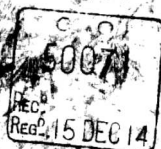


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These diaries are very
handy as a connected record
of events. A good deal
of this is ancient history
by now, especially as
regards Gazi and Longido,
but there are a good many
interesting remarks which
I have marked. The Lake
Steamer seems to have done
well - except for the
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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

20th November 1914.

SECRET.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward for your information
copy of the War Diary furnished by the General Officer
Commanding Force 'C' for the period October 7 to
November 14.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

H. Conway

GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

LEWIS HARCOURT, M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

No. C. 134.

Headquarters Staff Office,
Nairobi, the 26th October 1914.

From

The General Officer Commanding
Indian Expeditionary Force 'C',

To

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

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith, in original, War Diary for the period from the 7th October 1914 to the 24th October 1914 inclusive.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) J. M. STEWART,

Brigadier-General,

COMMANDING I.E.F. 'C'.

Copy, together with duplicate copy of War Diary, as above, forwarded for the information of His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

(Signed) J. M. STEWART,

Brigadier-General,

COMMANDING I.E.F. 'C'.

The Private Secretary,
Government House,
Nairobi.

WAR DIARY.

1 p.m.
7th October

All as reported quiet on the border.

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Mr Postma, intelligence agent, who escaped after capture, reports German posts to be as follows :-

Ikoma 1 lieut., 8 white volunteers, 35 askaris, 1 field machine gun.

Musoma 20 to 30 white men and 150 to 200 askaris

Muanza 100 white men and 500 askaris.

Tabora 1,500 whites supposed to be here.

Some Boers appear to have taken up arms against us but the majority appear to be remaining on their farms.

W. MacDonnell, Capt.,
for Brigade Major.

8th October

AIROBI

1. O.C. Kisii reports information from natives indicates concentration of a strong force of Germans across border with intention of attacking Kisii-Kisumu.
2. Lord Delamere reports no German force of any size between Amala River and Lake Natron.
3. All is quiet in the Magadi area.
4. Native reports state there are German forces of some strength near Rombo and Taveta, that a force was to start for Tsavo River on 7th, and that an iron bridge is being built across the Lume River.
5. Enemy attacked our position at Gazi at several points on 7th. Enemy's strength unknown. In counter attack in afternoon our force met heavy firing at

close

close range. Our casualties - Capt. Mlewellyn, Capt. Stonor, Lieut Faulkner, severely wounded; Major Hawthorne wounded, 1 Indian officer severely wounded, 2 Africans killed, 1 mortally, 2 seriously wounded; 4 Indian slightly wounded. Enemy were pursued 3 miles and left 10 dead, arms and ammunition.

J. G. Cadell, Capt.,
8.10.1914.

0 p.m.
9th October
AIROBI

1. No further reports from Gazi. No reports of activity on other parts of the frontier.

2. A written report from border South of Kisii dated 3rd says natives report Germans in strength South of Mara River, which they are bridging, with detachment at Utegi.

J. G. Cadell, Capt.,
9.10.14.

0 p.m.
10th October
AIROBI

1. Further reports indicate that no advance of the enemy on Kisii is to be immediately anticipated.

2. Enemy's casualties at Gazi were - Europeans 4 killed, 4 carried off on stretchers, Africans 8 killed 3 wounded, captured 20, wounded reported to have been taken away. Enemy's strength is estimated at 30 whites, 500 blacks, 6 maxims. He is reported to have retired through Magaboni on Kilulu. O.C. Gazi wishes to bring to notice conduct of Capt. W. G. Stonor, who led C company 1st K.A.R. in two successful attacks and was finally severely wounded as his

company

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company drove the enemy in retreat. All wounded doing well.

3. G.O.C. and C.S.O. left for Kisumu by special train at 9 a.m.

J. G. Cadell, Capt.,

10.10.14.

1. The complete list of our casualties at Gazi on 7th is killed 2 privates C company 1st K.A.R., severely wounded Capt. Llewellyn, Capt. Stonor, Lieut. Faulkner, 2 private C Company 1st K.A.R., wounded Major Hawthorne, K.A.R., Capt. Achhra Singh and 6 men Jhind Infantry, 1 sepoy 29th Punjabis, 1 private V A.R., 1 private Police. Llewellyn, Stonor, and Faulkner all in Mombasa hospital doing well. Major Hawthorne still at Gazi. Major Soames and Capts. Pillsell and Isaacson arrived at Gazi 2 a.m. 11th.

