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Mr. Fiddian.

We had better have this despatch and its enclosures printed and circulated to the T.A.C. Committee for discussion at the first meeting at which Professor Simpson will be present. We must secure Sir Henry Belfield's attendance on that occasion.

I cannot refrain from calling attention to the singularly surly and unhelpful tone of Dr. Haran's letter on this subject.

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Lindi Column. There was a small patrol action this morning at Ruaha. No casualties on our side.

Note. For 1st Division above read "Hanforce".

near Kirongo, but was driven off. Another enemy party attacked a piquet returning to camp. One enemy askari killed.

General Beves took over 1st Division from General Hannington owing to the latter's illness.

Iringa Column. Large enemy force with one gun reported to have crossed Ruhudje River on 7th.

12th June. Nyasaland Force. Strength of enemy force at Mwenbe now reported to be 35 whites, 100 to 250 askaris, and 7 or 8 machine guns.

Edforce. Reliable report states that Naumann's Column split up into two parties at Sekenke, one party going to Singidda and the other to Mkalama.

Lindi. General O'Grady occupied the whole of Mwreka area after two days' fighting, enemy retiring South. Two enemy machine guns were captured during these operations. Our casualties were officers killed 2, wounded 2; other ranks killed 9, wounded 19, missing 14. Enemy's casualties not known.

Aircraft. 9 bombs dropped on Kitope to-day. No direct hits.

13th June. 1st Division. Telephone stores and rifles captured from an enemy patrol near Chemera.

Nyasaland Force. A captured askari states that food is plentiful at Mwenbe but ammunition very short.

14th June. 1st Division. Enemy food depot at Utigere destroyed by our patrols.

Nyasaland Force. Uniango Camp evacuated by enemy party of 8 whites and 50 askaris on 6th instant.

15th June. 1st Division. Ngarambi Chini unsuccessfully attacked by small enemy party. Nakula observation post rushed and seized by enemy.

Edforce. Naumann's main force located at Lalago. Colonel Dyke's Column and a company of Belgians in pursuit.

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1st June. 1st Division. Enemy patrol driven across Lugonya River near Ngarambi Chini.

Nigerian Brigade. Enemy reported to be active near Nyangandu and to be strengthening all posts and entrenching at Madaba.

L. of C. According to a report from Kikumi, enemy party attacked our patrol near the camp. Enemy were driven back. Our casualties, one sepoy killed.

2nd June. Nyasaland Force. Prisoners state that Von Lettow is in Portuguese territory, this rumour being current among enemy askaris.

Edforce. Colonel Dyke's Column for pursuit of Naumann left Tabora to-day.

3rd June. Nyasaland Force. Agents report Mtengula, on East shore of Lake Nyasa, is being fortified by enemy.

Edforce. Arrangements made to bring Captain Drought and E.L.B. Police from Shirati to Muanza.

Lindi Area. Enemy now known to have lost 20 killed during the action of the 19th May.

4th June. 1st Division. Patrol returning from Mgerigeri was fired on near mile 27. Same party engaged our pickets at Runyo and retired.

Nyasaland Force. Several enemy askaris captured near Mtonia.

5th June. 1st Division. Enemy patrols active, and patrols engaged near Kirongo.

Nyasaland Force. A patrol from Namwera occupied Mtonia on 1st instant capturing one German white and 7 askaris.

Edforce. Enemy stated to be making for Mkalama.

Aircraft. Bombs were dropped on enemy's Lukuliro Camp yesterday, portion of camp being destroyed.

captured rifles and equipment and a quantity of food.

General Edwards reported that Naumann's force had crossed to North of Central Railway at Kilo. 744. They cut telegraph line but did no damage to railway track.

9th May. General van Deventer ~~and his force~~ and personal staff arrived at Daressalaam from South Africa.

10th May. General van Deventer took over command of forces in East Africa.

11th May. General Edwards organising vigorous pursuit of Naumann's force.

The wet season came to an end early in the month, and the country rapidly began to dry up. The Rufiji River, which was at its highest level at the end of April, dropped 10 feet during May.

From about 15th May onwards constant air reconnaissances and bombing expeditions were carried out in the Kilwa, Lindi, and Likuju (Nortforce), areas.

In the Kilwa area, patrols have been most active throughout the month in the vicinity of Chemera-Mnazi-Rumbo and Bori, and engagements have been frequent.

