [illegible] [illegible] they must go back and fight at the Aulihan. The Cr. [illegible] one of my men's rifles away and gave it to a sergeant. The man had had his rifle [illegible] from a [illegible] and had a bad leg. I told every man that the Aulihan knew not shoot, and that their ammunition was short high [illegible] the [illegible] and no Aulihan had better [illegible]

and [illegible]

and fix them. I told the men who wanted to follow me to come along it was a shame to run away. The Sergeant who was on guard in the boma the night before and who was shot in the arm followed me with some men. We were seven men all told. As soon as we arrived on the parade ground we fired a volley into the Aulihan who were [illegible] near the Jail. The Aulihans all got [illegible] the stone building in the boma and we could not see them. We then attacked Aulihan who were in the lines and drove them out and we entered the lines. We saw six men dead one was Ali Kusb's son, although I did not know his name but the askaris said it was he. There were Aulihan women in the lines and they began to call out to the men to come back because we were very few, one woman called out but we could not find her. The Aulihan came back, I had only two bad cartridges left(produced) and we had to run away under a heavy fire. We had to order [illegible] Aulihan territory and the Italians refused to allow us back. There was no one in charge of the party. We all fought on our own [illegible] together. We were so few men that in [illegible] Ali Kusb in the boma [illegible] Seven times were before the attack.

[illegible] H. [illegible] Lieut.

[illegible] on the [illegible] of the [illegible] the Axigeisen or [illegible] side [illegible] is unable to be [illegible] and we [illegible] lines [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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Duly sworn states:- I am Sergeant of the guard in the Boma night of attack on Serenli. There were two sentries on boma. One sentry on front gate and on sentry on back gate. I and two men slept in the guard room and two men slept near the sentry by the back gate. Three gates on boma, two large one front and one back and one small side gate used by Doctor to get in. The side and back gates were both locked. The front gate was not locked and was wide open. It was always kept that way. The maxim gun was up on the roof of the guard room. Steps of stone led up to Maxim [illegible] outside building. The Effendi had a [illegible] in the room and slept there. At about 3 A.M. I heard one [illegible] and the [illegible] rifles were on the [illegible] the window. I got up to see what [illegible] was being [illegible] by a crowd of [illegible] and just rushed in. I [illegible] with my left hand. [illegible] through the left arm [illegible] recognized the man who shot me. He was an [illegible] and brother of Haji [illegible]. [illegible] Haji. [illegible] windows. I was [illegible] but I [illegible] by the [illegible] as my [illegible] which [illegible] fastened. I stepped [illegible] and tried to get to the Effendi. I heard [illegible] many shots from the Effendi's room. I heard [illegible] called out to the Effendi, no one answered. I [illegible] the door [illegible] open [illegible] with [illegible]

[illegible] and he was the Effendi. The Effendi [illegible] and asked me if I were alright. I told him I was [illegible]. There was an Askari who was still alive, the sentry on the roof the Effendi had just opened. He was sitting down by our gate firing. We were the [illegible] of us had [illegible] but the shooting was very bad. The Effendi [illegible] me that [illegible] some [illegible] of Askaris [illegible] escape as we [illegible] do anything. The Effendi [illegible] to his house [illegible] back to collect [illegible] is the Officer alive. [illegible] There is a lot of shooting going on in the house. The sentry [illegible] stopped shooting. I went out of the house, leaving the sentry with me. He tried to follow the Effendi but I had no rifle. The Effendi's house was rushed by the [illegible] as soon as he entered it. I did not see the Effendi again until Kangera. I went to the range and found two soldiers. Colour Sergeant was there with [illegible] men. Some had no rifles and some were wounded. Colour Sergeant procured me rifle and ammunition and [illegible] wounded men and the disarmed men away. There were [illegible] 14 men left with Colour Sergeant but there was very little ammunition. The Colour Sergeant checked the ammunition there. He told us [illegible] ammunition and could not [illegible] but must wait until daylight to see what we could do. Some of the men [illegible] to go back immediately but Colour Sergeant would not allow them. At day light the party went to the lines. I went down on one side with six men on left and Mr. Bragan went with others on right. The Askaris were breaking down [illegible] in the lines and fighting [illegible] the Sperris houses. I [illegible] lines. [illegible]