2. No activity of enemy reported in other areas.

3. Native reports discussed by Naval authorities at Mombasa as to hiding place of w.s. Konigsburg. Kilwa Kisiwani considered the most likely

J. G. Cadell, Capt.,

11.10.1914.

1. Through Kisumu information received from patrol near Mohuru that the force of enemy at that place consists of 4 Europeans, 100 native soldiers, and 2 field guns, while a force of 5 Europeans and a large number of native soldiers are said to be entrenching themselves at Shirati.

9 p.m.
11th October

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12th October

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2. Capt. Lilley reports that a bridge lately built by Germans over Mara River is said to be weakly guarded, and asks for permission to destroy it.

3. All is quiet in the Masai Reserve and Magadi area.

4. From Voi it is reported 150 enemy's native soldiers were seen at Lanjoro, also further confirmation that Germans have built a bridge across Lumi River.

5. No further information from the Coast.

J. J. Cadell, Capt.,

12.10.1914.

All is reported quiet all along frontier.

Detailed report received of action at Mazzi. On 7th enemy seen 2,000 yards South of our trenches at 8.30 a.m. Soon after they opened fire with a maxim and continued at intervals till 10.30 a.m. At 12.30 p.m. 2 maxims opened on us; 1 of our maxims and 2 companies Jhind replied. Lieut. Dent, K.A.R., & company Jhind, 1 section Reservists, had been sent along Mwell track and 11 a.m. some of the men returned reporting heavy fire. Capt. Stonor and 1 company K.A.R. sent to reinforce and later 1 company Reservists and 15 men of maxim company with 1 company 29th to attack enemy's right. Latter delayed by enemy on bridges ~~SW~~ of our position. Stonor drove off enemy and returned to trenches. About 3.30 p.m. 1st K.A.R. and a weak company Jhind advanced, came under heavy fire, so when reinforced drove off the enemy

p.m.
13th October

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enemy and pursued 3 miles.

G.O.C. and Staff returned from Kisumu at 6 a.m.

J. G. Cadell, Capt.,

13.10.1914.

p.m.
14th October
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1. Conflicting reports from Gazi that all is clear to Ramisi River and that enemy are advancing from Msambeni. Latter is later report.

2. No news of activity on other parts of border.

J. G. Cadell, Capt.,

14.10.14.

p.m.
15th October
MROBI

1. Enemy's patrols are still active in Magadi and Tsavo areas.

2. An enemy patrol of 2 Europeans and 20 African soldiers are reported to have crossed Ramisi River near Msambeni on the afternoon of the 14th and are said to have moved up the Ramisi River on the 15th to Kikoneni. Main body reported to be at Mrina.

3. No further reports of activity in other areas.

J. G. Cadell, Capt.,

15.10.1914.

p.m.
16th October
MROBI

1. No further news of any renewed activities by the enemy from any point on the border.

2. Further confirmation has been received through native scouts that the Germans have built a strong wood and iron bridge across the Tame River near Taveta.

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3. General Henri informs through Entebbe that he engaged with 400 Belgian troops a superior German force with 2 machine guns near Goma and drove them back. Casualties - 2 Belgian officers killed, 1 wounded. He says that about 300 Germans with several machine guns are now at Kissenji and Lubengera, from 100 to 200 at Kigali, and 20 to 30 at Mugeru.

4. On 14th orders were sent for patrols of 3 officers and 50 E.A.M.R. from Ol Doinyo Orok, and 2 officers and 60 men K.A.S. M.I. from Mzima, to meet on 21st October at Kemana, returning by 27th, to obtain definite information of enemy's patrols and to hearten the Masai.

J. E. Cadell, Capt.,

16.10.14

1. No information has been received of renewed activities by the enemy from any point on the frontier.

2. Telegram received from O. C. Magadi that Corporal Hurst, commanding outpost on Nguruman Hills, had reported that he had killed 2 African soldiers and captured 2 with 20 porters 30 miles S.W. of the post. He released the porters. This detachment of the enemy were recruiting labour. We had no casualties. All Corporal Hurst's mules are dying of tsetse fly and the boots of his detachment are worn out. (Mules and boots are being renewed).

J. E. Cadell, Capt.,

17.10.1914

1. No information has been received of renewed activities by the enemy from any point on the border.

2. The Intelligence Officer, Bura, has been informed by natives that there are now 80 Germans and 100 Africans at Taveta. The mission has been greatly strengthened by walls and trenches. No guns are reported. The force at Taveta is said to have been mostly withdrawn to Arusha. A large supply depot is reported at Himo. The reports of a bridge over the Tami River are confirmed.

