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Turkhana Operations

Last previous Paper.

Gov. H054.

Enc copy of operation orders issued by G. B. Turkhana Bolezan, together with certain reports on result of action taken. As soon as patrol is over increased Administrative Staff will be necessary

L. G. Dittles

We must await further developments but they seem to be doing all right.

Send copy to the W.O. with

April 6

3/3/15

Paper

Camels, 626 Donkeys, 1280 sheep and 10,000 goats were captured. This information has been received by telegram via Sergoitt.

4. Captain Hall and Lieutenant Athill had already undertaken the patrol referred to in paragraph 8 of my despatch quoted above and the result is detailed in the attached letters from Lieutenant Athill and Captain Hall. The captured stock will not be disposed of till the conclusion of operations.

5. The Kulal detachment under Captain Hall has now received instructions to join up with No.1 Turkhana Column.

6. As it is anticipated that a large quantity of stock will be captured special arrangements are being made for their disposal and a Veterinary Officer has been detailed for the purpose.

7. As soon as the patrol is over it will probably be necessary to increase the Administrative Staff in the Turkhana district and I am endeavouring to arrange for this to be done.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

C. Beatty
GOVERNOR.

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OPERATION ORDER NO: 1,

By Lieut: Colonel W.F.S. Edwards, D.S.O.,
Commanding Turkana Column,

Marich, 1st February 1916.

REFERENCE MAPS.

- (I), Africa, Rudolph Province, Sheet 86, @ 1.014 inches to 16 miles.
- (II), Africa, Albert Nyanza, Sheet, 86, @ 1.014 ins; to 16 miles.
- (III), Africa, Compiled Sketch portion, Turkana District, @ 1.014 inches to 8 miles.
- (IV), Uganda, Sheet 2 at 1 inch to 10 miles.

1, Punitive Measures Against the Turkana by Orders of the G.O.C.

The General Officer Commanding, - Major General R. Wapshard, - having decided that aggressive action on the part of the Turkana Tribe, who since the outbreak of war against GERMANY have shown increased hostility to Government, might embarrass, to a more or less extent, the main operations now in progress against German East Africa, has directed that combined operations be taken against the Turkana in the Protectorates of EAST AFRICA AND UGANDA.

2, General Situation.

The general situation is, by virtue of the meagreness of the intelligence available, difficult to define more especially as it is known that within the last few months the ranks of the disaffected have been swelled by the addition of several sections who, in the past, have shown themselves well disposed to British rule.

To what extent these previously loyal sections have thrown in their lot with the disaffected cannot be accurately

2. General Situation. (Contd.),

accurately ascertained for the reason that the disloyal faction have so influenced the inhabitants that intelligence of a reliable nature in this respect has been unobtainable, hence I am unable to specialise the areas to which operations should be restricted.

The TURKANA are divided into four main sections as under:

BELLAI.

Primarily settled in SOGOTA.

NESETO.

Settled in SOGOTA, on the lower Kerio, and on the shores of Lake Rudolph between the Kerio & Turkwell.

NYISIRR.

Settled at Ngabotok, the upper Kerio and the country in between, two-sub-sections of which have their abode on both sides of the Turkwell River near the Turkwell bend.

NGAMATAK.

Settled on both sides of the Turkwell in the NGAMATAK HILLS.

Of the above the whole of the BELLAI and NESETO sections with the single exception of AIZIGWA, the Chief of the BELLAI, who lives at NAUDU about 6 hours North from BARINGO are hostile.

Of the NYISIRR, the sub-sections under Headmen YOKORI and LOKIRIAMA near the TURKWELL bend are hostile. The attitude of Headman LOKWELL is doubtful.

The remaining subsections of the NYISIRR are loyal.

The NGAMATAK sections have to date been loyal but whether they have changed their attitude lately is not known.

Should any of the sections mentioned above as being loyal display a sullen demeanour, shiftiness, or an attitude of defiance to the Force they should be counted as

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...ion of a considerable number ...
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...pattern, but respecti...
...being safe to assume that, with a view...
...foe, they have been just as active in acquiring ammunition as in
the case of arms.

A large portion of the enemy will, however, be armed with spears only.

The paramount Chief EBE is reported to be escorted by party of 20 armed men, his headquarters being usually in the neighbourhood of LOSAGEM HILL, close to the shores of LAKE RUDOLPH, and within one day's march from the KERIO and two from the mouth of the TURKWEEL. (see Sheet 86, RUDOLPH PROVINCE). While he is said to have the assistance of a certain section of the ABYSSINIANS from LABOUR, who are well equipped with both arms and ammunition.

The Turkans and Abyssians are both particularly mobile being capable of moving long distances either by night or by day.

Regarding the customs of the Turkans in the matter of stock it is usual for them to drive their stock from their manvattas shortly after dawn when they graze over a large area of country in the direction of their watering places, which may be anything up to six miles away. Watering takes place and the stock are returned to the neighbourhood many hours before sunset. Herded up for the night...
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...to be expected from the end of the...
...attacks both by night and day before dawn, attacks
on the transport train, rear guard, stragglers, and captured
... and the driving of large herds of cattle at zerebas with
... attacks.