Ali Kush's son Aman. We fired [illegible] and the man in askaris clothes fell. The Aulihan ran away. Some women were hidden in the houses. They called out "Aulihan there are only four men fighting with you, come back again". We had then practically finished our ammunition. I had got one round left. I got two rounds off an Arab Lance Corporal. The Aulihan then rushed on [illegible] sides so we ran away and separated [illegible] the [illegible] The Aulihan kept calling out "Leave your rifles [illegible] we are not going to kill you", [illegible] the river into Italian territory. It was [illegible] longer, the Aulihan were too [illegible]

Q. How many Aulihan do you consider were in Serecli?

A. I cannot tell. Some were in the village and some in Liagg.

Q. Did they all have rifles.

A. They had many rifles but some had [illegible] and.

Q. Did you see Hajji Abdurrahman.

A. No. The Effendi's wife was [illegible] and afterwards released by Aulihan [illegible] as we were there. She also saw Ali [illegible]

Q. [illegible] did you see Ali Kush [illegible]

A. At Mangalabli the day of the [illegible].

Q. Did you hear Aulihan [illegible] to [illegible]

A. No.

Q. Did you examine any papers [illegible] at Lugh either from [illegible] night of [illegible].

A. My orders were [illegible] entry to [illegible] place of [illegible] Aulihan [illegible] there were no [illegible] or [illegible]

Q. Did you hear that Aulihan were collecting at Magaghabli.

A. Yes, and I saw them with my own eyes. I saw A[illegible] Kush drilling the riflemen.

Q. What did you think they were doing all this for.

A. For myself I thought these people want to do something, and those days I never went without my rifle and I always kept it to my hand. I expected something to happen and I knew they meant to do something but I did not believe they would attack Sen[illegible] [illegible] the day we were at Magaghabli the Aulihan produced their rifles quite openly in front of Mr. Elliott, and drilled and practised attacking tactics 300 yds from his Kareba at Magaghabli. That day at Magaghabli I was afraid they were watching for an opportunity to attack us but was not sure.

Did you report this to Mr. Elliott.

A. [illegible]

Q. What were [illegible] orders for the parade next morning [illegible] on the eve of the attack.

A. The Effer[illegible] at 8 P.M. He gave [illegible] from the [illegible] 3 P.M. parade.

[illegible] way to parade we [illegible] was to [illegible]

[illegible] Q. [illegible] giving the [illegible]

[illegible] said [illegible] anything that if any of the [illegible] half [illegible] brought ammunition on [illegible]

[illegible] the D.I.O. in

in Sereni, and carried on person.

A. Each askari was issued with two bandoliers and 40 rounds ammunition.

Q. If you had been ready that night do you think you could have held the boma.

A. Yes thirty men and the maxim gun would hold Sereni boma against the whole of the Ambian.

SD/ A. Rayne Lieut.

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leaving Dablah in morning, I found a man on the way who told me Sereuli had been attacked. The man I saw was a Marehan named Dahud Ali. He told me he was sleeping in Sereuli time of attack but ran away. I marched alright and next day reached Fumwein where I stayed to eat food. I could get no news at Fumwein and came to Solowli where I found one Marehan man and two Marehan women, the man was wounded in Sereuli by Aulihan, and gave me full particulars. He told me he had watched the Aulihan all day carrying the sare ammunition maxim gun and everything out of the boma and went down to civil village. He crept into boma and looked all round and saw every one who had been killed including the officer. I went down to see Yusuf Jet and Hassan Deber two Marehan chiefs who were in Sereuli when it was attacked. Yusuf Jet is chief of Fort Ogass Marehan and Hassan Nabeh is chief of TAL HAL Marehan. They told me Sereuli was finished. I then under these circumstances what are you Marehan going to do. They said they [illegible] but if you Ankwein want to make a Khuri with us we will call them up. I replied we have nothing to do with your khuri, the officer said, [illegible] dead now, but I [illegible] the survivors of the [illegible] [illegible] following day I [illegible] Sereuli. [illegible] village [illegible] we [illegible] [illegible]

