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BOOK 2:12:PROT BY MR A.B. MORTIMER
FOR RESPONSIBILITY OF MR F.G. HAMILTON

The papers regret to find case has not been reported. Mr F has been sentenced to 12 months imprisonment. Amount involved is Rs653.50. Awaiting instructions as to extent to which Mr Hamilton should be held pecuniarily responsible.

Mr. Stephenson

I wd. be glad if you

return

A. J. R.

29/6/15

W. Head

In its usual bearing upon the question of responsibility this case is not dissimilar to that dealt with a 28602 for S.A.P. - connection with the Nairobi Police Department, and, as in that case, should be referred to before a fine or the half of the amount is set.

W. Head

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Mr. Stephenson

29/6/15

at night

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acting successfully is attracting the enemy's attention. They return to their respective bases to-day.

The Kaima Column was attacked at 3 p.m. yesterday but is reported to have had only slight losses. Lieut.-Col. Jourdain's Column found loads abandoned by the enemy. The Column is now returning.

A patrol of the East African Mounted Rifles was ambushed yesterday some miles South of Kisumu, and casualties were one killed and three wounded.

The Voi-Makindu railroad is now 18 miles from Voi Road crossing.

A proclamation has been published by the Sultan of Lamu, condemning the property of the rebel Arabs, this should have a good effect.

No news has been received of the operations in connection with the 'Sphinx'.

The Germans South of the Niger are making persistent efforts to ingratiate themselves with the natives in that area, and are reported to have permitted the pill tax.

1918 May

Lieut.-Col. Jourdain's Column returns to Kaima to-morrow.

Headquarters appears to be contemplating the offensive from the Mara River.

Another unsuccessful attempt is reported to have been made on the railway at mile 218, a sentry has been wounded there.

General Byles and S.S.D. (1) returned at 8 p.m. The defenses of Salaita and Chaka Hill are reported to have been further enlarged and improved.

All quiet on the Frontier from Uganda to the sea.

Signal Hill (8 miles N.W. of Malindi) was attacked by the enemy at 9 p.m. on the 10th, the attack failed and the enemy retired.

11th May General Titch accompanied by C.O.C. (1) left for Voi at 5.30 a.m.

The Simba-Langile Column left Kapetema at 8.30 a.m. for a camp at 18 miles to the S.V., where it arrived at 6.30 p.m.

A flying column from Malindi demonstrated towards Salaita Hill and returned to Mbuyuni without having had any casualties.

There is reported to be an Arab element in Malindi hostile to the British.

Fairly active continues generally.

A small force has been despatched to Malindi Channel to either raise or blow up the 'Sphinx'.

Reliable information points to there being a wireless installation at Mwakere and also under construction at Malindi.

12th May The Simba Column reported that at 1.30 p.m. no precise information of the enemy had been obtained and that the advance would be continued to-night.

Attempts to bomb the 'Ensignberg' are reported to have failed.

There is a certain amount of activity in the Malindi district but reports here much exaggerated in general, with the exception of the Kilimanjaro area, all is quiet.

13th May The Flying Column from Malindi and Malindi are

moving

There are indications that the Mwanza district has been largely reinfused from Inshira.

The Belgians report 3 armed German steamers on Lake Tanganyika.

9th May.

On the 8th a party of Rhodesians were ambushed near Maima, losing 5 killed and missing.

Lieut.-Col. Jourdain's Column concentrates at Simba to-morrow.

10th May.

The 'Winifred' 'Nyassa' and 'Kavirondo' called for Karungu for operations in connection with the 'Sybil.'

Increased patrol activity is noticeable near Maima. A party estimated at 200 with 2 machine guns attacked Signal Hill but were repulsed.

It is reported that Kesthouseen has withdrawn further South of the Mare owing to the great amount of sickness amongst his detachment.

A reply to the German pamphlet distributed in British East Africa, in connection with the German attitude towards Inshira, has been issued, and it will be circulated widely.

11th May.

