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- Towards (1) copy of progress report by Chief Staff Officer for period from Sept. 3 to Sept. 18th
- (2) copy of report on War Measures from Sept. 1 to 13th (6 Provincial Commissioners, Lumbana)
- (3) report on the Tavo Engagement by the O.C Troops

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~~has been by~~ Dr. G. Fiddler.

This ^{report} gives the narrative of events up to September 18th and sets mainly out (1) The Tavo River Engagement, (2) the fighting in the neighbourhood of Lumbana. There is hardly anything calling for comment except the efficiency of the officers concerned.

(Major) Jenkins has kindly undertaken to work through the duplicate of this despatch.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

21st September 1914.

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Sir,

With reference to my Secret despatch of September 7, 1914, I have the honour to forward for your information copies of the Progress Report furnished by the Chief Staff Officer, Headquarters Staff, from September 3 to September 18 inclusive, and of that submitted by the Provincial Commissioner Mombasa for the period September 1 to September 18. I also enclose a special report upon the engagement near Tsavo, on September 6, prepared by the officer in command of our troops.

2. I have little to add regarding the present situation except by way of confirmation of information already sent to you by telegraph. The encounter at Kisii resulted in a complete check on German advance in that quarter. The enemy appears to have been thoroughly demoralised by our resistance and to have retreated across the border with such precipitancy that they were gone before our Mounted Infantry from Nairobi could arrive on the scene. It is reported that

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

LEWIS HARCOURT, M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

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that both Karungu and Akirati have been abandoned.

3. I have not yet received detailed information as to the extent of the damage effected at Kisil and Homa Bay by the Germans; and by our own natives, but there is no doubt that it is extensive and serious.

Punishment is now being inflicted on the natives in accordance with arrangements made between the Provincial Commissioner and the officer commanding the Kisumu detachment.

4. No information is as yet to hand regarding the result of our advance on Longido, of which I informed you in my telegram of September 16th.

5. I communicated to you by telegram yesterday the report of a further engagement in the Teave district in which it is stated that Lieut. [redacted] of the K.A.R. was killed. Particulars have not yet been received in Nairobi.

6. German activities in the Coastal area appears to have decreased a little, and no advance on Mombasa is at present anticipated.

7. There has been little news lately from the Giriama country, but it would appear that resistance has not yet been entirely overcome and that it may be necessary to patrol the district for some weeks longer.

I have the Honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

H. A. W. [Signature]

GOVERNOR.

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ENCLOSURE No 1
In Reply to No. 217 of 1914

PROGRESS REPORT

BY G.O.C. TROOPS.

From 3rd to 18th September 1914.

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September 3rd
Thursday

1. Brigadier General Stewart, C.B., A.D.C., took over command of Troops in East Africa Protectorate, and appointed the following officers to his Staff :-

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| Chief Staff Officer | Lieut.-Col. L.E.S. Ward |
| Brigade Major and S.O. for Indian Troops | Capt. J.G. Cadell, I.A. |
| S.O. for Protectorate Troops | Capt. H. S. Filzell |
| Orderly Officers | Capt. J. Llewellyn
Lieut. W. D. Dickinson
Lieut. Casim Shah, I.A. |

2. Headquarters and half ^{of} battalion 29th Punjabis arrived Nairobi from Mombasa and went into camp opposite the K.A.R. lines.

3. Wire received from G.C. Voi reporting German dynamite party were yesterday morning in Maungu Hills and Lieut. Phillips was following them. Presume they are making for the railway somewhere between Maungu and Samburu. Captain Isaacson is patrolling down line to Mackinnon Road to get in touch again with Lieut. Phillips.

4. News received from Capt. Ringley, commanding half squadron Bowker's Horse, that he had arrived at Otemporasha 8.0 a.m. 2/9/14 and was joining with the remainder of Bowker's Horse at Manga River to-day.

5. Position of troops in neighbourhood of Magadi at 5 p.m. 2/9/14 : B and E squadrons Bowker's Horse, Captain

Captain Charrington and 6 signallers; Lieut. Wilson and 10 men all near Oldenyerek but not in touch with enemy; 4 signallers and escort of 8 men for rations at Olemporasha.

6. A report by Captain King, R.E., giving a detailed account of the movements of the party of Germans in the vicinity of Magadi Railway. The chief source of information was from the two black elders who were asked by the party at Engutoto and Olemporasha on 29/14. The Germans arrived at R... at 11 a.m. left at 4 p.m. for Olemporasha... to 5 miles west of the... River... night to East Seret and left at 6 a.m. proceeding towards... further part of... late the...

gave... on with... from Maungu... surprise Germans... German names... one boy, 30 lbs... 3 rifles, 360 rounds of... their kill... 5 white men, 4 native soldiers, 5 rifles and 30 rounds ammunition. Captured boy... 6 white men and... left Neschit...

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divided into two parties at Taveta 6 days ago. "Half I met to-day; other half objective Voi."

8. Wire from O.C. Bura, 10.45 p.m.

"Lieut. Murray reports Cyclists Camp at Mbuyuni burnt out by enemy (stop) Regret to report that scout detachment captured (stop) The other scouts escaped unhurt (stop) 3 motor cycles captured by enemy (stop) Supposed strength of enemy's patrol 2 white men and 12 askaris (stop) One white man enemy believed to have been shot (stop) Four of our askaris who arrived after the surprise engaged enemy, the latter retiring about 10.30 a.m. In the morning the Mukta garrison which was being relieved and under orders to rejoin at Bura withdrew its post at Mbuyuni before latter was relieved thus leaving scouts unprotected (stop) Scouts must have been aware of this fact and to have been cautious when surprised."

9. Lieut. Murray and ... returned to Bura Camp on Saturday

10. Native scouts from ... parties of Takanba who are living and trading in G.E.A. have been sent out by the Germans armed with wire ... effect between Voi and Tsavo.

11. A wire from O.C. Kisumu saying that a party of 2 Germans and 10 native askaris were observed patrolling the border at Ndere (a point about halfway between the Amala and Lake Victoria).

12. A wire from O.C. Kisumu saying about 1,000 troops including

Including some from the West of Lake Victoria, and now concentrated at Kwanza, and that one gun from Bukoba had also been sent there.

September 4th
Friday

1. Troops trains for half battalion and H.G.R.S., 29th Punjabis, K.A.R. Mounted Infantry, and Volunteer Mounted Corps reported by R.S.O. as ready at the Station and Military Siding.

2. Wire from O.C. Tsavo, 12.5 p.m.

"Following message received from Lieut. Hardingham at point 15 North of Yanini 4th September (begins)
Fallen back to point South West of South West

Mreuka. Will hold this if enemy advances on Tsavo Sep 1 to September 13.

River (stop) Enemy's strength estimated at 200 infantry, 2 maxims, 2 screw guns, and 200 mounted white troops (stop). Numbers estimated from personal observation at 20 yards and one report of N.C.Os.

and men yesterday (stop) Meeting with enemy yesterday made us Southward through bush to regain Tsavo

tracks (stop) Reached back 3 p.m. 7 miles West of present position (stop). No trace of enemy on either

side of river (stop) Am leaving porters here and 9 men and moving West with 14 men in two patrols along

river to regain touch (stop) Do not expect to hold present position unsupported longer than to enable

safari to get clear on retirement to Tsavo. Consider mounted men essential here (stop) Have not seen

guides since 10 a.m. yesterday 4th September (ends)

Man of Lieut. Hardingham's patrol who has come in reports meeting enemy to-day at 2 p.m. He got separated from patrol and retired on previous position.

no sign of Hardingham's men so returned Tsavo meeting runner with message which he brought in. Lieut. Hardingham retired into the bush as the enemy were already round his right flank and behind him. He was moving down the river parallel to the road and expected to get in front of the enemy. He stated that the enemy were last seen at a point A.1 North of the Manda Hill. He was about 2 days from Tsavo, and at 11 a.m. observed high clouds of dust travelling along the Tsavo in an easterly direction. This had the appearance of cavalry moving in advance of the enemy."

3. Wire from Headquarters to O.C. Voi, 6.10 p.m. him to move half battalion of 29th Punjab to Tsavo taking with them 3 days' rations.

