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PROBATION

TRIBAL FIGHTING IN JUBALAND.

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Submit final review of events which led up to disturbances, and comments on efficacy of measures taken. Consider A.C. Medal should be awarded to personnel of Punitive Patrol. Total cost of Patrol approx. 29,000.

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Previous Paper

W.O. 38917

MINUTE

G. W.P.

Please see 28439. Have you any comments, please?

See Boxer letter

See 11/9/25

Mr. Magentz

I think the Medal somewhat easily earned but in view of the O.A.C.'s recommendation & other views: it might be granted.

I include Capt. Kent-Human name was sent forward.

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Subsequent Paper

O.A.C. 46338/25

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI,  
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14th August, 1925.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your despatch (Confidential) of the 29th May on the subject of the recent disturbances in Jubaland.

2. I had instructed the Acting Senior Commissioner Jubaland, who had served as Civil Political Officer to the Mohammed Zubair Punitive Patrol to submit a final report upon the Patrol summarizing the causes and effects of the disciplinary measures which the outbreak of the Mohammed Zubair had necessitated. I regret that owing to a misunderstanding Mr. Horne failed to report as required, but in view of the fact that I had requested Mr. J. O. W. Hope, C.M.C., on his first visit to Kisumu as Commissioner of the Cession of Jubaland also to report on this matter I did not consider it necessary to insist on the former's report.

3. The evidence taken by Mr. Hope particularly that of Sahal Hassan (a neutral Chief) is credible and justifies the action taken by Mr. Horne at the outset of the disturbances. I append a copy of Sahal Hassan's statement for your information. I should explain that the wells over which the initial dispute took place are recognised as belonging to the Herti and though the first provocation was given by the Herti it is clear from the evidence that the aggressors in the next day's slaughter were the Mohammed Zubair, in spite of the efforts made by the Sheikal to maintain peace and of the Herti to atone for their fellow tribesman's action.

RIGHT HONOURABLE  
LIEUTENANT COLONEL L. C. M. S. ABBRY, P.C., M.P.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,  
DOWNING STREET,  
LONDON S. W.

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4. I am satisfied that the Patrol was necessitated by the occurrences of February last and that its effect has been salutary. Although there were indications after the departure of the troops that the Mohammed Zubeir were nursing hopes of revenge against the Herti such sentiments were the natural outcome of the manifestation to the Somali tribes of the powerlessness of this overweening section in the face of discipline and punishment. Bad relations between the Mohammed Zubeir and the Herti are long standing and it was not to be expected that the recent outbreak and the reprisals inflicted would ameliorate them.

Mr. Hope considers that the Mohammed Zubeir have been too hardly treated and recommends that the fines which were imposed upon them should be spent upon works which will be of benefit to them. There is however no reason to think that the compensation paid to the Herti exceeded their just claims; indeed Mr. Horns believes that owing to losses by fire the cattle awarded did not suffice them; the fines taken by Government certainly cannot be regarded as oppressive: in the circumstances I do not support his recommendation.

5. With regard to the disposal of the stock taken from the Mohammed Zubeir, all but 2,800 head were handed over to the Herti as blood money and compensation for their losses and I am satisfied that their just claims were fully met. The remainder were sold locally and realised Sh.16,985/36. During the time of waiting losses from inanition, tsetse fly infection while in the bush and disease were heavy while the summer flooding of the market resulted in disappointingly low prices.

6. I annex an explanation which has been received from

from Mr. Horne of the incident reported in my despatch 110  
(Confidential) No. 74 of the 29th May upon which I commented  
in the 3rd paragraph: this has been communicated to and  
accepted by the Officer Commanding Troops.

7. I desire in this closing despatch to invite your  
attention to the excellent work accomplished by Captain  
A. L. Stone-Lewon, 3rd King's African Rifles. The Officer  
Commanding Troops states, "The success of the Mohammed  
Zubeir Fugitive Patrol was largely due to his energy and  
advice" and with this expressed by me in an agreement.

8. The Officer Commanding Troops has also represented  
to me that the award of the African General Service Medal  
should be bestowed to officers and men who took part in the  
Mohammed Zubeir Fugitive Patrol; the fact that no serious  
fighting occurred will, I am sure, not act as a bar to the  
award. The troops suffered considerable hardships and  
I recommend the grant of this Medal as a fitting reward for  
the excellent work accomplished. I trust that this will be  
accorded.