They told me [illegible] number of people had [illegible] down to Itsli[illegible] [illegible] maketi buildings [illegible] burnt down but stone [illegible] were standing and [illegible] absolutely intact. [illegible] was burned [illegible] cigarettes and stuff Goshe [illegible] picking up wad [illegible] that was scattered about [illegible].
Cigarettes were drenched in paraffine oil. I went to Bardera and officer then called me and [illegible] what Marehan were like and all about them. Marehan were expecting Aulihan to attack them when I was there but did not know Aulihan intended attack Serer [illegible]. [illegible] most of Marehan were near Fanwein [illegible] scattered. Some were in Belishidu near [illegible] some were at Dowa. They could gather up quickly [illegible] the chiefs sent men out to collect the [illegible].

Q. [illegible] do the Marehan think of the whole business [illegible] do you think they will do.

A. I think they will have attacked the Aulihan [illegible] must fight.

SD/ H. Reyne
3rd K.A.

Yonti,
[illegible]h March 1916.

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A. I [illegible]ink they will have attacked the Aulihan [illegible] must fight.

SD/ H. Bayne

3rd K. A[illegible]

Yonti,

[illegible]h March 1916.

A. As soon as I heard the shorts going I broke open my box and got 10 rounds out and went down to bomb right inside. I saw a lot of men in Ef.endi's house and a lot breaking open safe. I got out as it was very dark and got down to bush reported to Colour Sergeant who sent me away with wounded men.

r.C.Abdullahi Fara Duly sworn states:-

JIV. Q. How did you lose your rifle at Serenli.

A. Sulihan came right into my house and caught my rifle when I was asleep.

Q. Why did not they kill you.

A. It was dark and I got away.

Q. Did they lay hands on you.

A. Yes, [illegible] and run away. I had no [illegible]

[illegible] H. Wayne Lieut.

[illegible] K. A. R.

[illegible] rifle at [illegible]

[illegible] they [illegible] I [illegible] Republic [illegible]

[illegible] I came to his house and left [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] and called the Doctor. [illegible] I [illegible] the house and in his [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] bed, the Anlihan officer [illegible] said "[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] his rifle. There were [illegible] [illegible] the river. [illegible] [illegible] I threw [illegible] I left my rifle. [illegible] [illegible] what could I do [illegible] I could not get into [illegible]. [illegible] I heard [illegible] call out "look out for the river- the officer [illegible] to cross himself in [illegible]. I saw [illegible]ffendi on [illegible] side when I was still on English side at daylight. I asked if any one was in boma. Effendi called out "Anlihan held everything and for me to cross and get away.

SD/ H. Bayne [illegible]

3rd K. A. R.

[illegible]

4th March 1916.

[illegible]

[illegible] Daily court [illegible]

J.A.G.

Q. How did you lose your rifle at Bp.[illegible].

A. I was on leave for 14 days. at 3 A.M. I went to the Marines. Before I returned I heard the sentry shout and shooting started. I could not get back as [illegible] Anlihan had surrounded the lines. I tried to get [illegible] the Boma and found it was [illegible] too. There was nothing else to be done but to get into [illegible] the [illegible] every one [illegible] I [illegible] the [illegible] side.

[illegible] March 1916

Pte Ali Morsi

J.I.O.

Q. How did [illegible]

A. I [illegible]

other [illegible]

[illegible]

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Pte [illegible]

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J.I.O.

[illegible]

and ten rounds. [illegible]

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[illegible] and got [illegible]

a man [illegible]

out to them to cease firing and they did so. I went in amongst them and they stabbed me twice again. I then ran for the Effendi's house, and saw his wife and asked where he was. She said, "I think he has been killed. I got a piece of cloth at Effendi's house and tied my entrails in as they were coming out through a wound. I sat there for a bit and watched to see if our askaris were coming back to boma. One askari did come and asked me where the other were. I replied I did not know and that I was wounded. The askari was named Ali he is here today. He went away and I saw [illegible] coming back all over the [illegible]. I then got [illegible] the dark and lay down by river [illegible]

[illegible]

in the morning

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[illegible]

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When you went to Effendi's house which is inside the boma where were the Aulihans.

