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East Africa Protectorate Operations.

Forwards despatch by G.O.C. summarising the various phases of the military situation in the Protectorate from the [illegible] of war [illegible] of Oct.

[illegible] Read. Genl Stewart's [illegible] clear [illegible] done in the [illegible] the arrival of [illegible] is little new in [illegible] the general sketch [illegible] very useful.

Now that the W.O. have taken over the control of ops in [illegible] I suppose that we are hardly in a position to write expressing appreciation of what has been done. Otherwise it would be a suitable ~~opportunity~~.

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I have the honor to enclose a list of Commendations of individuals [illegible] of recommendations for honors. These latter I suppose [illegible] against the time when the Military Reward Council can meet. The Patronage Dept. will note as to the civil officers concerned. I see in particular the title paid to Lt Col Ward

[illegible] of the subjoined [illegible] have had already the opportunity [illegible] the engagement at [illegible]

Campaign against the Chief Lugenda [illegible]

The account of the action at Angoto Hill in which we lost 8 Europeans killed (see Ed. 248 and 253 [illegible] the place is between Mwagadi and Longido) in this engagement the E. African Rifles (which volunteers) were mainly concerned & they are stated to have behaved with great courage.

[illegible] despatch enclosures to [illegible] War Office [illegible]

I think a message of appreciation from the S of S on this report of the completion of the defences in the [illegible] is possible & desirable. All the operations in question relate [illegible] two days [illegible] time

Col. Wood?

[illegible]

of the [illegible] & [illegible]

favourable [illegible]

lines of action [illegible] conference ([illegible] page 2) [illegible] I think fresh

? S.O. as well as S.O. should have copy

W.H.S. 7.12.14

Seen 18/12/14

by [illegible] of this [illegible]

You will note the reference to the good work of Capt. (Mr.) Woorman, the former Ranger. I circulated recently a private letter from him ~~[illegible]~~ following a very clear [illegible] situation [illegible]

8/12/14

[illegible] 12/14

[illegible] 1914

14

[illegible] appreciation [illegible]

[illegible] 8/12/14

It wd be interesting to know
whether the W[illegible] [illegible]
reports were [illegible]
Gen Aitken report [illegible]
[Tanga]

[illegible] we get the Brevet for
[illegible] and the 2 D.S.O.s [illegible]
[illegible] have much chance [illegible]
[illegible] Powell

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

SECRET.

7th November 1914.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward in original, for your information, a despatch by the General Officer Commanding, British East Africa, dated October 31, 1914, in which he summarises the various phases of the military situation in this Protectorate from the time of the declaration of war to the end of October last. Attached to his despatch will be found reports of the engagements which have taken place during this period, some of which have already been communicated to you under cover of earlier despatches.

2. At the time of writing the failure of B Force to establish a [illegible] could not of course be foreseen, and [illegible] reasonably assumed [illegible] time for [illegible]

[illegible] attempt, but in [illegible] are reinforced by [illegible] certain

[illegible] COURABLE
[illegible] A. COURT, M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

certain [illegible] both Gen. Lee proposes [illegible] repelling

[illegible] have had opportunity [illegible] a personal opinion [illegible] mandatory [illegible] ed to [illegible]

[illegible] the most part of a ver[illegible] has brought to bear [illegible] local knowledge, and my personal perusal of his [illegible] reports leaves me in no doubt that he has left nothing undone which could add to the efficiency of his branch, the best test of which is found in the fact that no movement of the enemy's forces or scouts has escaped the notice of his men.

5. I must highly appreciate the services rendered

by Lieutenant Wavell. This officer, who is a fine Arabic scholar and thoroughly understands the Arab people, raised a small force of men by his own exertions and established the Constat Majoreni, from which base he held off a [illegible] of the enemy under trying and [illegible] Hill severely wou[illegible]

6. I have [illegible]

[illegible] Governors [illegible]

I ha[illegible]

Your most obedient humble [illegible]

GOVERNOR.

[illegible] Stewart, [illegible]

British East Africa & Uganda.

