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November 25<sup>th</sup>

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German East Africa Operations  
Military Rewards.

Report by General Stewart as to  
the officers and men who distinguished  
themselves in the Longido engagement.

by Blomby Brigadier  
by Reed

Brigadier Reed suggests that a  
list of all E. & W. Africa  
recommendations for distinctions  
should be prepared.

The E. Africa list up to date  
is as follows:

4292

Trans. Engagements

Lieut. Hardingham 1000 for D.S.O.  
Capt. P. Stanger 29<sup>th</sup> Punjab for D.S.O.

Subadar Sher Buz (killed) of 29<sup>th</sup>  
Punjab and Naik Gul Mahomed  
(wound severely) of 29<sup>th</sup>  
Punjab, for India Order of Merit.

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Sergeant G. William (Native) 3rd Regt  
M.A.R. for Distinguished Conduct  
Medal

44789 Kisii Engagement

The O.C. Troop specially mentions  
Capt. Mowbray (killed) Lieut.  
Gray (severely wounded) & his  
Spencer, and the Gen. adds that  
he will be glad if recognition  
can be accorded to the gallantry  
of Lieut. Gray and his Spencer.

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Gage Engagement

Capt. W. G. Stone M.A.R. for D.C.M.

Col. Fort M.A.R. for D.C.M.

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General Response to the Operations  
of the Spanish Stage

Letter of a large number of  
Officers and the Army, which  
specifies a number of points in the  
report.

It is recommended that the  
General should send the Army, and  
be allowed to return to military  
rank by the end of the year  
1898. As for civil  
life, it is suggested to the Gen. to  
use his influence to send the Army  
to the front of any Spanish

whose service may deserve recognition.  
The doc. also contains recommendations  
of Lt. Col. L. S. Ward for Brevet Colonely  
(We have written specially to you  
about this officer)

and of

Capt. R. W. Worsam

Lieut. A. J. Warr

} for D. S. O.

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78. Recommendation of Sergt. Miyoyio  
of the K. A. R. for Distinguished  
Conduct Medal for his services  
during Kivu action.

79. Longido Engagement.

Lt Col. A. D. H. Drew (24th Punjab)

to be promoted Colonel

Major G. W. Houlhurst (24th Punjab)

to be promoted Brevet Lieut. Col.

Capt. H. T. Skinner (24th Punjab) for D. S. O.

Lieut. A. J. Arnold (S. A. Mounted Rifles) for D. S. O.

Lieut. F. B. Wilson (S. A. Mounted Rifles) for D. S. O.

Propose a Col. G. W. Blair Smith

& J. R. Hutton (S. A. Mounted Rifles) for

the Distinguished Conduct Medal

Corp. of Drake & E. O. Sullivan  
(Indian Institute, Lahore Section) for  
D. C. M.

Subadar Major Kesar Singh for  
Order of British India

Wazir Basha Singh } 27<sup>th</sup> Mounted Battery  
Gurinder Singh }  
Lance Naik Sundar Singh } 30<sup>th</sup> Punjab  
Kavildas Bhagwan Singh } 29 Punjab  
Sopay Jagat Singh } "  
Sohay Jagat Singh } "

for Indian Order of Merit

Finally a number of men who  
distinguished themselves are  
mentioned in Col. Owen's report of  
the operations.

These distinctions it seems  
fall into 4 classes  
and are in ascending order of  
importance.

1st Class - 1 man mentioned in  
despatches

He also can be

technically described as having been  
"mentioned in despatches". The despatches  
in question will have to be published  
in the "Lahore Gazette". Perhaps it  
will be possible to do this eventually  
but it certainly cannot be done now  
and so it seems this class must  
stand over for the present.

### B Distinguished Conduct Medal

According to the Board. Rep. the  
D.C.M. can give the D.C.M. straight  
off to many of the B.C.M. and by  
analogy this might be extended to  
the volunteers who were fighting  
in S. Africa in the War Office  
and not see any more medals.  
The list will be given by the S. A. S.  
of the war.

### C Distinguished Operations

These medals for the B.C.M. (the  
one which have to matter in the  
hand)

### D.S.O. & Military Promotions

This might be left to the War Office  
they are in charge of the operations.



