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Military Situation

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Transmits diary of O.C. Troop  
from August 15<sup>th</sup> to September 2<sup>nd</sup>  
and of P. M. Mombasa from August  
15<sup>th</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>.

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~~Mr. Bottomley~~ Mr. G. Fiddes

As the Governor says, the  
enclosures to this despatch  
do not add much to our  
knowledge of the essential  
facts of the situation but  
they nevertheless fill up  
the gaps usefully, and I  
think we might reply to  
the second paragraph of  
the despatch by saying that  
the S. of S. is glad to  
receive this detailed information  
periodically.

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A good deal has happened in the  
E.A.P. since Septem 6<sup>th</sup>, when  
the despatch was written. Apart  
from the general measures taken,  
the details deal chiefly with (1)  
the Giviana trouble (2) the German  
attack on Voi (3) the operations  
near Kanga.

The Giviana tribes seem to  
have been with us, without  
withdrawing much from us and to  
have been given a sharp  
lesson.

As regards para. 6 of the  
despatch, we are <sup>still</sup> waiting to  
hear definitely from the India  
Office that Force B left  
on October 16<sup>th</sup>. As soon as  
we know so we can telegraph  
to R. & B. Briefed

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referred to <sup>above</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup>  
on the ability and success of  
the officers concerned.

There is a report of the German army  
participated to Giviana who found the robbery  
and trouble about a year ago.  
To be in progress. (3) W.C.B.  
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Dear Read:

I have had no official  
 business that you is  
 fully sealed but I have  
 ascertained from the  
 committee by telegram that they  
 have done so. As soon as we  
 receive the official communication  
 we will be glad to see you

Yours

W. M. G.

W. M. G.

In L<sup>2</sup> from Chs. Selwyn attached. Wait  
until we get next date of sailing, before  
telegraphing? H. J. R.

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I don't understand this. I 409

was told 2 days ago that  
B had been in 16; and then I  
rang up the Bureau today &  
from your official count, he expressed  
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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI,  
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

7 September 1914.

SECRET.

Sir,

With reference to my secret despatch of August 18, 1914, I have the honour to transmit copies of the diary of the Officer Commanding the Troops from August 15 to September 2, and that of the Provincial Commissioner, Mombasa, from August 15 to August 31. The statement of the Officer Commanding the Troops extends to the date on which Colonel Ward handed over charge of the Protectorate Forces to Brigadier-General Stewart, C.B., A.D.C.

2. As I am keeping you informed by telegraph of the position here, I do not anticipate that the enclosures to this despatch will add materially to your knowledge of the situation, but I presume that you will desire that all details of information should nevertheless be furnished to you periodically in the form in which I am submitting them.

3. The situation here at the time of writing is entirely satisfactory. The General Officer Commanding has

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

LEWIS HARCOURT, M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

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has expressed his appreciation of the measures already taken, and is in full accord with my view that our action should be mainly defensive until the Expeditionary Force is prepared to commence operations. The only material advance of the enemy against the Railway was, as indicated to you in my telegram of September 7, successfully repulsed, and our troops are now prepared to oppose aggression from any part of the Frontier.

4. In order to hold up any advance which may be made from the direction of Vanga, an entrenched post has been established at a point near the Ramisi River, about halfway between Vanga and Gazi, but it is not anticipated that any demonstration in force will be made in this direction.

5. It has been ascertained that the rising of the Giriama tribe was incited by disaffected natives, who brought news of the war with Germany and represented that the time was propitious for asserting independence. The subjection of these people is being undertaken by two companies of the K.A.R., who have my instructions to give the insurgents a sharp lesson which will render them once for all amenable to civil administration.

6. The only unsatisfactory feature of the present situation is the uncertainty as to the time of arrival of the B Force and the remainder of C Force. I realise however that there must be reasons which

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render the delay unavoidable, and we shall continue to maintain the present attitude of preparation and defence until further information is available.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

*A. Conroy*

GOVERNOR.

PROGRESS REPORT

by Officer Commanding Troops

From 15th August to 2nd September 1914.

August 15th

A parade of every available man was held at 10.30 a.m. and inspected by His Excellency the Governor. Strength as follows :-

- K.A.R. 480
- Volunteers 360

280 of the latter were mounted.

Wire received from O. C. Voi at 4.5 a.m. saying that a German force had rushed the Boma at Taveta and captured it.

The A.D.C., La Fontaine, escaped and arrived at Voi at 5.0 p.m.

On receipt of the above wire, 4 companies of the K.A.R. were immediately mobilised and entrained in No.3 emergency train. A later telegram was received from O.C. Voi saying that only native troops were used by the Germans, and a rough estimation of 100. Three of the companies were recalled, only Major Hawthorne and B company 4th K.A.R. proceeded down to Voi.

Wire received from Provincial Commissioner, Kisumu, that information was received that German forces were collecting at Masuma.

Major Hickson proceeded to Kisumu, en route for Uganda,



Uganda, where he is taking over command of the Troops.

A ration allowance of Rs. 2 per diem is allowed to British Non-Commissioned Officers and men authorised to draw rations.

August 16th The Officer Commanding Troops inspected all prisoners of war at the Jail and European School.

The armoured train was reported ready for service and made a trial trip down to Athi River and back.

August 17th Captain Grant, Railway Commandant, returned from inspection duty down the line, and handed in his report.

A large entrainment parade took place at 1.30 p.m.

No. 1 train Headquarters and Staff,  
2 Squadrons E.A.M.R.  
No. 2 train 2 Squadrons E.A.M.R.  
No. 3 train 3 companies K.A.R.  
1 section K.A.R. M.I.

All three trains were ready to move out of the main station 1½ hours after arriving at the station.

Trains Nos. 1 and 2 moved out about 4 miles down the line, where the troops detrained.

The first Squadron was ready to move off in half an hour, all four Squadrons were ready under the hour. The troops then retired back to Nairobi.

One section E.A.M.R. despatched to Narok Sura to stop Germans raiding Masai cattle.

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August 18th

Provincial Commissioner, Kisumu, despatched 638 porters for Mombasa.

Telegram from O. C. Voi saying German flag was flying over Mission at Taveta and enemy had destroyed the bridge over the River Tana.

Telegram from Governor, Uganda, to say that a force of 120 German native askaris were reported by A. D. C., Kigezi, seen near Lake Mulera; also asking if in event of open hostilities whether he should co-operate with the Congo Free State.

Wire from District Commissioner, Nakuru, forwarding contents of letter from Lord Delamere to the effect that the Masai cattle were being raided, and asking for some mounted troops to be sent down to protect them.

