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12th October 1916.

Sir,

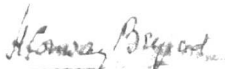
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With reference to my Secret despatch of the 8th ultimo, I have the honour to forward herewith, for your information, a copy of a Résumé of the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief's War Diary from August 26 to September 8 1916.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,



GOVERNOR.

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RESUME OF WAR DIARY from 26th August 1916 to 8th September 1916 (incl.).

26th August. Lake Detachment. - G.O.C. reports our troops at Malero waiting for the Belgian troops to reach St. Michael before continuing a combined advance.

1st. & 3rd. Divisions. - Sheppard's Brigade ordered to move along the left bank of Ngerengere River towards Mohoro. 2nd. Mounted Brigade is in the vicinity of Mlali.

2nd Division. - 1st Mounted Brigade reached Mlali.

One mounted regiment engaged the enemy on the 25th inst. at Uleia and drove him South. Our casualties, two killed and four wounded.

27th August. Lake Detachment. - No change in the situation.

1st & 3rd Divisions. - The 2nd Mounted Brigade is engaged with the enemy near Mlali.

Hannington's Brigade is proceeding to occupy Mikeese Station east of Morogoro.

Sheppard's and Beves' Brigades occupied Morogoro in the evening of the 2nd inst.

2nd Division. - 1st Mounted Brigade has driven the enemy of Uleia, and are retiring in the direction of Morogoro.

Nyasaland Force. - General Northey occupied Lunguho and Wuassa on the 23rd inst.

28th August. Lake Detachment. - Successful patrol actions on the 21st inst. at Ilola and Schanoa resulted in the capture of two whites; enemy's casualties, two whites and eight askaris killed. Our casualties insignificant.

1st & 3rd Divisions. - No change reported.

2nd Division. - Two battalions of infantry have been despatched from Kilossa to Kidatu, at which place the Ruaha River is crossed.

The mounted troops are still engaged with the enemy's rear-guard south of Uleia.

Coast Operations. - It has been decided to occupy Kilwa

with a force of 200 men, which place has been reported by the  
Navy as evacuated.

29th August. Lake Detachment. - No change in the situation.

1st & 3rd Divisions - Headquarters Divisional Reserve and  
Leves' Brigade are at Mchale

Sheppard's Brigade has orders to move via Kwa Vehedi to  
westwards through the Uluzuri Mountains towards Kissaki.  
A concentration of the enemy is expected.

Lawrence's Brigade at Miliandi

30th August. Lake Detachment reports no change in the situation

1st & 3rd Divisions report no change in the situation.

2nd Division reports no change in the situation

Nyasaland Force - General Northey occupied Iringa on  
the 29th August. The enemy retired towards Mahenge via Muhanga.

31st August. Lake Detachment. - No change in the situation.

1st & 3rd Divisions. - No change in the situation

2nd Division. - No change in the situation

1st September. Lake Detachment reports that our troops occupied  
Mchale without opposition on 30th August and proceeded next day  
towards Nchiwajamba

1st Division reports that the enemy since  
at 1200 hrs. approached the slopes of the Uluzuri  
Mountains

1st & 2nd Mounted Brigades occupied Mreta Mission Station  
31st August. Captured a large store of arms and ammunition, and  
compelled the enemy to destroy one of his naval guns

2nd September. Lake Detachment - No change in the situation

1st Division is pursuing the enemy from Pugu over the  
Kwana River, to the east of the mountains, having retired in  
the direction of Matombo Mission. One naval 4.1" gun, which  
the enemy had damaged, was captured.

2nd & 3rd Divisions. - The Mounted Brigades, after  
occupying Mreta Mission, have divided, the 1st Mounted Brigade

following

following the Mgeta River through the hills towards Kissaki, and the 2nd Mounted Brigade is moving round the western slopes via Mahalaka.

The two infantry battalions detailed from the 2nd Division have advanced from Kilossa as far as Mfilisi on the road to Kidatu.

Coast Operations. - Two columns are moving south from Bagamoyo. A mixed force of 1,500 is taking the Coast road via Kondutschli to Dar-es-Salaam, and a small column has been sent to the crossing of the railway line over the Ruwa River in order, if possible, to save the important bridge there from destruction.

Nyasaland Force. - General Northey has been asked to move his forces from Lupembe and Iringa to Makua and Muhanga respectively so as to approach Mahenge from the west.

3rd September. Lake Detachment report no change in the situation.

1st & 3rd Divisions report no change in the situation.

2nd Division - The infantry force marching on Kisatu reached Kikuni on September 2nd.

4th September. Lake Detachment report no change in the situation.

1st & 3rd Divisions report no change in the situation.

2nd Division. - The infantry column was engaged four miles south-east of Kikuni. Our casualties - killed two other ranks, four officers and three other ranks wounded.

5th September. Lake Detachment. - On the 28th August our troops

arrived at Masimba unopposed, turning enemy's right on strongly entrenched position Mnjansambi - Hutten Ridge.

Enemy force of about 400 with two guns and two machine guns retired via Schinjanga towards Iwingo. Successful small

patrol

patrol actions are also reported, resulting in the capture of two whites and several askaris.

Intercepted German wireless of September 1st states that the Belgian Column which was advancing on Tabora from the South-west is severely threatening the German position at that place and that forces are being moved to meet it.

1st & 3rd Divisions report no change in the situation.

2nd Division report no change in the situation.

6th September. Lake Detachment reports that our troops occupied Schinjanga on the 29th August. The enemy retired towards the Tindo Mountains.

1st Division is still engaging the enemy in the Uluguru Mountains east and south-east of Matombo.

3rd Division to the west of the mountains is now at the Rafuta River.

2nd Division - The infantry column advancing on the Kidatu Road has driven the enemy out of their position north of Kidoti after two days' fighting.

Coast Operations - Dar-es-Salaam was occupied by our troops on the 4th instant, having surrendered under the threat of a Naval bombardment. The town is very little damaged, and the harbour is free.

September. Lake Detachment reports no change in the situation.

1st & 3rd Divisions report no change in the situation.

2nd Division reports stubborn resistance around Kidoti, fighting continuing.

Portuguese Force - General Gil reports that he intends crossing the Rowuma River with about 5,000 men on September 4th or shortly after and marching up the Coast to Lindi, occupying

Mikindani

Mikindani and Saadi en route. He proposes then to divide his force into two columns, one marching on Liwale and the other on Kilwa.

3rd September. Lake Detachment report no change in the situation.

According to an intercepted German wireless telegram, it appears that the Belgian Utility Column suffered a check West of Tabora and was forced to retire.

1st Division, after fighting at Matombo, has driven the enemy south and south-west.

3rd Division - The 2nd Mounted Brigade has occupied Kisasi south of Uluguru Mountains.

2nd Division. - The 1st Mounted Brigade, after several days' fighting in the western Uluguru Mountains, has occupied Mzee, finding large quantities of abandoned naval gun and Switzer ammunition.

The infantry column has occupied Kidoti