4. Wire from O.C. Voi, 6.10 p.m.

Following details already ordered to proceed Tsavo before receipt of your wire, left at 5.45 p.m. to-day for Tsavo and Mtoto Andei. One gun and one company 29th Punjab, B company 4th K.A.R., 1 section K.A.R. Mounted Infantry (stop). Remains ordered by you leaves 8 p.m. to-day (stop) M.I. of East Africa Regiment and K.A.R. move North from Bura to-morrow."

5. Wire from O.C. Voi, 6.3 p.m.

"Lieut. Joyce has just returned from scouting patrol. Reports he was at Lanjere bridge on night of 2nd-3rd (stop) The bridge was unguarded, no patrols were met, Salita Hill is unoccupied and not entrenched (stop) Picquet located and captured on the road half mile West of Salita Hill on night of 3rd-4th (stop)

One prisoner reports that there has been a camp between Lanjero and Mbuyuni for 5 days, strength white men and 30-40 askaris (stop) No motor traffic on Taveta road (stop) McGröherly wounded, broken leg, and not killed but is in the hand of the enemy. Lieut. Joyce reports the following casualties in his fight with the picquet. Enemy 5 askaris killed and 1 askari and 1 tote captured. No casualties our side."

6. The Superintendent of Police reinforced his men on the Kiu section of the line; and half A company 3rd K.A.R. under Munro proceeded to Samburu.

7. Wire from O.C. Voi, 6.2.14.

"Two Germans with 6 askaris were seen by night gang patrol at mile 47 and ran into lake (stop) Lieut. Harris Pathar company left Mackinnon Road trolley to clear up situation (stop) Armoured train sent to Samburu."

8. Wire from O.C. Voi, 11.5 p.m.

"Telegram just received re Germans crossing border West of Kilimanjaro. Possibly this is our M.I. patrol which is now East of Kilimanjaro (stop) Will send company up and clear up situation if same line is cut."

9. Mr Pestma, the intelligence officer on the Amala River, reports his area of the frontier is all quiet.

10. A letter from Lieut. Dickson from Majoreni dated 1/9/14.

(1) A party of 3 or 4 askaris and one white officer entered Vanga under the white flag at 11 a.m. Having visited

visited the Customs godown and Government house, they returned to the border.

(2) A section of 200 troops entered Vanga at 3 p.m., carefully inspected the whole town, and later returned to the border.

(3) The force of Jassin, Mivururu, has been reported by 100 Europeans and a large number of native troops.

(4) A further force of 30 Europeans and 200 native troops are reported to be proceeding down the Mvungu River a road from Mwakejembe to Jassin.

(5) Vanga is deserted but otherwise there has been no change in the native attitude in the Mvungu Valley. Everything is normal.

... proceeded to Voi at 2 p.m.

2. Rise from O.C. Teave, 8.20 a.m.

In continuation of my wire of 4/2/21.

Hardegham's wakaris arrived at 1.15 p.m.

6 a.m. Reports Hardegham regarding

tribe of Teave River about 10 miles

About 2 p.m. ...

returned to Teave, ...

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endeavour to come in an enemy in rear (stop) Field Hospital ordered from Voi to Tsavo."

3. s.s. Nairung left at 8 a.m. for India.

4. Wire from O.C. Bura, 4.45 p.m.

"To-day at dawn Lieut. Davis with his Mounted Infantry had reached Maktau. My orders to him are make for Tsavo River between mouth of Nel Turesh and Western edge of Ngulia Hill. On arrival work down stream, try and find out enemy's strength. Drive enemy down Tsavo River. Capt. Saunders, Rema, and Isaacson left here at 2 p.m. to-day and are proceeding via Teita Hills, where they sleep tonight, to Campi ya Tembo. Force 32 Europeans, 107 native troops. They should reach destination early on 7/9/14. I gave Capt. Saunders free hand to operate discretion according to circumstances. Woodhouse accompanies them. Have nothing to report from here."

5. A wire from O.C. Bura saying both McGroherly and Luigi, both motor cyclists, were prisoners. The former was wounded, with a broken leg.

6. A party of 5 white men from the Kilima~~nd~~ Field Mines were released on parole and crossed the border en route for Nairobi.

1. A company 4th K.A.R. arrived at Tsavo and were sent up the river. The O.C. Bura was informed accordingly, as this company was originally intended for Bura and owing to the presence of a large party of Germans was detained to reinforce Tsavo.

2. Porters arrived at Magadi Junction from Mombasa for work on the railway.

3. Wire sent to Resident, Zanzibar, 3.15 p.m.

"Reported from Majerani 5th September 1,000 G.E.A. troops with 6 machine guns crossed beyond the frontier near Mwakajembe moving North East (stop) It is rumoured that a movement is also being made by sea from Neza near Vanga to Gazi (stop) Pegasus to be warned and if possible Admiral to be informed."

4. Answer to above received at 9 p.m. saying H.M.S. Pegasus would be off Vanga by to-morrow morning.

5. Wire from O.C. Tsavo, 2.50 a.m.

"Engaged enemy at 12.30 p.m. Strength 300 infantry, 3 maxims, and 2 pom-poms. Enemy severely handled. Enemy retired up river at 5 p.m. We also fell back on Tsavo on account of shortage of food. Casualties - killed, 1 native officer and 1 private of 29th Punjab, wounded, 9 (one severely); Lieut. Oldfield and some K.A.R. missing. Captain Pottinger, Subadar Sher Baz (killed) and 1 corporal (severely wounded) showed conspicuous bravery. Lieut. Hardingham did excellent work in keeping touch with the enemy with a few men for 6 days. Am moving out against enemy again dawn to-morrow. 2 machine guns urgently required."

6. Wire received from O.C. Troops, Uganda, saying that the Commandant General, Congo Free State reported that German Regular Forces were concentrated at Kisumu, North end of Lake Kion, on August 22nd. Later they were reported to have evacuated the position and that a move was in progress to the South, their destination

destination being reported as Darassalaam or Tabora. It is not expected that the enemy will take the offensive in this area. The Congo Free State Forces have not yet completed concentration.

September 7th

1. The machine gun section of the 29th Punjabis left Nairobi for Tsavo at 9.30 a.m.

2. Wire from O.C. Bura, 8.56 a.m.

"I received the following information at 7 a.m. to-day from Captain Saunders. He was at Mgange at midday 6th. He expects to reach spot near Campi ya Tembo by 9 a.m. to-day. He has no news of enemy. Mgange appears to be 8 hours from here and about 9 from Tsavo." to

3. Wire from O.C. Mombasa, 9.10 a.m.

"No confirmation of reports from Majoreni yet received (stop) Report 8 hours later than report wired to you yesterday states no confirmation. Am trying to get in touch with patrols.

4. 12-pounder arrived Tsavo.

5. O.C. Volunteers instructed to move the headquarters and 4 squadrons E.A.M.R. to mile 26 on the Magadi branch line. He is to get into communication with O.C. Voi district. The objects of the move are :-

- (a) To deal with any German reconnaissances which may be made from the direction of Mount Kilimanjaro.
- (b) To obtain all possible information which may be of use to a force advancing into the Aurscha district of E.A. from mile 26 of the Magadi Railway.
- (c) To prevent the enemy obtaining any information.

Also informed that it is essential that no German attention

(stop) Armoured train at Tsavo. Lieut. Cholmley and B company 4th K.A.R. shall be on Tsavo to-day West of enemy. Force despatched from Bura should reach Campi ya Tembo 9 a.m. 7th. Lieut. Davis and M.I. should have reached Tsavo 15 miles West of Campi ya Tembo 9 a.m. 7th. Nothing as yet ^{reinforce} been heard of the parties to-day. Section field hospital at Tsavo railway station 1 1/2 miles East of Tsavo Camp.

9. Wire from O.C. Voi, 5.10 p.m.

"Lieut. Pe... reports... of... of... day's fighting 18.30... 7th found the bodies of... and... 3711... Lieut. 6013...

A company

... from... and of... to the... have... of... camp road...

... and wing of the 29th Punjab's left...

... p.m.

Wire from O.C. Bura, ... a.m.

... on the 7th instant... reports many fresh tracks on and near the old Tavea road of Europe and... askaris making for hills South of Bura (stop). It... have some unknown water on lower

lower Bura or Mwatate they could make it a base for operations against railway. Seems likely they may concentrate and make an attempt on the railway at Mackinnon Road - Voi section (stop) Voi should warn Kasigau and railway (stop) Am trying to get in touch with parties of enemy (stop) 9 of Davis' mounted infantry ^{mules} arrived here alone last night."