A conference was held in the orderly room.

Present :

Col Ward	O. C. Troops
Major Swinton Home	O. C. Volunteers
Capt. Filsell	C. S. O.
Capt. Ward	C. S. O. Volunteers
Mr Woosnam	C. I. O.

A telegram was sent to the Colonial Office requesting a ruling from the War Office on the subject of officers of the Regulars, Reserve, and Territorial Forces.

August 19th

Platoon 4th K. A. R. with Captain Carew and Lieut. Rushbridger left Nairobi at 9 a.m. for Voi.

s.s. Duplex ordered to proceed to Kismayu to fetch the Indian Transport Contingent, also all spare medical equipment.

News was received from O. C. Voi to the effect

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that the Germans were still occupying Taveta and had destroyed the bridge over the Lumi River.

Captain Symons, O.C. Defences Magadi, left on a patrol for Olemparasha, returning to mile 28 on 22nd August.

Orders issued to the Director of Mechanical Transport to send 8 Triumph motor cycles down to Voi as the O.C. Bura Camp says they are most essential for information purposes with regard to Taveta.

A Board, composed as under, assembled for the purpose of valuing transport.

President	The Director of Agriculture
Members	Capt. A.E. Fawcus, A.D.S. & T.
	One Veterinary Officer
	A nominee appointed by the owners.

August 20th

Mr A. Kirby, A.D.C. appointed labour recruiting officer to the Forces.

Warrants must be issued to all individuals or bodies of troops travelling on the Uganda Railway. Men travelling on military duty will be supplied with rations or subsistence allowance in lieu. Following officers empowered to issue warrants :-

S.O. K.A.R.	Nairobi
do.	Kisumu
do.	Voi
do.	Mombasa
do.	Volunteers, Nairobi
All District Commissioners	
Railway Commandant	
O.C. Sections, Uganda Railway.	

R.W. Munro given a temporary commission in the K.A.R. This officer formerly held a commission in the Grenadier Guards.

Standing Boards were composed as under :-

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For valuing Mechanical Transport.

President	Lieut. Dudgeon, D.M.T.
Members	A nominee appointed by the Central Supply Committee.
	A nominee appointed by the owners of the car.

For valuing Remounts.

President	The Director of Veterinary Services.
Members	An officer, R.A.M.R.
	A nominee appointed by the Central Supply Committee.

Letter received from the Marine Superintendent, Kisumu, reporting movements of patrol vessels. Lieut. Garrett, in command of the 'Percy Anderson' landed a reliable native to pick up information on German border. He reports that he slept at the Boma of Maharo Manga, and was informed by Shirati people that all Europeans had retired South to Musoma (Mara Bay).

On the 13th August he landed at Guribere Bay and found all was quiet. On 14th August, while cruising off Shirati, he intercepted a German dhow, 'Upese', of Mwanza, bound from Mwanza to Shirati. The dhow was sent to Kisumu, and the crew handed over to the O.C. Troops, Kisumu.

## DISPOSITION OF TROOPS, 21.8.14

KISUMU	2½ companies K.A.R.	247
NAIROBI	2 companies K.A.R.	200
	1 company E.A.R.	78
	1 company E.A.R. (Pathan)	67
	4 squadrons E.A.M.R.	306
VOI	3 companies K.A.R.	350
	1 section K.A.R. M.I.	30
	1 section Pioneers	16
MOMBASA	1 company K.A.R.	100
	1 Arab company	70

## RAILWAY DEFENCE TROOPS :

Railway Volunteer Reserve	50
Magadi Railway Volunteers	48
Indian Railway Volunteers	60

TOWN GUARDS at Kisumu, Nairobi, and Mombasa

TOTAL under arms 1,616

August 22nd

The O.C. Troops, Chief Staff Officer, and Capt. Ellwellyn left by special train at 7.5 p.m. for Voi.

Telegram received from Provincial Commissioner, Kisumu - "Caravan with small (?) German police force arrived opposite Utende during the night of August 18th. Dent moving back on learning that two white men with 40 men with arms are coming forward German border."

August 23rd

Wire from Provincial Commissioner, Kisumu - "It seems probable that German activity in South Kavirondo border is connected with raiding food supplies (stop). I have sent to the District Commissioner, Kisii, telling him to send European women and children and non-native women and children, &c., into Kisumu at once."

Wire from O.C. Mombasa - "Reynolds with 56 rank and file left for Kalifi at 7.56 p.m."

Captain Place, officer i/c Uganda porters, wired to say that he and 1,000 porters would arrive Nairobi 7 a.m. Tuesday.

Lieut. Lathan and 1/2 B company 3rd K.A.R. arrived at Kisumu at 2.15 a.m.

Wire from C.S.O. at Leave - "Send B company to Voi soon as possible in relief of F company proceeding Mombasa in view situation Giriama, M.O. to accompany." Dr Russell warned and train arranged with R.S.O.

Wire from O.C. Voi asking for F company's reserve ammunition, also further 20,000 rounds.

Wire from O.C. Troops to O.C. Mombasa ordering  
him

him to hand over his command to Major Hawthorne and report himself at Nairobi.

Wire from Intelligence Officer, Voi - "Motor cyclist reached Soloita Hill to-day; reports he saw one armed European on the Voi side of the latter hill, and 4 armed Europeans on the Taveta side of the hill (stop). He saw no black troops (stop). The bridge near Nanjoro, 10 miles from Taveta, has been burned down recently, he found it smoking (stop). Native spies brought negative reports from Pouasa and Kasigau."

Civil officers attached to the Military or Volunteer Forces will draw pay at the rate of the rank to which they are appointed provided that such pay is greater than their departmental pay; but in the event of such pay being less they will continue to draw pay at the latter rate from their several departments (extract from Command Orders).

Two squadrons F.A.M.R., A and C, left for Ngong for squadron training.

O.C. Troops inspected defensive works constructed at Tsavo and Bura Camp.

August 24th

Wire from O.C. Mombasa - "Reynolds at Kilifi (stop). A.D.C. there reports no immediate danger (stop). Hawthorne at Maseras moving to Rabai, no danger there (stop). Malindi reports runners cannot get to Mangua (stop). Should troops advance into Giriana to relieve Dundas, Champion, and Haselrigg, or should these be allowed to take care of themselves."

The Acting O.C. Troops, Major Swinton Home, went

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to Government House to consult with the Governor re this subject.