They were inside the Boma and firing.

[illegible] was present [illegible]

[illegible] I thought there were a lot of people in the [illegible] I was inside [illegible]

[illegible] I [illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] I [illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] I [illegible] the [illegible] in the [illegible] around them. I [illegible]

[illegible] so I thought it was the [illegible] night. I [illegible] it in the [illegible]

[illegible] I had [illegible]

[illegible] in the other.

[illegible] bandolier hold.

[illegible] bandolier 40.

[illegible] rounds in one bandolier and

[illegible] heavy to carry all my ammunition

[illegible]

[illegible] Lieut;

[illegible] K. A.

[illegible]
[illegible].

[illegible]

Q. [illegible]

A. [illegible] dead, [illegible] from [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Q. [illegible] you [illegible]

A. [illegible] at [illegible]

[illegible] another [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

when shooting commenced I loaded, and tried to
were Ailiont [illegible]ore I could get near him the
Ailiont [illegible] shooting [illegible]. I [illegible] down to see who
it was and how many men. I saw [illegible] the
askaris were carrying had brass bam[illegible] knew
they were enemies and I fired at them. Some men
came behind me whom I did not see. I was wearing
a Somali sheet. A man caught me by this sheet from
behind. A spearman ran up in front and seized my
rifle. [illegible] were there. I slipped out my sheet
and got away but got torn in barbed wire. The boma
was held by Aulihan and I was able to walk quite
easily through them because it was so dark. As
soon as I got a good chance I ran away. I tried
to pick up some of our men but failed. I waited
around until 7 o'clock in the day time when I met
an askari. Neither of us knew how to swim so we
decided to stay until night time. At night time
the Aulihan were still there. Next morning we
pressed on to Bardera. The other askari was
[illegible] Warti. The Aulihan never came
[illegible] they were too busy [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Stater:-

[illegible] attacked, I was on my way [illegible] mail from Bardera. [illegible] Somalia, we [illegible] was sick [illegible] people. [illegible] and another [illegible] with us, [illegible] in the [illegible] some one fired at [illegible] fired back. Some one [illegible] and took my rifle. The [illegible] porters (one of whom was [illegible]) [illegible] The [illegible] askari and the porter and the [illegible] I was going to die, so they left me alone, with one man looking after me and [illegible] the porters. I waited until they [illegible] and then shot by sword by the [illegible] fell on the ground. [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] people [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] and I went [illegible] there was a big meeting of Bartiri. [illegible] was afraid. I [illegible] what they were saying. [illegible] Sheikh if God [illegible]

them for having killed the followers of the [illegible]. The Sheikh answered "yes, it was a good thing to do". They then danced. I know the sheikh well he is a Mullah. Since Elliott has been in Serenli or since Sept: [illegible] was there no [illegible] has visited Serenli. I went [illegible] Salagli to [illegible] and saw no one. I only travelled at night. Third night I went down to Hagaghabli. I heard Haji A. [illegible] was there and holding a meeting. I heard his people shouting. I heard what they were saying. They said the interpreter was wounded and had died at Bardera. That they had killed Effendi in middle of [illegible] and most Askaris killed had died near [illegible]. I crossed river at Hagaghabli and reported Bardera. One of the porters got away and is now at Bardera, [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ who was killed. The [illegible]. As the [illegible] running away. I [illegible] that Abdallahi Haji [illegible] the tribes out, [illegible] interpreter [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] replied that if they [illegible] the [illegible] they [illegible] say [illegible] they would [illegible] and no [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the Arti [illegible]

[illegible]

J. I. S.

Daily sworn statement.

Q. How did you lose your rifle.

A. I did not lose my rifle

Q. [illegible] is it

A. I was firing my [illegible] course. My rifle [illegible] was bad and the [illegible] gave me a rifle for the range. Night of attack both rifles were in my house. I took the good rifles and [illegible] with me and left my own bad rifle in my house. I took the rifle to Bardara. At Gobwen the man who owned the good rifle took it over again.

