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URGENT RE: THE 12 ANGLO-ABYSSINIAN OPERATIONS 1920

Does not consider operations important enough for grant of medal. Thinks sufficient to thank all concerned.

~~L. P. ...~~

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Pres ? write an appreciative note to
Ed but that after consultation
with Sir E. Northey, it has been
decided that the operations were not
of sufficient importance to justify

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Secretary of State

27 February 1900

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With reference to your letter of the 15th inst. I have the honor to state that I do not consider the guarantees against the issue of improved securities to warrant the grant of the African Postal and Telegraphic Service. The duties undertaken by the Congo Free State can only be regarded as part of a general African mission directed by the United States.

Under the circumstances I consider that adequate attention can be given by me to your request in regard to the Secretary of State's instructions.

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January, 1911

Your Lordship's conduct of the... which has been... at present in charge of the Northern Frontier District relative to the... operations during the...

It is... from the... of the... for some... of the... follows.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

No. 7

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Your Majesty's... which has been... at present in charge of the... District relative to the... to the forest... operations during...

It is also... from the... General... it was observed... for as... in... for... of the... follows.

COURT MILNER, P.O., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., &c., &c.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWING STREET,
LONDON, S.W.

I have considered it advisable in the
 circumstances to forward copies of the above
 correspondence to His Majesty that Your Lordship
 may find it convenient to discuss the matter with
 Sir Edward Northey. I am submitting copy of a
 report on the operations in question by the
 Officer Commanding Troops, Northern Frontier
 District, for Your Lordship's information
 together with a list of officers and men,
 exclusive of the King's African Rifles, who took
 part therein.

I have the honour to be,
 Your Lordship's
 humble, obedient servant,

Gd/- V I. M. 1900

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
 (at the Home Dept.)
 INSTRUCTIONS

3rd November, 1919.

INCLOSURES

Sir,

In Despatch No. 7 of 7. 1. 1920

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Re Anglo-Abyssinian Campaign 1919.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of the above mentioned despatch and to inform you that the forces employed in the above Campaign

Operations may be said to have commenced on 4th April 1919 with Lij Alexayu's raid on Boran coffee in Moyale, and they continued until 19th October 1919, when we completed the evacuation of Gondar.

Though our share in the Campaign was largely passive, I think we may safely say that our troops were the main reason for the wholesale surrender to us of the Tigre for their whole campaign.

Despite the difficulty of dealing in the past with a well-armed enemy independent of all transport, we succeeded in killing many of them and finding many others. In many cases we secured as in the many engagements we were obliged to make thorough search of the hills and wards, and Tigre always retreat.

Our own casualties, though small, were not inconsiderable when we consider the conditions under which we were fighting, were nevertheless in excess of those incurred in many of our earlier campaigns.

King African Rifles 1 killed 3 wounded

N. F. D. Constabulary 2 " 5

N.F.D. Armed Transport 1 " "

The only occasion on which the Tigre risked

the Chief Secretary,

offensive

Nairobi.

... of ...
 ... in ...
 Abyssinian reports, ...
 Their morale never recovered ...
 and our subsequent engagements were nearly always
 stern chases after a fleeing enemy. Had we been
 given wider powers of pursuit, we could have practically
 exterminated all the Tigre within two or three
 days of the frontier.

The Officer Commanding Troops ...
 is submitting a report ...
 with a list of the troops ...
 for the ...

The Northern Frontier District Constabulary
 have been absolutely free from any share in the war,
 and it is the opportunity they have had
 during the years of ...
 under active service ...

I have the honour
 to be,
 Your most obedient servant,

[Signature]
 OFFICER IN CHARGE
 NORTHERN FRONTIER DISTRICT

No. D/364.

Moyale,

16th November, 1919.

Commandant,

The African Rifles,

Nairobi.

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... to Paragraphs 172 to 173, King's African
'and I have the honour to forward the following
operations against the Tigre which commenced by the
... on the cattle of Dico Doyo at Moyale, on
... and ended with the execution of Gaddadum
... 17th Dec. 1919.

- 1 Platoon, 1st Bn. K.A.R.
- 1 Company, 4th Bn. K.A.R.
- 2 Platoon, 2nd Bn. K.A.R.
- 1 N.F.D. Constabulary.

The first engagement with the Tigre took place before the
... 3rd Bn. Company in the Northern
... movement was brought about by the Tigre
... on the night of the 4th-5th of April,
... to Dico Doyo, a British Boma Chief, and a
... the cattle was carried off from a spot
... and driven into
... 1500 yards from here (at the time there
... troops in their boma) During the night 4th-5th
... the N.F.D. Constabulary located the cattle as above. At 04
... on the morning of the 5th April, 1919, Lieut. T.A. Gillville
... /5th with 1 section and a Lewis Gun accompanied by Mr. Bamber
... reinforced the Constabulary who during the night had been observed
... the Tigre Position. At about 0500 hours after the Political
... officer had parleyed with the Tigre about the return of the Cattle
... their getting a satisfactory reply, the Boma was attacked and the
... force forced. The Tigre except a few who were holding down of the
(buildings).

Lieut. J.E. Gooden.

ABYSSINIAN TROOPS.

On the 12th July, 1918, the Abyssinian troops which had been operating against the Tigre in the mountains were arrived at Jank. On the following day Piteufari visited Nyala. On the next day we returned his visit. Nothing of importance resulted in connection with the operations of the principle being:

(a) The presence of the troops. It was decided that we were to be in the mountains for the summer to the West. The principal reason being the fact that the Tigre are not so strong as they were some time ago. They are still strong but not so strong as they were some time ago.