3. Bustina and 2 Wanderobo of Ford Delamere's party were captured yesterday by the Germans on the border at the point where the Amaia River crosses the frontier. The German party is said to consist of 2 Germans and many askaris and Wanderobo. The Germans are said to be patrolling the border with numerous parties of natives.

4. Lieut. Dav. states as follows, from 6 miles West of Carlsburg Ter., 7 a.m. 9th:

"Arrived here later in the afternoon on 6th. Found traces of the enemy and caught four of his porters going back towards E.E.A. They state the enemy left here at 10 a.m. on the 5th going towards Tsavo. Am now moving towards Taveta and hope to meet them. Small mounted party near Campi. Porters state enemy's strength about 200 askaris and 40-50 men, not mounted. Only officers mounted and only 12 mules with the party and 3 machine guns (stop) They say this party left Taveta morning via Rombo Mission down the Tsavo and that the askaris told them they were going to blow up Tsavo bridge."

5. The Headquarters and remaining squadrons of the E.E.A. Mounted Rifles left Nairobi for mile 26 Magadi

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6. Wire from Resident, Zanzibar, 10 a.m.

"H.M.S. Pegasus reports by wireless telegraphy last night as follows: He has communicated with O.C. Troops, Vanga. Report of the movement of troops by sea not credited by him; advance has not been made in front of him, although the enemy reported to be occupying in strength on border between Mwakajembe and Coast. He will reconnoitre towards Mchongo to-night. Am going to Tanga to-morrow morning, taking away 1228 with 1100 lbs."

7. Wire from O.C. Taavo saying that the ration arrangements were inadequate and asking for police (sanitary duties), interpreters, signalling gear, field telephone wire. He also stated that it was impossible to move forward for more than one day owing to lack of ration arrangements.

8. Wire from Taavo, 12-noon.

"No enemy seen East of scene of action but 5 men reported (identity unknown) were seen on the top of Taavo end of ridge."

9. Wire from Troops, Uganda, informing us that 4 officers and 200 men were leaving Bukakata by 'Clement Hill' and should arrive Kisumu on 10th.

10. The following news received from Lieut. Dickson from Majoreni, dated 3rd September:

(a) On the 1st instant a party of 15 askaris and 2 German officers entered Lushanga with intention of intercepting the D.C. who was supposed to be going to that village. After waiting 24 hours the party returned to Mwakajembe, having killed the native

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who gave them wrong information.

(b) On 2nd instant 1 German officer and 5 askaris crossed the border from Mwakajembe and entered a village near Livinduni. Their object was to find the road to Mwana, but the natives apparently fled and the party returned to Mwakajembe.

(c) On the 1st instant 4 white officers and 500 troops arrived at Mwakajembe from Resoto. These were joined on 2nd by 10 white officers, the D.C. Tanga, and 130 troops.

(d) The garrison at Kivururu ^{is} ~~is~~ composed of 40 whites and 500 askaris. 200 of the latter were ^{here} ~~here~~ under orders to move up to Mwakajembe.

(e) The Germans are building another fort near ~~Resoto~~ ^{K.M.}. This is about 3 1/2 to 4 hours from Tanga and 6 hours from Masigin. There are 300 white troops and a large number of native askaris there and a considerable quantity of stock and ammunition.

(f) The labourers on the various shambas between the border and Tanga have been armed with rifles. It is probable these number 400-500.

(g) Another spy states 3 guns mounted at Kivururu.

(h) An askari who was absent at Tatoo and who appeared the following morning was taken out and shot at Kivururu Boma on the 1st instant.

11. Wire from O.C. Tsavo, 5 p.m.

"Ridge 3 miles from Signal Hill occupied by Lieut. Foster night 7th-8th. Ground West of action of 6th being patrolled. Touch has been gained with Bura party who captured 2 German officers, 1 askari, and

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22 porters. 5 p.m. 7th 25 miles West of Tsavo. Half
29th Punjab 2½ South West Tsavo in support (stop)
No news of enemy."

12. In answer to our inquiry, the post at Kasigau
was held by la Fontaine (late A.D.C. Taveta), 1 native
officer, and 25 rank and file 3rd K.A.R.

13. Wire from O.C. Bura, 11.58 p.m.

"3 askaris of Davis' M.I. just arrived (stop)
The report that captured askari said that there was
a camp of 1,000 Germans at Campi ya Tembo (" (stop)
Germans they met about 5 miles West of Campi
ya Tembo estimated the Abyssinians at not over one
company."

1. P.M. left Nairobi to inspect the medical
arrangements at Mile 28 on the Mombasa Railway.

2. Wire from O.C. Bura, 12.40 a.m.
Following from Lieut. Woodhouse (begins) Force
from Bura about Campi ya Tembo. Have caught one
doctor, one askari, one wounded white man, and
wounded askaris from Tsavo engagement. We are holding
strong position to-night. Another message will be
sent via Bura in morning."

3. Wire sent to Major Soames, Jubaland, to send
A C and E companies 1st K.A.R. to Mombasa by the
'Duplex'. He himself and ½ E company 3rd K.A.R. to
remain to garrison for Southern Jubaland.

4. Bridge guard at mile 216 was fired on this morning

at 8.40 a.m. and 1 Pathan wounded. Armoured train was sent up, also 20 spare rifles.

5. Wire from O.C. Bura to O.C. Teavo, 6.30 p.m., 8th. A copy was sent to Nairobi :

"Please try and get into touch with Saunders (sp) Also with Maktan 2 M.I. for Davis. They state they had enemy of 2000 at 10.30 on 7th. Enemy in strength going towards A. p. station. Askari claims to have shot European and 4 askari of enemy. Says Askari had 2 M.I. and formed square. Copy. Name of Davis attached. Lieut. Bernhard von Franke remembered to-day have 'stop' He appeared to be reviewed by Officer, his companions were 2 baron and a man named character, who are still at large."

- 1 Native
- 3 Private
- 1 Officer (Hindu - Dadiya)
- 6 Private

and wing 35th Punjab's arrived Val

8. Wire from O.C. Vol, 4.25 p.m.

"Phillips reports : helio as follows : Arrived Camp at South end of Tenka ridge 10.15 a.m. seen and Davis here. Isaacson

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Reports from captured German native police movements of Germans as follows :-

6th Sept. 2 p.m. Tsavo River action
4 p.m. Retired
to
7th 4 a.m. Halted
10 a.m. Continued march on Moschi.

Saunders returns to Voi via Tsavo (11.30 a.m.).

Isaacson and Davis remain Campi ya Tembo.

Cholmley sent no information; 2 runners despatched to him from Tsavo.

Tsavo some stronging fast.

9. Out. Makina. It is that at 2.00 p.m. the guard on the bridge at 216 was on, the Pathan (R.A. Regiment) was wounded in the forearm. From the tracks it appears there were 2 Europeans and 1 askari who retired up river in a South Westerly direction. Natives were sent out to ascertain whether there was a hostile force in the neighbourhood. The file of the 29th Punjabis, the armed guard, and some R.A. Police from Kiu were sent down to reinforce that point.

10. A wire from O.C. Voi at 6.30 p.m. to say that the K.A.R. relief on return from Kasigau reported all clear between Kasigau - Sagala - Voi.

11. A wire from O.C. Bura, 7.15 p.m.

Maktau was attacked to-day at 4.50 p.m. by a party of the enemy, strength unknown. About 100 shots were exchanged with no casualties on our side. It is believed to be an enemy's patrol from Mountini.

12. A wire from Bura to say that it is quite evident that

that our plans are being communicated to the enemy. Woodhouse suspects the Simba Teita Chief and the mission. He further adds that information of march of Saunders from Bura to Campi ya Tembo was conveyed to enemy.

September 10th
Thursday

1. Last night at 9.30 p.m. a wire from the P.C. Kisumu giving following information from reliable native sources sent in by the D.C. Kisumu dated 7th.

"Strong force of Europeans and natives massing at Shirati from Mwa. Reforcements are advancing. The natives in that district have been ordered to collect quantities of food. 1 white man and 40 askaris crossed the frontier at Muhoru on the 6th."

