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UNREST IN TURKHANA DISTRICT

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July 13th, 1917.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE  
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Sir,

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In continuation of my Confidential  
despatch No. 112 dated the 3rd of July, I have  
the honour to transmit herewith a summary of  
events relating to the unrest in Turkana for  
the weeks ending June 30th and July 7th.


Summary

2. A copy of this summary is being  
sent to His Britannic Majesty's Minister,  
Addis Ababa.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

  
ACTING GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

WALTER LONG, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

TURKANA UNREST.  
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Precis of reports received during the week ending  
June 30th 1917.

7th PRECIS.A. Northern Turkana.

Captain Rayne, while in the neighbourhood of the MAKALALE River, east of Mt. PELEGECH, captured a hostile Turkana picket watching the NATIRA Road on June 6th.

He reports that Aparu, badly wounded, is at LOMOGOL, four or five days east of MAKALALE, with between three and five hundred rifles. His losses were much heavier than those previously reported and include four more Swahili outlaws killed.

Aparu's authority is recognized by the Marille Lobarites and Donyiro, and all raided cattle, including those last raided from Suk, are taken to Labur and delivered to him for distribution. Many of his Amhara soldiers are somewhere to the north-east of Lake Rudolf. They cross the lake in boats, of which there are, at present, but two, manned by Marille, large enough to take trussed cattle.

Owing to the large number of his wounded, Aparu is tied for the present to LOMOGOL.

B. Kerio Area.

Nothing to report.

Week ending July 7th.  
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The following paragraph appears in a letter addressed to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs by R.B.M. Minister, Adis Ababa, and dated June 6th :-

"As regards the external relations of Abyssinia, three somewhat disquieting symptoms have arisen of late :-

The second incident concerns a raid on Dodoai by a well organized body of Abyssinians, numbering some 250 rifles, which is reported from Nairobi to have attacked and held up a British patrol on the 15th May. The latter were relieved by the officer in charge of the district, and in the fighting which ensued 37 Abyssinians were left dead on the field but the remainder appear to have escaped with the looted stock."

From the reports summarized in the 6th Précis, dated 23rd June, it will be seen that the attack on Dodoai and the fighting with Captain Rayne were two separate actions with the same band of raiders, and that the total casualties suffered by the Abyssinians were, in fact, considerably in excess of 37.