J. G. Cadell, Capt.,

18.10.1914.

p.m.
19th October

1. No activity of the enemy is reported from Kisumu or Masai areas.

2. It appears that Longido is being occupied by a strong German garrison.

3. In the Tsavo area Germans reported to have raided Masai and also to have attacked Mzima patrols 300 yards from camp but this last is not mentioned in a later telegram from Voi.

4. 45 Germans and 400 Africans reported at Magoreni and 400 enemy Arabs at Kisiakuni. It is reported that Germans have given out that they will attack Gazi soon.

5. It is reported from Entebbe that 5 Europeans, 50 natives, and 1 maxia left Bukoba on the 13th instant for Mwanza.

6. G.O.C. with 2 Staff Officers left at 2.30 p.m. for Kajiado en route to Ol Doinyo Orok for personal reconnaissance.

reconnaissance.

J. G. Cadell, Capt.,

19.10.1914.

No information has been received of any renewed activities of the enemy from any point of the border.

J. G. Cadell, Capt.,

20.10.14.

No information has been received of any renewed activities on the part of the enemy from any part of the border.

A telegram received from O. D. Gazi reports that, with reference to his previous report obtained from native sources of considerable numbers of the enemy at Majoreni, no confirmation has been obtained. That the main camp is at Kisiakano near Majoreni but the numbers are unknown. Gazi adds that the numbers of the enemy in this district are considerably less than previously stated.

Half ~~the~~ company left Nairobi for Kasilado by train.

J. G. Cadell, Capt.,

21.10.1914.

Reports received from Kisumu, Magadi, Maasi Reserve, Tsavo-Voi and Coast areas are all negative.

G.O.C. returned from Ol Doinyo Orok at 5 p.m.

J. G. Cadell, Capt.

22.10.1914

10 p.m.

1 section No. 22 Clearing Hospital left Nairobi for Kajiado by road and the other section for Voi by rail.

Reports from all parts of the border show that the enemy is not engaged on any fresh enterprises. At Gazi they appear to be retiring across the border and destroying the property of natives. The Masai have spontaneously offered gifts of cattle.

J. G. Cadell, Capt.,

23.10.1914.

1. All is reported quiet from Kisumu and Masai Reserve.

2. Reports have been received from Masai scouts in Magadi district that at 6 p.m. on the 18th 2 heavily laden wagons driven by Boers escorted by 8 Mounted Germans and some African soldiers passed along the Arusha-Longido road making for Longido, about 12 miles from the latter place.

Mr. Brown reports 2 more carts escorted by 20 Mounted Germans and 10 Africans to have passed the gorge South of Longido, moving towards that place, at 10 p.m. on the 19th.

12 Germans with 3 pack mules had been seen to leave Longido at 9 p.m. on the 22nd towards Ingito Hills. A strong patrol under Mr Wilson were sent after them.

Capt. Chapman reported at 11.30 a.m. 24th that 2 German columns were in communication in the Ingito Hills on the night of the 23rd. Capt. Arnoldi's

squadron

squadron went in pursuit at 3 a.m., supported by Capt. Sandbach, 30 men, and maxims. Karpurthala I.S.T. are at Kidongai.

3. Intelligence agent Dooner reports through Mzima that Germans raided Masai camp at Kugu at 6 a.m. on 22nd. Patrols ordered from Orok and Mzima on 14th should be able to get in touch with enemy here.

4. Enemy have advanced to Mkwembi North of Majoreni but appear to have retired again.

J. G. Cadell, Capt.,

24.10.14.

ENCLOSURE

Headquarters Staff Office,

Nairobi, the 10th November 1914.

No. C-151.

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From

The General Officer Commanding,
Indian Expeditionary Force 'C',

to

The Private Secretary,
Government House,
Nairobi.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward the accompanying copy of War Diary, for the period from the 25th October 1914 to the 7th November 1914, inclusive, for the information of His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) J. G. CADELL, Capt.,

for GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING.

WAR DIARY.

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p.m.
25th October
PROBI

1. No activity of the enemy is reported from Kisii District, Southern Masai Reserve, or Tsavo area.

2. In the Magadi District, Capt. Arnoldie has searched the Ingito Hills but failed to find any trace of the enemy previously reported there. A native informed post at Nguruman that 1 German and 10 Africans were at a village 20 miles South of that post.

