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ENCOUNTER WITH TIGRE HUNTERS AT BANISSA

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Sends Report by Lieut Dickinson. The incident is not of importance beyond furnishing further evidence of the predatory character of the Abyssinians whose proceedings are prejudicial to the peaceful administration of the border. Is informing H.M.'s Representative at Adis Abab.

Dr J. Anderson

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H. J. R.

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I presume the other Tigre wd take care of their wounded comrades.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI, 25 JAN 13
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No.903.

December 31st, 1912.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a report by Lieutenant H.C. Dickinson of the 3rd King's African Rifles on an encounter with some Tigre hunters at Banissa near the Abyssinian boundary of the Northern Frontier District.

2. The incident does not appear to be of great importance beyond furnishing further evidence of the predatory character of these Abyssinians, whose proceedings have long been regarded as prejudicial to the peaceful administration of the border.

3. I am informing His Britannic Majesty's representative at Adis Ababa.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

Alonway Brijed

GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

LEWIS HARCOURT, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

ut. Dickinson
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On the 2nd October Mr. Aylmer received information in the evening that some Tigre hunters had reached the River DAWA and were encamped at the watering hole there. Their strength was unknown but presumably they were not in large numbers as their transport was reported to consist of 4 donkeys only. These hunters have been repeatedly warned by the Administration here as well as the Abyssinian authorities to keep above the red line. Considering this and the fact that our presence here a distance of only 2½ hours must have been known to them, as the whole district had been warned that we were proceeding into this part of the Gurri country, Mr. Aylmer considered it was incumbent on him to go out and endeavour to arrest them. Mr. Aylmer and I left camp on the morning of the 3rd October with the following party - 1 sergeant 12 men 4 armed transport men and the Yaben to act as guides - We started at 4.30 reaching RANISSA about 2½ hours afterwards.

When we were close to RANISSA we sent the Yaben forward to reconnoitre, they returned with the information that the Tigre were encamped under a tree. Mr Aylmer told me that the Tigre were to be fired on if they run away so I instructed the men accordingly. We advanced over some open ground and saw the tree under which the Tigre were encamped on the top of some rising ground; when we were with about 100 yards half a dozen of them got up and ran off; the men opened fire as they cleared into the bush wounding one of them; we went up and examined him and discovered that he had been shot through the thigh and that the bone was fractured, we had him carried under a tree and did all we could for him. The spot where the Tigre had encamped and where we were at the time situated was on an open patch of ground about 100 by 80 yards and surrounded on all sides but one by dense bush. While attending the wounded man we heard a few shots being fired in the bush in the direction of where I had posted one of my sentries. I went off with the

sergeant and three men and discovered that a shot had been fired at the sentry. We made our way through the bush for some way but could see no more sign of any Tigre. On our way back we heard some shots from the direction where we had left Mr. Aylmer with the remainder of the men. On account of there being thick bush between us we could not see what was going on but made our way there as quickly as we could. On arriving I found that Mr Aylmer had been sniped by a Tigre. None was hit and the men who had remained with Mr. Aylmer fired a few shots and the sniper ran away. No more firing occurred after this and we saw no more sign of the Tigre.

All the kit which had been in possession of the Tigre was piled under the tree under which they had been sleeping and consisted of the following.

4 rifles

2 elephant tusks weighing 26 & 26 lbs

10 weighing in all 47 lbs

2 Rhino horns

4 elephant tails, 1 giraffe 2 rhino 1 buffalo

1 Lion skin and numerous leather bags goat skins water pots
etc.

4 Donkeys.

After bandaging the wounded man and loading the donkeys with the ^{skins} ~~skins~~ skins etc. we proceeded back to TERKALI.

The Acting District Commissioner Gurreh is reporting the matter to the civil authorities.

Sd. H.C. Dickinson Lieut.

S/K. A. Rifles

TERKALI N.F.D.

October 5th 1918.