Nairobi [illegible]

[illegible] 31st [illegible]

Your Excellency,

A. the [illegible]

Africa and Uganda, as a [illegible]

protection of these [illegible]

Railway, has [illegible]

operate with Force "B" [illegible]

Africa, I have the hon[illegible]

operations so far car[illegible]

2. These operations [illegible]

[illegible]

vicinity of Mombasa [illegible]

3. The first p[illegible] remained for the o[illegible]

[illegible]ization. It must have been a period of great [illegible]

[illegible], for I consider that during it the Germans

from German East Africa could certainly have in-

vaded

[illegible] Governor [illegible]
[illegible] Stewart [illegible]
[illegible] British East Africa & Uganda.

Via [illegible]

[illegible], [illegible] 31st [illegible]

Your Excellency,

A. the [illegible] Africa and Uganda, as a [illegible] protection of these [illegible] Railway, has now [illegible] operate with Force "B" [illegible] Africa, I have the hon[illegible] operations so far ca[illegible]

2. These operations [illegible] phases [illegible]

vicinity [illegible]

3. The f[illegible] re[illegible] [illegible]ization. It must have been a period of great [illegible] [illegible]ty, for I consider that during it the Germans [illegible] German East Africa could certainly have in-

vaded

vaded this Protectorate with every prospect of success. The situation was dealt with in the most determined and efficient manner. The resources of the Protectorate were utilized to the full. British East Africa is fortunate in having a unique class of settlers. There are many ex-officers of Cavalry and Infantry and a considerable number of Britishers, South Africans and Boers with valuable experience of the country and of active service. They readily joined the Volunteer Units, and with 8 Companies of The King's African Rifles formed the defensive forces of the Colony.

Every assistance was met with from the Administration, and the w[illegible] fi-

[illegible] be necessary for [illegible] a defensive [illegible] build out [illegible] greater strength and reliability [illegible] probable that the enemy may be encouraged [illegible] the offensive in [illegible] larger [illegible] to be [illegible] troops not in the Protectorate.

THE RIGHT HON [illegible]

LEWIS HARCOURT

[illegible] quantity [illegible] dynamite was [illegible]

Efforts on [illegible] were made on the following dates:-

6th September 1914.	[illegible] WO.
12th September 1914.	[illegible] SIA.
19th September 1914.	[illegible] PI YA MARALU.
22nd September 1914.	[illegible] MARJAKENI.
26th September 1914.	INGITO HILL.
[illegible] September [illegible]	[illegible] CAMP.

[illegible] reports

[illegible] attached

[illegible] from Wapre E. is [illegible]

further [illegible]

[illegible] I [illegible]

[illegible] General [illegible]

[illegible] notice [illegible] Lond[illegible] here, [illegible] those for the greater [illegible] of responsibility at the commencement of the war, and who by the energy and dissemination succeeded in [illegible] the strongest possible form such [illegible] were able [illegible] with available local [illegible]

[illegible] heartily agree with the remarks made [illegible] in Woodham. This officer has been solely [illegible] negative [illegible] the [illegible] Intelligence [illegible] and for the maintenance of efficient patrolling and [illegible] the whole length of the [illegible] and [illegible] distributed [illegible] posts [illegible] which is for [illegible] of a very [illegible] officer [illegible] upon his work a large [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible]

Reports of the [illegible] have already been submitted to Your Excellency. All these attacks were repelled, the enemy in each case losing much more [illegible] than we did invariably retiring precipitately [illegible] abandoning [illegible] and ammunition. These [illegible] due [illegible] engage[illegible] he [illegible] the [illegible] carried [illegible] considerable amount, [illegible] greater method [illegible]

[illegible] any [illegible] of the enemy [illegible]

[illegible] at Gazi on the [illegible] of which report has already been submitted. Since then the enemy has shown some activity on the Tsavo, and on the Coast Line, but has been comparatively quiet elsewhere.

6. In [illegible] this despatch to Your Excellency I hope I may be allowed to express to Your Excellency my sincere thanks for the ready help and valuable advice you have given to me and my predecessor. I am indeed grateful for the co-operation of Your Excellency and of the Civil Administration.

7. In connection with the operations and in addition to the names of those already mentioned in the [illegible] on the various engagements, I wish to bring to [illegible] names of the undermentioned officers:-

[illegible] Lieutenant-Colonel L.E.S.Ward [illegible] Rifles (Ex-[illegible] Officer [illegible] Light [illegible] Tirpos until [illegible] rst [illegible] shell the [illegible] ization. [illegible] de. [illegible] Staff Officer [illegible] Colonel, [illegible] Sikhs, Brigade Major; Captain [illegible] African Rifles, (Royal [illegible] Officer Captain J.M.Llewelly, King's African Rifles, (Devonshire Regiment) and Lieutenant W.V.D.Dickinson, King's African Rifles, (South Wales Borderers) attached to the Staff, who have all given me efficient assistance as have also Lieutenant Aga Casim Shah, my A.D.C. and Captain L.M.M.Vlus, R.E., Commanding Royal Engineer.