It is for them to say whether the DSO's recommendations should be given at once (as has been done in certain cases on the Continent) or held up for the present.

I will suggest writing to the India Office sending them a list of the D. Officer's recommendations which have received varying degrees of approval. They will take over (1) all recommendations for Decorations (2) all Indian Officers & men recommended for any distinction.

(3) to the War Office sending a copy of the D. Officer's list & of the list of Indian Officers and saying (1) that the D. Officer's recommendations for 5 proposed to grant the D. Officer's at once (2) that the D. Officer's recommendations for 5 proposed to grant the D. Officer's at once (3) that the D. Officer's recommendations for 5 proposed to grant the D. Officer's at once

A. I agree.  
B. I do not think we ought to give the D. Officer's recommendations a European basis. The D. Officer's recommendations for the D. Officer's and European recommendations of corps which are not part of the D. Officer's list to be eligible for it too. At all events, we ought to know what the Government think - it is possible that the Government will prefer a D. Officer's list to an Indian D. Officer's list after the war is over.

Incidentally, although I have no doubt that the Government will have a D. Officer's list of recommendations we ought not to have a list of ~~decorations~~ decorations?

The writing as proposed to India Office should prefer to assume that our soldiers are eligible for the D. Officer's & recommend them accordingly and we might make a word for immediate grant of these various distinctions, saying that the Government are aware that the services of the Officers and men who have distinguished themselves in the defence of our Empire, and our control should be recognized as promptly as possible so as to be proposed?

I agree  
H. J. R.

W. H. R.  
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Sir G. Ziesler

with regard to the W.A.R.  
 Distinguished Conduct Medal. I  
 have spoken to Major Jenkins who  
 thinks that a certain number  
 of the W.A.R. & W.A.F.F. medals  
 are usually kept in stock at  
 Woolwich. In ordinary times it  
 takes about a week to get them  
 and as there have been no  
 demands lately, it is possible some  
 have been made up.

Major Jenkins is strongly of opinion  
 that the W.A.R. Dec. shd be  
 applied to the W.A.F.F. and that  
 it shd not be extended to  
 European troops or Indians.

Yours faithfully

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI,  
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

23rd November 1914.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my Confidential despatch of November 13th, relating to the action at Longido on November 3rd, and to forward a further report by General Stewart, in which he brings to notice the names of certain officers and men in accordance with para. 7 of his despatch dated November 11th, the original of which formed an enclosure to my despatch quoted above.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

*Almoner B. ...*

GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

LEWIS HARCOURT, M.P.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

ENCLOSURE

Headquarters Staff Office,  
Nairobi, the 20th November 1914.

From,

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Brigadier-General J. H. Stewart, C.B., A.D.C.,  
Commanding in Nairobi.

CONFIDENTIAL

To,

Major-General A. E. Aitken,  
Commanding the Troops in British East Africa.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter of the 11th instant to the address of His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief, East Africa Protectorate, a copy of which was forwarded, through you, to the Chief of the General Staff, Simla, I have the honour to submit a copy of an additional report I received from Lieutenant-Colonel A. B. H. Drew, 29th Punjab, who commanded the column in the fight at Longido on 3rd November 1914.

2. Colonel Drew brings to notice the names of certain officers and men who distinguished themselves in the action.

3. On first receiving his report, I considered it necessary to obtain further evidence regarding the acts of gallantry mentioned to enable me to make my recommendations.

Details regarding these acts have now been obtained, and copies of the reports are attached.

4. I would specially mention Lieutenant-Colonel Arthur Blanshard Hawley Drew who commanded the column. He did so to my complete satisfaction and showed determination and skill in carrying out the operations entrusted to him, and I endorse the mention of all names submitted by him.

5. I recommend that Lieutenant-Colonel A.B.H. Drew be promoted to Colonel;

Major George William Suleman, 29th Punjab, be promoted to Brevet-Lieutenant-Colonel.

The undermentioned officers be admitted to the Distinguished Service Order :-

Captain Henry Terence Skinner, 29th Punjab. This officer did very good work in the <sup>field</sup> front, on the Tsave, on the 6th September.

Captain Anne Franz Arnaldi, who commands the Boer Squadron, East Africa Mounted Rifles, and has done a great deal of other good work.