In continuation of above the P.C. Kisumu sent a wire at 1.40 a.m. - "Information received from Renella by patrol boat sentries that the Germans are in occupation of Karungu. The Lake steamer was fired on by a maxim at 11.30 a.m. 7th. They are now supposed to be proceeding to Homa Bay."

3. A sentry (Railway Pathan) was shot by one of his own men on the bridge at mile 372. A Police Inspector who proceeded there reported that there was no sign of the enemy. A wire to this effect was received from the P.C. Naivasha at 3.45 a.m.

4. The E.A.M.R., who are now at mile 28 on the Magadi Railway, were ordered to send a patrol down towards Lake Amboseli and River Engare Rongai. This left this morning.

5. Wire from O.C. Mombasa, 11 a.m., in answer to our A/42 :

"Pegasus between here and Zanzibar. Cable ship in touch but has orders from S.N.O. not to call up by wireless."

6. O.C. Bura has established a small post at Machoti, just South of Voi-Taveta Road, and 8 miles West of Bura. They are in communication with Bura by telephone.

Position at Tsavo, 8.30 a.m.

TSAVO 1 company 29th Punjabis and 2 Maxims

Case: ya Tembo 1 " K.A.R. (Foster & Phillips)
x 1 section " M. I. (Davis)

All remainder of troops returned to Voi, including 12-pounder.

x Later wire to say that Davis and Saunders had returned to Tsavo at 1 p.m. and Bura at 5.30 p.m.

8. Captain Kempthorne arrived at Mile 26, Magadi Railway, and started to repair all roads and drifts.

9. In continuation of 1. the P.O. Kisumu reports 5 p.m. "German-hostile forces estimated at 1,000 white men and 100 native troops and 2,000 armed spearmen advancing rapidly on and direct for Kisii station. Karungu force also advancing in same direction. Kisii has been evacuated. A still further German force from Suna also advancing on Kisii.

Action taken :

C Coy 4th K.A.R. left at 10 a.m. for Kendu.
C " " ") left Entebbe 9th, arrived Kisumu
D " " ") 5 p.m. 10th, and left for Kendu
10 p.m.

1 Coy

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1 Coy. K.A.R. Reservists) left Entebbe midnight
90 Uganda Police) 10th for Kendu Bay.

10. 3 sections B company 4th K.A.R. under Lieut. Cholmley between Chyulu and Ngalia Ranges. 1 section at Kittadini.

October 11th 1. 'Clement Hill' with C and D companies arrived Friday at Kendu at 4 a.m. Total strength there 311 with Capt. Thornycroft in command.

2. The 1st Coy. K.A.R. arrived at Nairobi, Kenya at 5 p.m. on 10th October.

Casualties to date :-

- 1 Subedar
- 5 Rank and File
- 8 Rank and File
- None
- 3 Rank and File
- 1 Officer
- 1 Rank and File
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- 1 Rank and File

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Later. On receipt of information from officers Tsavo the 5 Rank and File of the K.A.R. M.I. and the 3 Rank and File of 1st K.A.R. had returned to camp.

TOTAL - 18

8 October

September 12th 1. The G.O.C., C.S.O., and two orderly officers
 Saturday left Nairobi by special train at 9 a.m. en route for
 Voi district. They were accompanied by the Railway
 Staff Officer. Major Swinburn and Captain Symonds
 met the train on its arrival at Mbagati Junction.

2. Arrived Makindu at 11.00 p.m., and Taita 8.30
 12th. (Mbagati Junction 1.30 a.m.)

3. A signal arrived at Makindu with a detachment
 of the 1st Battalion. One company was immediately despatched
 to the scene on account of a report of trouble.

4. News received from the 1st Battalion
 that the 1st Battalion had entered the area
 and had captured down the Geyser Pass. The
 column was then sent to the Kenia Bay, advancing on the

Kenia Bay, still at Chumbe Hills
 for a distance of 4th to occupy Camps ya Mamboni.

5. The special train reached Taita at 3.30 a.m. and was
 met by the 1st Battalion. The G.O.C. went out and inspected
 the position some 2 miles south of Taita Bridge.

A wire was received from the P.C. Kisumu to say
 that our Kenya column was in contact with the
 enemy with 30 white men killed. Our column
 killed, Capt. Thompson, with K.A.R., and Inspector
 Johnson of the E.A. Police (who was afterwards
 contradicted by wire from the P.C. Kisumu); and
 wounded, Grey. Reported that our other casualties
 were heavy. We were forced to retire owing to the
 shortage

shortage of ammunition, a supply of which had by then been sent from Kisumu. They were retiring on Kundu in order to prevent the enemy getting round our rear.

Action taken :

2 squadrons E.A.M.R. (dismounted) were despatched from Mile 26 Magadi Railway to Kisumu. Captain Brook also proceeded to Kisumu to do duty with the K.A.R.

3. A later wire from Kisumu stated that the Germans were retiring on Marungu, having left their wounded at Kisumu, which latter place we were now occupying.

4. A wire was sent to the 'Pegasus' asking her to proceed to Mombasa at once, as it was quite likely that a simultaneous attack would be made there as well as Kisumu.

5. The Special Brigade left Voi for Nairobi at 9.20 p.m. picked up Dr. Frichard and Major James, the latter proceeding on sick leave. Lieut. Phillips, Davis, and Hardingham also joined the train.

6. Wire was sent to D.C. Mombasa instructing him to despatch 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

7. A wire was received from S. Uganda suggesting an alternative means of communication between Mbale and Eldoret by means of runners.

8. Hospital accommodation was prepared at Entebbe and Kampala to receive if necessary any wounded from Kisumu.

9. Mr. Bustace was placed under arrest at Nairobi by the Provost Marshal on receipt of instructions from the U.S.O.

September 14th Monday 1. The K.A.R. M.I. under Lieut. Gore Browne left for Magadi at 3 p.m.

2. The G.O.C.'s special train arrived at Nairobi at 1.43 p.m.

3. The porters for Voi from Mombasa departed at 6 p.m.

4. Wire was received from O.C. Kisumu to say that a party of K.A.R. and some police had been sent round to Karungu in the patrol boat 'Kavirondo' and that the remainder of the column at Kisii were in pursuit of the enemy.

5. A wire from the O.C. Bura to say that an enemy's patrol was again occupying Mbuyani. This was reported by motor cyclists. Lieut. Murray proceeded there to investigate and found nothing, apparently they appear to come out here about every other day.

6. Wire from O.C. Kisumu giving list of casualties:-

- Killed 1 Officer and 3 Rank and File
- Wounded 1 White man and 7 Rank and File
- Missing 36 Rank and File

TOTAL - 48.

7. One German white man was captured near Makindu. Apparently his stores had been looted by the Masai and he himself wounded. He was sent to Nairobi in charge

of

of Lieut. Faulkner.

8. In continuation of 7, the Kendu column had retired in the first instance owing to darkness setting on and the troops running short of ammunition.

9. Signalling communication was established between Tsavo and Campi ya Tembo but by day only. The latter was not in communication with Campi ya Maribau.

Monday
15th
1. A letter was received in the Intelligence Office with news that the Germans were showing great activity in the district about 10 miles S.W. East from where the Tana River crosses the Victoria Nile.

2. On the 14th inst. a party of 200 British troops, under an officer of the name of West, engaged the Germans in a battle at Kaya, 10 miles due North of Rabai. A company 1st K.A.R. left Mombasa on the 14th to cooperate with Inspector West. This latter company arrived from Tanga on the 15th.

3. From information received from Uganda, it appears that on the 4th inst. the Germans had made a demonstration South of Uvira, the post on Lake Tanganyika, and also that an encounter had taken place between the German and Belgian steamers on the same lake. Large Belgian reinforcements are reported to have arrived at Uvira.

4. The G.O.C. accompanied by the C.S.O. inspected both European and Native hospitals at 10.30 a.m.

5. Position of our troops round Tsavo, 4.15 p.m. :-

- Captain Isaacson near Rombo
- Lieut. Foster at Campi ya Maribu
- Captain Saunders " Campi ya Tembo
- 29th Punjabis " "

No news been received yet from Lieut. Cholmley.

September 16th
Wednesday

1. Reliable information received from Major Swinton Home that about 100 German mounted troops

have arrived in Longido. They are requisitioned from the Town of ... from the Boers of Aruscha district.

is some 15 miles within the German border ... of a waterless tract some 30 miles

they are either ... 29th Punjabis ... Longido, which will ... prevent our ... advanced party of

Action taken:

- 220 E.A.M.R. and ...
- and to withdraw inside ...
- allows 2 companies ...
- from Voi to Kajiado (Mile 20 ...)
- E.A.R.