8.

8. In the intelligence [illegible]
most valuable help from Capt[illegible]
Worcestershire Regiment) [illegible] Intelligence
Captain Woosnam is an [illegible] with large [illegible]
and in addition has great [illegible] and judgment.

He has received much assistance [illegible]
C. A. [illegible] House, Lieutenant Hamilton, [illegible]
Alnsworth Jackson, Esquire, Assistant [illegible] District Commissioner.

9. Lieutenant-Colonel A.E.H. [illegible], the Commanding Officer of the [illegible] Punjabis, has been in [illegible] of [illegible] areas in which several [illegible] he [illegible] determined [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Cap[illegible] man, D[illegible]
[illegible] Squadron, [illegible]
the [illegible] Light.
29th Punjabis.

Captain R.T. Skinner.

[illegible]

Major L.H.Hickson (Royal West Kent Regiment) Com-

[illegible]

[illegible] Regiment)

[illegible]

[illegible] Captain A.B. [illegible]

[illegible] have been [illegible] responsi[illegible]

[illegible] transport [illegible]

Captain H.[illegible]

L.C.Saunders, [illegible]

C.de S.Ion[illegible] Royal [illegible]

Phillips, West Ken[illegible]

Tavell, (The [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Gosling, Postmaster General, who, with his [illegible] postal and telegraphic [illegible] valuable assistance.

[illegible] of the above mentioned Officers, I select for special reward, -Lieutenant-Colonel L.E.S.War[illegible] I am sure that the restoration of this Officer to the Active List of the Army will be for the public good. His services have been of a very exceptional kind. It will be in the interests of the service if he is made a Brevet-Colonel.

Captain

Captain [illegible], whose organization of the Intelligence Service has been of inestimable value, and Lieutenant A.[illegible] Wavell, The Welsh Regiment, who for long was responsible for the defence of the Frontier South of Mombasa. In carrying [illegible] showed considerable skill and courage. [illegible]

Service [illegible]

[illegible] officers, both Civil [illegible] the military [illegible]

14. [illegible]

[illegible]

8th [illegible]

Commanding the Troops in
East Africa and Uganda.

To

The Chief of the General Staff,
Army Headquarters,
India.

[illegible] September 191[illegible]

From

The General Officer Commanding Troops,
British East Africa & Uganda Protectorate.

To

His Excellency the Governor,
and Commander-in-Chief

[illegible]

[illegible] Kirkman [illegible]

[illegible] King's African Rifles (Lieut. [illegible])
with 25 Rifles, King's African Rifles,
[illegible] 20 miles up Tsavo River.

[illegible] Company, King's African Rifles.

[illegible] reliable reports had shown that there was a large concentration of German troops in the neighbourhood of Mashi. On the 4th September, [illegible] reported a force of the enemy, estimated a [illegible] crew guns, and a machine gun, [illegible] down the Tsavo River [illegible] two stations.

[illegible] September 191[illegible]

From

The General Officer Commanding Troops
British East Africa & Uganda Protectorate

To

His Excellency the Governor
and Commander-in-Chief

[illegible]

[illegible] Kenya R[illegible]

[illegible] King's African Rifles (Lieutenant [illegible]
with 25 Rifles, King's African Rifles, [illegible]
some 20 miles up Tsavo River.

[illegible] TO ANDEI: [illegible] Company, King's African Rifles.

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large concentration of German troops in the neighbourhood [illegible]
of Mashi. On the 4th September, [illegible] reported a force of the enemy, estimated a [illegible]
[illegible] crew guns, and a machine gun, [illegible]
moving down the Tsavo River [illegible] Tsavo Station.