The troops to be employed for these operations consist
of the Police Service Battalion, the Police detachments at
Marich, and from Maroto in Uganda, together with the detachment
of the King's African Rifles from Kulal.

Subjects to be covered.

The subjects to be covered by the force are as follows:-

(I). To effect the submission of the enemy in
order to reduce him to a state amenable to peaceful administ-

(II). To effect the capture or surrender of the para-
military force of NBE, who I direct shall be taken dead or alive

(III). To effect the surrender of all arms of whatever
description.

(IV). To effect the capture of the murderer Somal said
to be connected with NBE, whose recent escapade was the murder of a SUK
of the name Chepachepchade.

In the matter of the above I am aware that the inform-
ation has been given to give regarding the "General
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... they may do a best
... being borne in mind that th-
... are common sense,
... and both offensive.

4. Intentions of the Officer Commanding.

It is my intention to bring the enemy to action whenever and wherever possible and to enforce submission by the capture of his stock, my object of operating in three separate Columns being to keep the enemy constantly on the move with the sole purpose of wearing down his stock, as likewise to make him disclose his whereabouts in his efforts to elude respective Columns.

5. Organisation and activities of Force for First Phase of operations.

For the first phase of the operations the Force will be organised into three Columns moving on lines and operating within the given theatres as denoted against respective Column:-

No. 1, Column.

Under Lieut: R.F. RAINSFORD, based on Baringo will advance down and operate along the Sugota Valley endeavouring to effect a junction with the detachment of King's African Rifles from Kulal somewhere within the neighbourhood of Laruk Hills which are situated to the West end ^{of} Rudolph. These forces having joined hands should strike across to the Kerio to effect a junction with No. 2, Column at the point where the River Kalabata runs into the Kerio.

In so doing to sweep the hills and waterways which intervene between the Sugota and the point of rendezvous.

The meeting of Nos. 1, & 2, Columns should be effected about the 28th instant, the Column to arrive first awaiting the arrival of the other. If the O.C. No. 1, Column should find that the detachment of K.A.Rs. have already returned to Kulal he should complete his operations in the Sugota Valley, when he will proceed to effect a junction with No. 2, Column in the manner already prescribed above.

5. Organisation & Activities of Force for First Phase of operations. (cont.)

Chief Aizigwa the only loyal member of the Ballai section who lives but six miles North of Baringo, should accompany No. 1. Column, for he will be invaluable as a guide and in ^{the} matter of intelligence.

The distance between the Sugota and Kerio may be estimated approximately at from between 20 to 35 miles.

No. 2. Column.

Under Captain W. Rigby, based on Kerio Post will advance down and operate on either side of the Kerio to the point where the KalaBata enters the Kerio which is the place appointed for the meeting of Nos: 1, & 2, Columns on or about 26th inst., vide orders prescribed for No. 1, Column above. The joining up of Nos: 1, & 2, Columns will complete the first phase of operations when a further issue of "Operation Orders" will be made.

No. 3. Column.

Under Captain C.S. Long-Innes, based on Ngabotok will advance up the Turkwell, and in so doing effect a junction with the Maroto Police detachment from Uganda, which will comprise 25, or 30, Police with Lieut: Waters in command. The Maroto detachment will be under the supreme orders of Capt. LONG-INNES who will instruct Lieut: Waters from Ngabotok respecting the point on the Turkwell at which he wishes the Maroto detachment to join his forces with No. 3, Column.

A junction having been effected and Capt. Long-Innes having issued Lieut: Waters his instructions respecting the functions to be undertaken by the Maroto detachment during the first phase of the operations, No: 3, Column will proceed with all possible despatch down the Turkwell with the object of holding the Turkwell from its mouth to the point where the activities of the Maroto detachment will commence, the idea being that No: 3,

No. 3, Column, (Contd.)

Column and the MAROTO detachment shall guard the Turkwell that the crossing of the Turkana with their stock into Uganda will not be possible. In the event of the MAROTO detachment not joining up in time Capt. LONG-INNES will proceed to block the Turkwell from its mouth, leaving written instructions for Lieut. Waters in a manner that he will be certain of that Officer getting them on his arrival. Capt. LONG-INNES should also endeavour to get in touch with the Post at MORONGOLE in Uganda where are stationed 2 Officers and 83 men of the Sudan Army lent the Uganda Government for temporary duty for such time as the war may last, informing them of his intentions and asking whether it is possible for them to assist in the operations against the Turkana. Lieut. Waters should be able to furnish information respecting the means by which it would be best possible to communicate with the post at MORONGOLE. No. 3, Column and the MOROTO detachment will continue to guard the TURKWEILL until the receipt of further orders from the Officer Commanding in respect of the Second Phase of the Operations.

In the event of the NGAMATAK section being found to be loyal the Chief and the people of this section should be utilised to the full both in respect of guides and intelligence.

The distance between the TURKWEILL and MORONGOLE varies from 60 to 80 miles.

Principles Governing Warfare Against an Uncivilized Enemy

The principles governing warfare against an uncivilized enemy as laid down in Field Service Regulations, Part I, (Reprint 1912) are published in the form of an appendix to these orders, and should be carefully studied by all officers of the Force.