2. A wire from Troops, ... A.M. had arrived ... left Kisumu by lake steamer ...

European Germans were found in the camp at Kisumu ... wounded German askaris had already been sent ... Kisumu. Their other casualties unknown.

3. Two companies 29th Punjabis under Major Hasselberg left

10 dead Germans were picked up in Kisii; 6 more were reported killed, and 6 wounded were already in Kisumu. Our casualties were slight when compared with theirs. Bazruta Effendi, J company 4th K.A.R. was killed, we captured 4 machine gun barrels and one tripod.

September 17th
Thursday
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1. Lieut. Cholmley and B company 4th K.A.R. arrived at Campi ya Tembo, also 2 companies 29th Punjabis at Kajjado.

2. O.C. Troops, Kisumu, reports that the German force from Kisii had retreated across the border by the Suna Road. The 2 squadrons of K.A.M.N. have been ordered to rejoin at Kajjado; also two trained companies 4th K.A.R. to be concentrated at Kisumu; the remainder with a strong force of Police were to deal with the Kisii.

000 reported.

3. Hubert, in command of the Moer contingent, Wilson and a few picked men are proceeding to reconnoitre Kajjado to-night, the spot at which action will be taken. O.C. Troops, Kajjado in control of the K.A.M.N. wounded one white and killed one native. Akara of Odonye took.

4. Arrangements were made to rent a small bungalow at Kisumu for the purposes of an additional hospital.

5. Total numbers at present in Kisii column, 419, our casualties having been 52 and another 50 sick. Available force in Kisumu, 50 Police.

6. S.S. Duplex left for Kismayu, on 15th instant, to bring troops from Jubaland.

7. Further news received re the engagement at Kisii. The engagement started at 10.30 a.m. and continued till dark when owing to lack of ammunition the O.C. Troops deemed it wise to retire. Apparently the Germans retired at the same moment. Everything points to their having been demoralised as they left at Kisii quantities of baggage, ammunition, and rupees. After their departure, the Kisii tribu looted Kisii. The enemy retired to ~~Swahili~~ ^{Swahili} ~~border~~ ^{border} already crossed the border.

From information received from a German askari deserter, 200 troops are at Mwanza, 400 at Tabora, and 20 at Shirati. One company, 190 men, that fought at Kisii came from Bukoba. He also said that the main object of their attacks was our railway. There were 40 Europeans armed with the latest pattern service rifle.

8. Letters were received from the Marine Superintendent, Kisumu, giving details of work performed by Lake patrol boats. On the 13th instant the ss. Kavirondo captured the German dhow 'Harold' but she sank whilst being taken in tow, with the loss of one of our seamen. Later on in the same day, whilst off Majita Bay, a loaded dhow was noticed alongside the pier. On approaching, the enemy opened fire on the ship by volleys, no damage being done. The 'Kavirondo' replied by fire from her 9-pounder, the 5th and 6th shot sinking her.

9. A rumour was received from Kijabe last night to the effect that Lord Delamere had been captured. A motor cyclist has been sent to investigate. (This has just been proved to be false. 4.45 p.m.).

10. Half A company 3rd K.A.R. under Lieut. Munro were withdrawn to Mombasa from duty on bridges and culverts on railway.

11. 2 squadrons E.A.M.R. (Bowker's Horse) arrived in Kisumu from Karungu at 12 noon. They proceeded to Karungu on s.s. Winifred on 15th, and at 4 p.m. when

approaching the pier they were fired at by the German boat 'Mwanza' with a 7-pounder gun. The 'Winifred' replied with one Maxim, after firing

for 15 minutes withdrew. The day was uneventful.

S.S. 'Hambro' left Kisumu on 15th and found the German force was said to be 12 Europeans, 1 of whom was reported killed and 3 wounded. Black troops, strength unknown. The German force retreated to Mwanza by steamer. 'Shirazi' is also reported as unoccupied.

Member 18th 1. From information received from Lieut. Wavell, Friday dated the 14th instant, it appears the enemy has evacuated Lushanga and that there are no parties of the enemy at present on our side of the border. The blockhouse at Majoreni is now complete.

2. Major Swinton Home left Magadi for Ol Donyo Orok at 10 a.m. Major Hazelhurst assumed command in his absence.

SECRET

In District X Search of 21/1/1914

REPORT ON WAR MEASURES, MOMBASA,

From 1st to 13th September 1914

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September 1st MOMBASA DISTRICT :

H.M.S. Pegasus arrived.

H.M.S. Fox arrived escorting troop ship Nairung from Bombay.

29th Punjabi Regiment arrived from India, troop ship Nairung. These were disembarked and entrained for Voi and Nairobi the same day.

MOMBASA DISTRICT :

Magico Officer Commanding Troops Mombasa

... establishing a post in ... Saturday ... on their own movements and preparation ... information, or that they ... attacking columns ... about ...

About ...

German ...

... events ...

... this ...

... 100 ...

... 100 ...

... that their commander is ...

... of further concentration near the border ...

... follows - 5 white arrived Kwakijantu ...

... 100 white men following Mukasa; also ...

... 150 askaris arrived Kilulu from South ...

drew a cordon of sentries round the town and announced departure. Three dhows in all commandeered and loaded up with stores, &c., &c.

At dawn Sunday, 30th instant, Lieut. Russell with 60

men and a gun attacked the enemy. The enemy were

driven back to the river. The enemy were

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Nothing was left in Vanga except some clothes and 50 sacks of rice.

Lieut. Russell,
Officer Commanding Troop
Vanga District.

Majoreni, 7.30 a.m.,
August 31st 1914.

visited the Customs, Government house they returned

returned to the border.

At 3 p.m. a section of 200 troops entered Vanga, carefully inspected the whole town, and later returned to the border.

The force of Jassin, Kiiuluru, has been reinforced by 100 Europeans and a large number of native troops.

A further force of 30 Europeans and 300 native troops are reported to be proceeding down the new road from Mwakijembe to Jassin.

Vanga is deserted but otherwise there has been no change in the native attitude along the Umba Valley. Everything is normal.

Majoreni,
1st September 1914.

T. AINSWORTH DICKSON, Lieut.

September 2nd

MOMBASA DISTRICT :

Motor cars requisitioned for Government service reduced to four.

H.M.S. Fox left; destination unknown.

VOI DISTRICT :

(Telegram)

3rd September 1914.

To Intelligence, Nairobi.

Copy Pura and Mombasa.

232. Captain Isaacson reports German dynamite party were yesterday morning in Maungu Hills; Lieut. Phillips following them (stop) They are making for the railway somewhere between Maungu and Samburu (stop)

He

4.

He is patrolling down the line to Mackinnon Road to get in touch again with Lieut. Phillips.

From I. O., Voi.

VANGA DISTRICT :

On the 1st instant a party of 15 askaris and 2 German officers entered Lushanga (A.7) with intention of intercepting the D.C. who was supposed to be going to that village. After waiting 24 hours the party returned to Mwakijembe, having killed the native who gave them wrong information.

On the 2nd instant 1 German officer and 10 askaris crossed the border from Mwakijembe and entered village near Livunani (A.6). Their object was to find the road to Mwena, but the natives apparently fled and the party returned to Mwakijembe.

On the 1st, white officers and 500 troops arrived at Mwakijembe from Reboto (?). These were joined on the 2nd by 10 white officers, the D.C. of Tanga, and 130 troops.

The garrison at Kivuguru Goma on the 2nd was composed of 100 whites and 500 askaris. 200 of the latter were under order to move up to Mwakijembe.

The Germans are building another fort near Mtimbuni (near Kwala, G.E.A., B.12). This is about 3 1/2 to 4 hours from Tanga and 6 hours from Jassin. There are 300 white troops and a large number of native askaris there, and a considerable quantity of stock and ammunition.

The labourers of the various shambas between the border and Tanga have been armed with rifles; it is probable

probable these number some 400 to 500.

Information by another spy confirms the measurements already given re the fort at Kivururu and the statement that there are three guns mounted.

An askari who was absent at Taloa and who appeared the following morning was taken out and shot at Kivururu Boma on the 1st instant.