4. On receipt of this report 4½ Companies, 29th Punjabis, and the 12 Pounder Gun, were moved to Tsavo and on the 5th September, at 7-30 a.m. 2 Companies, 29th Punjabis, and 45 King's African Rifles, left Tsavo to support Lieutenant Cardingham, leaving 1 Gun (12 Pounder), 4½ Company, 29th Punjabis, and 20 King's African Rifles at Tsavo. Lieutenant Davis, from Makindu, and 1 Company, King's African Rifles, from [illegible] were [illegible] about 5-15 a.m. [illegible] the 4th [illegible] the enemy were [illegible]

At [illegible] a.m. [illegible] and Cardingham [illegible] enemy [illegible] there at [illegible] p.m.

[illegible] left Buo [illegible] receiving [illegible] Lieutenant [illegible] he was [illegible] Lieutenant [illegible] Captain [illegible] Company. [illegible] re on [illegible]

[illegible] the 5th; [illegible] James [illegible] and [illegible] up the Tsavo at 5 [illegible] on the [illegible] on 5 miles out [illegible] 10 a.m. [illegible] heard firing about [illegible] 6,000 yards in front. [illegible] received two messages from Captain Kinnear, both despatched at 12-45 [illegible] said that he had [illegible] touch with the enemy [illegible] the enemy were reported to [illegible] and that Captain Pottinger, and 1 Company [illegible] Punjabis, and Lieut. Phillips with [illegible] Rifles, had been sent to [illegible]

7. Lieutenant Oldfield had been sent on with [illegible] to establish communication with Captain Skinner and his [illegible] and his me[illegible] ed in the firing line. Owing to the [illegible] n, ajor James was unable to see [illegible] own troops [illegible] enemy.

[illegible]

he left front [illegible] a range of 200 yards; but, as he was in danger of being out-flanked, he fell back about 100 yards. Here Naick Ful Mahomed brought Subadar Sher Baz, and the rest of his party, to join

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[illegible]

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join

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[illegible] Captain Pottinger then withdrew about 200 yards, and after half an hour, having lost all touch with the rest of the force, again advanced to search for the wounded. He found that the Subadar's body had been rifled, and he was fired on when [illegible] Naik Nil Mahomed [illegible] was not in [illegible]

[illegible] Ghar Baz, [illegible] comrades and [illegible] were given for [illegible] American Rifles [illegible] the enemy. [illegible] 30 King [illegible] the enemy was [illegible] seen [illegible] the enemy's [illegible] discovered.

16. I consider the action was a creditable one to all engaged, considering the novel nature of the country in which it was fought. The scrub is very thick thorn bush, and renders it impossible to observe what is going on, even at a few yards distance.

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[illegible] Lance Naick [illegible] commended and [illegible] mouth-[illegible] Bruce and [illegible] were given for [illegible] American Rifles [illegible] the enemy. [illegible] the enemy was [illegible] seen [illegible] the enemy's [illegible] discovered.

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17. The undermentioned specially distinguished themselves:-

Captain Pottinger, 29th Punjabis.

Lieutenant Hardingham, King's African Rifles.

Subadar Sher [illegible] 29th Punjabis.

Naik Gul Mahomed [illegible]

Lieutenant George William, King's African Rifles.

8. [illegible] the report will be seen that Captain [illegible] and his [illegible] come with skill and determination and performed [illegible] that attempting to recover Subadar Sher Baz.

10. To Lieutenant Hardingham, the greatest credit [illegible] the way in which he gained information of, and [illegible] enemy. During the action it [illegible] showed [illegible] Mahomed [illegible] showed [illegible] give the Indian [illegible]

[illegible] William and [illegible] courage and [illegible] September. [illegible] and [illegible] personal risk, [illegible] and brought back accurate information [illegible] and [illegible] I recommend him [illegible] conduct [illegible]

[illegible] event, [illegible]

F O R [illegible]

[illegible] General Staff, Simla, [illegible] his telegram No.W.3851 dated the 18th September 191[illegible]

Sd/- J. M. Stewart, Brigadier-General.

Commanding Forces.

LIST OF CASUALTIES

On the Tsevpa Sta-ata September 1891

KILLED: Lieutenant CLIFFORD.
IN
Subedar SIER BAZ Khan Punjabi
6 [illegible]
1 Man
WOUNDED:
8 Rank & File
1 Man
[illegible]

MISSING:

KILLED:
[illegible]
1 [illegible]

WOUNDED:
[illegible]

26 [illegible] proceed with [illegible]

Headquarters Staff Office,

Nairobi, 9th October, 1914.

[illegible] Uganda Protectorates.

[illegible] Bendi.

