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The summary of events to August 15th

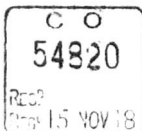
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CONFIDENTIAL.GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.September 5th 1918.

Sir,

Summary

In continuation of my Confidential despatch No. 141 of the 16th ultimo, I have the honour to transmit herewith the summary of events relating to the unrest in Turkana for the period August 1st to August 15th, 1918.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,



GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
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Fortnightly Summary of Events in Turkana

from 1st to 15th August 1916.

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Situation in Southern Turkana.

No events of great importance have to be recorded for the past fortnight in the Turkana area.

The projected clearing up of the situation South of the Turkwell is being proceeded with, and at the end of July patrols were operating near the Kagamat River and were en route for Loreu to deal with the Neseto section.

On 16.7.16. a patrol of 12 R & F of the 4/3rd K.A.R. accompanied by two armed tribesmen met with a party of hostile Turkana numbering about 300, including a few rifles. A fight ensued in which two of our askaris were killed and their rifles captured, but the patrol secured 892 sheep and goats and 92 donkeys. Instructions were issued to recover the lost rifles at all costs.

The Political Officer, who was proceeding to Loreu on 23.7.16. with the patrol mentioned above, reported the presence, on that date, of a number of various sections of Turkana in the neighbourhood of the Kagamat River having a lot of cattle previously looted from the Suk. The Political Officer was of the opinion that most of them were desirous of peace but that a few riflemen and irreconcilables were influencing the majority to hold out. Mr Crampton sent messages to inform them that they were to take their rifles and tender their submission to Major Rayne at Lodwar within three days or take the consequences, and, as he himself would be occupied in the direction of Loreu, he urged Major Rayne to do his utmost to deal with these people and compel them to disgorge their looted stock. It is presumed, though the various reports are not clear on this point, that this action was to be taken in the event of their neglecting to surrender as directed, and it would appear that they must have failed to take the warning to heart as a patrol under Lieut. Ruff was sent to operate against them a few days later.

The results of the two patrols - one to the Kagamat district, the other in the direction of Loreu - are not yet known.

Kalio District.

On July 23rd a patrol under Lieut Cleverly met a band of 30 Turkana spearmen and a couple of riflemen in the Native Pass, when one askari of A. Company, 1/5th K.A.R. was killed; of the enemy two were killed, and 4 women, 82 cattle and 400 sheep were captured.

Lieut. Cleverly was ordered to return to Lodwar about this date with a view to reinforcing Lieut. Ruff's patrol, and was expected to leave Lodwar for this purpose about 27.7.16.

Abyssinian Affairs.

Intelligence.

About the middle of May owing to representations made at Adis Ababa, Ras Tafari, the Regent, sent Fitaurari Dasta of Maji to the Turkana frontier to arrest the ring-leaders of the raiders there.

On 21.7.18. Major Rayne received intimation, through the Officer Commanding the Sudan forces (dated Oripoi, 4.7.18.), that Fitaurari Dasta had left Maji about 18.5.18. on this errand. It is noteworthy, that, if this was a fact, he had proceeded on his mission about nine days before the Abyssinian attack at Kangala.

Commenting on this Major Rayne, writing on 23.7.18., says that "if it is true that the Southern Abyssinian authorities are honest in their intentions to preserve order, and the authorities at Adis Ababa are satisfied as to the honesty of Fitaurari Dasta (in regard to which Rayne seems to have had doubts) there would be no risk in sending a patrol of 100 rifles and 2 machine guns to Lemogol, and our prestige would be greatly enhanced thereby."

Towards the end of July ten Abyssinians were reported to be on the Nakalale River, three days South of the old Katome Camp, selling rifles. Should this report be confirmed it would appear that any measures of restraint which may have been brought into force had not taken effect South of the Sudan border by the end of last month.

It is perhaps worth noting, as indicative of the native's inability to comprehend the importance of accuracy in regard to numbers, that this party of Abyssinians was reported originally on 19.7.18. as being a large gathering, but by the end of July Major Rayne appears to have been satisfied that no large party of these people was in our territory.

C. F. Inggelidge

Nairobi.

Major,

18.8.18.

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