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Situation on S. Abyssinian Frontier

Sends further comm. Suggestion of placing half a company of troops in same country, will be discussed with OC the troops & Lt. K.A. on latter's arrival at Kawa.

Mr. G. Fiddler

This is rather more helpful. I have marked on the accompanying map some of the places referred to in the doc.

Copy to the D.O. with refer to previous comm. D.T. ?

H. J. R.

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Major's troops is a delightful

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of the "Drums of Fore & aft"

He is just the right type, I should
think for his job.

At 10.12.13

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE, NAIROBI, BRITISH EAST AFRICA

November 8th 1913.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE

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CONFIDENTIAL No. 156

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my Confidential Despatch No. 119 of the 12th of September, and to forward herewith copies of correspondence which has been received from the Officer in Charge, Northern Frontier District, regarding the situation on the Abyssinian Boundary.

2. With reference to the 10th paragraph of Mr. Hope's letter of the 25th of August, the question of placing half a company of troops in the Garre country will be discussed with the Officer Commanding Troops and the Inspector General, King's African Rifles, on the latter's arrival in Nairobi. It will possibly be found that the 60 men despatched to the frontier on receipt of your cypher telegram of the 13th of September will be available for the purpose suggested.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

GOVERNOR.

*From Mr Hope
Aug 25th*
*From Mr Hope to
Adm Adoga
with encl.
Sep 4th*

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No 34700
No 31670*

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
LEWIS HANSBURY, F.C., M.P.
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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INCLOSURE

In Des. No. 156 of 8/11/18/18

1897

Moyale.

25th August, 1918.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that on 22nd instant I sent scouts out from Drouli which is about 18 miles south of Gaddaduma and found Pitamari Waldi had arrived there. I therefore wrote asking him to meet me at Guran about 10 miles south of Gaddaduma and just south of the red line.

2. On 24th instant I moved camp to Guran and found Pitamari Waldi had ridden over and was waiting for me.

3. We discussed the situation and he expressed his willingness to help in every way he could.

4. He informed me that he was putting men at all the wells on their side so as to catch Tigre if they came there.

5. He told me that his orders from Pitamari Hapta Georgis were to look for Tigre only and did not mention crossing the boundary but he said if I wished it he would do so.

6. I told him I thought it would be a good plan if he would come to Guffoli Danda and Gader with me as it is at these places that the Tigre generally live and if they had collected in any number, the force I had at my disposal was not sufficient for dealing with them. He accordingly agreed to meet me at Guffoli on the 26th instant with 200 men and proceed with me to Danda and Gader.

7. His general attitude was friendly and he seemed willing to do what he could to help.

8. I am afraid we shall not find any Tigre as they must know of our movements and will probably have cleared away to the Dawa.

9. Fitaruari Waldi informs me that if they do clear off to Abyssinian side they will be caught.

10. I feel sure that in a few months the Tigre will appear again in Garre country and therefore most urgently requested that a half company of troops may be detailed from Serenli for that district so that we can deal with the matter ourselves.

11. It is almost proved that the Garre Chief Ali ~~in~~ ~~Andi~~ has been hand in glove with Tigre always and has concealed them when Captain Aylmer was in his country.

12. I am going to have him up before us at Gader and if it is proved to my satisfaction I propose asking ~~him~~ for permission to deport him.

13. The fact of Waldi having men at all the wells will mean that Boran who have run away from Abyssinian territory will be recaptured when they have to water their stock ~~west~~ ^{North} of the red line which they will have to do in the dry weather. I have warned the Boran of ~~him~~ this and that they return north of the red line at their own risk.

14. I have the honour to request that you will inform our Minister at Adis Ababa of my having met Fitaruari and of our plans.

I have etc.,

Mr. J. G. W. Hope
Officer-in-Charge

Northern Frontier District.

Moyale

4th September, 1918

Sir,

I have the honour to report that on 16th August I received a letter from Fitaruari Waldi informing me he had arrived at Mega and would be at Gaddaduma on 21st August.

Accordingly I arrived at Daronli about ^{fifteen} 15 miles from Gaddaduma and south of the red line on 21st August and on 22nd August sent on some mounted Somalis to reconnoitre.

I did this as the day I left Moyale a runner had come in that 200 Abyssinians were waiting for me at Gaddaduma and as Waldi had seemed to delay I was suspicious.

As things turned out I do not think there was any truth in it.

They arrived at Gaddaduma and found Waldi had arrived the night before and was on the look out for me.

He wrote me a letter saying he was at my disposal and would like to know what I was wanting him to do.

As he had a very big camp with many men I thought it as well not to go into Gaddaduma, so as to avoid any trouble at the wells, and moved to Gurar about 9 miles from Gaddaduma and wrote asking Fitaruari Waldi to meet me there.

