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Governor 816

Balfield

1914

20 September

Last previous Paper.

CONSTABLE OKOTH ODAWA  
JUMA BIN ALI

Trs letter from Mr Scholefield reporting act of bravery in Tapa River. Recommends the Constable for Kings Police Medal and Juma bin Ali for recognition by Royal Humane Society. If Police Medal cannot be granted to the Constable recommend his case also to R.H.S.

General sep.

To your letter of 14th Oct  
concerned. I seem to be more  
inclined for R.H.S. medal  
for the Kings Police Medal?

A. J. R.

The Hon

19/9/14

The Police Medal has been awarded  
where the rescue has been one of some difficulty.  
In fact a man called Juma bin ali was  
in January 1912 awarded the Medal for  
saving a man from drowning, but the Governor  
said he could not trace him as late as July  
last & the Medal was returned see 31/10/14

I think we should ask whether the Juma bin ali  
is the same man.

As regards the present case, the particulars

copy ends to Humane Society on 11 Feb 1915. See 5851/15  
Ch. Clerk  
The Medal is for Juma bin Ali of Tapa River. See 157/10/14 Ch. Clerk

5851/15  
Ch. Clerk

limited view hardly sufficient to judge of the  
safety of the act. I would, before doing anything,  
ask about the width of the river & the strength of  
the current. The fact of the big crocodiles about  
would add to the risk but the case would not  
be a strong one if the rescue was not attended  
with any difficulty

OK  
21/1/1900



T. E. A. R. O. I. D. E. T.  
 Grant Odawa for the King's Police Medal and  
 Juma bin Ali for recognition by the Royal  
 Humana Society. In the event of the King's  
 Police Medal not being granted to the Constable  
 I suggest that his case also be laid  
 before the Royal Humana Society for consider-  
 ation.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble obedient servant,

*Alway Bayted*

GOVERNOR.

INCLOSURE

No. 32/3/14.

40346 D. No. 8/6 of Supt. 1914  
M.G.D. 14  
District Commissioner's Office,

Kitui,

20th August 1914.

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Sir,

I have the honour to report the gallant behaviour of No. 3521 3rd class P.C. Okoth Odawa, Kavirondo and my said boy Juma bin Ali in rescuing a Government Kambar porter from drowning in the Tana River at Cha Ngombi on the 12th instant; the river was in flood at the time. After ferrying as many porters over as possible the balance were crossing by means of a rope when the rope broke in his hold and was swept away by the current. The above mentioned men immediately swam in and saved the porter who was twice under water.

I might suggest that the action, the river being in flood and crocodiles being numerous is worthy of some lasting mark being given to the performers.

Mr. A.D.C. Trafford and myself were both witnesses of the action. The porter could not swim and would certainly have been drowned.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Sd. S.W.J. Scholefield.

District Commissioner.

Certified true copy.

(Sd.) W. K. A. A. A. A.  
Commissioner, E.A. Police.

Provincial Commissioner,

NAIROBI

INDIA PRODUCE MARKET

Downing Street,

30th October, 1914.

Sir,

I have the Honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 616 of the 6th inst. a letter bringing to my notice the gallantry of Constable Koth Odawa and Juma bin Ali in rescuing a European porter from drowning in the Tana River on the 15th August.

2. In order that I may be better able to judge as to the most suitable manner of awarding the services of these two men, I have to request that I may be furnished with more detailed description of the scene, giving particulars as to the width and depth of the river, the strength of the current, etc.,

With regard to Juma bin Ali, I have to observe that a Police Medal was awarded in January 1912 awarded to a Police Medal for rescuing a drowning man in the Tana River, but that the medal was returned to me in your despatch No. 672 of the 13th inst. My task as it had not been found desirable to place it. I shall be glad to know whether this is the same man or not.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

James B. Stewart

(Sd) J. B. Stewart

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W.C. Bellfield, K.C.M.S.

East Africa Protectorate

Miscellaneous

30. October, 1914

*St. John's*

DRAFT.

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I have the honour to

acknowledge the receipt of

your despatch No 816 of the

24<sup>th</sup> September regarding the capture

of the gallantry of Constable Othello

Oduwa and Juma bin Ali

in rescuing a Government party

from drowning in the Jana River

on the 12<sup>th</sup> August.

2. In order that I may be

able to judge as

to

MINUTE.

Mr. Sturt 27 Oct 1914

Mr. Harris 29 Oct

Mr.

Mr.

Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Selington.

Mr. Harcourt.

*And 5851/1914*

To the most suitable manner  
in which the services of the two  
men can be recognized,  
I have to request that I may  
be furnished with a more  
detailed description of the vessels,  
giving particulars as to the  
width & depths of the river  
the strength of the current &c

3. With regard to Sumadhin  
Ali, I have to observe that  
a Constable bearing that name  
was in January 1912 awarded  
the King's Medal for <sup>Police</sup> saving a  
drowning eye in the Nigoria River,  
but that the Medal was returned  
to me in your despatch No 672  
of the 13<sup>th</sup> July last as I had  
not been found possible to trace  
him. I shall be glad to be  
informed whether this is the  
same man or some other not  
known.

I have &c

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