Lieutenant Frank O'Brien Wilson, (late Royal Navy) East Africa Mounted Rifles, who has on many occasions shown great enterprise and courage, and was mainly responsible for the preliminary reconnaissance of Longide. He is a very dashing, capable officer.

The Distinguished Conduct Medal be bestowed upon:-

Troopers A. Cooke, G. le Blanc Smith and F.R. Heaton of the East Africa Mounted Rifles.

Corporal A.J. Drake and Private H.C. O'Sullivan of the Indian Volunteer Maxim Company.

The Order of British India be granted to Subedar-Major Kesur Singh, 29th Punjab.

and the Indian Order of Merit be given to:-

No. 727. Naik Bachan Singh. | 27th Mounted Battery.

No. 1087. Gunner Hal Singh. |

No. 3866. Lance Naik Sundar Singh, 30th Punjab, (Attached to 29th Punjab).

No. 3587. Havildar Bhagwan Singh. |

No. 4935. Sepoy Ujagat Singh. | 29th Punjab.

No. 4751. Sepoy Jagat Singh. |

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient servant,

Sd/- J.M. Stewart, Brigadier-General  
Commanding in Nairobi.

Copy forwarded for information.

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*Edw. Stewart* Brigadier-General,  
Commanding in Nairobi.

To

His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief,  
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

Manra River Camp.

6th November, 1914.

G.S.C.

E. A. FIELD SURGEON

Nairobi.

In continuation of my despatch dated 5th November 1914 No. 7-16 inclusive regarding action at Morido Mount.

I have the honor to put forward for the favourable consideration of the General Officer Commanding, British East Africa Forces the following Officers and men who took part in the operations in question:-

27th Mountain Battery

Captain Ritchie, Subadar Sher Baz, 787 Naik Bahhan Singh, 1087 Gunner Hal Singh; the two latter for conspicuous gallantry. While Subadar Sher Baz (after Lieut Waskard, Commanding Section, was wounded early in the day) acted as Section Commander displaying such coolness and courage, Captain Ritchie was brought to notice by Major Laverton, Commanding Frontal Attack Column, for his skill and resource in handling the same.

29th Punjabi.

Major Skinner, discharging himself during the entire action by his skilful command of the half Battalion and it was ~~entirely~~ entirely due to the covering positions occupied by him that the retirement off a Mountain over 3000 feet above the plain was carried out without loss.

Captain Skinner was especially brought to notice by the Officer Commanding half Battalion 29th Punjabi by his initiative in organising a general retirement of his double company and taking up a fresh covering position at a critical period and undauntedly saved the guns and hospital from capture.

Subadar Major Kesur Singh by his coolness in the counter attack and subsequent retirement, set a most valuable example to all ranks and inspired them with confidence in a critical period.

The following Non-Commissioned Officers and men displayed great coolness and resource in defending their Sections.

3779.- Havdard Sam Singh, -3887- Havildar Bhagwan Singh, -3886.- Lance Naik Sunder (30th Punjab). These two latter displayed conspicuous gallantry when charging the enemy's position.

Subadar Man Singh was of great value when holding the final position on Head Quarters Ridge and during the retirement.

Keurnhala Local Service Troops.

1781.- Havildar Kala Singh and 1496.- Havildar Bhan Singh were notified by the Superior Officer (Captain) of the Co. for courageous leading of their Sections.

Major Alexander Mackie Detachment.

Lieutenant Mackie commanded his Section with skill and courage and he was greatly assisted by his Staff. He wishes to mention the following:-

Corporal A. J. Drake and Private J. Sullivan for coolness in working their machine gun fire against the enemy's counter-attack.

2nd A.M. B. Coy. 11th Bn.

I wish to specially bring to notice the gallant conduct of Captain J. W. ... and several others, who fell bravely in the ... of the ... The ... of the ... a ...



ment when under very severe and close rifle fire.

Troopers P.P. Heaton, G. Le Blanc Smith and A.H. Cook.

Captain Arnold for the very skillful handling of his men under close and continued rifle fire.

Lieutenant Hampton and staff at R. Hill's post valuable work with the West African Mounted Rifles Machine Gun Section.

