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German East Africa
Forwards War Diaries of Lt
P.O. in Chief for period April 22
to April 28

Mr Botgenley
Mr Read

Also 27780 and 27781

These two sets of War Diaries deal with the period during which our mounted troops pushed on to Kondoa Iranga and occupied it, while the enemy were compelled owing to the rain to remain inactive on the Arusha - Morochi - Kabe line. They make interesting reading.

Note the report of a sea-plane reconnaissance over Tanga: "no signs of life; the station partially damaged; the transport lying sunk in harbor"

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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

SECRET.

10th May 1916.

Sir,

With reference to my Secret despatch of the 1st instant, I have the honour to forward herewith, for your information, a copy of the Resumé of the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief's War Diary from April 22 to April 28 1916.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

Andrew Bonar Law

GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

ANDREW BONAR LAW, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

ENCLOSURE

In Despatch *Parrot* of 10. May 1916

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CONFIDENTIAL.

General Headquarters,

Old Moshi,

30th April 1916.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a Résumé of my War Diary from the 22nd April to the 28th April 1916, inclusive, for the information of His Excellency and the Colonial Officer.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) R. G. VAN DER BYL, Capt.,

for Commander-in-Chief,

East African Forces.

The Chief Secretary

to H.E. The Governor of British East Africa.

Copy for information to :-

The Chief Secretary to Government, Uganda.
Naval Commander-in-Chief, Zanzibar.
Senior Naval Officer, Kisumu.
Major Grogan.

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RESIDUE OF WAR DIARY covering period 22nd April
to 28th April 1916 (both inclusive).

April 22nd. Two regiments of 2nd South African Infantry Brigade proceed to Kumbulum from Arusha to-morrow.
General heavy rains.

April 23rd. Lake Detachment reports that 2 white and 20 black enemy attacked our Helio station at Nyesura but were driven off.

The 1st South African Mounted Brigade occupied Kumbulum Irangi at noon on the 19th. Enemy retreated, leaving 20 dead askaris on the field and 4 whites and 30 askaris in our hands. 3 dead and 6 whites wounded were recovered by them when retiring. Casualties nil. Enemy burnt large quantities of supplies and destroyed the wireless station. Intelligence places the number of enemy who engaged us at 150 Europeans, 1,400 askaris.

General heavy rains.

April 24th. Two enemy scouts were captured by a detachment of the 1st Division.

General heavy rains.

April 25th. Nothing to report. Heavy rains continue.

April 26th. The Intelligence state that the fact that the enemy have constructed defended bases at Sudi and Kilwa Kisiwani points to their expecting another cargo steamer at one of these ports.

Kisangiro station has been evacuated by the

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enemy.

April 27th. Nothing to report. Over three inches of rain fell in Old Moshi during the night of 27/28. The rain appears to have been general.

April 28th. The 1st South African Mounted Brigade at Kondoa Irangi report that they captured on the 19th 210 donkeys with saddlery and supplies, 200 slaughter oxen, 80 rifles and large quantity of ammunition. A further herd of 600 mixed cattle on the way to Mrogoro was also taken, and a patrol killed 3 askaris and captured one.

Intelligence state that Mwakijembe to be only held by a force of 4 Germans and 20 askaris; with one machine gun, and that a force of 10 whites, 150 askaris, and 2 machine guns are reported at Maganana.

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The Director of the Intelligence Division
 presents his compliments to the Under Secretary
 of State for the Colonies and begs to return your
 thanks the enclosed War Diaries of G.O.C. in Chief,
 East Africa Protectorate, for the period April 8th
 to April 28th.

Admiralty War Staff,

Intelligence Division.

26th June, 1916.