SD/ H. Wayne [illegible]

3rd [illegible] A. S.

[illegible]

[illegible] statement

Daily sworn statement:-

[illegible] own rifle.

[illegible] attack the Effendi [illegible] gave it to another man. He [illegible] took it away [illegible] going with the [illegible] of the attack I [illegible] rifle at all.

[illegible] Wayne [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] on oath states:-

I did not see Mr. Elliott killed. I saw his body next morning lying on the verandah steps. I was in the boy's quarters when the shooting started, and I had [illegible] with another boy. There was a hole in the wall and we could see out. [illegible] Elliott's house [illegible] the house. Mr. Elliott did not call out. There was a lot of shooting in his house [illegible] Elliott [illegible] the night [illegible]

[illegible]

Witness [illegible]

Sworn to Mr. [illegible] states:-

I did not see Mr. Elliott killed. [illegible] away when I heard [illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible]

Yonte 4th March 1947

[illegible]

[illegible] examined and examined [illegible] plenty of men in Serenti [illegible] equally [illegible] to [illegible] the [illegible]

excepted who was killed in the [illegible] trying to the machine gun. Four wounded askaris were still at Bardera, Elliott's cook (wounded) one syce who stayed behind to look after his wounded brother.

These men's names are:-

Ite Mahomed Egal — Wounded

Elmi Jamar

Merchi Mahomed

Fara Omar

Jock Nur Ambasi

Syce Mahomed Egal.

There were killed in Serenli Lieut Elliott, Effendi Mahomed Egal and 32 askaris. One syce was killed in [illegible], Clerk Pinto, Clerk Fazal Elahi, [illegible] the sailor Abdulla [illegible] were killed and [illegible] were wounded [illegible] were killed [illegible] were wounded.

[illegible] Abdullah [illegible] and examiner

[illegible] a friend of Egal Ambassador [illegible]

Did you [illegible] Abdullah Haji [illegible] about the affair before it happened.

No. If I knew what was going to happen I would have kept [illegible] everything.

Did you [illegible] Abdullah Haji that night.

No. I [illegible] the day time.

[illegible] are Abdullah living with you.

Yes. There were three of them all askaris. Not [illegible] the house that evening. One was on [illegible] lines. The other two men did not [illegible] in the evening.

Did you all eat together.

Abdullah Haji did not eat with me but the others did.

Did you eat together that night.

No but we did in the day time.

When did you see these men last.

I saw them in the village at [illegible] askaris at 9 P.M.

Did you not think it [illegible] to return at night.

No. They often stayed out, [illegible] orders.

You said you have only been [illegible] house.

Yes. I [illegible]

Did you have [illegible] house.

No. Only on the one occasion.

[illegible]

[illegible] Haji [illegible] always together [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] rate of [illegible] the Aulihan did not [illegible] a plain o[illegible] [illegible] they were [illegible] [illegible] Constable Aden Ali, [illegible] Aulihan [illegible] brought the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] about seven or eight days before [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] assaulted [illegible] [illegible] Aden to [illegible] and kill me, [illegible] the Aulihan saved me. There were some [illegible] there, and they looked [illegible] the matter. I reported to Mr. Elliott [illegible] and he enquired into the [illegible] I told Mr. Elliott that constable Aden Ali [illegible] had on his [illegible] from M'Tuku [illegible] accompanied by Constable [illegible] given out to all the Aulihan that the English had been thoroughly [illegible] by the Germans. I also reported that [illegible] been with Tu[illegible] at Barawa raid were in the district. I also reported that the Aulihan were about to attack and rob Marehan and that one had gone already. Mr. Elliott took notes from me, and asked Aulihan about party to Marehan - Chiefs replied that they [illegible] but were young men who had gone with [illegible] Elliott told me to give [illegible] returned [illegible] in a small 2 [illegible]