To Lieutenant F. O'B. Wilson, West African Mounted Rifles, by special thanks and due for his previous reconnaissance of the route about which I should have been made, and for the information desired by the General for the purpose of the expedition, and for his assistance and the help of the staff of the West African Mounted Rifles.

The following are the names of the staff of the West African Mounted Rifles who accompanied me on this expedition.

Lieutenant W. A. ...

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To.

The Chief Staff Officer  
Magadi Dist.

With reference to recommendations for  
conspicuous bravery during the action at Longido, I  
strongly recommend Cpl A. J. Drake and Pte E. C. O'Sullivan,  
Nos 1 & 2 on the gun. These men, with the help of others,  
brought their machine gun into action under heavy fire, when  
the enemy attempted to rush our position. In the  
evening, and in the morning, they held their position  
under heavy fire from the enemy. In the dark night  
they were ordered to retreat.

Leut.  
John James Mackay Detachment

esp Manga

14.11.14.

C.S.O.

Magadi Dist.

Herewith report from Capt Binsley re Tr Cooke  
& Heaton & Tr Le Bla 3 1/4.

H.S. Laverton, Major.

Com. B.A.A.R.

14.11.14.

The Adjutant

B.A.A.R.

While No 1 Troop E. Squadron were carrying  
out the retirement from a kopje on Longido under hot  
fire at close range, during the action at Longido on the  
3rd November, 1914, Trooper Macfield was severely wounded

in the head. He was seen staggering and falling by Troopers A. Cooke, G. Le E. Smith and P.R. Heaton, who immediately dismounting placed the wounded man on Tpr Cooke's mule, which was then lead by Tpr Heaton, while Tpr Cooke held N. affold on the mule and Tpr Smith lead the way, just in front with his mule and carried Cooke's & Heaton's rifles.

They had to go a distance of approximately 200 yards before reaching the cover of some large trees, the whole of the trip was very heavy fire.

A. S. Mingley  
Capt.  
G. L. Smith  
(P.R.) E. A. G.

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By ... M. ... Bakery  
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3.11.14.

Ref ... No 7 ... 3.11.14, and in compliance with your verbal instructions, I send you further report on the conduct of No 27 ... .. & No 1087 ... .. Mal Singh at Lonello on 3.11.14.

No 27 ... .. Mal Singh acted as No 7 of his gun, in the absence of his Havildar, who was sick. He ... .. his ... .. with great coolness, under ... .. infantry fire, both in the morning and ... .. the counter attack in the evening. He set an excellent example to his men and kept up an accurate and effective fire under difficult

conditions.

No 1087 Gunner Mal Singh was employed as "Look-out" and director was in charge of the Battery Commander's ~~direction~~ - the second look out having been wounded. On several occasions, throughout the day, he exposed himself under close infantry fire in order to obtain information, and to take angles with the director, which he could only do at great risk.

G. R. Hancock.

Major R. A.

Commanding 27th Mountain Battery.

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No 4935 Sepoy Wjagar Singh and No 4761. Sepoy Jaggat Singh in the final charge against the ridge held by the enemy, outdistanced the remainder of their unit and showed particular dash and courage in their determination to get to grips with the enemy.

G. W. Haslehurst.

Major.

Comdg 29th Punjabis.

Namanga.

13.11.14.

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Camp Namanga

13.11.14.

From

The Special Service Officer.  
Kasurthala Infantry.

To.

The Chief Staff Officer.  
Mesopotamian Force.

Sir,

With reference to my report on the action at Lonside on the 3rd Inst, I have the honour to bring to your notice the conduct of No 1486 Havildar Diwan Singh and No. 1761. Havildar Karu Singh.

These two S.C.O.'s were invaluable to me at a trying time, when their men were inclined to be peevish, and by their coolness and good example, steadied their men and enabled me to hold on in the position I had taken up.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

I.H. Porter, Captain.

Special Service Officer.

Maputuala Infantry

Copy

The C.S.O.

S. A. Vora.

I have the honor to bring to the favorable notice of the C.O.C. the two (B) Havildars who were killed and their being noted for promotion to the next rank on vacancies occurring, and have informed Capt. Gordon, Special Duty Officer, with the Maputuala I.S.T. accordingly.

