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German East Africa.

minutes as to publishing a  
statement in the Press regarding  
the operations on the German East  
Africa frontier.

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to Press Bureau  
subsequent Paper.

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Mr. Bottomley 16

Mr. ~~Read~~ 16

Mr. G. Hodder

Since the last communiqué about East African operations was sent to the Press two "frontier engagements" - that at Gazi and that at "Longido" - have taken place. It was decided on ~~11/11/45~~ 43485 (below) that nothing about Longido was to be published.

I should have thought myself that a brief statement as to these two "scrapes" could do little harm, and that a communiqué about them on the lines of the former statement - omitting, of course, all reference to Kanga - might have been permitted.

It is not as though the news could  
be kept secret for any length of  
time. Mention of Long's do as the  
scene of the engagement was made  
in an obituary notice in the Times  
(the result, presumably, of a private  
cable from S.A.P. to the relatives)  
and from the statements of certain  
cables here I have gathered that  
they are not unaware of the nature  
of the operations, which took place.  
In the circumstances I venture to  
submit the matter for further  
consideration. The attached letter  
is typical of the very numerous  
enquiries made to the Dept. verbally

Esq. 16/11/14

Mr Mackay has had a difficult time with the relatives  
of those who have, & those who have not, appeared in  
the casualty lists. When the Tanga lists arrive things  
will be worse, but we shall handle them as best  
we can. I have discussed the question of publication  
has however been reported & I don't suppose letters  
of this kind will influence the decision.

W.S. 16.11.14

H. J. R.  
18/11/14

x Yes. Then operations anest our affairs.  
I fear we cannot yet publish anything  
more. But in the meantime we might let it  
be known that the journalist's mouth has descended  
- Mr Mackay let him publish a D.P. bringing  
the forces summary up to date. It will then be  
ready for pub. when desirable.

16.11.14

Wheat Mr. G. Fiddes 2

Mr. Bottomley

Draft press notice herewith for comment.

I have, of course, only dealt with the situation on the frontier. Everything is included except (1) the loss of the "Sylvie" (2) the Germans said into Uganda

as no white casualties occurred in connection with these, there is no reason for mentioning them, and it seems pointless to do so.

Egm 20/11/14

The notice leaves an obvious gap as contrasted with Lord Crew's reference to the unsuccessful attack on the 900 casualties. The distinction between frontier & non-frontier fighting is valid only as regards mode of attack - not as regards distance of an engagement from the boundary & it will not be readily apprehended by the public. If the notice is published we must be prepared for numerous enquiries which we shall now, I presume, have to send to the War Office. Their concurrence in the notice should then be obtained?

W.G.F. 23/11/14

Yes?  
H. J. R.

London (how they arrived at the figures) & casualties

The I.O. have published a statement in the Daily Express regarding the attack at Tanga.

H. J. R. 24/11/14

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14, BERKELEY SQUARE,

W.

un doubtful after  
I.O. publication of  
day whether we should  
publish anything more.  
but ask the W.O. if  
they like this and if so  
publish.

but tell them this is the  
it from us and they  
it now take up the  
cable as well as the  
included  
spot to Ed. Crewe this

our Gov's in E. A. P.  
 Mezibar without  
 printing the tel. for  
 approval.

and "certainly" but  
 held that we should  
 have copies of the tets  
 record.

H 34-11-14

for bar office convenience  
 see minutes attached

Apr 25/14

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E. Africa Dept

We have carefully examined the statement which the Colonial Office propose to publish on the recent operations on the Frontier of British East Africa. There is nothing stated therein which can be harmful to any future operations we concern in the proposed statement.

Nov 25<sup>th</sup> 1914H. G. G.

Major

M.O.I.A.

E. Africa Dept

We agree to publication. It has been assumed that the collection a mission made will be carried out. Other Colonial office papers left with me by Mr Reed are returned.

H. McDonald

25. xi. 1914

Sent to Press  
Bureau by 230  
two Macanaghten  
12.0 p.m. 26. XI. 14.

for W.D. Cameron

East Africa and Uganda

Protectorates

[The following narrative  
of events on the  
frontier between British  
East Africa and  
German East Africa  
forms the continuation  
of the Colonial Office  
Statement  
published ~~by the Colonial Office~~  
in October  
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DRAFT. Notice for  
Press Bureau.

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  - Lord Emmott. Islington. 24
  - Mr. Harcourt. appears as  
separate minute  
amag
- Mr. 24/11

The position of  
affairs on the  
Somalian frontier  
of the East Africa  
Protectorate at the  
end of September



was that with  
one small exception,  
every attempt made  
by the enemy to  
invade our territory  
had been repulsed.

