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PARLIAMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

~~EAST AFRICAN INTELLIGENCE~~

18th May 1916.

SECRET.

Sir,
I have the honour to forward herewith
for your information, a copy of the Resumé of the
General Officer Commanding-in-Chief's War Diary
from April 29 to May 5 1916.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

Alanway Bonar Law

GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

ALANWAY BONAR LAW, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

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In Despatch ~~Secret~~ of 18th May 1916

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SECRET.

General Headquarters,
Old Moschi,

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30th May 1916.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a
Résumé of my War Diary from the 29th April to the
5th May, inclusive, for the information of His
Excellency and the Colonial Office.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) B. G. VAN DER BYL, Capt.,
for Commander-in-Chief,
East African Force.

The Chief Secretary

to the Government of British East Africa.

Copy for information forwarded to :-

The Chief Secretary to Government, Uganda.
Naval Commander-in-Chief, Zanzibar.
Senior Naval Officer, Kisumu.
Major Oregon.

RESUME OF WAR DIARY of East African Force from
29th April 1916 to 5th May 1916 (inclusive).

29th April. R.N.A.S. aeroplane with pilot and observer started at 7.15 a.m. and had not returned by 11 a.m. R.F.C. pilot sent to locate same. Latter forced to land through engine trouble, pilot unhurt, machine damaged. Naval machine not again heard of.

Heavy general rains continue - over 4 1/2 inches fell in Old Moscha during the night.

2nd Division reports that from information received enemy intend holding Dodoma and Kilimatinde for decisive action; that mounted troops picked up 80 rifles after the action at Kordeh Irang and captured 200 slaughter oxen and 800 mixed cattle. A patrol captured 1 askari and killed 3.

Intelligence report that Navy are of opinion that the cargo steamer in Ssudi Bay has arrived within the last 2 months. The former fear that the ship has introduced large quantities of arms and ammunition into the country.

30th April. 2nd Division reports enemy holding front of 6 miles at Jambalo.

Intelligence report enemy have reinforced Mwakijembe by 150 askaris and 1 machine gun.

Belgian troops under Colonel Mellior at Kokoma.

1st May. 1st Division reports Kissingire Station clear of enemy.

2nd Division

2nd Division reports country round Mkalama clear of enemy.

Intelligence report enemy have evacuated the Pare Mountains and that the force at Majunga has retired towards Eshoni.

Rain has been falling steadily since the 27th. No sunshine for 3 days.

2nd May.

1st Division reports traces of enemy track 4 miles South of Jipe on 28th ultimo.

2nd Division reports deserting enemy porters from Handeni and Dodoma state that many of the enemy's companies constantly passed through Handeni and Morogoro seven days ago from the Tanga line. Handeni - Kondo Irangi line depots abandoned to within 50 miles of Handeni.

Rain continues.

3rd May.

Lake Department reports that enemy reinforced their line Kagera on the 28th and 29th April and that their casualties at Zwakituka on the 29th were 6 killed and several wounded. Col. Melitor and his Belgian Force left Kakoma for Batajata on the 1st. After occupying Kusibu. One battalion marched on same date through mountains direct upon Niansa and Kigali.

2nd Division in a despatch dated 29th April reports his patrols at Kwa Mtoro on the Saranda Road that natives state 5 enemy companies to be between the two places. We captured 2 small depots. G.O.C., Nyasaland, reports heavy rains have
made

made River ~~sway~~ impassable and that the situation is unchanged.

4th May

Lake Detachment reports that on 28th April ships and troops demonstrated off Bukoba; on 29th threatened landing at Kakitu Bay; on 30th 'Winifred' shelled enemy's signal stations at Kongawashara and Buika Point, then both ship and lighter entered Namirembe Bay and engaged enemy's trenches and stone fort, covering bay with guns and machine guns at a range of 800 yards. Enemy lit smoke signals all along the coast.

On 1st May practised landings at Bumbide island. Natives very friendly. The next day demonstrated off Lubembe Point; many alarm beacons were lit along the coast by the enemy.

On the 3rd, threatened a landing in the vicinity of Bukoba.

Our casualties during entire period nil. Enemy's unknown.

Intelligence report that reliable information states Ras Kazone (Tanga) to be strongly entrenched and connected with town by communication trenches.

5th May

Nothing to report. Rain abating somewhat.