T. A. DICKSON, Lieut.

Majoreni,
3rd September 1914.

at 3
VOI DISTRICT :
(Telegram)
To Intelligence, Wairangi.

Copy S.O. Voi, and Intelligence Mombasa.

3rd September 1914.

Lieut. Murray, O.C. Maktau reports cyclists camp at Mbunyuni burnt out by enemy (stop) Regret to report that scout Deluzi captured (stop) The other two scouts escaped unhurt (stop) 3 motor cyclists captured by enemy (stop) Supposed strength enemy's patrol 2 white and 12 askaris (stop) One white man enemy believed to have been shot (stop) 4 of our askaris who arrived after the surprise engaged enemy, the latter retiring about 10.30 a.m. (stop) In the morning the Maktau garrison which was being relieved and under orders to rejoin at Bura withdrew its post at Mbunyuni before latter was relieved thus leaving scouts unprotected (stop) Scouts must have been aware of this fact and appear to have been cooking when surprised (stop)

From Officer Commanding, Bura.

September 4th MOMBASA DISTRICT :

Ships in Harbour

Pegasus	Line
Nairung	Warship
Newbridge	Asiatic
Duplex	Temperley
Clan Macaulay	Cowanjee Dinshaw
Sherard Osborn	Clan
Oceanian	E. T. C.
	Messageries Maritimes

VOI DISTRICT .

Received 1 (Tel) by
From S. O. Voi to Intelligence

Following information received
at 11 a.m. on 3rd September
The enemy were advancing

They saw three white men about 20 yards
The porters (stop) Scouts report having seen
29th instant. was seen to have
machine guns and two so the guns. The enemy were
evacuation of the bark (stop) as the area
was already round to fight. The enemy
and for the first time shots were fired
a party of 42 native soldiers
and hope to get to the heavy
at point A. The enemy
of the enemy from Voi

1. The enemy had a line of guns travelling
The line of the enemy in the direction of the
infantry advanced (end).

September 5th MOMBASA DISTRICT :

H.M.S. Pegasus left.
Troop ship Nairung

VOI DISTRICT:

September 4th. Two German
each

seen by gang night patrol mile 47 and ran into
jungle (stop) Lieut. Harries, Pathan Company, left
Mackinnon Road and patrol to clear up situation (copy)

1907 Feb 21 10:50 AM BURA

S. SANDERSON

(Telegram)

September 5th. To-day at dawn Lieut. Davis
with 1st I. Co. reached Maitai. My orders to him
were to make for Taavo River between mouth of Moltu
River which is eight miles east of Kivukani and
western edge of Hill Hills. On arrival work down
stream, try to cut enemy's strength, drive enemy
down Taavo River. Captain Saunders, Kema, and Isaac
left here 2 p.m. to-day and are proceeding via Teita
Hills where they sleep tonight to Camp ya Tembo.
Force thirty two Europeans, one hundred and seven
native troops. They should reach destination
seventh. I gave Captain Saunders free hand in
direction according to circumstances. I will
accompany them. Have nothing to report.

O. C., BURA.

September 5th. Following message received from
Lieut. Hardingham at the north of Kaniha 4th September
The force fallen back to point 501. We are on South East
side, will hold this if enemy advances on Taavo

... observations
... and at 20 yards and one report of N.C.O. and men yester-
day. After meeting with enemy yesterday made to
southward

southward through bush to regain Tsavo track. Reached track 3 p.m., 7 miles west of present position. No trace of enemy on either side of river. Am leaving porters here and 9 men and moving west with 14 men in two patrols along River to regain touch. Do not expect hold present position unsupported longer than to enable safari to get clear on retirement to Tsavo. Consider mounted men essential here. Have not seen guides since 10 a.m. yesterday. 11 a.m. 4th September.

- One of Lieut. Hardingham's patrols who has come on reports meeting enemy yesterday 2 p.m., so separated from patrol and retired on previous position, no sign of Lieut. Hardingham's men so re-encountered Tsavo meeting runner with message which he brought in.

From S. O., 707

Bura, 5th September.

McGroherly was wounded in the leg. Lawrence states that he bound up the wound and used a bayonet as a splint. He then seems to have retired and McGroherly was made a prisoner. One of Luigi's prisoners informed him that he saw the Germans with two white prisoners and 3 bicycles pass near Salita Hill. I conclude that McGroherly has broken leg and is a prisoner and that Luigi is a prisoner and unwounded.

From OFFICER COMMANDING, BURA.

VANGA DISTRICT :

Majoreni, 5th September.

Lieut. Innes with his detachment arrived Majoreni yesterday and are now engaged in laying mines for

the

10.

Majoreni, 6th September,
3 p.m.

The advanced post (Corporal and 2 European cyclists) has just returned from Jariwa. They report that the enemy 1000 strong with 6 machine guns crossed the border between Mwakijembe and Livinduni at 5 p.m. to-day. This information reached them at 10 p.m. by which time enemy were supposed to have reached Mwena. They report native rumours of another advance on Majoreni and another by sea from Ngoa to ...

I think it quite possible that they ... merely indicate that another foraging party has ... across cattle driving. I shall ... in position here till I get definite news of the enemy on the right flank.

A. J. B. WAVELE, Lieut.,
Commanding Vanga District.

Majoreni, 6th September.

1. A German force reported to have crossed the border at Mchongo and entered that village. This is confirmed later from various sources.
2. A small German force reported to be at or near Lushanga.
3. Wakamba and Waduruma reported to be collecting their cattle &c. and retiring towards Ndavaya, i.e. towards the border of Rabai and Vanga districts.

7th September,
10 a.m.

1. Force referred to in No. 2 of above appeared at Genja yesterday evening. On hearing the natives beating

Indians have been able to confirm them. The information sent yesterday morning was brought by the advance post of a corporal and two men (European) I had at 11 P.M. They had been close to the enemy but had not actually seen them. This post has now been withdrawn as Major Jackson and I considered that it was doing more harm than good on account of its dealings with the natives, overpaying not sifting information, &c.

Your suggestion as to observation posts shall be carried out as far as possible but country so thick, bush, swamp, long grass, plantations, that high ground is not much advantage as far as seeing anything is concerned.

There was great excitement among the natives on the night of the 5th but nothing has been definitely ascertained except that a force crossed the border at Lushanga, worked down to Gonga, and then crossed the border. They do not appear to have molested the natives. It is further reported and confirmed from several sources that a small force was camped yesterday at Mchongo, a village near

Unless fresh information comes in making the movement unfavorable, I shall remain at Mchongo

undisturbed and the scouts, whom there are now 40, are doing useful work, watching roads, &c.

A. J. B. WAVEILL, Lieut.,
Officer Commanding Vanga District.

September 8th

MOMBASA DISTRICT :

s.s. Ares arrived with 3,800 tons of liquid fuel. Senior Naval Officer, Zanzibar, informed by telegraph.

VOI DISTRICT :

(Telegram)

Bura Camp, 8th September,
11 p.m.

Three askaris Davis M. I. just arrived. They report that captured askari said that there was a camp of one thousand Germans about Campi ya Tembo. Germans there not about 5 miles West of Campi ya Tembo estimated by Abyssinians at not over one company

From COMMANDING BURA.

Bura Camp, 8th September.

Following from Lieut. Woodhouse (Begin) c. 30 p.m. seventh. Force from Bura now at Campi ya Tembo have caught one askari one wounded white man two wounded askaris from hand engagement. We are holding strong position might another message come via Bura in morning.

O. C. BURA.

September 9th

MOMBASA DISTRICT :

Report received from Rabai that WaGiriama had murdered a friendly headman named Fundi Nyama and were threatening the Mission at Kaloleni about 10 miles from Rabai Station. European constable and 25 police sent out to escort missionaries to Rabai.

Cable broken about 24 miles from Mombasa. Wireless sent

sent by French Mail to Zanzibar to enquire if cable ship Sherard Osborne may go out to repair.

Code message from A Y M to D S F picked up by s.s. Oceanien in Kilindini Harbour at 8.30 a.m.

Message forwarded by letter to Resident, Zanzibar, for S.N.O. Message believed to be from German Crusier Konigsberg, signals used being as follows:-

A Y M
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probably mistake for

A K O - Konigsberg
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September 10th

Cable ship Sherard Osborne instructed by S.N.O. to remain in Kilindini and not to go out to repair cable at present.