A.F.H. Drew. Colonel  
C/o Maputuala Dist.

Camp, Manga River.

13.11.18.

List of officers and men recommended for distinctions in connection with East African Operations.

TSAVO ENGAGEMENT (Governor's despatch Confidential of 29.9.14)

- Lieut. Hardingham, K.A.R., for D.S.O.
- Captain Pottinger, 29th Punjabis for D.S.O.
- Subadar Sher Bas (killed) of 29th Punjabis, and Naik Gul Mahomed of 29th Punjabis for the Indian Order of Merit.
- Sergt. G. William of 3rd Battalion, K.A.R. for D.C.M.

KISII ENGAGEMENT (Governor's despatch Confidential of 9.10.14)

- Captain Thorneycroft.
  - Lieut. Grey.
  - Mr Spencer
- are specially mentioned by the Officer Commanding Troops, and the Governor asks that recognition may be accorded to the gallantry of the two latter.

GAZI ENGAGEMENT (Governor's despatch, Confidential, of 5.11.14)

- Captain W.G. Stonor, K.A.R. for D.S.O.
- Col. Sergt. Sumari, K.A.R. for D.C.M.

OPERATIONS OF DEFENSIVE STAGE (Governor's despatch Secret of 7.11.14)

Mention of a number of officers, civil and military, without specific recommendations as to distinctions.

Recommendation by G.O.C. that all officers, both

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for the information of

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War Office

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Mr. Egan 30/1/15

Mr. B. ...

Mr. Read

Mr.

Sir G. Fiddes. 2

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson. 2

Lord Islington. 2

Mr. Harcourt.

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Lit (Karamita)

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has already  
been sent to the War  
Office.

It has been suggested  
that (copy of which is  
enclosed) be sent  
to the India Office,  
asking that the S. of S.

for India will take charge  
of the cases of all Indian  
Army Officers and men

recommended for distinctions  
and that he will deal  
with all recommendations  
for Indian decorations.

It appears to me  
that the  
remaining cases fall into  
two classes.

A Recommendation for

To do

(at least)

the D. S. O.  
and the  
military  
Decorations

for the British  
Conduct Medal

C. Cases of Officers  
and men mentioned  
in despatches, but  
not specifically  
recommended for  
decorations.

The question  
of the recommendations  
for the D. S. O. & for  
military decorations  
are which he must  
leave to the C. C. He  
thinks that the C. C.  
will consider the  
recommendations (I think)



approved the  
provisions may be  
franked without delay  
as has been done in  
certain cases in the  
Continent. Accounts  
position in the  
case of Lt. Col. R.S. Ward  
has been referred separately  
to the War Office.

S<sup>r</sup> B. The kind of  
D.C.M. are in question  
the original D.C.M.  
and the K.G.R. Dec.  
the A. presume that  
the men of the same  
rank African mounted  
rather than white which

is a form of European  
ranked  
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regarded as being  
subject  
for the D.C.M. and  
to mention the  
has in question to  
the A.C. accordingly  
As regards the K.G.R.  
D.C.M. for which  
native men & A.C.O.  
the K.G.R. are eligible  
(in the K.G.R. Regs)  
it is provided that  
the distinction was  
be awarded by the  
S. of S. for the Colonies  
subject to any dissent  
and if the A.C. may  
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to grant the distinction  
immediately to the  
rank was + was  
then recommended for  
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- Mr.
- Mr.
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Sir G. Fiddes.  
Sir H. Just.  
Sir J. Anderson.  
Lord Ishington.  
Mr. Harcourt.

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Jan / 29 1858 / P.A.C.

Secret

General 1858

Sir,

I am able to transmit to you, to be laid before the Marquis of Anglesea, a list of recommendations for military rewards in the case of officers and men who have distinguished themselves in the operations which have taken place in East Africa. This list has been compiled from reports received

DRAFT.

The C. S. of Military in India Office

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- Mr. B. 18
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- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Islington. 2
- Mr. Harcourt.

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from the Bureau  
the last of the  
and is complete up  
to date.