Wire from O.C. Voi, 6.30 a.m. - "Native scouts report from Kasigau 2 white men with 20 German askaris arrived there at 4 p.m. yesterday (23rd), probable objective Maungu (stop). I have sent a patrol to Maungu."

Wire from Intelligence, Bura, 9.17 a.m. - "Message received from Kasigau reads as follows: Germans are at Kasigau; they are going to cut the railway (stop). Scouts bringing message report further that Germans are 2 in number with about 20 askaris and accompanied by a large number of German natives carrying water."

Following answer to above wire sent by O.C. Troops - "Reference Kasigau. Touch must be kept with this party and endeavour made to intercept and capture (stop). Utilise railway if necessary (stop). Giffard and B company 103 rank and file leave here for Voi 2 p.m. to-day"

Answer from O.C. Troops to wire from O.C. Mombasa - "Energetic and drastic action to be taken at once for suppression of Giriama trouble, further instructions follow."

O.C. Troops arrived Nairobi from Voi, 12.30 p.m. Lieut. Latham and B company 3rd K.A.R. arrived Nairobi from Kisumu, 2 p.m.

One officer and 13 rank and file of the signallers section, N.A.M.R., left Nairobi for Magadi at 12.30 p.m. to put out a signalling line between Lord Delamere Magadi - Ngong.



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Wire from O.C. Troops, Mombasa, - "Dickson reports that some German askaris crossed the border at Lushanga on night of 22nd, am awaiting confirmation." (Note: Lushanga is about 14 miles from Coast on Anglo-German boundary).

Wire from O.C. Troops, Mombasa, re the Giriama situation - "Messages from Takaungu and Malindi reassuring but there is no information about Dundas or Mangea (stop). P.C. is most anxious that administrative post at Mangea should be maintained (stop). Reynolds left Kilifi for Mangea at 1 p.m. to-day."

August 25th

Wire from the Acting Governor, Uganda, stating that only 300 rounds of ammunition per rifle available including volunteers and requesting that a further supply should be sent at once.

Captain Place and 1,000 porters arrived from Uganda.

Wire from O.C. Mombasa - "Malindi reports Mangea attacked 22nd and 23rd but able to hold out (stop). Haselizer has joined Champion. Have informed Hawthorne."

Wire from O.C. 401, 7.00 p.m. - "Two foreigners evidently German with 6 porters crossed line at Maungu this afternoon from direction of Kifigau (stop). They recrossed the line again about 6 p.m. and were followed up by men from armoured train who must be close on their heels. I have stopped all traffic on line between here and Mackinnon Road for

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the night and have line well patrolled.

Wire from O.C. Mombasa, 8.6 p.m. - "Hemsted has returned from Rabai (stop). Reports from there were founded on rumour."

Lieut. Batham and J B company 3rd K.A.R. left for Voi at 7 p.m., also the Pathan company of the East Africa Regiment.

One company 4th K.A.R. ordered from Kisumu to Nairobi.

Lieut. Philipps, signalling officer, left for Voi at 7 p.m. with 10 signallers.

Captain King, R.E., proceeded to Magadi Junction to inspect the permanent way on the Magadi branch line. (After inspection he recommended two Indian railway gangers and 32 labourers be at once sent to Magadi Junction with a week's posho. Further food supplies can be obtained locally).

Wire from O.C. Voi, 9.30 a.m. - "Have caught the two Germans with dynamite at mile 78 this morning (stop). Hope to catch their escort in vicinity of Kasigin to-day (stop). Further details later."

The two prisoners were ordered to Nairobi.

Wire from O.C. Mombasa, 9.10 a.m. - "Takaungu in communication with Major Hawthorne (company, 4th K.A.R.) who was at Ndovuni at 11.30 a.m. yesterday (stop). Reynolds should reach Mangua to-day (stop). Hawthorne should join him this evening or to-morrow morning."

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Wire from O.C. Mombasa, 2.15 p.m. - "Wavell arrived Gazi, have directed him to obtain touch with enemy and delay him (stop). (Attenborough) as Engineer; Watkins and Jones as subalterns (stop). Necessary to send Watkins as he knows natives and country (stop). May I employ Montgomerie and Somalis (stop). No other troops available."

Wire from O.C. Troops, Voi, 3.15 p.m. - "Capt. Giffard with remainder of B company, 1st K.A.R., left for Bara this morning (stop). Don't know if Germans captured this morning are soldiers (stop). They are wearing a band of German colours on left arm but otherwise no uniform (stop). No news of the escort. Germans say they had no escort except 6 boys 4 of whom escaped into the bush."

Repeated wires from O.C. Mombasa asking for troops as what with columns out in Rabai, Mungea, and Gazi, he has not enough duty men to find guards for all ridges, &c. &c. In consequence the O.C. Troops sent 75 men of K.A.R. reservists and A company E.A. Regiment to Voi.

Wire from O.C. Mombasa, 1 p.m. - "Urgent. Dickson reports Vanga attacked by 250 Germans with 8 officers and 3 guns (stop). Have wired Senior Naval Officer (stop). Time of message 9.30 p.m. 25th; attack expected to-day."

Wire from O.C. Troops to O.C. Mombasa, 5.15 p.m. - "Wire all information about Vanga (stop). Has it been attacked and if so are we still in possession."

August 27th

Lieuts. Foster and Oldfield with 106 rank and file

file of A company 4th K.A.R. arrived at Nairobi  
7 a.m. from Kisumu.

Wire from O.C. Mombasa, 7 a.m. - "Dickson  
reports 10 p.m. 25th instant : Germans attacking  
Vanga, supposed strength 8 Germans 350 troops (stop).  
More troops reported as coming up from Tanga (enda).  
Wavell is advancing towards Vanga and will fight  
delaying action (stop). Am preparing positions at  
Gazi (stop). Have wired to Resident, Zanzibar, to  
inform Davies that if Germans have reached Ramisi  
River he should proceed to Gazi and disembark there.  
Am raising every available man here."

Later, 7.20 a.m.

"Dickson, Vanga, 6 a.m. 26th. Attack during  
night confined to reconnaissance by patrols (stop).  
We are now hearing the sound of cannon at sea."

Wire to Resident, Zanzibar, from O.C. Troops,  
10 a.m. - "Vanga of no importance. If Germans have  
occupied it they will be left undisturbed for the  
present (stop). Action probably only to prevent us  
obtaining further information. Wire to S.N.Q. for  
assistance in case of any further advance on  
Mombasa. Concentration of enemy at Moschi holds  
large part of my infantry at Voi and Tsavo."