Arranged to keep up wireless communication with Zanzibar by French Mail now in Kilindini.

Report received from Assistant District Commissioner, Rabai, that about 400 WaGiriana rebels had seized a friendly headman named Mzee Kitu, living near Kaloleni, apparently with the intention of murdering him. A.F.M. Rabai instructed to go out with the K.A.R. reserves and police at Rabai (about 50 men) and endeavour to rescue Mzee Kitu and inflict punishment on the rebels.

VANGA DISTRICT :

Majoreni, 9th September.

On the afternoon of the 7th instant I received a letter from the Senior Naval Officer saying that he was standing off with 50 K.A.R. on board who could be landed in case of emergency only. I replied that

no special emergency existed and informed him of the position of this camp and my intentions. About midnight H.M.S. Pegasus bombarded Vanga and destroyed the Custom House according to native reports.

At midnight I left camp with 50 men (Arabs), the machine gun detachment, and 20 Wadigo scouts, reached Jiriwe at 4 a.m., crossed the river Umba, and entered very closed country full of villages and plantations. We encountered the enemy in a village about 2 miles from the border at dawn. The stupidity of the Wadigo scouts prevented our making a surprise attack. As it was we were forced into a close engagement of about 12 askaris with a European in command. The Arabs behaved well, and after a little rather confused firing made a bayonet charge and took the village. As there was no longer any hope of surprising anyone I did not think it prudent to proceed further, and after about half an hour spent looking for one of our Europeans, who was supposed to have been hit, I recrossed the river and later returned to camp. Some German askaris were seen as we were retiring but made off directly they saw us. No casualties on either side so far as I know, but the porters carrying the maxim and the scouts killed, and most of them are still missing.

While halting at Jiriwe after this a good many headmen came in from neighbouring villages and were addressed by Lieut. Dickson, the District Commissioner, who told them we would drive out any Germans who might cross the border if only they would bring information. We found the natives South of the Umba

very much disturbed by these raiding parties who have apparently been taking away able bodied men, probably for porters. We could get no news of any large force this side of the border. I believe all the recent rumours to have originated from the presence of one small party we drove out who have apparently been in the neighbourhood for the last few days.

I will think the Ladigq scouts may be of use when they understand better the duties required of them. Some means appears attached to the Intelligence Department and engaged in making the necessary arrangements will be made for carrying out the future.

... opposite Mchong, where the Germans are reported to have built a house.

There is no further news of German parties having crossed the border, but a German bayonet and tent peg have been brought in found between Mchongo and Gonia probably lost by the party seen by us at former village.

P. AINSWORTH DICKSON, Lieut.

GIRIAMA DISTRICT :

Giriama Station, Nyika Dist.
September 7th

I have the honour to report that I patrolled the country to-day as far as Vitengeni. I found Chief Tsumu's village as also another village and the Mission school and teachers' house had been burned by hostile Wairiama. Chief Tsumu was in hiding in the bush and reported that several other village inhabitants were likewise in hiding; one elder had also been killed by Wairiama. I should have been glad to offer these people a refuge at Mangea but the lack of water made this impossible. I therefore brought Tsumu and his wives to Mangea and I am sending him to Makasia by M. Hazzlerig tomorrow. The natives were very hostile and they carried off about 100 goats.

The water supply is becoming a matter of serious consideration, and I expect that in 10 days' time I shall have to send to Makasia for supplies. As matters stand at present this will mean daily encounters with the natives. In view of this and in the

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the interests of our friends I have asked the G.C. Troops to send a detachment of K.A.Rs. here to curb the hostile attitude of the neighbourhood.

C. C. DUNDAS,

District Commissioner.

VANGA DISTRICT :

Majoreni, 11th September.

Intelligence here constantly receives reports from native sources that enemy are still in force at Mwakajamba.

Dhow with materials for blockhouse has arrived.

Some more small parties of the enemy have crossed the border.

Bugle calls have been heard near camp this morning, but patrols can find no trace of enemy nor have our scouts brought in any reports.

A. J. R. WAURIE, Lieut.,

Commanding Vanga District.

Number 12th MOMBASA DISTRICT .

Rabai reports shooting of man named Alf by Giriana near Mariakani.

Telephonereport from Takaungu that village of friendly Giriana headman named Mchunga burnt yesterday and headman Toya from village 6 hours West of Takaungu threatened. Arranged with Assistant District Commissioner, Takaungu, who is too ill to go out himself, to send out 15 police and bring Mzee Toya into Takaungu.

Company of K.A.R. from Kismayu left for Giriana via Rabai.

VANGA

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VANGA DISTRICT :

Majoreni, 12th September.

The parties of the enemy reported as having crossed the border retired yesterday to Lushanga.

As it is not possible adequately to protect the natives in the Gonja and Mchongo Districts at this distance, I propose to move forward to Bwaga Macho as soon as the blockhouse here is completed. I should leave an officer and 30 men here to hold the blockhouse, keep communication, and watch the road between here and Vanga. I should keep a reserve of stores and ammunition here at all times.

A. J. WILSON, Lieut.,

Commanding Vanga District.

Majoreni, 13th September.

Parties of Germans reported yesterday to have entered Mchongo and Gonja have since left these villages and moved up to Lushanga. Number unknown but 9 large tents counted.

Native report states that guns have been mounted at Jassin and mangrove swamps in front to give clear range. Unless the Germans possess a large number of guns to spare, this statement seems unlikely judging from the position of Jassin village.

Total number of villagers reported to have been taken prisoners by Germans in last 2 days between Jassin and Lushanga is 22.

A. INSWORTH DICKSON, Lieut.

September 13th

MOMBASA DISTRICT :

H.M.S. Pegasus and cable ship Sherard Osborn arrived.

September 13th MOMBASA :

Ships in Harbour

Name of Ship	Line
Newbridge	Temperley
Oceanien	Messageries Maritimes
Ares	Nederlandsche Stoomboot
Duplex	Cowesjee Dinshaw
Pegasus	Warship
Port Said	Marittima Italiana
Sherard Osborn	E. T. C.

(Signed)

S. J. P. M. S. T. E. D.

Asst. Port & Canal Commissioner

SECRET

ENCLOSURE No 3
1. Report No. 200/1014

REPORT ON ENGAGEMENT 6 1/2 miles West of
Tsavo Camp 1 1/2 miles West of Tsavo Station
on 6th September 1914.

Orders issued 1.30 a.m. 5th. 722
Operation Order No. 1 by Major James,
Commanding Voi District.

Enemy.

Lieut. Hardingham reported on 4th enemy 200
infantry, 2 machine guns, and 2 screw guns with 20
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15 miles from Tsavo Station.

our Troops.

Lieut. Cholmeley with 95 rifles 4th K.A.R.
advances from Mtoto Kende at 5.15 a.m. to-day.

Intention.

Support Lieut. Hardingham, find out enemy's
strength and intention.

Troops.

Two companies 29th Punjab is and 1st K.A.R.
to move out at 5.45 a.m. up Tsavo Ri

Capt. Skinner,
29th Punjab

1 1/2 companies 29th Punjabis, remainder K.A.R., and
one gun remain at Tsavo.

Signalling.

Signalling communication to be maintained with
Tsavo.

Reports.

Reports will be sent to O.C. at Tsavo.

(Signed) A. A. JAMES, Major,
Commanding Voi District.

NARRATIVE.

Orders were issued to take 150 rounds per rifle

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In Reply to No. 222 of 21.9.1914

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mounted white Germans advancing down Tsavo River, about
15 miles from Tsavo Station.

Our Troops.

Lieut. Cholmeley with 95 rifles 4th K.A.R.
advances from Mtoto A. 5.15 a.m. to-day.

Attention.

support Lieut. Hardingham, find out enemy's
strength and intention.

Troops.

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to move out at 5.45 a.m. up Tsavo Ri
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Capt. Skinner,
29th Punjabis

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Tsavo.

Reports.

Reports will be sent to O.C. at Tsavo.

(Signed) A. A. JAMES, Major,
Commanding Voi District.

NARRATIVE.

Orders were issued to take 150 rounds per rifle

in pouches, and there should have been three days' rations but this could not be supplied to all.