9. As far as can be ascertained at present the total  
expenditure involved by the Patrol will be in the  
neighbourhood of £9,000; I shall inform you of the exact  
cost in a further despatch as soon as details are available.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

*G. S. ...*  
(Signed in the presence of the  
AGRICULTURE GOVERNOR.  
who has reviewed the despatch)

Annexure II

Statement of Sana Hassan - Sheikal Chief

A Mohamed Zubeir came from Ahadu to Gebwen for trading purposes and on his return journey passed by the wells of Gooria Janan. This well was held by the Herti. The Mohamed Zubeir, who was with him, bullock laden with goods, stopped to drink and some soil fell into the well. The Herti to whom the well belonged came up and asked the Mohamed Zubeir why he was destroying his well and caught hold of the bullock and said the Mohamed Zubeir should not have let soil be cleaned out the well, otherwise was an offence and the Mohamed Zubeir hit the Herti on the face with his hand. There were other Herti there and a scuffle ensued and the Mohamed Zubeir had his head cut open with a sickle. The Mohamed Zubeir went to Mohamed Zubeir village close by and got a cart with some other young men. The Sheikal live at this place and when they saw the Mohamed Zubeir young men, they and other Sheikal went out and persuaded the Mohamed Zubeir to go back to their villages. We then went to the Herti and persuaded them to give us sheep to take as "Sabon" (peace offering) to the Mohamed Zubeir. While we were taking the "Sabon" to the Mohamed Zubeir went by another path to the Ruga wells which are quite close and went for some Herti there and beat two of them with sticks. By this time it was getting late and they all returned to their villages and we came back with the "Sabon" not having delivered it.

Next day very early in the morning a lot of Herti took possession of the Ruga wells. Mohamed Zubeir women coming to draw water saw them there and went back to their villages to tell the Mohamed Zubeir. The Mohamed Zubeir then arrived. We Sheikal and a Mohamed Zubeir Sheika named Abdilli

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Annexure I.

Statement of Sahal Hassan - Sheikal Chief

A Mohamed Zubeir came from Amadu to Gobwen for trading purposes and on his return journey passed by the wells of Goolia Jahan. This well was being used by the Herti. The Mohamed Zubeir, who had with him a bullock laden with goods, stopped to drink and some soil fell into the well. The Herti to whom the well belonged came up and asked the Mohamed Zubeir why he was destroying his well and caught hold of the bullock and said the Mohamed Zubeir should not have it till he cleaned out the well. There was an argument and the Mohamed Zubeir hit the Herti on the face with his hand. There were other Herti there and a scuffle ensued and the Mohamed Zubeir had his hand cut open with a stick. The Mohamed Zubeir had to go to his village close by and soon came back with some other young men. The Sheikal five of this place and when they saw the Mohamed Zubeir young men myself and other Sheikal went out and persuaded the Mohamed Zubeir to go back to their villages. We then went to the Herti and persuaded them to give us Shs. 4/- to take as "Saben" ( peace offering ) to the Mohamed Zubeir. While we were taking the "Saben" the Mohamed Zubeir went by another path to the Ruga wells which are quite close and went for some Herti there and beat two of them with sticks. By this time it was getting late and they all returned to their villages and we came back with the "Saben" not having delivered it.

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kept running between the two parties to keep them from fighting and while doing this a Herti fired off an arrow which hit Sheikh Abdilli. The two parties had not fought then. The Sheikh died there and the Mohammed Zubeir took him away to the village. We took the Shgs. 4 "Saben" to the Mohammed Zubeir on the 24th of the month. The Mohammed Zubeir took the Saben and that night all was quiet. Next morning very early a large body of Mohammed Zubeir took the wells and the Herti sat some way away. Ten Sheikhs came to the Mohammed Zubeir and told them to keep quiet. Then they went to the Herti and told them to give a big bullock as "Saben". They saw the bullock and the Sheikh started off with it. When the Mohammed Zubeir saw it they rushed past the Sheikh and attacked the Herti and the big fight took place. We all went away to our villages. It was about 1 o'clock. Yero Isack was the only responsible man with the Mohammed Zubeir no other chiefs or headmen were there. The Herti ran away and left their villages and women and children.

The Mohamed Zubeir handed over to us 1047 head of cattle some sheep, goats and camels which they had taken from Herti. I took it in to Gote. The Government had gone to Deshek. Abdi Saloom came very quickly to the Deshek. Osman Gelle, Haji Hassan and the other Mohamed Zubeir chiefs who were at Afmadu came after 7 days. I am certain that the Mohamed Zubeir wanted to go to the Government to get the matter settled but were then afraid of the Herti as the Government heard only the Herti side of the question. There was never any question of the Mohamed Zubeir bring against the Government when the Herti saw the Government were backing them, they ran wild and stole and looted.



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looted everywhere - of live animals and was  
there all the time. I think that if the Government  
had gone to some place outside Herti country and  
met the Mohamed Zubeir's chiefs the matter could  
have been settled.

I took a letter to the Government from  
the Mohamed Zubeir asking the Government to come  
out and meet them but was given no answer.

I do not think the Herti lost 10,000 head  
of cattle.

15.5.25.

Sd. J.O.W. Hope.

This statement was corroborated by all  
the Shalkal chiefs who had been present at the  
wells.

I also asked to be Mohamed Zubeir  
Herti. When the Herti say they do not know  
if it was a Herti or not.

15.6.25.

Sd. J.O.W. Hope.

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(Signed) L. S. AMERY