Wire to O.C. Mombasa, 10.15 a.m. - "If Vanga  
has been taken it is of no importance (stop). Get  
in touch with enemy from Gazi but do not attempt to  
re-capture Vanga (stop). Davis to return to  
Zanzibar and Watkins to Mombasa for special duty.

Two Germans and six natives caught on the line

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at mile 76 arrived at Nairobi. Their papers, &c., have been handed over to the Intelligence Office.

Lieut. Batham arrived at Mombasa with K.A.R. reservists, 7 a.m.

Wire from Resident, Zanzibar, to O.C. Troops, 1.20 p.m. - "With reference to your telegram of 27th August, unless I hear to the contrary will instruct Kalifa and Zanzibar troops to return to Zanzibar on arrival of Wavell at his destination."

Capt. Reynolds, Dundas, and Champion all arrived at Munga by 4.30 p.m., also Major Hawthorne later on in the day.

Lieut. Prithi Singh was sent on railway defence duty from Mombasa with men from the 53rd Camel Corps.

Wire received from H.O. Uganda giving complete dispositions of troops in Uganda:

August 28th  
Capt. Gwellyn and Lieut. Rose left for Mombasa at 3 p.m. - the former to take up duties as Embarkation Staff Officer, the latter to command a company of reservists.

Wire from O.C. Mombasa to say the Giriana had burnt down a C.M.S. Mission at Jilore. No casualties.

O.C. Troops inspected the remount depot and sick lines.

Following is table of events to date in the Giriana country :-

19th A.D.C. attacked at Vitengeni by 150 men; attack repulsed.

20th Permanent camp at Vitengeni burnt.

22nd Attack on Manges repulsed.

23rd Attack repeated, and D.C. attacked on road from Rabai. Permanent camp at Jilora burnt. 200 Giriama threatened Dr Waters at Magarini but remained on Marafa. Lieut. Reynolds with 1 company left Kilifi.

26th Lieut. Reynolds arrived Manges without opposition. Major Hawthorne and F company 4th K.A.R. left Rabai.

27th Major Hawthorne arrived Manges without opposition.

Most of the insurgents believed to be in Baricho and Marafa districts. Two columns marched on those districts 28th. Administration not in danger if present police strength maintained. Anticipate troops will not meet with much opposition but think that country will not be reduced to settled state unless troops here at present can operate for about one month.

Wire sent from O.C. Troops to O.C. Giriama patrol that operations should be carried on with vigour and to thoroughly subdue the district.

Major Hawthorne left Malindi in the 'Duplex' for Mombasa.

Position at Voi and District, 28th August 1916

1. Pashaan company guarding Makindu section of line.
2. Patrol of 1 officer and 25 men at Kasigau, plenty of water there now and food sent every seven days. Mr la Fontaine, late A.D.C. Taveta, also at Kasigau.
3. Lieut. Lovegrove with pickets on Tsavo River.
4. K.A.R. M.I. ordered back to Bura.

August 29th  
O.C. Troops had an interview with the Director of Agriculture re the obtaining of meat supplies for troops from India. The Director of Agriculture said that ample could be obtained for the needs of troops operating in and from B.E.A., and a wire

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was sent to the Resident, Zanzibar, to this effect.

Wire from O.C. Voi, received at 3 p.m., that 3 motor cyclists had been fired on at 7 a.m. just South of Muktan and that one, Goodwin, had been severely wounded.

Wire received from Capt. Symonds, O.C. Magadi Defence Force, at 8 p.m., that a party of 20 Germans and a few askaris, all mounted, had crossed the border, and at midnight on night of 28th/29th were seen crossing Western slopes of Kilimanjaro.

O.C. Troops, C.S.O., and A.D.C. to O.C. Troops left Nairobi by special train at 10.30 p.m. Met Capt. Symonds at Athi River. He said that the party of Germans were being carefully watched and that he himself was leaving mile 28 of the Magadi Line at dawn with 10 men to try and cut them off.

Two squadrons of Bowker's Horse were ordered to entrain at 4.30 a.m. tomorrow - one squadron to proceed to mile 28 on the Magadi Line and the other to Kiu.

All stations from Magadi to Makindu were ordered to keep a sharp lookout.

The O.C. Troops spent the night at Magadi Junction.

Left Magadi Junction at 10.30 a.m. Troop trains with two squadrons left Nairobi at 8.40 a.m. No further news from Symonds re German patrol.

Received wire from O.C. Voi at 2.30 p.m. that a strong party of Germans was advancing on Bura.

Precautions taken :-

1. One company wired for from Mombasa.

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- 2. One company told to be held in readiness at Nairobi.
- 3. Pathan Company ordered back to Voi.
- 4. Armoured train ordered back to Voi.
- 5. Capt. Kershaw ordered from Makindu to rejoin armoured train at Voi as Lieut. Dent was ill.

On arrival [redacted] 1, 7 p.m., O.C. Voi met the train and informed us that the German patrol had retired. Presume this was merely a reconnaissance in force.

Met Captain Saunders and one Reserve Company K.A.R. at Maji ya Chumvi, proceeding from Mombasa.

Arrived Mombasa 1 a.m., night 30th/31st.

Half A company 3rd K.A.R. under Lieut. Munro proceeded to Kiu in order to strengthen the defences of two railway bridges there.

August 31st

The O.C. Troops inspected the Mombasa defences. H.M.S. Pegasus left at 10.30 a.m. to meet the Trooper Bairung.

All arrangements with regard to trains and food for Indian troops complete under Capt. Llewellyn.

Cyclist Orderly brought letters from Lieut. Wavell, who reported that he had taken up a position just outside and to the North of Vanga, also that the Germans were not occupying Vanga.

September 1st

H.M.S. Pegasus and Fox arrived at 3.30 a.m., the latter having acted as escort to the Trooper across the Indian Ocean. The Trooper arrived at 10 a.m. On board were Colonel Stewart, G.O.C. Expeditionary Force C, and Staff and the 29th Punjab. Total

strength



strength 18 British officers and 874 rank and file.  
Disembarkation proceeded with at once.

First troop train, consisting of 1 battalion  
29th Punjabis under Major James, en route for Voi,  
left at 6 p.m.

Special train, consisting of G.O.C. and Staff,  
left at 7 p.m.

Wire received from O.C. Voi to say that M.I.  
and Lieut. Davis had been heavily fired on by a  
strong party of Germans on the Nzoia River.