Treatment of Women & Children etc.

Officers Commanding Columns must impress on their non-commissioned

Treatment of Women

non-commissioned officers and through their officers the imperative need of... all women and children... hands... brutal treatment... combatants will be dealt with... severity of military law... that should be... delay... operations.

Action in the case of ABYSSINIANS

Officers Commanding Columns must on no account become involved in any serious military or political situation with the ABYSSINIANS outside the Turco-Abyssinian boundary, but any... ABYSSINIANS met with... operations... deal with in... lead down for the...

Departure of Columns.

The movements of Columns from... base will be as follows:

- No. 1, Column on 10th instant
- " 2, " " 13th
- " 3, " " 17th

Communications.

Inter-communication will be maintained between Columns by means of... signals... Company... best... matter of communication should be kept... Columns. The... the... arrangements possible to this...

13. Intelligence, - Collection & Disposal of.

Keep the as opportunities offer, Intelligence Officer, who will accompany No. 2, Column, fully posted both in the matter of the political and Military situation together with such other information as may be of use to the Officer Commanding.

14. The Object of the Issue of These Orders.

These orders are to be considered in the light of general principles only, - not rules, - it being recognised that it is impossible to design a scheme to cover the many and diverse conditions which are likely to be met with by three Columns operating at a considerable distance from each other. My object, therefore, has been to provide Officers Commanding Columns with material sufficiently elastic to enable them to meet all the varying conditions which may arise and which it is impossible to foresee, but which at the same time will enable these Officers to act in accordance with the view of the Officer Commanding in all ordinary circumstances without the necessity of reference to him or loss of initiative on their part.

15. Place to which Reports to be sent and Position of O.C.

All reports should be addressed to the Officer Commanding who will be with No: 2, Column, it being particularly requested that information respecting engagements with the enemy should be reported with the least possible delay.

sd/- W. F. S. EDWARDS. LIEUT:-COLONEL,

Commanding, Turkana Column

To whom Issued.	Hour & Date	Where Issued or Despd:-	Made of Issued
Brigade Major M.R.T. Area Command,	8.15 p.m. 2-2-15		By runner to Sergoit, from thence by Post Service.
O.C. No. 1, Col. Marisch,	8.15 p.m. 2-2-15		By special runner
O.C. No. 2, Col. Marisch,	8.15 p.m. 2-2-15		Personally
O.C. No. 3, Col. Marisch,	8.15 p.m. 2-2-15		Personally
O.C. Karoto Detachment,	8.15 p.m. 2-2-15		Per Capt. Long
O.C. Kulsal Detachment, I.A.R.	8.15 p.m. 2-2-15		Per O.C. No. 1 Column,
Intelligence Officer	8.15 p.m. 2-2-15		Personally,

sd/- W. F. S. EDWARDS.

ELBARTA,

22nd January 1915.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that the patrol, of which I gave the details in my letter of the 26th December 1914, left Langolani on the 27th December 1914, operated on the North of the Loreu Hills, the River Kerio between Nanangena and the Akwahel River, and the Sugota valley, and reached Elbarta on the 18th January 1915.

2. A body of Samburu led by 2 Masai in Government service with my sanction entered the Sugota valley from Elbarta on the 2nd January 1915.

3. Thirty nine Turkana were killed by the patrol, and twenty three by the Elmoran. One Samburu was slightly wounded with the patrol. The Elmoran party lost 8 Moran.

4. The following are the approximate numbers of stock taken by the two parties:-

Camels	475 captured	156 destroyed.
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Goats	375	" about 4000 "
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Donkeys	271	"
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Cattle	700	"
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5. I have sent a report to the District Commissioner, Turkana, and will as soon as possible forward a full report and detailed list of captured stock through the Officer in Charge, Northern Frontier District.

I have etc. etc.

Sd. L. F. I. Atzill.
Asst. Dist. Commissioner.

Hon. Chief Secretary,

Nairobi.

Embarfa,

21st January, 1915.

From

The Officer Commanding Det:

3rd K. A. Rifles, Lake Rudolf.

To.

The Adjutant

3rd K. A. Rifles, Nairobi.

Sir,

With reference to my letter dated 25th December 1914 informing you that I was leaving Loyangalani to carry out a punitive patrol in Turkana in accordance with the wishes of the Officer i/c N. F. District, I now have the honour to report that I have traversed the area of River Kerio and Lake Savota with the result as follows:-

39 Turkana El-Moran killed.

535 Camels

234 head of cattle

189 Donkeys

5178 Sheep and Goats (approximate)

Captured

Distribution of these I will forward at a latter date.

The Turkana El-Moran though showing a certain amount of enterprise at first, offered no opposition whatever in the later stages of the operations and this accounts for the comparatively small inflicted on them. I consider the result of the patrol has been effectual, in so much that it has driven all the Turkana and their stock out of the Sagota and River Kerio area over to the river Turkwell which should, I think, prevent further raids on the Samburu Natives for some time.

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... of the Patrol.

I have, &c..

sd/- A. G. D. Hall Capt.

3rd K. A. R.