Mr. H. presumes  
that the India Office  
will deal with all  
recommendations for  
decorations  
Indian decorations  
and with the cases of  
all Indian Army  
Officers and men  
recommended for any

distinction. He is comm<sup>ing</sup> with the War Office in  
the belief of the recommend<sup>ing</sup>  
to  
take the opportunity of  
inquiries for Lord  
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Officers and men distinguished  
in connection with

East African Operations

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Tsavo Engagement (Gov's despatch of 29.9.44)

Lieut. Hardingham, K.A.R. for D.S.O.

Capt. Pottinger, 29<sup>th</sup> Punjab for D.S.O.

Sabdar Sher Bag (killed) of 29<sup>th</sup>  
Punjab and Naich Gul Mahomed  
of 29<sup>th</sup> Punjab for the Indian  
Order of Merit.

Serge. J. Williams of 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, K.A.R.  
for D.C.M.

Kisii Engagement (Gov's despatch of 9.10.44)

Capt. Hornsby

Lieut. Dyer

Mr. Spencer

are specially mentioned by the G.O.  
Troops with Governor asks that  
recognition may be accorded  
to the gallantry of the two latter.

Saga Engagement (Gov's despatch of 10.10.44)

Capt. ...

Col. Ross (for D.C.M.)

Members of Defence Force (See's date ref of 7.11.41) of

Members of a ... Officers, Civil & Military ... to ...

Recommendation by G.O.C. that all officers, both civil and military, should be allowed to retain the military rank that they have held during the operations.

Col. L.E.S. Wood recommended for Brevet Colonelcy.

Capt. J.P. Woodman for D.S.O.  
Lieut. J. Cavell for D.S.O.

British action (See's date ref of 23 Nov)

Supt. Miyajima of 4<sup>th</sup> I.A.R. for D.C.M.

Consolidation Engagement (See's date ref of 23 Nov)

Lt. Col. J.W.H. Drew (29<sup>th</sup> Punjab) for promotion to Lt Colonel

... (29<sup>th</sup> Punjab) for

Capt. H.T. ... (30<sup>th</sup> Punjab) for D.S.O.

Capt. A.Z. ... (27<sup>th</sup>) for D.S.O.

Lieut. J.O.B. ... (27<sup>th</sup>) for D.S.O.

Propose a ... (27<sup>th</sup>) for D.C.M.

Propose P.G. ... (27<sup>th</sup>) for D.C.M.

Propose P.R. ... (27<sup>th</sup>) for D.C.M.

Capt. ... Indian Order of Merit

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... (29<sup>th</sup> Punjab) Indian Order of Merit

... Indian Order of Merit

Lance Naik Sundar Singh (30th Punjabis) for Indian  
Order of Merit.

Havildar Bhagwan Singh (29th Punjabis) for Indian  
Order of Merit.

Sepoy Ujagal Singh (29th Punjabis) for Indian Order  
of Merit.

Sepoy Jagga Singh (29th Punjabis) for Indian Order  
of Merit.

A number of men are mentioned as having  
distinguished themselves.

Downing Street,

50/14-15/Secret

February, 1918.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Harcourt to enclose, to be laid before the Army Council, a list of recommendations for military rewards in the case of officers and men who have distinguished themselves in the operations which have taken place in East Africa. This list has been compiled from despatches received from the Governor of the East Africa Protectorate and is complete up to date. Copies of all these despatches except two (which are forwarded herewith) have already been sent to the War Office.

Mr. Harcourt has caused a letter (copy of which is enclosed) to be sent to the India Office, asking that the Secretary of State for India will take into consideration the cases of all Indian Army officers and men recommended for distinctions and that he will deal with all recommendations for Indian decorations.

3. It appears to Mr. Harcourt that the remaining cases fall into three classes:

A. Recommendations for the Distinguished Service Order and recommendations for military promotion.

B. Recommendations for the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

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Secretary,  
WAR OFFICE.

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2. Cases of officers and men mentioned in despatches, but not specifically recommended for decorations. 500

4. A. The question of the recommendations for the Distinguished Service Order and for military promotions is one which Mr. Harcourt must leave to the Army Council. He trusts that the Army Council will consider the recommendations submitted and that, if approved, the promotions may be granted without delay, as has been done in certain cases on the outbreak. The case of Lieutenant Colonel T. E. S. ... separately to the War Office.