[illegible] September 9th-10th, [illegible] was received that the K[illegible] [illegible] Homa Bay.

[illegible] 9th September at 3 p.m. Lieutenant [illegible] and file "C" Company 4th King's [illegible]frican [illegible] maxim left Kisumu by the S.S. 'Percy Anderson' [illegible] from the Officer Commanding Troops, Kisumu, "to hold the hills [illegible] of Kendu [illegible] to reconnoitre towards the enemy, and to await reinforcements".

6. En route the S.S. 'Hussein' was passed and Mr Fey, Intelligence Agent, informed Lieutenant

She heard that a large force of Germans [illegible]

[illegible] that the Karungi [illegible]

On arrival at Kendu at 2 p.m. [illegible]

Morthouse was met by Mr. Cotter, Intelligence Officer, [illegible] Spencer, District Commissioner, [illegible]

Europeans were [illegible]

[illegible] gun [illegible] Kendu.

[illegible]

[illegible] from Kendu [illegible]

[illegible] September [illegible]

Advance Party. [illegible]

Main Body. Lieutenant Morthouse [illegible] Company [illegible] 1 Maxim

Left Flank Guard Lieutenant Mubson, "C" Company [illegible] two sect[illegible]

[illegible] Inspection [illegible]

[illegible] section [illegible]

At 9.30 a.m. on arrival at pt. [illegible]

[illegible] up. As far as could be [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] under Lieutenant [illegible] were

sent up [illegible] "B" [illegible] and 54 men of

[illegible] Shortly [illegible] the M.G. [illegible] a good

proportion [illegible] with [illegible] attack [illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] Lieutenant [illegible]

"D" on [illegible] reserve.

At 10.30 a.m. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Hill "D" was immediately brought

[illegible] this Company at range of 1300 yards

[illegible] but they still advanced under

[illegible] the left flank of "D".

[illegible] their main attack seems to be against

our left.

Our attack [illegible]

[illegible] "B" Company under Lieutenant [illegible]

[illegible] slopes of the hill "B". In this advance Lieutenant [illegible]

[illegible]ben was wounded. On the right Captain [illegible]ryroft

[illegible] Spencer and [illegible] of "D" Company [illegible] stream at point [illegible] made for some high [illegible] bush (F). [illegible] from three [illegible] yards [illegible]

[illegible] Hill that night [illegible] drive [illegible] ciement. [illegible] Cross

13. Our [illegible] troops returned to Vimy the next morning. The Germans had retreated in the most

disorderly manner, leaving baggage and ammunition behind, as well as their wounded unattended by any Boer although two were present with their force.

Casualties.

British.

Killed.

Captain Thornycroft

Active Offi[illegible]

[illegible] rs & [illegible]

Wounded

[illegible] rs

[illegible] taken away

[illegible] on all [illegible]

[illegible] enemy [illegible]

[illegible] Lieutenant [illegible] wounded by Mr. Spencer [illegible] to mention [illegible] officers, [illegible] courteously supported by [illegible] company [illegible] King's African Rifles who were with them.

I have the honour to [illegible]

Your Excellency's most obedient, humble servant,

(Signed) J. M. Stewart.

Major-General,
Commanding Rhodesia.

Headquarters Staff Office,

Nai[illegible], the [illegible]ctober 191[illegible]

The General Officer Commanding,

[illegible] and Forces in British East Africa,

[illegible] Governor

and Commander-in-Chief,

British East Africa Protectorate.

[illegible] submit a report on [illegible]

[illegible] Africa[illegible]

[illegible] picquet, comp[illegible]

point [illegible]

At 5.30 [illegible] the [illegible] came

into touch with the [illegible]

Captain [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]

across the river, [illegible] the picq[illegible]

shortly afterward [illegible] a mounted sentry [illegible] firing on

the boma, who reported the enemy to [illegible] in strength.

The enemy, estimated at 8 or 9 white officers and

100 rank and file, had now [illegible] our on either side of

Brigadier General,
Commanding Forces.

of the General Staff,

Signed J.M. Stewart

Brigadier General

Commanding

Headquarters Staff Office.
Nairobi, the 18th October 1914.

From,

The General Officer Commanding Troops,
East Africa Protectorate.

To,

His Excellency the Governor and
Commander-in-Chief,
East Africa Protectorate.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to [illegible]
on the action which took place on the [illegible]
September, 1914.