The G.O.C. and C.S.O. and A.D.C. left for Mombasa at 6.30 p.m.

J. G. Cadell, Capt.,

25.10.14.

p.m.
25th October
PROBI

1. From information received from Intelligence agents in the Kisii district it appears that the Germans are now anticipating an invasion by the British, and it seems clear that the native population is not only anticipating but looking forward to this invasion as preferable to the present state of affairs. An advance by us would have a great moral effect in this district.

No information has been received from the M.I. patrol that was sent to Kamana, and it is hoped they are after the German raiders.

2. From Gasi, enemy are reported in 4 camps - Majereni, strength not given; Makwenba, 19 Germans; Kisiwakano, 400 Arabs, and Maatoveni, strength not

J. G. Cadell, given.

Capt.
26.10.14

1. All appears quiet in the Kisii district, the Masai Reserve, and the Coast area.

2. In the Magadi area there was no traffic along the enemy's cart track to Longido on the 23rd, 24th, and 25th.

No signs seen of enemy in Ingito Hills; they are supposed to have recrossed the border. Enemy reported in some numbers 20 miles S.W. of Nguruman.

3. Native scouts report to Bura that enemy have dug entrenchments and arranged barbed wire and mines against our advance from that direction. Two guns and a maxim are reported, and the chief entrenchments are on Salaita Hill. The patrols sent out from Mzima and Ol Doinyo Orok as ordered on the 14th have returned without finding the enemy. Fly is reported to be bad at Killakuni and Mtoto Andel.

J. P. Cadell, Capt.

27.10.14

1. G.O.C. arrived in Mombasa early in morning.
2. No information of any activity on the border by the enemy.
3. Information received through Uganda from General Henri that Germans had attacked entire Belgian frontier between Baraka and Rutshuru on 3rd and 4th October and had been repulsed everywhere. At Baraka they had employed 2 boats, 4 field guns, and a maxim. On the 15th October the Germans attacked Bobandana and were repulsed. Germans in Ruanda and Kivu districts do not exceed 300. Belgians - 75 at Kigezi, 400 at

Rutshuru,

p.m.
27th October

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p.m.
28th October

PROBI

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Rutshuru, 500 at Ngoma, 375 at Nyalukemba, 325 at Uvira.

J. G. Cadell, Capt.,

28.10.14.

1. B.O.C. visited Gazi.
2. No information has been received of any renewed activities on the part of the enemy from any point on the border.
3. Germans in Mwanza district seem very short of food. They appear to get up to date information of events in Europe.

J. G. Cadell, Capt.,

29.10.14.

1. Colonel Drew telegraphs ~~from~~ from Kidongai that his column will move at 4.30 p.m. to-day and should be concentrated on Namanga River by midnight 30th-31st.
2. No further activity on the part of the enemy has been reported from any district on the border.
3. From intelligence reports from Kisii district it appears that the Germans have withdrawn to Musoma and are preparing to stand on the defensive there.
4. Masai scouts report that the Ikoma-Olges-Shonzo road does not appear to have been used for at least a month.

J. G. Cadell, Capt.,

30.10.14.

1. No information has been received of any renewed activities on the part of the enemy from any part of the frontier.

2. Major General Aitken arrived in Mombasa and conferred with Br. General Stewart.

J. G. Cadell, Capt.,

31.10.14.

1. The role of 'C' force as a merely protective force to guard the Protectorate of British East Africa and the Uganda Railway has now ceased, and operations in co-operation with B force for the invasion of German East Africa will now commence.

2. No information has been received of any renewed activity on the part of the enemy from any point on the border.

3. Information received from Voi District that the enemy who advanced on Eidilal did no damage to the Masai. The Germans have returned to the Masai the women and 4 children captured in the recent raids, and it seems to have given half the captured cattle to the Wachanga.

J. G. Cadell, Capt.,

1.11.14.

1. G.O.C. returned from Mombasa at 12.30 a.m.
2. Information received from Colonel Drew at Namanga that he would attack Longido on the morning of the 3rd November

3. No information has been received of any renewed activities

10 p.m.
31st October

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10 p.m.
1st November

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10 p.m.
2nd November

activities on the part of the enemy from any points on the frontier.

4. Operations are still being carried out against the Giriana but no serious fighting is taking place.

5. Native scouts report that Taveta has been linked by telegraph with Moshi, Lake Challa, and a post Kilima Cha Shabba, N.W. of Taveta.

J. G. Cadell, Capt.,

2.11.14.