September 2nd Wire received from O.C. Voi giving detailed  
account of casualties with Lieut. Davis. One K.A.R.  
askari wounded in hand (severe), also one Somali.  
Two mules shot. Enemy's casualties about five. They  
expended much ammunition, also used a quick-firing  
gun.

Party of three Germans still proceeding  
towards railway in vicinity of Maungu. Armoured  
train despatched to that section of the line.

Wire from O.C. Kisumu - "1,000 troops concentrated  
at Mwakia, majority proceeding to Tabora but being  
recalled now. One gun from Bukoba reported sent  
Kwana. These numbers include all troops West of  
Lake Victoria.

Special train arrived Nairobi, 10.45 p.m.

REPORT ON WAR MEASURES, MOMBASA,  
From August 15th to August 31st 1914.

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August, 15th

Wire received from the Senior Naval Officer that the 1,200 tons coal on board the s.s. Pundua was not required by the Admiralty.

s.s. Pundua sailed for Bombay at 8 a.m.

Mr Seth Smith withdrawn from Intelligence Service and relieved by District Commissioner, Rabai.

On instructions D.C. troops Nairobi, order circulated that private owners of horses or mules should submit returns of all horses and mules in their possession. Veterinary Officer instructed to compile statistics.

Electric connection made between searchlights on Makupa Bridge and Power Station.

Makupa Bridge and Lighthouse connected by telephone with Exchange

Arranged with agents that chartered steamer 'Duplex' should carry passengers if space available and that agents should issue tickets as formerly and pay over proceeds to Government less agent's commission.

Information received from private sources that Union-Castle s.s. Gascon left Southampton on 8th via Cape to Mombasa, and that s.s. Llandovery Castle is leaving Southampton on 3rd September to arrive

Mombasa

Mombasa September 29th.

Information received by tapped wire that Taveta had been taken by Germans, confirmed later by District Commissioner, Voi.

s.s. Warrior of Hall Line left for Aden with cargo of hides, &c.

August 16th

Chartered steamer 'Duplex' arrived from Northern Ports with cargo of cattle and grain for Government, and porters from Lamu and Malindi for Government service.

Cargo of s.s. Duplex handed over to C. C. Commissariat to take on Government charge.

s.s. Duplex left for Zanzibar with cargo of

100 cattle

600 sheep

128 bags potatoes and onions

consigned to Zanzibar Government.

August 17th

Enlistment of Pathan Company under command of Hon. F. W. Major commenced.

Hon. F. W. Major took over Censorship from Mr de Lacy who is sick.

Arranged for wives of German and Austrian prisoners to draw rations from Commissariat.

August 18th

Mr Mitchell took over Intelligence work in Rabai District.

Lookout North of Mombasa reports three steamers sighted steaming Southwards, 16 miles North of Mombasa, 6.15 a.m. Later, 6.55 a.m., turned North.

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all unidentified but thinks one may be a gunboat.

Senior Naval Officer informed by wire, and replied - "Send further information at once if steamers are sighted again."

Information wired to Governor.

Report received from District Commissioner, Voi, re German occupation of Taveta. Copy attached.

s.s. Hongsfoe (Norwegian) arrived from Seychelles with cargo of timber.

Volunteer Forces reorganised by G.C. Troops, Mombasa, into classes 1 and 2.

Ships in Harbour :

- s.s. Adalia      Salt Mine
- Barque Titania Norwegian.

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August 19th

Mauritius-Seychelles cable broken 40 miles from Seychelles. Zanzibar-Sevanelles cable broken 40 miles from Zanzibar. Governor informed by wire.

Chartered steamer 'Duplex' returned from Zanzibar.

Italian steamer 'Porto de Alessandretta' arrived from Aden.

Norwegian barque 'Titania' left for Zanzibar.

Meeting of Committee of Supplies with merchants. Draft proposals for adjustment of prices sent to Nairobi for approval.

G.C. Marine instructed wire Secretariat direct all steamers sailing for Europe.

T. A. Dickson, A.D.C., Shimoni, appointed by G.C. Troops Intelligence Officer, Shimoni District, with

with local rank of Lieutenant. This for the purpose of regularising his scouting operations on the German Border where he is performing valuable services.

Ships in Harbour

<u>Ships in Harbour</u>	<u>Line</u>
s.s. Adalia	Hall
" Duplex	Government
" Porto de Alessandria	Italian
" Kongosfen	Norwegian

Meeting with Chamber of Commerce and O.C. Troops and Acting Provincial Commissioner in which O.C. Troops explained the 2nd line of defence scheme and appealed to employers to allow their employees to join Class II of Volunteers. It was agreed that all drills should take place from 6 to 8 a.m. and from 4 to 6 p.m. in order to dislocate business as little as possible.

August 20th

Flour Mill erected in Public Works Dept. yards.

August 21st

s.s. Palmaotta arrived from Bombay with cargo of foodstuffs.

Chartered steamer 'Duplex' left for Kismayu to bring back Indian Contingent and grain and stock from Lamu and Malindi.

British India s.s. Belconda arrived from Aden.

Report received from Smith Mackenzie & Co. that cargo of s.s. Jelunga, consigned to Mombasa and Lamu, had been taken by Zanzibar Government.

Information received through Malindi that A.D.C., Giriana, was in need of assistance owing to attack by natives. Hazelrigg, A.D.C., Malindi, instructed to

proceed

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proceed with 10 men to his assistance, and 20 more men sent same day to D.C. Rabai, for Giriama. Copy of instructions attached.

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Certain information wired to Naval Officer, on receipt of which he wired that 'Pegasus' would be at Vanga at 7 a.m. on 22nd.

August 22nd

Seven German and Austrian prisoners of war arrived from Nairobi and were placed on board the Italian ship 'Porto de Alessandretta.'

Saw Italian Consul with reference to arrest of prisoner of war, Schmith, on board Italian ship, for debt. Italian Consul gave note to Captain of ship instructing him to allow arrest.

s.s. Palmoetta left with Lieut. Friggs, R.N.R., to join Senior Naval Officer at Zanzibar and letters for S.H.O. in charge of Captain.

Gave Austrian Consul his passport.

Captain Redwell and two sections K.A.R. Reserves left for Vanga.

s.s. Pegasus arrived at Vanga.

Italian ship 'Porto de Alessandretta' left for Naples with German prisoners and Austrian Consul and mails.

August 23rd  
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News re Giriama confidential paper attached.

One company K.A.R. left by launch for Kilifi under command of Capt. Reynolds.

Meeting of local committee for food supplies with chairman, Central Committee, and Tarlton.