Colonel Kitchener has been appointed Inspector of Railway Defences, with his headquarters at Vei.

A protest against opening the Wireless Station at Mombasa to the general public was sent to His Excellency the Governor. The General Officer Commanding considers that such a course would be harmful and might be the means of giving the enemy very useful information.

RESUME OF WAR DIARY.

5th May 1915. A telegram in connection with the re-arming of the Rhodesians with short rifles was sent to the War Office.

As a result of the G.O.C.'s visit to the Lake, it is in contemplation to organize an expedition against Fukuha.

At the suggestion of Sir William Johns, Director of Railways, it has been decided to appoint a "Head of Railway Transport Establishment" to facilitate inter-communication between the military and railway authorities.

With reference to the 4 gun Belgian battery mentioned on May 4th, it has been found impossible to supply the necessary animals from local resources, India could provide them in November but at a cost of £70 each delivered at Romby.

All quiet in the Coast area and Zambezi.

Near Hama a German patrol was surprised on the 7th and lost 2 Europeans and 3 askaris killed.

The Germans appear to be directing their attention now to the Kapuni-Kajinda railway branch but so far no damage has been done.

Northey's detachment still keeps South of the Mura River, its strength is reported to be 180 Europeans and 1,100 askaris and levies with 3 machine guns.

The railway enhancement of the projected Tartera-Mwapa line is said to be completed to a distance of 50 miles North of Tartera and that a contractor's line runs along this distance.

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Command Headquarters, E. E. A. & U.,

Nairobi, 21st May 1918.

SECRET.

From

The General Officer Commanding Troops,
British East Africa and Uganda,

To

The Private Secretary to His Excellency the
Governor and Commander-in-Chief,
British East Africa.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a Resume
of my War Diary, from the 8th to the 15th May 1918
inclusive, for the information of His Excellency
and the Colonial Office.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) H. DE C. O'GRADY, Major,

for Major General,

Commanding Troops, E. E. A. & U.

Copy forwarded for information to:-

H. E. The Royal Commander-in-Chief, Cape of Good Hope.
The Chief Secretary to Government, Uganda.
The Senior Naval Officer, Victoria Nyansa.

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Generals Vigne and Stewart with Staffs returned to Nairobi from Uganda at 9:30 p.m.

The 21st Battalion Royal Fusiliers arrived at Kajulu at 1 a.m. on the 5th instant.

1th May

It has been decided to seize the 'S/Bill' which ran ashore in the S.E. portion of the Lake Victoria early in the war, or, if this is impossible, to blow her up.

The Officer Commanding the Lake was given a free hand to deal with the enemy at Wusuma South of Sherati, as opportunity offered.

Our force at Karungu is considered amply sufficient to deal with any future movements of the enemy, he is showing little activity at present.

Arrangements have been made to send a flying column to attack the German camp at Inessite and clear that district of the enemy, the Column is under the command of Lieut-Col. Jourdain, D.S.O., Royal North India, and consists of some 100 Mounted Infantry, 200 Infantry, 2 guns, and 4 machine guns. It will be arranged that demonstrations are made against the enemy from Makua and Naima at the same time.

A telegram was received from the War Office emphasizing the fact that reinforcements must not be expected and doubting the advisability of adopting the offensive in three different areas.

In Uganda there is no change; the enemy on the Kagera is active in canal construction.

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So far the enemy have made no attempt to re-occupy Longido.

Information has been received that Captain Commandant Neulaert left Margeilles for Mombasa on the 29th April. He is to organize a 4 gun Mountain Battery at Ntobbe and afterwards take it on to the Lake Kivu district.

An incident is reported from mile 191 on the railway in which there is said to have been an encounter between a few men of the 101st Grenadiers and a raiding patrol; one of the former was wounded in the hand. There is reason to believe that the man reported as wounded on the 3rd was shot by a comrade.

21st May

The Maiten railway railhead is now 120 miles from Val ~~Maiten~~ crossing.