~~that that the~~  
~~standing force that~~  
~~has since been~~  
~~assigned to the~~

Since that date there has  
been no material change in  
the situation on the  
frontier. ~~There are~~

~~no~~ ~~refuge~~ ~~allowed~~  
~~to the~~ ~~Spaniards~~  
~~occupation of the~~  
~~Spaniards~~ ~~the~~  
~~the~~ ~~occupation~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~

results of the situation

referred to ~~from~~

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which it has not  
been ~~thought~~ necessary  
to ~~express~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~

The enemy <sup>has</sup> ~~has~~ failed

to secure a foothold  
on our side of the  
border and it has  
in no case been  
possible for our

troops to take the  
offensive and seize

an important post  
lying well within

Peruvian territory. ~~The~~  
~~British~~ ~~forces~~ ~~have~~  
~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~Peruvian~~

never, however, been  
disturbed by the  
arrival of a party  
of our troops from  
the direction of  
the coast, and the  
situation is  
perfectly satisfactory  
at present.

On October 8<sup>th</sup>  
a force of the enemy  
estimated at 500  
native troops and  
30 Europeans, with  
6 Maxim guns, attacked  
our position at Pazi  
(on the coast) at  
several points. A  
sharp fight ensued

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but upon our troops  
delivering a counter  
attack - made  
face of heavy fire  
at close range -  
enemy were beaten  
back and forced  
retire to the front.  
The Germans lost  
4 Europeans killed  
and 4 wounded and  
captured, besides  
several native  
casualties, and  
they were compelled  
to leave a considerable

amount of arms  
and ammunition  
behind them. On  
our side the  
following Officers were  
wounded, the first  
two severely:

Lieut. (Local Captain)  
J. M. Slewellyn, The  
Devonshire Regiment  
and 1st Battalion,  
King's African Rifles.

Capt. W. G. Stonor, The  
Middlesex Regiment  
and 1st Battalion,  
King's African Rifles.

Lieut. R. S. J. Faulkner, The  
North Lancashire Regt.  
and 1st Battalion,  
King's African Rifles.

Captain (Temporary  
S.M.P.) Hawthorn,  
The King's (Liverpool  
Regiment) and 1st  
Battalion, King's  
African Rifles.

For some weeks  
after this fight ~~the~~  
~~great~~ nothing of  
importance occurred  
on the frontier.  
But on November  
2nd, however, a  
small action was  
fought above Mzima  
on the Tswa River,  
and on November  
4th news was

received that a  
body of our troops  
had made an attack  
upon the enemy's  
position at dosido  
on the German side  
of the frontier.

The attack commenced  
at daybreak and  
continued until 7.30  
in the evening. The  
German position was  
very strongly held,  
but our troops are  
reported to have  
behaved with the  
utmost gallantry  
under serious opposition,

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and the 29<sup>th</sup> Punjab's  
took two of the  
Enemy's positions.  
The  
Enemy's counter-attack  
was repulsed, and  
considerable ground  
was gained, but  
when night fell  
it was found  
impossible, owing  
to lack of water,  
to maintain the  
position which we  
held, and our  
troops withdrew in

good order to their  
base. This creditable  
engagement resulted  
in heavy casualties  
to the enemy, who  
are reported as  
reliable authority  
to have lost 38  
Europeans and 84  
natives killed and  
wounded. Our  
casualties in

Europeans were  
killed.

Captain H. H. Sandbach ✓  
(late The Royal Dragoons)

J. H. Drake ✓

L. Tarlton ✓

W. J. Bellasis ✓

J. J. Drummond ✓ -235

E. W. K. Mount ✓

J. Moon ✓

F. Thompson ✓

F. M. de Castet ✓

W. A. Smith ✓

wounded

Lt. D. D. Haskard ✓  
(Royal Artillery, and  
27<sup>th</sup> Indian Mountain  
Battery)

F. C. Shaw ✓

B. E. O'Hara ✓

A. H. R. Harris ✓

P. Allen ✓

P. van der Merwe ✓

B. F. Webb ✓

D. C. Luman ✓

W. H. Nasjred ✓

missing

E. H. L. Farley ✓



(with the exception  
of Lt. Haskard, all  
the above belong  
to the East Africa  
Mounted Infantry,  
a volunteer force  
raised <sup>(in the Protectorate)</sup> on the  
outbreak of the war)

Some days after  
this engagement  
Longido was evacuated  
by the enemy and  
the place was  
occupied and is  
now held by our  
troops.

The latest fighting  
in the frontier of the East Africa Protectorate  
of which information  
has reached the

Secretary of State is  
an encounter with  
a patrol of the  
enemy which took  
place west to the  
west of Nguruman  
in the neighbourhood  
of Lake Natron.  
The German officer  
in charge was  
killed and some  
rifles and some  
ammunition  
were captured by us.  
Our only casualty  
was Corporal J. H.  
Barker of the

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East African mounted

Infantry, who

was slightly wounded.

2 Uganda <sup>the enemy crossed</sup>  
<sup>(in strength)</sup>  
the frontier to the west

Colonial Office.

November 1914

of Lake Victoria on  
the morning of the  
20<sup>th</sup> of Nov. Our  
troops retired from Kyaka  
Post on the south bank of  
the River Kagera but held  
their ground at all other  
points & repulsed the enemy.  
The enemy's camels are  
reported to be about sixty.  
Our camels were six  
wounded.