Ships in Harbour

Line

- s.s. Adalia
- " Colconda
- " Kongosfos

- Hall Line
- British India
- Norwegian

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August 24th

Major Hawthorne arrived Rabai with company of K.A.R. from Voi.

Note received from A.D.C., Takaungu, that company K.A.R. had arrived at Kilifi.

s.s. Adalia, Hall Line, left for Zanzibar.

Copy of report by A.D.C., Shimoni, at Vanga, a port near German Boundary, with reference to measures taken to guard against a rumoured German attack attached.

Incl. 4

Instructions received from O.C. Nairobi to take drastic and energetic measures against Giriama. One column to operate from Kilifi under Lieut. Reynolds, other from Rabai under Major Hawthorne. Columns to join at Edozuni and march on Mangesa. After operations, one column to return Malindi and the other to Kibokoni on Kilifi Creek

Information received by wire about midnight 24th that Mangesa station was attacked on 22nd and 23rd. Attacks were beaten off. No Government casualties. No difficulty anticipated in holding station. Mailbags arrived with reinforcement of 10 men on 23rd.

Meeting of delegates of Central Committee of food supplies with Mombasa Sub-Committee continued.

Report by A.D.C. Shimoni that German askaris are said to have crossed the frontier at Lushanga, 21 miles N.W. of Vanga, on evening of 22nd. Resident, Zanzibar, informed by O.C. Takaungu.

August 25th

Following wire received from Rabai - "Local native reports that hut-counter Wilson and askari killed and Rabai retainer Leguta captured by Germans

Germans near Maungu. States Rabai will be attacked to-day, Wakamba and Duruma tribes gathering."

Went to Rabai and from brief inquiry in short time at my disposal gathered that the Duruma are most friendly and there is not the smallest ground to anticipate any attack on Rabai station from them or the Wakamba. The askari reported killed I heard returned just after I left Rabai. No definite news obtainable regarding Germans, but found Griffiths of Mazeras was having all paths carefully watched by Duruma, who are being most useful as scouts.

No information obtainable regarding Mungea station. Giriama natives in Malindi and Takaungu districts reported quiet.

August 26th

Information received from Malindi that Dundas had reached and relieved Mungea station. He was attacked on the way, but drove off his assailants, killing 8. Dundas had no casualties.

French Mail 'Oceanien' arrived.

French Mail 'Oceanien' and British India s.s. Gelconda left for Zanzibar.

Reinforcements sent to Vanga on account of reported impending attack on Vanga station.

Chartered steamer 'Duplex' arrived from Kismayu.

August 27th

Report from Dickson, A.D.C., that he was attacked by Germans at Vanga on 25th and was alright on 25th. No details.

1,000 porters arrived from Uganda for military service. Total to date 2,400.

On



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On instructions O.C. Troops chartered steamer 'Duplex' ordered to remain in harbour pending instructions.

Later report from Dickson that attack on Vango by Germans was unsuccessful and that he had no casualties. He reports hearing cannonading at sea.

Had pumps fitted to wells to increase water supply for porters.

Rev. Bissett, of U.M. Mission, Ribe, applied through A.D.C. Rabai for askaris on ground that he had received reliable information that the Giriama were promised they would destroy his Mission. Informed that he could not have askaris and that if he felt insecure he should withdraw.

Ships in Harbour :

s.s. Kongesnes, Norwegian  
" Duplex, Government.

August 28th

District Commissioner, Malindi, reports by 'phone that the Giriama from North of the Sabaki burnt down the C.M.S. Mission Station at Jilori on the Malindi-Manga Road on the 27th. The station is one which was abandoned by European Missionaries and left in charge of native catechists. No one killed or injured, and buildings of little value.

s.s. Duplex left for Malindi to bring back Major Hawthorne and his company of K.A. Re to Mombasa.

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Reports by Lieuts. Newell and Dickson on situation South of Mombasa attached.

August 29th

Report from District Commissioner, Malindi, that  
Capt.

Capt. Caraw, in charge company K.A.R., was attacked by large numbers of Giriama at Jilori and drove them off, inflicting heavy loss.

Report from Griffiths, Maseras, Duruma quiet.

s.s. Duplex arrived from Malindi with Major Hawthorne and troops.

Further report by Lieut. Dickson on situation South of Mombasa attached.

H.M.S. Pegasus arrived.

British India s.s. Galeonda arrived from Zanzibar

Capt. Carew and company of F.A.R. arrived Malindi.

Major Hawthorne took over command of troops, Mombasa, from Capt. Saunders

Saw Commander of 'Pegasus' and arranged details of disembarkation of Indian troops expected 31st by 'Nairung'

Further report by Lieut. Wavell on military situation South of Mombasa attached.

Officer Commanding Troops of British East Africa and Uganda arrived.

Copy of report by District Commissioner, Malindi, regarding the sons of the late rebel Mbaruk living in German East Africa, inciting the Giriama to rise, attached.

Mombasa lighthouse re-lit on advice of Commander of H.M.S. Pegasus.

Mission station, Jilori, reported to have been

burnt

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burnt down by Giriana on 27th, now reported to be  
old Government Camp, not Mission station.

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Intelligence report by Lieut. Dickson attached.

(Signed)

R. HEMSTED,

Ag. P. C.

Enclosure No. 1

District Commissioner's Office,

VOI,

August 17th 1914.

Sir,

In confirmation of my wire of the 15th instant, I have the honour to inform you that the German troops occupied Taveta at daybreak on that day and are since reported to have burned the station and the C.M.S. house. Mr la Fontaine escaped and reached Voi by motor the same evening. The District Clerk, Mr M. Rodrigues, was last seen making for the Taveta Forest. He has not yet reported at Voi.

Twelve of the Police have arrived at Voi. One has probably been killed or captured, and the remaining seven who were out in the district are not yet accounted for.

It seems probable that no further advance is at present intended by the Germans but that Taveta was merely occupied owing to its being our principal source of intelligence regarding the movement of troops on the other side of the Frontier.

The Government cash and ammunition had previously been sent in to Voi by the Assistant District Commissioner

I have, &c.,

(Signed) W. A. F. PLATTS,  
District Commissioner.

cc Ag. Provincial Commissioner,  
Mombasa.

Enclosure No. 2.

MOMBASA,

August 21st 1914.

Officer Commanding Troops has countermanded order for evacuation of Mangesa. Henslrigg leaves Malindi with relief of 10 men, and 20 more being sent to you. You should go to Champion's assistance with these men, and use you can spare from Rabai, and use your discretion with regard to remaining there. If you remain, Henslrigg should return to Malindi, otherwise Henslrigg should remain there.