C and E companies 29th Punjabis and Lieut. Phillips with 25 men B company 1st K.A.R. and 20 men D company 3rd K.A.R. moved at 7.30 a.m. along the Tsavo trail to support Lieut. Hardingham, all under Capt. Skinner, 29th Punjabis.

Telegraphic orders were sent to officers commanding Bura and Mtoto Andei to move mounted infantry and company K.A.R. respectively at 5.15 a.m. expeditiously by routes already ordered to come to the emergency arrival.

of the 2nd. A scout was sent out at 7.30 a.m. to cross Ngulia Hills to gain touch with Lieut. Cholmeley's company.

The second troop train from Voi was ordered to wait at Tsavo Station with steam up to cover the line to either flank if required.

At 10.30 p.m. on the 4th, Capt. Jolly, I.M.S. had come to Tsavo to see the place and was sent back to Voi to bring the pack and ambulance from Voi to Tsavo. This party arrived about midday 5th.

A telephone line was laid to Signal Hill, 2 1/2 miles West of Tsavo Camp, but this was of no use on account of constant breaks from troops passing.

At 5.10 p.m. a message was received from Lieut. Hardingham, sent at 8.10 a.m., saying he was 10 miles West of Tsavo and his porters were retiring to Tsavo Camp. This message was read by Capt. Skinner about 9 miles West of Tsavo at 1.10 p.m.

6th. At midnight a message was received from Capt. Skinner, sent 6.30 p.m., to say enemy seen on high hill between him and Tsavo and suggesting a company be sent out from Tsavo to engage enemy while he attacked in rear. As I wished to give time for the Bura - Mtoti Andei troops to get behind the enemy and defeat him as far from his base as possible, the following instructions were sent at 5.15 a.m. on the 6th to Capt. Skinner and a copy given to Capt. Marshall R.A. These should have left at 2.30 a.m. but were delayed by the non-arrival of Lieut. Foster and his company from Nairobi, who should have reached Tsavo Station by 1.30 a.m. and Tsavo by 2.30 a.m.

"at day to-day" (unclear)

Punjabis and a company K.A.R. (unclear) position about 5 m. (unclear) both banks of the (unclear) to Signal Hill or (unclear) from the blackhouse of (unclear) 29th Punjabis will remain at Tsavo. The Mtoti Andei should by now be near my

2. It is not my intention to advance from (unclear) position but for you to (unclear) corner to the north away (unclear) the gun and my position.

3. You will move on enemy's right flank, (unclear) to keep him from approaching or crossing the river the South, keeping a good watch on your front and rear. Should enemy move West, endeavour to stop him.

4. The section field ambulance will remain at Tsavo.

5. Food will be brought out and sent you if possible.

(Signed) A. (unclear)

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A message was received from Bura at 1.15 a.m. saying that troops had not left until 2 p.m., 5th, and were camping in Talita Hills high of 5th-6th. This shows they could not arrive

I left [redacted] S.A.R. with [redacted] Free R.E. as my Staff Officer, [redacted] the situation to [redacted] as [redacted]

section

At 10.45 a.m. a message [redacted] Oldfield on [redacted] sent at 9.15 [redacted] clear to 150 high [redacted] was ordered [redacted]

from the front up [redacted] and I was still [redacted] on information received [redacted] and my [redacted] subsequent orders.

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At 1.10 p.m. two messages, sent 12.45 p.m., were received from Capt. Skinner to say that he had lost touch with the enemy. It had been reported to him they had retired towards German East Africa. The second message to say the situation was not yet clear, enemy were reported in the bush, Phillips with K.A.R. and Pottinger with F company 29th sent to intercept, and asked me to meet him (Capt. Skinner). Neither the position of himself or the enemy was given. Lieut. Oldfield's patrols I had sent forward to gain touch and find out what was going on after firing commenced never returned; they were absorbed in the firing line and nothing could be seen from the hill on which was owing to the dense bush, and so I could not locate his and enemy's positions and go to meet him.

I had already when firing commenced sent forward to Lieut. Oldfield on the right bank to ask if he had touch with Lieut. Foster on the left as no information received from latter. Message also sent by hand to Lieut. Foster to ask for his position.

1.20 p.m. We would send the

message

2 p.m. Message received from Lieut. Foster (or his) saying he was going to occupy small

1. W. with his whole force (one company) except 6 men, leaving no one in my hand to support if required except one machine gun and 1 section 29th Punjabis.

A message timed 2 p.m. reached me 2.45 p.m. from Lieut. Hardingham saying that 2 companies 29th Punjabis and 1 company K.A.R. were engaged at the

point where Lieut. Oldfield was told to go; that he (Hardingham) was in rear with Lieut. Phillips with half company K.A.R.; and that they were told to reinforce the firing line.

3.15 p.m. Information received from Signal Hill, timed 2.6 p.m., about 3 miles in rear, to report 12-pounder gun in position on peak between 2nd and 3rd keppes North of Signal Hill.

3.30 p.m. Message received from Lieut. Foster, time 2.40, reporting firing on low hills South West of his position.

From information from single man 29th who came back, which turned out to be incorrect, I believed that troops with Capt. Skinner were retiring on the left, and from the sound of firing enemy appeared to be this side of the low ridge, on the river bank. I went to Signal Hill (between 3.15 and 3.30), collected what men I could to cover any retirement, and was informed there by a sepoy that Capt. Skinner had retired on the left. A little time after, Capt. Skinner came back from the front. ~~His troops~~ his troops were in the position the enemy had held, but the whereabouts of Capt. Pottinger was not known. I took what men I could find, F and D companies 29th Punjabis, and went forward again at about 6 p.m. and met the remainder retiring. Owing to the fact that the men had no food left, I picqueted the Signal Hill position with 29th Punjabis, and the remainder, with the exception of the gun and escort, returned to Tsavo Camp for the night. Owing to the difficulties of communicating in the bush, it was impossible to

know

know where enemy's or our own troops were during the whole day.

A separate report as to the part taken by Capt. Pottlager and 30 Punjabis in action of September 6th 1914 will be forwarded under a separate cover.

On the night of 6th the following orders were issued to Lieut. Foster with A company 4th K.A.R. to leave at dawn to gain touch with the enemy.

Lieut. Hardingham with 30 men A company 1st K.A.R. and Lieut. Phillips with 40 men A company 1st K.A.R. hurry to move out at 6.45 p.m. in support of Lieut. Foster.

At 4.40 p.m. Lieut. Phillips reported he had seen nothing of the enemy, but he had traced the body of Lieut. Gladstone.

At 4.30 p.m. Lieut. Foster reported he had seen nothing of the enemy.

At 7.50 p.m. I received a message from Lieut. Foster stating he was returning to Signal Hill where 20 Punjabis were waiting readiness to go out. I at once ordered him to return to the scene of action and to carry out his instructions.

No trace of the enemy's movements were reported on 7th September.

On 8th September I received a report from Lieut. Foster saying he had found no trace of the enemy. Touch was gained with Bura and information received that 2 German officers, 1 askari, and 22 porters were taken prisoners.

On 9th I received report from Lieut. Phillips that Capt. Isaacson had captured 4 German native police, who stated that the Germans fought Tsavo

River battle on 6th until 4 p.m., retired at once by 12 hours' march, and halted 6 hours, and then continued on Moschi.

Lieut. Foster did not push on sufficiently fast as ordered, and in consequence no trace of the enemy's whereabouts was obtained for more than 2 days. Had Lieut. Foster carried out the instructions he might have found traces of the enemy's whereabouts and retirement, and so enabled us to follow them.

A list of casualties is attached. The total number of men killed was 13.

It is very hard to find the enemy in a bush. The only signs were the tracks of their feet. The German soldiers were killed, one sergeant wounded, the other parts of blood were found on the ground. The engagement also showed that the men had been hit in those places. I put the men in a hurried retreat to the west, getting back with 10 men in the enemy's front rank.

I wish to bring to notice the excellent work done by the following: Pappa, born Kurozaki (Haiti), and the Indian (Mutekra) and Indian (Mutekra). After the years' strain and trying conditions were met with, they were secreting the seed of...

I also wish to bring to notice the good given to me, in a copy...

stranger, the language which I did not know, by all the British officers of British East Africa who were under my command.

Capt. Cree R E. was acting as my Staff Officer from September 5th to 8th, when he was sent to Pura, and was of the greatest assistance out the end of the...

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JAMES HAY
D. C. Tsavo.