returning, from [illegible] [illegible] camels. The [illegible] brought 10 camels to [illegible] [illegible]. After sleeping four nights in [illegible] I went down to [illegible] village and I met a man of the [illegible] GATHEN ([illegible] A. [illegible] people) He told me that the [illegible] had raided [illegible] HADRA [illegible] MAREHAN; that [illegible] had told [illegible] [illegible] at Sagagahbli [illegible] that if they attacked [illegible] [illegible] Marehan, they [illegible] the government. [illegible] was [illegible] that the government would [illegible] them ([illegible]) [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] meeting and that [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] decided to attack the government [illegible] [illegible] attack [illegible]. They were told the Government would [illegible] to attack. He further told me that the 10 camels were brought to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] could not [illegible] [illegible] self-ready. If the camels were [illegible] [illegible] would get ready. I asked him [illegible] [illegible] he thought they [illegible] going to attack. He replied. To-night or to-morrow night. The man's name was [illegible], and he used to be a [illegible] [illegible] ([illegible] employ) he was in [illegible] too [illegible] I knew him very well. [illegible] [illegible] immediately to the officer [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] he said "[illegible] you want your pay?" [illegible] [illegible] officer [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at the time, I replied "No, I [illegible] my pay [illegible] I have a matter for you to hear". I told him what I had heard, and that the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] attack us to-night or to-morrow. He asked me [illegible] [illegible] me. [illegible] to you [illegible] what you say [illegible] [illegible]. He [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] on the [illegible] they will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] said, but if I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

The Effendi told Mr. Elliott that I was employed as a Government man and that my information was good, and that he ought to take some notice. Mr. Elliott told the Effendi that he had a good name with the Government not to lose his name. Before Mr. Elliott said that to the Effendi, the Effendi wanted to put a guard of [illegible] men in Mr. Elliott's house and take the remainder of men inside the [illegible] bomz. Mr. Elliott told me to come in the morning and get my pay and go back amongst the Aulihan. I tried to reason with him, but he only said "Kua heri".

I went out and waited for the Effendi in his house when he arrived I begged him to send the men down to Elliott's house secretly and to get ready himself with the men in the [illegible]. The Effendi told me I could not disobey his orders received from his officer. He told me to go and sleep. The Effendi's friends heard me talking to the Effendi. The Effendi called him before I left and asked if he had heard what had been said. The man said he had. The Effendi told him he was not to talk about it as Mr. Elliott had ordered it so.

Q. Who was the Aerti [illegible] at Dagaj Gabile?

A. One man's name was Ali Sulinte - the other Ali [illegible] also [illegible] well when money and [illegible] took [illegible]

Q. Where are they [illegible]

A. [illegible] Aulihan.

Q. Have [illegible] Arrest [illegible]

A. I know he is [illegible] prisoner and that [illegible] wants him to teach [illegible] how to handle [illegible] [illegible]

Q. Had you [illegible]

retreat, from [illegible] camels. The Arabian brought 10 [illegible] after sleeping four nights in Sel[illegible] I went down to [illegible] village and I met a man of the tribe GATRAN (M[illegible] people) He told me that the [illegible] had raided [illegible] HANNAN MAREHAN; that [illegible] had told Arabian [illegible] at Hagghabli because that if they attacked [illegible] Mal Mareham, they [illegible] the [illegible] was certain that the government would [illegible] (Arabian) [illegible] and that [illegible] decided to [illegible] attack now. They were told the [illegible] would be [illegible] to attack, he further told [illegible] brought to the [illegible] so that he could not [illegible] railroad. If the [illegible] were not [illegible] he said get ready. I asked his [illegible] attack. He replied. To-night [illegible] This man's name was [illegible], and he used to be a [illegible] (Government employ) he was in Gobwen too [illegible] I know him very well. [illegible] interpreter [illegible] ? [illegible] he said [illegible] friend at the time, I replied [illegible] I have a matter for you to [illegible] I told him what [illegible] heard, and that the Arabian [illegible] to-night or to-morrow. He asked me [illegible] me. [illegible] do you [illegible] that an [illegible] people [illegible] on the [illegible] they will [illegible]

[illegible] I [illegible] this, but [illegible] said [illegible] live [illegible] and [illegible]

The Effendi told Mr. Elliott that I was employed as a Government man and that my intention was good, and that he ought to make some notice. Mr. Elliott told the Effendi that he had a good name with the Government and he risk his name. Before Mr. Elliott said that to the Effendi, the Effendi wanted to put a guard of [illegible] men on Mr. Elliott's house and take the [illegible] men inside the house. Mr. Elliott told me to come in the morning and get my pay and go back amongst the Afridhan. I tried to reason with him, but he only said "Kua heri".