If Mangesa cannot be held on account of scarcity of water, retire to some other suitable point and try to hold out.

(Signed) J. S. HENSTREE,

As. Provincial Commissioner.

District Commissioner,

Rabai.

Confidential.

Enclosure No. 3.

August 23rd, Sunday :

About 4 p.m. received telephone message from D.C. Malindi that he had received reports that Giriama North of Sabaki were massing preparatory to attack on Waters, planter at Margarithi, about 7 miles North of Malindi.

Arranged with D.C. Malindi to start to his assistance with all available force, consisting of 4 Europeans and 5 police.

No information obtainable regarding Champion at Mangesa.

About 6 p.m. received telephone message from Takaungu that settlers at Sikoke, about 6 miles North of Takaungu, expected to be attacked by about 500 natives.

Arranged with A.D.C. Takaungu to go out and get them in to Gedge's plantation at Kilifi Creek.

About 5.30 p.m. received telephone message from A.D.C. Takaungu that messenger had come in from Dundas, who was at Nguvuni, about 20 miles South of Mangesa, on his way to help Champion, that there was a general rising in Giriama and that the situation was very serious.

Troops despatched by launch 'Mvita' to Kilifi same evening, and Vidal instructed to meet at Gedge's Jetty and have guides ready.

VANGA,

22nd August 1914.

10 p.m.

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Sir,

I have the honour to report that at 7.30 a.m. to-day the s.s. Mvita was sighted heading for here. On rowing out to meet her I found H.M.S. Pegasus was also lying off the Coast.

On boarding the latter I was given your letter of instructions by Lieut. Rodwell, who immediately began disembarking his men.

The Senior Naval Officer informed me that H.M.S. Khalifa was also coming up with troops, which she did at 9.30. Capt. Davies, K.A.R., came on board the 'Pegasus' and advised me that his instructions were to only land his troops in case of necessity. We decided we should land and inspect the town and advise, which was done.

Capt. Davies was anxious to make an immediate demonstration at the border, but I could not agree. I had your definite order not to take any <sup>of</sup> defensive action; further, Lieut. Rodwell's men were tired out, and my local knowledge assured me that the objects aimed at were attained, i.e. (1) the natives reassured, and (2) an attack by the Germans prevented by the show of force. The S.N.O. agreed with me, and wired you accordingly.

By night all equ  
more extended defence

commenced.

commenced.

Captain Davies returned to H.H.S. Khalifa in the afternoon, and the S.W.O. informed me he would give orders for her to stand by for 36 hours in case we needed further assistance.

3rd 8 a.m.

Information received last night states that 5 Europeans and 30 askaris slept in the Boma at Kivururu last night, also some German askaris crossed the Border at Lushanga, 39°4 E 30°S. The villagers fled. I am awaiting further confirmation of this.

I have, &c

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(signed)

AINSWORTH DICKSON,  
Lieut.

R. F. C.



Officer Commanding Troops,  
Mombasa.

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Arrived here 1 p.m. No opposition encountered;  
found all quiet.

On discussion with Capt. Davies, Lieut. Dickson,  
and Lieut. Watkins, in the light of facts known and  
orders received up to the time of writing, decided  
to submit for your sanction the following plan :

It is considered that Vanga is untenable and  
that we risk a disaster by remaining here, that it  
is most desirable that Lieut. Dickson should remain  
in the neighbourhood, that the method of protecting  
Mombasa is by means of a mobile column in close  
touch with the enemy.

It is proposed to evacuate Vanga, to build a  
strong fortified post for Lieut. Dickson and a small  
garrison in the nearest defensible locality, to  
retire with all troops available to Majoroni and  
bring up porters &c. to that place from Gazi, to  
prepare all bridges between Majoroni and Gazi for  
destruction and prepare positions on that road; that  
Capt. Davies with his men should remain at Vanga till  
evacuation complete, then return to Zanzibar.

Lieut. Watkins will explain details and reasons  
for choosing Majoroni, &c. It has been assumed that  
the sole object at present is to delay enemy's  
advance up the Coast.

If you are able to sanction this, suggest you  
wire to avoid loss of time.

(Signed) A. J. B. WARELL, Lieut.

O.C. K.A.R. Reserve No. 2

VANGA,  
10 p.m., August 27th 1914.

VANGA,

26th August 1914.

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Yesterday evening at 9 p.m. information brought in that 8 Germans and troops (number unknown) have arrived at Kivururu, also 3 guns.

At 9.15 another informer came from Jassin stating that Germans 8 and troops 250 had arrived at Jassin at 6.30 and attack was to take place during the night or to-day.

Sent despatches to G.C. troops, &c.

At 10 p.m. alarm given by sentry to S. All sentries fall in. Fired some nuts, and a little later saw, by the light, figures moving about in coconut shamba. Lt. Redwell and I fired, and then ordered troops to fire. Fire returned. No casualties on either side.

At 2.30 a.m. figures seen again, which withdrew on being fired at.

From information received this morning it appears the party consisted of some 4 or 6 Germans, 30 or 35 troops and porters. Object presumably to blow up guns on Boma.

Worked away at completing defence.

No reports in. Situation unchanged. All well here.

(Signed) T. AINSWORTH DICKSON,

Lieut.

(Contd)

VANGA,

27th August 1914.

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6.15 a.m.

H.M.S. Pegasus sighted. Went on board later and informed by S.N.O. that H.H.S. Khalifa was coming up with reinforcements under Captain Davies. Discussed situation with S.N.O., who wired to O.C. Troops, Mombasa. H.H.S. Khalifa arrived, and disembarkation of troops begun.

2 p.m.

Lieut. Wavell and troops arrived.

2.15 p.m.

Capt. Davies arrived and assumes Command, in view of somewhat conflicting instructions I suggest a meeting of all officers. Capt. Davies states that he has no alternative but to assume command. I consider that in view of O.C. Troops' instructions, and not having received any order from V. & A. to hand over the district, the full responsibility still rests with me. Capt. Davies states that in that case he will embark his troops and leave for Zanzibar. In view of the critical situation I decide that, pending a reply to a telegram sent to O.C. Troops in regard to the point, Capt. Davies may assume command, he accepting full responsibility for the military and civil operations in the Shimoni-Vanga district. Instructed Lieut. Wavell to place himself under Capt. Davies' orders.

(Signed) T. AINSWORTH DICKSON,  
Lieut.

August 28th 1914.

7 a.m.

Capt. Davies received instructions to return Zanzibar with his men and H. W. S. Khalifa.