P.M.
3rd November
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1. No information of activity of enemy in any part.

2. Capt. Pottinger reports through Voi that he had fought a small action at 3 p.m. on the 2nd instant, eight hours above Mzima Camp on the Tsavo River. Our casualties - 1 Havildar and 2 men of the Bharatpur Infantry killed. Capt. Pottinger thinks enemy accurately estimated our strength.

3. Lieut. Shertose reports a skirmish with one of the enemy's outposts on the Kisii border on the 28th October in which 2 of the enemy were killed and no casualties on our side. He cannot discover the intentions of the enemy opposed to him.

4. From German documents captured it appears that they receive information by wireless from Europe and that this is changed and added to for general circulation. A rebellion in India is reported in them.

J. G. Cadell, Capt.,

3.11.1914.

P.M.
4th November

1. No activity of enemy reported from Kisii area or

Masai

Magal Reserve.

2. Corporal Hurst in charge E.A.M.R. post at Nguruman reports a patrol of 13 Germans in the vicinity and also two other parties, numbers unknown.

3. On the 25th October, orders were sent to the Officer Commanding Troops, Kajiado instructing him to attack the enemy's post at Longido on 1st November. The composition of the force for this action was - E.A.M.R. about 300 with 2 machine guns, 27th Mountain Battery less one section, 2 guns of the European Machine Gun Company, 29th Punjabis less 4 companies and machine gun section, Karpurthala Infantry (4 companies) D section, 120 I.P.A.

Colonel Drew reports from Namanga River that he attacked Longido at dawn on the 3rd instant in two columns and the E.A.M.R. moved on the Southern water. Fighting lasted from 7 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. The heavy mist had prevented the attack being a surprise and stopped signalling communication between the columns. The troops behaved with the utmost gallantry against severe opposition, 29th Punjabis taking 3 successive positions. The enemy made a heavy counter attack with reinforcements at 6 p.m. This was manfully resisted, our guns firing at zero. Our forces retired to Namanga River in good order. Our casualties were - Capt. Sandbach, killed; Lieut. Haskard, 27th M.B., severely wounded but doing well. E.A.M.R., 9 killed, 8 wounded; 29th Punjabis, 8 killed, 18 wounded; 27th Mountain Battery, 2 gunners severely wounded. Karpurthala Infantry, 1 killed, 4 wounded.

4. No activity reported from any other part of

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the border.

J. G. Cadell, Capt.,

6.11.14.

p.m.
5th November

IROBI

1. Report was received from Kisumu that the s.s. Sybil had been mined and beached in the Majita Passage. No casualties had taken place.
2. Natives report that natives digging trenches near Sonjo on West of Lake Natron.
3. No enemy were seen by scouts sent across the border on the Asala River.
4. No further reports from Magadi area except list of names of E.A.M.R. killed and wounded, and a telegram from Colonel Drew stating that 3 days' supply of water should be arranged for successful attack on Longido, which is a very strong natural fort and is held by 800 to 1,200 men.
5. No further information from other parts.
6. News received that " force had to re-embark at Tanga.

J. G. Cadell, Capt.,

6.11.1914.

p.m.
6th November

IROBI

1. Capt. Lilles left Kisumu to-day on tug Kavirondo to salva s.s. Sybil, with orders not to get involved if attacked by enemy.
2. A telegram from Entebbe reports that s.s. Winifred bombarded Bukoba on the 28th ult. and it is believed destroyed wireless station.
3. Total casualties at Longido now reported to be

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19 killed, 10 missing, 32 wounded. Colonel Drew is convinced that enemy suffered severely and Namanga is secure at present.

4. No news from other parts of the border.

J. G. Cadell, Capt.,

6.11.14.

p.m.
7th November

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1. The Belgians attacked a German post at Mulera on the 29th October. The Germans retreated, leaving post full of provisions and losing 1 European severely wounded, 20 natives killed. Belgian casualties, 1 European slightly wounded, 3 natives killed.

2. Entebbe reports that natives state there are now 7 Europeans and about 60 natives at Bukoba.

3. Q.C. Buza reports that native scouts state Germans evacuated Taveta on 2nd November and moved to Moshi.

4. G.O.C., S.O., and A.D.C. left for Mombasa at 9.30 a.m.

J. G. Cadell, Capt.,

7.11.14.

copy)

Headquarters Staff Office,
No. C.167. Nairobi, the 17th November 1914.