I went out and waited for the Effendi in his house when he arrived I begged him to send the men down to Elliott's house secretly and to get ready himself with the men in the house. The Effendi told me he could not disobey his orders received from his officer. He told me to go and sleep. The Effendi's friend heard me talking to the Effendi. The Effendi called him before I left and asked if he had heard what had been said. The man said he had. The Effendi told him he was not to talk about it as Mr. Elliott had ordered it so.

Q. Do you know the name of Mazag Khan?

A. One man's name was Ali Mujuto - the other Ali [illegible] gave them [illegible] money and [illegible] [illegible] wife in [illegible]

Q. Where are these men?

A. [illegible] under orders and two with the Afridhan.

Q. Have you ever [illegible] armed Bradfield?

A. I [illegible] prisoner and that [illegible] [illegible] how to handle rifle and [illegible]

Q. What was he doing in [illegible]

The Effendi told Mr.Elliott [illegible] as a Government man and [illegible] good, and that he ought [illegible] notice. Mr. Elliott told the Effendi [illegible] had a good name with the Government [illegible] his name. Before Mr.Elliott said that to the Effendi, the [illegible] did wanted to put a guard of [illegible] Mr.Elliott's house and make the [illegible] men inside the [illegible] home. Mr.Elliott told me to come [illegible] the morning and get my pay and go back [illegible] Mr.Elliott. I tried to reason with [illegible] he only said [illegible] "Rua Heri".

I went out and waited for the Effendi in his house when he arrived I begged him to send the men down to Elliott's house secretly and to get ready himself with the men in the [illegible]. The Effendi told me he could not disobey his orders received from his officer. He told me to go and sleep. The Effendi's friend heard me talking to the Effendi. The Effendi called him before I left and asked if he had heard what had been said. The man said he had. The Effendi told him he was not to talk about it as Mr.Elliott had ordered it so.

Q. Do you know the name of these Arabs?

A. One man's name was Ali [illegible] - the other Ali [illegible] also [illegible] show money and [illegible] two [illegible] in [illegible]

Q. Where are they now?

A. [illegible] Effendi [illegible] Arabs.

Q. Have [illegible] unbound [illegible] armed Syed [illegible]

A. I heard [illegible] prisoners and that [illegible] wants [illegible] to teach [illegible] how to handle [illegible] and [illegible]

Q. But was he doing [illegible]

The Effendi told Mr. Elliott [illegible] as a Government man and that [illegible] good, and that he ought [illegible] notice. Mr. Elliott told the Effendi [illegible] good name with the Government not [illegible] his name. Before Mr. Elliott said that to the Effendi, the [illegible] wanted to put a guard of [illegible] men in Mr. Elliott's house and take the remainder of men inside the [illegible] home. Mr. Elliott told me to come [illegible] the morning and get my pay and go back [illegible] the Kalifhan. I tried to reason with [illegible], but he only said [illegible] "Insha Allah".

I went out and waited for the Effendi in his house when he arrived I begged him to send the men down to Elliott's house secretly and to get ready himself with the men in the [illegible]. The Effendi told me he could not disobey his orders received from his officer. He told me to go and sleep. The Effendi's orderly heard me talking to the Effendi. The Effendi called him before I left and asked if he had heard what had been said. The man said he had. The Effendi told him me not to talk about it as Mr. Elliott had ordered it so.

Q. How [illegible] the party [illegible] at Jebel Abiad?

A. One man's name was [illegible] - the other [illegible] [illegible] money and [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible].

Q. How [illegible] money [illegible]

A. [illegible] murders and two [illegible] for Afrhan.

Q. [illegible] Sergeant [illegible] armed [illegible]

A. I [illegible] [illegible] and that [illegible] wanted him to teach [illegible] how to handle rifle and [illegible]

Q. [illegible] he [illegible]

A. I do not [illegible]

[illegible] trading?

