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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI,  
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

SECRET.

18th July 1916.

Sir,

For 35618

With reference to my Secret despatch of the 26th ultimo, I have the honour to forward herewith, for your information, a copy of a Resumé of the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief's War Diary from June 17 to June 30 1916.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

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GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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## EAST AFRICAN FORCE

RESUME OF WAR DIARY from 17th June 1916 to 30th  
June 1916 (inclusive).

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17th June.      Lake Detachment. - Resistance of enemy on Ukerewe Island ended. Native Sultan surrendered, and now calling in Chiefs and natives to work for us. The native askaris mostly fled in the forest, throwing away arms and uniforms, and emerged as ordinary natives.

1st Division. - Nothing reported.

2nd Division. - Enemy stated to be demoralised in consequence of last bomb dropping expedition by aeroplanes, many desertions, and porter service greatly disorganised.

18th June.      Lake Detachment. - No change.

1st Division. - Nothing reported.

2nd Division. - All quiet. Aeroplane dropped bombs at camp Schamballa.

19th June.      Lake Detachment. - No change.

1st Division. - Bannington's Column occupied Korogwe on the 16th instant. Main force occupied position to the north-west and south-west of Mandeni on the night of 17th/18th.

2nd Division. - On 18th enemy shelled horses at Kondoa. Otherwise no change.

20th June.      Lake Detachment. - Troops of the Kagera front now occupy Mabira, Rubara, Lwakabango, where enemy of the strength of 1 white and 15 rifles were ejected, and Kabuera on the left bank of river immediately north Lwakabango. Enemy - 150 rifles - at Rutunguru and Kigalama apparently retiring south.

1st Division. - Handeni occupied on the afternoon of 19th June. Pongwe (12 miles south of Handeni) occupied on night of 17th/18th June.

2nd Division. - Report from Kondoa states that on 19th June, as a result of observation, enemy appear to be bringing up reinforcements.

Nyasaland Force. - General Northey reports Old Langenburg occupied on 13th June. Enemy counter attack following night was defeated, and enemy retired north-eastward. Party of enemy surprised 20 miles north of New Utengule on 10th June; 4 Germans and 12 native soldiers were captured, also many rifles and ammunition.

21st June. Lake Detachment. - No change.

1st Division. - In the vicinity of Handeni on the 20th our leading column engaged strong enemy force holding prepared positions in thick bush. Our losses 16 killed, 70 wounded (mostly slight). Enemy suffered severely, and retired after the action.

2nd Division. - On 20th June enemy fired shrapnel into Kondoa, but was silenced by our guns.

22nd June. Lake Detachment. - No change.

1st Division. - Nothing reported.

2nd Division. - Enemy shelled our left flank and centre. Otherwise quiet.

23rd June. Lake Detachment. - No change.

1st Division. - Nothing reported.

2nd Division. - From Kondoa it is reported that at 4 a.m. on the 21st June a force of the enemy attacked one of the positions on our left flank. Enemy was beaten back. Some equipment was picked up. Aeroplanes dropped bombs.

24th June.     Lake Detachment. - Kyaka has been evacuated by enemy, and therefore it is considered that the whole Kagera line is clear of the enemy.

1st Division. - Nothing reported.

2nd Division. - Nothing reported.

25th June.     Lake Detachment. - No change in the situation.

1st Division. - A strong enemy force was decisively defeated on the Lukigura River, 40 miles south of Handeni. The enemy had retired to this river after our last fight and occupation of Kangata, and had taken up a strong position in dense bush to the west of the river. During frontal attack this morning another column, which had made a flanking movement during the night, fell on the left flank and rear of the enemy. We captured one pompom, two machine guns, and many rifles and other munitions; also 11 white prisoners and many askaris and porters. The enemy's losses in killed and wounded were severe. Our casualties were 4 killed and about 20 wounded.

2nd Division. - No change reported from Kondoa Irangi.

26th June.     Lake Detachment. - No change in the situation.

1st Division. - Nothing reported to-day.

2nd Division. - Nothing reported to-day.

27th June.     Lake Detachment. - No change in the situation.

1st Division. - No report has been received to-day.

2nd Division. - Unofficial sources state that this division has advanced from Kondoa, but no definite information has so far been received from the division itself.

The enemy retired (date unknown) from before Kondoa, and have turned towards the east along the Central Railway in considerable force. Women and children from Tabora have been moved towards Morogoro. Captured letters also show that on the 7th June preparations were being made to evacuate Tabora.

25th June. Lake Detachment. - There is no change in the situation.

Belgian Force. - West of Lake Victoria the Belgian advance has reached Ruiga River - Mbira, and immediately east of Katoma.

2nd Division. - On the 26th and 27th this division was in constant touch with the enemy in the vicinity of Jamballo. Our patrol on the Saranda Road found one enemy company at Kwa-Mtoto. A patrol sent round our left flank to Aneti on the 24th has not yet returned, and a patrol sent round the enemy's right flank had to return on account of the impenetrable bush.

To-day the enemy's rearguard was pursued up to four miles south of Barei. An aeroplane, when ascending yesterday, fell completely destroyed, but the pilot was uninjured.

No news has been received from the patrol which went towards Aneti on the 24th.

1st Division. - No report has been received to-day.

29th June. Lake Detachment. - Bukoba was evacuated by the enemy on the 23rd June, and occupied by our troops at 8 o'clock in the morning of the 28th June.

The enemy from some posts on the Kagera line, numbering

numbering 25 whites and 400 rifles, left Kamachumu on the 26th June for Biaramulo. The Belgians were asked on the 24th June to endeavour to cut off this force.

Belgian Force. West of Lake Victoria, the Belgians occupied Biaramulo on the 24th instant without opposition.

1st Division. - Nothing reported to-day.

2nd Division. - The enemy's rearguard retiring from Kondoa was pursued by mounted troops to four miles south of Barei yesterday.

Portuguese Force. The Consul General, Lorenzo Marques, reports that General Gil has arrived with two transports with Portuguese troops. They leave for the frontier on the 1st July.

30th June. Lake Detachment. - No change reported from Ukerewe Island or elsewhere in this district.

1st Division. - Nothing has been reported to-day.

2nd Division. - On the 24th June, after bombarding the enemy's positions, our infantry attacked, and by 2 p.m. held all the positions of the enemy, who retired in the direction of Jamballo. Our losses were slight. Several of the enemy were captured, and the casualties he suffered must have been considerable.