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From

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

Sir,

I have the honour to forward the accompanying copy of War Diary, for the period from the 8th November 1914 to the 14th November 1914 inclusive, for the information of His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) V. E. S. WARD,

Lieut. - Colonel,

CHIEF STAFF OFFICER.

To

The Private Secretary,
Government House,
Nairobi.

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WAR DIARY.

0 p.m. 1. No information received of any renewed activities
8th November on the part of the enemy from any point on the
Nairobi border.

2. Entebbe reports that a strange vessel has been
seen off the Sesse Islands and that he is despatching
the s.s. Winifred to meet and escort 'Clement Hill'

3. Roads are still bad in Magadi district owing to
rain.

4. Following moves of units of Force B arranged
with General Aitken. N. Lancs. R. and 28th M.B. leave
Mombasa for Nairobi to-day, Faridkot Sappers for Voi
to-morrow, half battalion Kashmir Infantry to Voi
and 1 battalion to Gazi in about a week. 2 companies
29th at Gazi on relief by Kashmir Infantry to
Nairobi.

J. G. Cadell, Capt.,

8.11.14.

11.30 p.m. 1. G.O.C. arrived from Mombasa, 6.40 a.m.

9th November
Nairobi 2. N. Lancs. R. and 28th M.B. arrived in 3 trains
at 1.45 p.m., 6 p.m., and 11.15 p.m.

3. No information has been received of any renewed
activity on the part of the enemy on any part of the
border.

J. G. Cadell, Capt.,

9.11.14.

p.m. 1. Lieut. Cotter from Magorri River reports all
10th November quiet on the 6th and that most of the enemy have
Nairobi withdrawn across the Mara River to Musoma.

2. Movements of patrols reported in the Masai Reserve.

3. Enemy has been re-entrenching Longido. No rain has fallen on the Magadi area the last few days and the tracks are now good.

4. All is quiet in the Tsavo and Coast areas.

J. G. Cadell, Capt.,

10.11.14.

p.m. 1. The following captures and damages have been
11th November effected by the steamers on Lake Victoria.

Nairobi s.s. Wm. Mackinnon on 31st October sunk a German launch and destroyed 3 canoes, and on 1st November captured 1 European and 3 African Customs House officials.

s.s. Sybil on 31st October destroyed M.L. gun and magazine on Aima Island, and on 2nd November 17 boats on Godziba Is.

s.s. Kavirondo sunk a dhow on 31st in Kaiwenzi Bay.

s.s. Winifred destroyed wireless at Pukoba, captured a large loaded dhow and sunk two others, destroyed rice mill at Mnesso, capturing 200 bags of rice and sugar.

2. No renewed activity by enemy except in Kisii district where 50 white men and about 250 African

soldiers

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soldiers are reported to have crossed the Mara River towards Ukira. This is confirmed from another reliable source.

3. Bukoba has been considerably reinforced since 1st November with guns and machine guns.

4. Roads are fast drying and improving in Magadi district.

J. G. Cadell, Capt.,

12.11.14

p.m. 1. No information of renewed activity of enemy
23th November from any part.

2. A small enemy patrol was seen between Taitau and Mbuyoni. This is the first seen in this part since 2nd

3. No rain in Magadi area for some days.

4. Occasional rain storms between Tsavo and Coast. If heavy rain takes place, small parties can cross border to German railway between Tsavo and Coast where ordinarily it is quite waterless and so impassable.

J. G. Cadell, Capt.,

22.11.14

p.m. 1. General Aitken and two staff officers arrived
23th November at 10.30 a.m. from Mombasa for conference.

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2. No activity of the enemy has been reported from any part of the border.

3. No heavy rain has fallen in the Magadi district but there have been heavy showers at Voi and a heavy storm in Teita Hills.

J. G. Cadell, Capt.,

13.11.14.

11.11.14
14th November
1914

1. General Aitken left for Mombasa at 10.30 a.m. Pending orders from the Colonial and India Offices Major General Aitken commands the troops in B.E.A. and Uganda, Brigadier General Wapshare the troops in the Mombasa-Gazi areas, and Brigadier General Stewart the rest of the Protectorates.

2. No activity of the enemy reported except from the Coast area where a party of Germans, men and women, arrived at the border near Vanga on the 7th instant and built a post. There are still some small parties between Vanga and Majoreni, and on the 10th one of our patrols completely defeated an enemy patrol, killing 4, wounding 2, capturing 5, only 2 escaping, 10 rifles being captured.

J. G. Cadell, Capt.,

14.11.14.