... of Distinguished Conduct Medal are ...  
... of European volunteers ...  
... of the outbreak of war will be regarded ...  
... the Imperial Distinguished Conduct Medal ...  
... and have commands ... in question to the Army Council accordingly. As regards the King's African Rifles' Distinguished Conduct Medal, for which native men and non-commissioned officers of the King's African Rifles are eligible, it is provided in the King's African Rifles Regulations that this distinction may be awarded by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and, subject to any observations that the Army Council may wish to offer, Mr. Harcourt proposes to grant the Medal immediately to the native men and non-commissioned officers recommended



100, Strand, London, W.C.2, England

February, 1916.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Harcourt to transmit to you, to be laid before the Marquess of Crewe, a list of recommendations for military rewards in the case of officers and men who have distinguished themselves in the operations which have taken place in East Africa. This list has been compiled from despatches received from the Governor of the East Africa Protectorate and is complete up to date.

1. Mr. Harcourt presumes that the India Office will deal with all recommendations for Indian officers and men and with the cases of all Indian Army officers and men recommended for any award. It is in communication with the War Office on the subject of the recommendations in the other cases.

2. I am to take this opportunity of enclosing, for Lord Crewe's information, a copy of the Governor's confidential despatch of November 23rd.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

*W. H. Reed*

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~~100 Strand~~

Under Secretary of State,  
(Military Department)  
INDIA OFFICE.

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Governor Nairobi

Enclosure to in 7am

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- Mr. Ken 6/2/5
- Mr. O'Brien 6/2/5
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr G. Fisher.
- Mr H. Just.
- Mr J. Anderson
- Lord Islington.
- Mr. Harcourt.

date 29 September  
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or European

Harcourt

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI,  
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

CONFIDENTIAL, No. 176.

23rd November 1914.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit for your information copy of the notes of the proceedings of a Military Board of Inquiry held with the object of examining the truth of allegations concerning the use of soft-nosed bullets by the enemy in German East Africa.

2. The cartridges referred to in the Chief Staff Officer's communication are being forwarded to you herewith.

3. There appears to be no doubt that such bullets are being used by many individuals in the enemy's forces.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient humble servant,

*A. Conway Bequith*

GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

ENCLOSURE

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Headquarters Staff Office,

Nairobi. 20th November 1914.

From

The General Officer Commanding Troops,  
East Africa and Uganda Protectorates:-

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith for the information of His Excellency the Governor and Commander in Chief a copy of the Proceedings of a Board which assembled at Manga River Camp on the 14th inst, for the purpose of investigating and enquiring into the alleged use of "Dum-dum" of soft-nosed bullets by the Germans during the recent action at Longido Mountain -

2. I also enclose:-

- (a) Two cartridges containing soft nosed bullets which were captured by Railway patrols after a post on a culvert had been fired at.
- (b) One cartridge loaded with soft-nosed bullet picked up after the action at Ingito Hill.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(sgd) L.E.S.Ward. Lieut Colonel,  
Chief Staff Officer.

The Private Secretary,

Government House,

N A I R O B I.

COPY

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Proceedings of a Board assembled at Mangu River Camp on the 14th November 1914 by order of Lt. Colonel A. B. Drew, Commanding Magadi District, for the purpose of investigating and enquiring into the alleged use of "Dum-dum" or soft-nosed bullets by the enemy during the recent action at Longside Mountain.

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- President:- Major W.W. Haslehurst - 29th Punjabis.
- Members:- Captain F.W. Richey - Royal Artillery.  
 Captain A. Cameron - Indian Medical Service.

The Board having assembled pursuant to order proceed to take evidence:-

Evidence.

Captain J.H. Gordon, 56 Rifles (Frontier Force) having been duly sworn is examined and states:-

At Longside on the 3rd November 1914 about 7 a.m. a German non-commissioned officer was killed by a man of the Kapurthala Infantry. I recovered the rifle with which he was shot. It was a report of Mauser. I handed the rifle over to Sepoy Surain Singh, Kapurthala Infantry, and he returned me later. Some hours later he returned the rifle to me and showed me the wounds which he had taken out of the magazine. The rounds were all soft-nosed. I handed them into the hospital. I did not notice the patterns of the wounds in the Germans belt.