1. The Troops engaged on the occasion were as follows:-

Captain Saunders, 2nd Section, King's African Rifles, in command.
Lieut. Loveridge.
Lieut. Hardoe.
Lieut. Colmely.
Lieut. Hill.
Lieut. Davis.
Captain Lenaghan.
Lieut. Frost.

3 Maxims
130 rifles King's African Rifles
1 Maxim
"H" Company, 4th battalion, King's African Rifles, 100.
1 Maxim.
King's African Rifles Mounted Infantry

2. The Camp [illegible] had been [illegible]

3. From papers [illegible] up at the [illegible]

Companies [illegible]
Mounted [illegible]
Maxims
[illegible] Lieut. Colonel [illegible]

4. A few shots were fired into the camp at daybreak.

5. The main attack commenced at 1 p.m. and continued, with lulls, until 4 p.m. The enemy advanced by 3 parallel tracks towards our Camp.

6. Owing to the thick nature of [illegible]

[illegible] Lance Sergt. [illegible] who [illegible] Company, 4th Battalion, K[illegible] Rifles, [illegible] Machine Gun [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible]

[illegible] broke up and [illegible]

[illegible] left by the enemy. [illegible] appe[illegible] were heavy; and they sustained [illegible] unexpected resistance.

[illegible] information obtained from prisoners [illegible] wounded [illegible] Askari [illegible] intention of the enemy was to expe[illegible] [illegible] from the upper reaches of the [illegible] to [illegible] the [illegible] bridge [illegible]

10. The casualties were:-

KIPIL[illegible]: [illegible] Rank and File, K[illegible] [illegible] wounded.

[illegible]: [illegible] European Officers, [illegible] 15 Askaris [illegible]

11. The small [illegible] Captain Saunders and the Officer [illegible] Detachment [illegible]

I have the honour to be, [illegible] Sir, Your Excellency's most obedient [illegible]

(Sd) J. M. Stewart, Brigadier-General.

C O M M A N D I N G [illegible] F O R C E.

Copy forwarded for information to the Chief of the Imperial Staff, Simla.

(Sd) J. M. Stewart, Brigadier-General,
Commanding Forces.

Headquarters Staff Office,

Nairobi, 24th October, 1914.

Officer commanding Troops,

-chief

report

bank

were

left

50-40

lowest

which had been

On the night of the 25th, we were attacked

mile

Camp, Tsavo

daybreak on the 26th the enemy, apparently ignorant of the presence of our picket, moved away from our encampment. Their trail was found and followed [illegible] two [illegible] were [illegible] advance suddenly came [illegible] [illegible] yard off, in the dry bed of a [illegible] halted. They opened fire and the [illegible] [illegible] drive [illegible] vic[illegible]

[illegible] behind [illegible] loads [illegible] disturb[illegible]

[illegible] were sent [illegible] the Officer Commanding [illegible] Orok seeking for reinforce[illegible] [illegible] of "A" Squadron. [illegible] Africa[illegible] [illegible] the United States [illegible] approached the exit [illegible] the enemy [illegible] the direction [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] message arrived too late to [illegible] the [illegible] the retreating force [illegible]

9. [illegible] were:-

BRITISH [illegible]

[illegible] Killed.

6 [illegible] Killed.

with the retreating enemy 6 crutchers were s[illegible] apparently full of wounded white men.

[illegible] East Africa Mounted Rifles
[illegible] Rifles [illegible]

I have the honour to be,

Your Ex[illegible] most obedient servant,

[illegible] A/- W.M. [illegible] Major-General,
[illegible] EAST AFRICA FORCE.

[illegible] to the Chief General Staff, [illegible].

Headquarters Staff Office

Air Ol, the 24th October, 1914.

Ma[illegible] ye[illegible]

[illegible] companies 29th [illegible] with 2 Maxims

[illegible] Maji [illegible] Chumbi, arriving there

[illegible] Later in the day these two companies

[illegible] under the command of the officer

[illegible] Major Hawthorne, to whom responsibility

[illegible] reported that

[illegible] with [illegible] Scouts [illegible]

[illegible] were [illegible]

[illegible] shows [illegible]

[illegible] Maji

[illegible] Lieutenant Dickson. (Assistant

[illegible] report [illegible] enemy, 500 strong

[illegible] Lushanchi.