- 18th May. In Kilwa area enemy camp located on Kitamba Hill and bombed by aeroplanes.
- 19th May. Wintgens reported to be sick and his force to be at junction of Rungwa and Mkombesi River, 13 miles S.S.W. of Kitunda.
No change elsewhere.
- 20th May. Kilwa area reported to be rapidly drying.
Reconnaissance in force carried out at Lindi, in which our casualties amounted to 70 all ranks.
- 21st May. Colonel Murray's force operating against Wintgens occupied Kitunda on 19th instant.
6 enemy askaris surrendered in Kilwa area.
General van Deventer and personal staff left Durban to-day.
- 22nd May. Camp of enemy patrol at Njaunga in Kilwa area rushed, 4 askaris captured and a quantity of food.
Mpotora reported to have been evacuated by enemy.
- 23rd May. In Lindi area enemy food depot at Noto burnt by our patrol.
- 24th May. Wintgens, being seriously ill, surrendered to Belgians at Milala (GDC.B.13.a.).
- 25th May. Enemy attacked Mitole, near Kilwa, and were driven off, leaving 9 dead askaris before our position.
Wintgens' force now commanded by Naumann eluded General Edwards' troops and is reported to be now making northwards towards Central Railway to East of Tabora.
- 26th May. Liwale bombed by aeroplane.
A Portuguese force is based on Chinde to guard the Zambesi and the railway.
2nd and 3rd Kashmir Rifles returned to India.
- 27th May. Nigerian patrol to Maba reached Mawa, having driven back an enemy patrol.
- 28th May. Nigerian patrol rushed enemy camp on 27th and captured

whites at Magawas, South of Rufiji.

General Northey reports that Wintgens' force lost 3 whites killed in engagement with Murray's troops.

Enemy occupied Mandemba in Portuguese territory, 6 miles from Nyasaland border.

C-in-C left Daressalaam for Kilwa and Lindi.

11th May. Owing to proximity of enemy to Nyasaland border, arrangements made to move the 200 white German prisoners of war from Blantyre to South Africa via Beira.

12th May. General Northey reports that enemy party had occupied Kaliwata, over the Nyasaland border East of Fort Mangosche, but that he now held the place, having driven the enemy back.

Wire received from India that owing unrest on the N.W. frontier the new regiments which were to have been sent to relieve the war-worn units now in East Africa could not be spared.

13th May. Nothing to report.

14th May. Six British prisoners of war (1 sergeant of Nigerian Contingent and five men of S.A.I.) and 20 Portuguese were handed back to us at Kibambawe.

15th May. Wintgens' force still in vicinity of Kitunda Mission but actual whereabouts uncertain.

16th May. Lindi reports enemy are concentrated in area about Mayani, Mwreka, Mkwaya.

Wintgens' force reported at junction of Rungwa and Kimbesi Rivers.

South Africa wired that 7th and 8th S.A.I. were ready to return to East Africa.

General Hoskins announced that the command in East Africa was passing to General van Deventer who was shortly leaving South Africa to take up the appointment.

17th May. Nothing to report.

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- 1st May. No change.
Brigadier-General Edwards appointed to command operations against Wintgens from the North.
- 2nd May. Major Montgomerie, 4/3rd K.A.R. wired that he was retiring from Kitunda Mission on to Sikonge, South of Tabora, and that Wintgens' force was not pressing him.
- 3rd May. Mtarika on Lujende River in Portuguese territory reported to have been occupied by the enemy, and large force concentrated at Mwembe, which place they burnt.
- 4th May. Major Montgomerie, with 4/3rd K.A.R., arrived Sikonge on 2nd and still had patrols out to the South. A Belgian force has reached Sikonge from the Central Railway.
- 5th May. The enemy fired some rounds at the snipping in Kilwa harbour from a mountain gun and then hastily withdrew. One steamer was hit but the damage done was immaterial.
- 5th May. Instructions received from War Office that one coy. 5th Indian L. Infantry to proceed to Lashkoral.
- 7th May. General Northey reports that one of his patrols near Kitunda surprised an enemy patrol killing one German white and one askari. Move sanctioned of 1/4th K.A.R. from Ubena to Fort Johnston, South of Lake Nyasa, and of 1/1st from Murray's Column to Ubena.
I.G.C. reports that Ngoholi, 20 kilometres above Mpanganya, on Rufiji, captured by Cape Corps patrol and I.D. scouts, and 6 German whites and 4 askaris captured.
- 8th May. 1st Division ceased to exist as a Division and re-named Haqforce with two columns, Nos. 1 and 2.
No change.
- 9th May. Belgian troops are co-operating with General Edwards against Wintgens.
- 10th May. General Cunliffe reports the capture of 2 German whites

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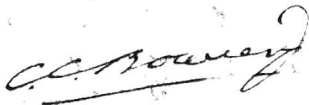
Sir,

With reference to my Secret despatch of the 1st instant, 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 May 1 to June 15 1917.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,



ACTING GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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