A new enemy's camp has been observed some 15 miles North of Namba Nissien; this move probably has some connection with the occupation of Leopold.

It is reported that a hostile raiding party entered the Souja country about the 2nd instant, probably with the object of cattle raiding. It is reported to have lost 1 killed and 1 wounded in an encounter with Nambi.

21st May

A small party of the enemy attacked Signal Hill on the evening of the 4th (Signal Hill is half way between Moino and Idalal); they were driven off; we had one man wounded.

An affair of patrols at ~~Mombasa~~ resulted in the withdrawal of our patrol with a loss of one wounded.

Generals

2nd May. Nothing to report; all is quiet. Sir William Johns is now at Nairobi.

3rd May. Another attempt was made on the railway at mile 251; the bridge guard are reported to have exchanged shots with the raiders and to have driven them off, having one man wounded.

Continued confirmation is received of hostile activity towards Looseto.

Sir William Johns has again left for Voi.

India has been asked to prepare for earliest despatch of railway material for future prolongation of the railway line to Taveta as sanctioned by the War Office.

All is quiet in the Coast area and Zambar.

The publication of official communique is having good effect.

A hostile party is reported to have been seen in the neighbourhood of Kijabs railway station on April 30th. No corroboration of this report has been received, and it is doubted if it is correct.

There are indications of a hostile concentration towards Karungu.

All is reported quiet in Uganda.

11th May. The 20th battalion Royal Fusiliers have arrived at Mombasa and will proceed to Kajindo at once.

The Germans are reported to be constructing a railway from Mushi to Taveta; it may considerably affect their powers of defence as by its means the guns of the "Eisenberg" might be brought into this line.

RESUME OF WAR DIARY.

30th April 1915. The 'Winifred' with G.O.C. on board arrived off Bukoba at 8.30 a.m. Some German troops paraded in front of the Fort in a somewhat aggressive manner and were promptly shelled by our 12 pr and 4" It is not known to what extent damage was done but the shooting was pretty good

1st May. The Germans are showing signs of considerable activity in the neighbourhood of Waiwa, and counter measures will soon have to be taken to put a stop to the perpetual nuisance of pic-nic attacks

In consultation with W.E. the Governor, the General Officer Commanding has decided that at present it is not necessary to substitute European for native guards on the Ordnance and Supply Depots at Mombasa

The sinking of the German collier by R.N.S. Hyacinth in Wanga Bay is confirmed.

All is quiet in Mafia and Sansibar.

The state of uneasiness in Mombasa is reported to be quieting down.

A wooden box, apparently explosive, was left by the Germans in the vicinity of Waiwa. The intention evidently was that the box on being opened should explode, but the dynamite failed to go off.

Many tents have been seen in the vicinity of Komo Mission. Reports considered fairly reliable indicate that there is a concentration of the enemy towards Komo or Kikarungu

In the Lake area 300 akasias were reported as having been seen at Duedge

Exempt
 20th May 1915

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Command Headquarters, E.S.A. & U.,

Nairobi, 14th May 1915. 347

From

The General Officer Commanding Troops,
 British East Africa and Uganda.

To

The Private Secretary to His Excellency the
 Governor,
 and Commander-in-Chief,
 British East Africa

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith a
 Season of my War Diary, from 20th April to 7th May
 1915 inclusive, for the information of His Excellency
 and the Colonial Office

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) R. DE C. O'GRADY, Major,

for Major-General,

Commanding Troops, E.S.A. & U.

Copy forwarded for information to:-

The Chief Secretary to Government, Uganda.
 E.S. The Naval Commander-in-Chief, Cape of Good Hope.
 The Senior Naval Officer, Lake Victoria Nyasa.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE

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OFFICE EAST AFRICA

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE

20th May 1918.

SECRET

SIR,

With reference to my Secret despatch of the 21st instant, I have the honour to forward for your information copy of the General Officer Commanding's War Diary from 20th April to 10th May 1918.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient humble servant,

GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

LEWIS HARCOURT, K.C.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.