(b) Gooden was in the mountains. It was decided that we were to be in the mountains for the summer to the West.

(c) The principal reason being the fact that the Tigre are not so strong as they were some time ago.

Although a lot of work was done in the mountains. The Beren who we were trying to protect at once gave information to the Tigre the moment our patrols small or large appeared. After their encounter with Lieut. Jenkin's patrol north of Nyala, on the 17th July, 1918, we were glad to receive a receipt of news.

mission to enter further into Abyssinia after having encountered
me, I did not consider that I was justified in ordering raiding
troops to go further north and look for our enemy. 221

Realizing the improbability of a patrol equipped with force
water over coming to grips with a raiding party, I, in
consequence, discontinued the officers' patrols between Moyale and
Madama and established Abba's Patrol of 100 men and 20 mules,
constabulary at Gedama, etc and Mallice with 100 men and 20
mules. These patrols act with the Kanyatta and were so far
successful in that there were no raids.

The following is a summary of the encounters that took
place between the constabulary and the enemy in the vicinity of Gedama -

17.10.19. Tigre force of 100 men attacked a party of 20 men from Moyale
and killed 10 men and 20 mules. Tigre force of 100 men.

17.10.19. Lieut. Gode attacked Tigre north of Gedama and killed
10 men and 20 mules. Tigre force of 100 men.

18.10.19. Lieut. Gode attacked Tigre north of Gedama and killed
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27.10.19. Lieut. Gode attacked Tigre north of Gedama and killed
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... N.F.D. Constabulary pursued ... and recovered ...
casualties of N.F.D. Constable slightly wounded. Five, four
and.

... casualties since 5th April, 1919.

... ish.

... African Rifles, 1 killed, three severely wounded.

... Constabulary, 2 killed, 1 severely wounded and 2 slightly
wounded.

... killed, wounded numbers unknown.

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... their work ... the ...
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... little water. There has ...
... I have been able to report ...

... K.A.R. ...

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... when I visited ... was ...
... and training was proved to be ...
... fit ... as ... when practically ...
... encountered ... other killed or ...

... The ...
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... the ... had ...
... consider would be ...
... work they have done during the rest of the ...

... The operations have been so restricted that it has given
... the opportunity of ... special mention.

... All the ... have worked extremely hard and have
... done their utmost to assist us in all ways.

... I would like to mention that the Native ... have been on
... cereal ... during most of the time they have been in the ...

with the following :-

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Kindly Rolls of British and African Rank who were in the
Northern Frontier District during the operations. The rolls of the
Platoons are not yet to hand, they will be forwarded when
received.

Remarks: On various matters relating to the service generally in the
Northern Frontier District, and to the operations, as far as possible

to the satisfaction of the various authorities, and to the
best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, and to the
best of the information available, and to the best of the
ability, I and my staff have already forwarded as far
as possible from the records of the District.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Very faithfully,
Your obedient servant,

Major-General Sir [Name obscured]

Sgt. W. DICKSON

Commanding [Name obscured] District

[Name obscured] to the Abyssinian [Name obscured]

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with the following:-

Principal Hells of British and African Hacks who were in the
Northern Frontier District during the operations. The Hells of the
Northern Frontier District are not yet to hand, they will be forwarded when
received.

Remarks on various matters dealing with services generally in the
Northern Frontier District, that I would like to bring to your
notice.

In conclusion I wish to state that since my arrival at
Khartoum, both before the operations commenced and while they were
in progress, I and my colleagues have observed and noted every
aspect of the work of the British and African Hacks.

In view of the fact that the Hells are not yet to hand, I am unable to
submit a complete report. I have, however, prepared a preliminary
report which I am submitting herewith. This report is in the form
of a memorandum and contains only the facts as far as they are
known at present. It is not intended to be a final report, but
merely a preliminary one. I have also attached a list of the
Hells which were observed during the operations. This list is
also in the form of a memorandum and contains only the facts as
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A. Web Equipment.

The web equipment is not suitable for the N.F.D. The bush is very thick and the thorns particularly sharp and strong. The greater part of the equipment which the 3rd En. Company brought from Nairobi is becoming unserviceable.

B. Clothing.

Owing to the presence of sulphur in all the water the canvas of the chagals soon rot and a large reserve of these water carriers are necessary at all the N.F.D. posts.

C. Transport.

A mounted detachment of mules or mules would be necessary to transport the stores and equipment to the posts. The mules and saddles should be sufficient for this purpose.

D. Mobile.

Due to the difficulty of obtaining water at detached posts it is necessary to carry water in skins or stores. It is also necessary to carry a supply of medical supplies and other necessities at all posts. A balance of stores should be maintained at all posts.

E. Notes.

I would like to see the stores and equipment at all posts. It is necessary to have a supply of stores and equipment at all posts. The stores and equipment should be maintained at all posts.

Sgd. L. LINDSAY Captain,
Commanding Troop, Northern Frontier District,
2.11.19.

The Hon'ble the Chief Secretary
to the Government.
NAIROBI.

MEMORANDUM.

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Reference your No. 1344/V/101a dated 2nd
November 1919.

In para. 1. of this office No. 209/1/5 of the
October 1919, Brigadier General F. H. Lewellyn, D.S.
expressed the opinion that the above returns must not
be held not be considered in the light of the fact
that the above returns were prepared by the
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(1) A. C. King

D. A. A. & M. G. King's African Rifles MAJOR

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cannot be regarded as
a receipt of sufficient importance to

justify the grant of the office of

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