8 a.m.

Lieut. Watkins left for Membasa.

10 a.m.

Embarkation of troops completed. Capt. Davies left; Lieut. Wavell formally asks District Officer to take command of district again who doing so requests Lieut. Wavell to take charge of all military operations.

1 p.m.

Lieut. Triggs, R.N.R., reports himself - S.N.O. having sanctioned his remaining with force at Vanga in charge of one maxim and 2 men.

4 p.m.

Troopers Hawath and Bulew reported being despatched.

9 p.m.

Trooper Huntington and Lewis reported being despatched.

All well; health of men satisfactory.

Intelligence.

Information received that in skirmish on Tuesday night Germans carried away two men, whether wounded or killed unknown. The force that night consisted of 4 Europeans and 45 troops.

No other reports in. It is becoming more and more difficult to get through the German patrol.

(Signed) T. AINSWORTH DICKSON, Lieut.

Ag. D. C.

Officer Commanding Troops,

Mombasa.

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Your secret order No. 23 just received. I am sending orders to Gazi to bring up my stores to the Ramisi to-day. I shall retire on the Majoreni position to-morrow morning, simultaneously making a demonstration against the enemy's fortified post on the Frontier.

Lieut. Innes is now engaged in preparing the Ramisi River for obstructing enemy's advance.

Lieut. Lower is at Gazi. I have instructed him to co-operate with Lieut. Innes and also to start work on a defensive position at or near Gazi village.

Nothing of importance to report from here.

Lieut. Dickson and myself yesterday decided to raise a corps of scouts. Wadigo, Wakamba, Wagaruma organised in sections according to tribes, to be given uniforms and armed with sticks. We also told the W. walli to call for volunteers for an Arab irregular corps, to be armed when rifles are available, for service between the line of the Ramisi River and the German Frontier.

Please inform me if you desire these plans to be proceeded with.

On the departure of Capt. Davies, Lieut. Triggs, R.M.L.I., with a maxim gun and crew, reported to me for duty.

Stores. Supplies of food for officers and men will soon be required at Gazi. I am not indenting for these

these direct as it seems to me that you may prefer to make an advanced depot at Gazi. Including porters, I may have to ration 500 men between here and Mombasa. I think therefore arrangements should be made promptly to get supplies forward in charge of an officer on whom I may indent as required.

(Signed) A. P. WAVELL, Lieut.,  
D. C. Troops, Vanga

7 a.m.

August 29th 1914

Enclosure No. 2.

District Commissioner's Office,

MALINDI,

August 28th 1914.

Sir,

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I have the honour to inform you that I have been making enquiries about the rumour that the Wanyika were instructed from German East Africa to cause trouble at this time

Sheikh Pathili bin Omar, late Mudir of Arabuko, is an Arab who knows a lot about the Wa-Giriama and is more or less in their confidence though he is loyal to Government.

He informs me that for some time the Wa-Giriama (other Nyika tribes are not implicated) have been in a state of unrest, as they do not like Mr Champion and now they have sworn to kill him, also certain elders who have been too energetic in Government service - Mzee Mkea, Mzee Nyamawe, Bwana Mkuu. While they were talking of this, two slaves of the sons of Mbaruk, who are now with the German troops at Taveta, came into Giriama and told the people that the Germans were fighting with the English and that now was a good time for the Wa-Giriama to rise - the Germans would shortly be able to help them.

This is the story as told me by Sheikh Pathili. He was told by one, Msenyia, and two Wa-Giriama in the ordinary course of conversation; he at once informed me.

The two agents are said to have been in Giriama till a few days ago but have now gone back.

Provincial Commissioner, I have, &c.,

Mombasa.

(Signed) H. R. MONTGOMERY,  
D. C.

MAJORENI,

August 31st 1914.

O/C Intelligence.

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Five officers and 150 troops arrived at Kifulu Hill, 38° 10' E 43' S, on Friday 28th. Took possession of English (?) Mission house for stores. Large safari of porters carrying loads arrived later.

Fifteen askaris posted at Kinwaga Peri (about 38.11° E 38° S, not marked on map).

Five white troops arrived Mwarijembe on Friday night. Reported our advance post of company 100 who were due to arrive there on Friday night.

(Signed) T. AINSWORTH/DICKSON,

Lieut.



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Sir, 451

I have etc to  
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secret despatch of  
September 24 in  
which you transmit  
copies of two diaries  
of the O.C. Troops  
from August 15<sup>th</sup> to  
September 2<sup>nd</sup> and of  
that of the Provincial  
Commissioner, Dombasa  
from August 15<sup>th</sup> to  
August 31<sup>st</sup>. I shall  
be glad if this  
detailed information  
in this form may

DRAFT

E. P.

Secret

MINUTE

For S. A.  
(Reserved)

Mr. Egan 23/10/14

Mr. B. Kennedy 24/10/14

Mr. Ford 24/10/14

Mr.

Sir G. Balfour

Sir H. Tuck

Sir J. Angleton

Det. Com. Intelligence

Mr. Harcourt

be sent to me

periodically as

you suggest

I may remark

that the contents

of the diaries enclosed

in your despatch

reflect great credit

on the ability and

energy of the

officers concerned.

Yours

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L. H.

Dr. G. Fiddes.

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As you know, we have considerable difficulty in obtaining good fighting material in our East Africa Port<sup>Co</sup> for the small peace establishments of our military forces. When it was proposed to raise a small add<sup>tl</sup> battalion for the E.A.P. after the recent Sudan Expedition we had to go to Southland & Alder for some of the men & it was also intended to enlist aborigines if possible. During the recent war they have managed to increase the K.A.P. by 600 men & I assume that any add<sup>tl</sup> men who may be available will be required for the local military operations. It must also be remembered that great numbers of reserves are required

as common in connection with those  
military operations

The position of Uganda is similar  
to that of the S.A.P., but the  
Bapanda (i.e. the people of the Kingdom  
of Uganda) are more intelligent than  
the natives of the S.A.P. & after 6 or  
8 months' training might be made  
into soldiers. But they have never  
been tried outside their own country  
& (the S.A.P.) <sup>(for instance)</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>is</sup> considered unreliable  
(~~for them~~) & they are required to  
co-operate with the local operations,  
especially as carriers.

Nyasaland is the best recruiting  
ground & contains the best material  
but it is being worked to its  
utmost capacity in feeding the  
local units of the R.A.F.  
In Somaliland the natives are too  
unreliable & very few will be available  
Zanzibar has no fighting material  
at all

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