I arrived at Gurar on 24th August and I found Fitaruari Waldi waiting for me.

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He apologised for his delay saying he did not realise I was in a hurry.

He said he had had orders to look for Tigre but had not been told to go into British territory but he was willing and keen to help me in every way and would do whatever I thought was best.

He was leaving men at all the wells and sending men to the wells north of Gaddaduma along the boundary to Eil Chillaiko.

Reports had come into me of Tigre at Danda Gader and Jara so I told him I thought it would be a good thing if he would come with me via Guffoli, Danda Gader as far as Jara.

I told him I would fetch Ali Abdi so that he could ask him any questions.

He agreed to do this at once and on his asking how many men he should take I told him I thought 200 would be sufficient.

We then agreed to meet at Guffoli.

I told him about the rumour re the 200 men and he said it was absurd.

We met at Guffoli on 26th August.

We then saw one of the Garre who had been wounded in the recent fight between Garre and Tigre near Danda.

The Garre had been afraid to go near Danda since he could not say if there were Tigre there or not.

Next day we left for Danda sending some scouts ahead but there were no signs of Tigre having been there recently though we saw where they used to live.

The following day we moved on to Gader and en route we passed a small hill on which Fitaruari Waidi saw some huts but on going there we found they had not been used for about 1 month.

It was evidently one of the Tigre hiding places.

At Gader we camped at the hill where one of my caravans coming from Marehan country encountered and killed 2 Tigre about one month ago.

Here again they had a hiding place in the rocks.

I rode with Pitaruari Waldi to see the place where Captain Aylmer was killed. It was fairly open country near this hill with bush near the foot of it.

We saw the tree, about 10 inches in diameter, behind which Captain Aylmer stood when he was shot and the bullet apparently went through the tree getting him just about the heart.

We examined the hill and discovered the remains of two Tigre who must have been shot.

All the hills are rocky kopjes and ~~less~~ ten or twenty men could easily repulse a small body of men attacking them.

Near Gader I heard of an Abyssinian who had run away from his country about six months ago and had become a Mohomedan and lived with a Garre headman.

The Garre had never reported his presence and we only knew of it from the Abyssinians.

The Abyssinians had asked for him before as he was implicated in the raid on Yabeh and it was for this reason he had run away.

I sent out and had him arrested.

As I am of opinion that he was originally mixed up with the Tigre I thought it best to hand him over to Pitaruari Waldi who promised to send him to Adis Ababa as I think it might help to bring out some evidence re Tigre.

I attach a copy of his statements made before me.

I had sent for Ali Abdi who arrived here and I had him up before Waldi.

He He denied all knowledge of Tigre or of

having

having invited them into the country but I am convinced he did so and propose asking for leave to deport him to Nairobi.

At present relations between Garre and Tigre are strained as the latter lately killed an important Garre near Derkali.

While at Gader I got news of a large party of Abyssinians who had crossed the river Dawa at Melka Murri and gone to Bodee near the frontier close to Obillako.

We therefore move on to Eil Hoba in the Jara district.

There we found that 5 days before our arrival a party of 24 Tigre had robbed Boran living near Eil Hoba.

Faiyu Aba Sora the headman of the village stated that the Tigre were at Eil Der first and came and took 4 goats and 1 ox.

Then they came to Jara and took 12 donkeys 2 goats and 20 cloths and moved away to Gugubba north of Burduras in Abyssinian territory.

The Boran had tracked them there and saw that they had left Gugubba and gone further into Abyssinian territory.

They told the Boran that they were the friends of the ones killed by my police at Gader whilst on route from Marehan.

Besides this party there was the party at Bodee under a man called by the Boran Aba Gowy.

As far as I know they have not robbed the people but took one baggage camel which they returned.

They had ivory and Rhino horns.

Fitaruari Waldi says he knows Aba Gowy who is a

licensed

licensed hunter and so this may be a more or less legitimate hunting party.

They had also moved north into Abyssinia.

The scouts whom I had sent on to Jara saw tracks of mules and people near one of the hills in Jara so I sent out to have them followed.

This morning a Garre came in and said he met about 40 people on ponies and mules waiting at a water hole.

They caught him and took his water pot and shoes and he saw many more people some way away.

They asked him all the news of the country and where the Boran were living.

Then they went off towards Ell Der and Burdurras.

Pitaruari Waldi thinks this must be a party of his people looking for him but he has sent out mounted men to see. As they had not robbed any villages I think it probably is so.

Pitaruari Waldi has promised to recover the shoes etc. if they are his people.

We are very near the boundary now and a little way west from here it is difficult to say on which side one would be.

It is apparently no use my going any further with Waldi so tomorrow I am returning and he is going to Ell Der to hunt up the party of 25 we heard about.