Sd/- J.H. Gordon, Captain  
 56 Rifles Frontier Force.  
 Special Service Officer, Kapurthala Infantry.

Evidence.

No 1101 Sepoy Surain Singh, Kapurthala Infantry, having been duly sworn is examined and states:-

At Longside on the 3rd November 1914, in the presence of Captain Gordon I took over a rifle from a dead German. I found 4 rounds in the magazine and one

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During the action at Longido on the 3rd November 1914 all the wounds which I saw could have been inflicted by a small bore hard-nosed bullet except in one case in which I am strongly of opinion the wound could only have been caused by a bullet of a bore of at least .450 or by a soft-nosed bullet. When we retired I was unable to take away any of the accoutrements, etc, taken from the enemy.

S/- P.N. Chopra, Captain  
Indian Medical Service.

Encl.

Captain I.V. MacDonald, Indian Medical Service, having been duly sworn examined and states:-

During the action at Longido on 3rd November 1914, I saw no wounds which could not have been inflicted by a small bore hard-nosed bullet. I did not see the case referred to by Captain Chopra, Indian Medical Service.

Sd/- I.V. MacDonald,  
Indian Medical Service.

The Board having carefully considered the evidence brought forward is of opinion:-

1. That during the action of Longido on the 3rd November 1914 "dum-dum" bullets were actually found in the possession of dead German soldiers.
2. That from the fact of enemy's rifle being found loaded with these bullets they were being used against us.
3. That the medical evidence is insufficient to either prove or disprove the use of these bullets.

Signed at Munga Camp this 14th day of November 1914.

Sd/- G.W. Haslehurst, Major 29th Punjab, President.

" E.W. Rieley, Captain Royal Artillery } Members  
" A. Cameron, Capt. Indian Medical }  
" Service. "

Forwarded to the Chief Staff Officer, British East Africa Force for the information of the General Officer Commanding.

Sd/- A.S. ... Lt. Colonel

East Africa a  
sealed Envelope containing  
the cartridges referred  
to in this Dispatch  
is also enclosed.

It is to be  
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furnished with a full  
technical report upon  
his ammunition, as  
was done in the  
case of the German  
ammunition captured

in Togoland, which

formed the subject of  
W.O. letter No 0156/

1916 (A.3) of

Oct 1916

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The Under Secretary for the  
 Colonies, [redacted] to the Secretary,  
 War Office, [redacted] that no reply has  
 yet been received to the letter of  
 [redacted] the ammunition used  
 by the [redacted] East Africa.  
 Specimens [redacted] which had been forwarded  
 by the [redacted] East Africa Protectorate, are  
 enclosed under reference.

Downing Street,

21st April, 1915.



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The Secretary of the Army Council presents his compliments to the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, and begs to inform him that a reply to the Colonial Office letter of January 9th (No. 970 S. 10) on the subject of the ammunition used by the German forces in the East Africa war was sent to the Colonial Office by King's Messenger at 3.15 p.m. on 7th April, 1915. The specimen German bullets referred to were sent with the Secretary's reply.

Secretary of  
Colonial Office  
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No 121/4435 a (C.I.) (no.?)  
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in German S. Africa

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MINUTE.

- Mr. Ely 24/4/15
- Mr. B. K. ... 26.4.15 p.
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Sir G. Frides
- Sir H. East
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Islington.
- Mr. Harcourt.

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Sir J. Anderson desires  
to point out that the C.O.  
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have been addressed to  
the War Office 220  
former letter (No 60/11  
of January 9<sup>th</sup>, 1915)  
contained specimens of  
German bullets forwarded  
by the Gov. of the Cap.  
the latter (No 9306/15 of  
March 3<sup>rd</sup>) contained  
specimens of German

Proceedings of Anderson

To the effect of  
the Co. letter a  
copy was received in  
No. 12 (No 12) 1915  
a (C. I.) of date

13<sup>th</sup> 1915, but no  
copy has been rec<sup>d</sup>

to the former letter,  
and it was to the  
letter that Sir J.

Anderson's note of  
April 21<sup>st</sup> 1915 referred

Colonial office  
24 April 1915