A. [illegible] to [illegible]. [illegible] in [illegible] in Persian way.

[illegible] two [illegible]

[illegible] clothes and [illegible]

[illegible] saw him at Hagachewli [illegible] the [illegible]

about January 27th 19[illegible] and [illegible] had a few sheep and goats. I think he had only two camels with him. He was at Hagachewli [illegible]

I do not know.

[illegible]?

I think he was on his way to Seyman. His wife is [illegible]

[illegible] cattle in Serandi?

[illegible] he had but we sold it all.

[illegible] a thousand of [illegible].

I cannot answer that but [illegible] got money from his [illegible] but we [illegible] thousand [illegible].

[illegible] apparently got a lot of money from [illegible] at Nairobi. Do you know why the [illegible] also took rupees three thousand from [illegible] at Nairobi. I do not know why [illegible] sister to [illegible] with him.

[illegible] Lima, [illegible]

[illegible] under [illegible] to take [illegible] tour of himself and [illegible] did and something you know.

[illegible] went to Hagaghabli under Haji Lima. He had elephant and buni to trade for sheep and goats. I saw him at Hagaghabli the day of the [illegible] January 27th 1916) and he was [illegible] for sheep and goats. I think he had only two camels with [illegible] he was at Hagaghabli when Serandi was attacked [illegible] other [illegible] went into German country. Haji [illegible] Hagaghabli that [illegible] curved [illegible] side of this [illegible].

I cannot swear it w[illegible]

that it [illegible]nt North.

You are a Suffuk dress[illegible]

[illegible] has collected larger[illegible]

[illegible] the country, and what [illegible]

such a lot of money [illegible]

[illegible] do you think [illegible]

[illegible] anything else

[illegible] thi[illegible]

Q. [illegible] about Ali's village?

A. About [illegible]

Q. [illegible] age when the [illegible]

[illegible]

A. Yes, [illegible]

Q. [illegible]

[illegible]

A. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] named [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] last [illegible]

of [illegible]

Yes.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] you [illegible]

Q. [illegible] Ali [illegible]

[illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] what [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

what I have [illegible]

[illegible] Ali [illegible] I

[illegible]

could not hear all they were saying and did not listen. I did not hear there was going to be an attack that night.

[illegible] anything were to [illegible]

[illegible] Effendi if he talk to the askaris [illegible] not long [illegible] an Effendi. I do [illegible] I meant. The Effendi was really [illegible] angry, because when he left [illegible] Effendi he [illegible] himself on his bed with all his [illegible] could go [illegible] home and not to tell [illegible] anything he had heard.

[illegible] did you attempt to get [illegible]

[illegible] saw a [illegible] askari in front of the Effendi's [illegible] he told me the Effendi tried to get up to [illegible] but was shot. I then went [illegible] trying to the askaris [illegible] a knife.

LIST OF SURVIVORS SOMALI [illegible]

Said Ali.
[illegible] Mohamed
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Saleem Osman
[illegible]
[illegible] Ali
[illegible]
[illegible] Ali
[illegible] Mohamed
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Ismael [illegible]
Yusuf [illegible]
[illegible] Yusuf
Bashi [illegible]
[illegible] Said
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Hassan Ismael
[illegible] Farah
Ali Said [illegible]
Said [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Yusuf
Aden [illegible]
[illegible]
Mohamed [illegible]
Mohamed Yusuf
Osman [illegible]
[illegible] Ali
[illegible] Fara
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Ali
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Mohamed [illegible]
Aden Nur
[illegible] Ahmed
[illegible] Hassan
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Bubaker

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

Ali [illegible] [illegible] Mirre

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Yusuf

Abdi Cara

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] were mentioned in evidence [illegible] [illegible].

Three [illegible] [illegible] was [illegible].

One man [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] information to-morrow. [illegible] [illegible] quite correct as it is [illegible] [illegible] time [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] and clerk [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

(1) [illegible]

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[illegible]

(a) [illegible]

(b) [illegible]

(c) [illegible]

(d) [illegible]

(e) [illegible]

(f) [illegible]

[illegible]