I am very glad I have met Pitaruari Waldi. He seems a very superior sort of man and has expressed his intention of helping me in every way and seems very much friendly.

He is coming to live at Moga which is 4 days west of Moyale and I think that in future matters may run more smoothly. He is very sensible in his views and ready

to meet

to meet one half way.

Our meeting has been most satisfactory although we failed to catch any Tigre but they have undoubtedly gone north and I hope Waldi will catch them.

I have told him to follow them if they break back to Jara or Gader and to let me know.

I very much fear that after a few months the Tigre will appear again and told Waldi so. He said he would try his best to prevent it.

I hear Dyaz Balcha is catching anyone who has not got a master or who cannot give a satisfactory account of himself and has arrested many people.

I have heard nothing about the Yaben compensation.

I have not heard anything further than your letter about the repayment of stock looted from Gabra at Maikona.

I have sent a letter to Dyaz Madrid through Waldi but have had no answer.

Pitaruari Waldi told me he intended catching the Boran, who ran away, when they have to return to water on their side but he has promised that his men will not ~~catch~~ ^{cross} the boundary after them.

Should the Abyssinian Government eventually agree to the rectification of the boundary I fear that with the present force here we would have great difficulty in occupying it as the local officials would be dead against it. We would be sure to find bands of so called Tigre at all the wells and we would not get much help from the local officials.

The loss of Boran is a very serious matter to them as it is equivalent to having their private means greatly diminished and the loss of a great number of Boran.

Trade. The whole frontier from Tare to Waiye is now full of rinderpest.

Owing to the recent state of affairs I have stopped all traders coming up at present but there are a fair number still here.

I am quarantining all cattle at Marsabit for 20 days.

Cattle are at present high in price 20 to 25 dollars for cows but next June when Waidi tells me he is going to collect the tax again I expect the price will drop.

I think I received all the letters you mention.

I have etc.,

Sd. J. O. W. Hope

Officer-in-Charge, Northern
Frontier District.

E. M's Minister

Adis Ababa.

Statement of Abba Mundda, Abyssinian subject arrested
at village of Abdilli Ayo a Garre near
Gader.

I came to Abdilli's village about one year ago to sell buni and Abdilli told me to stay with him. I became a Mohammedan and I lived with him as his son since. I used to live at Gaddaduma but being afraid of Tigre I came into the Garre country. Since the Garre and Tigre fought near Guffoli about six weeks ago I have not seen any Tigre. I used to Arbitrate in disputes between Garre and Tigre when they had rows. I used to belong to Balamburas Waldi Gabriel but ran away because I was starved.

I know the names of two Tigre who live in Sidamo country. They are both called Aba Licha by Boran and one of them is called Atto Jambari by Abyssinians.

All the Tigre come from Balcha's country Jim Junta. The men killed by Garre near Guffoli were soldiers of Balcha.

I went against the Yahan to help Abdilli whose friends I was. Markos the Greek at Barrow supplied me with cartridges to hunt with.

Alli Abdi told me that he had informed Captain Aylmer I was living with the Garre and therefore there was no need for me to go and see him. Every one knows that Alli Abdi and Adan Sabu invited Abyssinians from as far as Shillake to come and fight Yahan.

Ed. J.O.V.Hope.

30th Aug. 1918

The above statement was made before me.

Ed. J.O.V.Hope

30th Aug. 1918.

On being brought before Fitawari Waldi in my ~~own~~ presence Abba Mudda stated:-

I took my discharge from Balamburas Waldi Gabriel and was with Basha Sangal at Gaddaduma. I went with Basha Sangal and other Tigre to help the game against Yehen. It was sometime after that that I went to live with the Garre.

Basha Sangal was leader of the Tigre and after him Sig Aleymeyh.

When Captain Alymer was killed at Gader I know that Aha Shango, Talafi Aleyo, Balacha who was one of Zaphiro's men and another 7 ~~of~~ Zaphiro's men whose name I don't know were at Gader at the time. They had come from Sidamo through Sale and had left ~~them~~ their safari at Sulo.

~~Sd.~~ J.O.W.Hope
Aug. 30th 1913.

Alto Daga States:-

Basha Sangal has been caught and sent to Adis Ababa. Fitawari Waldi sent to Balamburas Waldi Gabriel to send Abba Mudda to him. Abba Mudda ^{refused} ~~refused~~ to come and when I went to get him at Gaddaduma he ran away into British country and has been there since.

~~Sd.~~ J.O.W.Hope
Aug. 30th 1913.

Abdilli Ayo states:-

When the Tigre helped us against Yehen I did not know Abba Mudda except by name. It was not for some time after that he came to live with me.

~~Sd.~~ J. O. W. Hope
30th Aug. 1913.