[illegible] on the [illegible] objective was

[illegible]

[illegible] the 4th October [illegible] reported

[illegible] an attack at [illegible]

[illegible] reinforced.

On October 3rd the Imperial [illegible]

troops in the British Maxim Gun Volunteers and

[illegible] the remainder of Indian Expeditionary Force

[illegible] They were immediately [illegible] under the

orders of Major Hawthorne, who despatched them [illegible] in the

S.S. "Duplex". The Company of 29th Punjabis at Matema

were ordered to march to Ga'i via Kwi[illegible]

On the 4th October, the enemy were seen near

N[illegible], advancing on Ga'i in considerable strength. [illegible]

our outposts came under Machine Gun fi[illegible]

[illegible] Company Jhind Regiment and one [illegible] African Rifles Reservists, sent a message at [illegible] reported having been heavily fired on not far [illegible]

Captain Stonor, with half "C" Company [illegible] was then sent out and joined [illegible] about 1600 yards from [illegible]

[illegible] company of [illegible] Captain Ste[illegible] [illegible] this latter [illegible] demonstration of the enemy on the [illegible] position [illegible]

[illegible] Captain Stonor's counter-attack was [illegible] off to our left front. He [illegible] with Lieutenant Dent's force. [illegible] 12.30 p.m. the enemy opened fire [illegible] supported by infantry. This fire was [illegible] [illegible] two companies of the Jhind [illegible] At 3.30 p.m. Captain Stonor with "C" Company, [illegible] African Rifles, and a weak company of the Jhind Regiment advanced to make a counter-attack against the enemy's left flank. Soon after starting they came under

a very heavy fire. Captain Stoner and Lieutenant Faulkner were wounded [illegible] continued to lead [illegible] again the enemy's position. [illegible] flank, with the bayonet [illegible] hand, [illegible] Captain Stoner was unable to advance [illegible] out [illegible] wounded. Both these officers [illegible] were [illegible] under the direction of Colour Sergeant [illegible] African Rifles, our men pressed forward and drove back the enemy, who fled without stopping for 5 miles [illegible] quantities of equipment and ammunition.

21. The enemy's strength [illegible]

4 "Maxims"

60 European

3 Companies of [illegible]

22. [illegible] Column under [illegible] advance 5 miles along the [illegible] of the enemy [illegible]

23. The enemy [illegible]

Killed [illegible]

24. Casualties.

British.

Wounded. Major [illegible]
Captain Stoner
Captain [illegible]
Lieutenants [illegible]
[illegible]
United [illegible]

[illegible] men "[illegible]
[illegible] United [illegible]
[illegible] South Punjab [illegible]

Killed. [illegible] men [illegible] Company
[illegible] King's African Rifles.

GERMAN.

Killed. 4 Europeans.
[illegible] native askaris.

Wounded. 4 Europeans.

and

[illegible] Captain

[illegible] behaved admirably

[illegible] mention Captain W.G. Stonor, (the [illegible]

[illegible] end Captain Stonor for the Distinguish[illegible]

[illegible] Colour Sergeant Sumant, "C" Company [illegible]

[illegible] for the Distinguished Conduct Medal

[illegible] have the honour to be

[illegible] Obedient Servant

[illegible] Major General

[illegible] Commanding Forces

COMPOSITION OF FORCE "C".

Headquarter Staff.

Volunteer Staff.

Intelligence Department.

East Africa Mounted Rifles.

East Africa Ser[illegible]

East Afric[illegible] Transport Corps.

East Afri[illegible] Supply [illegible]

Eas[illegible] Ordnance Corps.

[illegible]

[illegible]

East African Medical Services.

East African Veterinary Corps.

East [illegible] Service.

Mombasa Volunteer Artillery.

Uganda Railway Volunteers.

District Volunteers.

Nairobi Town Guard.

Mombasa Town Guard.

Calcutta 15 pounder Battery.

Volunteer Maxim Gun Company.

27th Mountain Battery.

29th Punjabis.

Indian Ordnance Department.

King's African Rifles.

King's African Rifles. Reserve.

Third Imperial Service Troops.

Gwalior Imperial Service Troops.

[illegible] Imperial Service Troops.

[illegible] Imperial Service Troops.

East Af[illegible]n Somali Scouts.

East Africa & Uganda Police.

Indian Field Ambulance. "A" "B" "D" Sections. No 120.

Clearing Hospital. No. 22

Field Post Office. No 22.

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