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23rd August 1916.

Sir,

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With reference to my Secret despatch of the 14th instant, 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 July 29 to August 11 1916.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

H. Conroy Boyd.

GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

A. BONAR LAW, M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

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East African Force.

RESUME OF WAR DIARY from 29th July to 11th August 1916.

29th July. Lake Detachment. - The G.O.C. reports that the steamer "Mwanza" was salvaged undamaged and is now working. Rifles are still being surrendered and found.

A small expedition of 250 rifles with H.M.S. Sybil are dealing with a small enemy force, apparently from Mara River.

Enemy force from Mwanza are apparently retiring on Tabora, and their scouting parties are in touch with our advance force.

The 4th Bn. K.A.R. captured a one pdr. 5-barrelled revolver cannon.

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

2nd Division. - At 7 a.m., on the 28th., Mounted Brigade occupied Natingalo, after light opposition, capturing 1,000 head of cattle. Enemy retired to Central Railway, and occupy railway West of Kikombo. 1st Mounted Brigade attacked strong enemy position on Mpapua Road, and after a severe fight took machine gun complete. A large quantity of ammunition, 3,000 additional head of prime cattle, one wounded German, and several unwounded askaris captured. Our loss - four seriously wounded. Enemy fled in disorder and are being pursued.

Dodoma was occupied at 4 p.m. to-day.

30th July. Lake Detachment. - Situation unchanged.

1st Division. - Situation unchanged.

2nd Division. - Situation unchanged.

Nyasaland Force. - G.O.C. reports that the gun captured on the 24th instant is a 10.5 cm. Krupp, firing 35 lb. high explosive shell and is one of four landed at Gudge Bay.

Navy. - Recent operations include landing of forces

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at Kipomwe and Mkwadya. Supplies were captured at latter place.

Sadani was shelled from 25th to 28th inclusive during southward movement of enemy from Pangani.

Military defences and camp at Bagamoyo shelled yesterday.

Reconnaissance over Bagamoyo to-day reports enemy entrenched round town, 1,000 strong, with machine guns and large quantity of cattle

31st July. Lake Detachment. - Situation unchanged.

1st Division. - Situation unchanged.

2nd Division. - R.O.C. reports that a patrol has been despatched to Fubu Bridge to ascertain if undamaged. Patrols are on Iringa Road and other directions to ascertain movements of enemy

Navy. - The recent shelling of Sadani was effective. Some shells fell in enemy camp and caught a column that was moving out.

H.M.S. Vengeance, Hyacinth, and Pioneer bombarded enemy's position at Dar-es-salaam on morning of the 30th. Enemy returned fire with two or more 4.1" and smaller g

1st August. Lake Detachment. - Situation unchanged.

1st Division. - Situation unchanged.

2nd Division. - At 6 a.m., on the 30th July, Kikombo was occupied. The Saranda force occupied Saranda and Kilimatinde without opposition. The enemy retired South. Enemy reported between railway and Iringa and Mahenge.

2nd August. Lake Detachment. - Situation unchanged

1st Division. - Situation unchanged.

2nd Division. - R.O.C. reports that enemy hold following points

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points with nine companies - Tshuniogulwe railway station, Konoze, Mpapua, Bubu Bridge, and several smaller bridges and culverts destroyed between Kikombo station and Saranda.

From a letter found at Kilimatinde it appears that enemy do not intend to defend Dar-es-salaam. Owing to fear of our aircraft doing much damage by bombs dropping on stacks of supplies around Moregoro railway station, arrangements made to repel aircraft by rockets having 6 cm. gun shells attached. These are described as effective. — 16 private aircraft ^{seen}

Navy. - Sadani was occupied at 6 a.m. yesterday by landing force of 200 seamen and marines of H.M.S. Vengeance and Talbot and 50 Zanzibar African Rifles. Opposition slight. Seaplane reconnaissance shows district clear of enemy as far as can be seen. H.M.S. Talbot and seaplane gone to Bagamoyo to bombard camp there.

3rd August. Lake Detachment. - Situation unchanged.

1st Division. - Situation unchanged.

2nd Division. - G.O.C. reports that the Ssingida Force encountered enemy at escarpment and by a flanking movement drove the enemy into a stone fort on top of plateau. After a stubborn resistance, enemy surrendered. Enemy casualties - 4 killed, 1 wounded, 14 captured. Our casualties - nil. Our force now moving on Ssingida.

4th August. Lake Detachment. - Situation unchanged.

1st Division. - Situation unchanged.

2nd Division. - G.O.C. reports that on the 2nd inst. our troops occupied Ssingida and that the enemy retired in a south-westerly direction.

Nyasaland Force. - With reference to Résumé of 27th July,

General

General Northey reports that it is now found that we captured one machine gun only and not two as previously stated.

Our casualties at Malangali were 17 killed and 63 wounded. The enemy's losses were about 150, of which 13 Europeans and 19 askaris were found dead.

Madbira and Bueni have been occupied by us.

5th August. Lake Detachment. - No change in the situation.

1st Division. - No change in the situation.

2nd Division. - No change in the situation.

Navy. - H.M.S. Vengeance shelled Bagamoyo entrenchments on morning of 4th. Askaris observed retiring North-west of the town.

H.M.S. Hyacinth bombarded gun positions at Dar-es-salaam to-day. It is proposed to bombard railway station on the 6th with three ships.

6th August. Lake Detachment. - G.O.C. reports that by the 7th inst., when a force of 2,000 rifles with four naval guns will have been concentrated at Malere, he intends to advance on Iwingo. A successful four days' expedition under Mr. Mitford on Speke Gulf and in the vicinity of Naasa captured four whites, four askaris, 60 rifles, four telephones, 16 boxes dynamite. Our casualties nil. The remainder of the enemy - about 50 - retreated in a South-westerly direction via Meatu.

1st Division. - Situation unchanged.

2nd Division. - G.O.C. reports that on the 5th one battalion Infantry and Mounted Brigade 30 miles from Mpapua. On the 3rd inst. one battalion Infantry left Kilimatinde and one left Kitunda kwa Meda to join advance body. He hopes to reach Mpapua next week.

7th August. Lake Detachment. - On the 30th July we sent 250

Bagandas to Kawala to clear up the situation on our right flank. Column returned on August 3rd reporting chased enemy to F.11.b.(GBC). Belgians reported at E.16.b.(GBC) on the 31st. but information considered unreliable.

Advance from Malero on 8th/9th with Iwingo as objective.

1st Division. - Headquarters at Kimbe. Situation unchanged.

2nd Division. - G.O.C. reports that on 6th inst. he was strongly held by enemy, but concentrating forces to attack him 9th or 10th, meanwhile taking steps to encircle him.

3rd Division. - Headquarters at Kimbe. Situation unchanged.

Navy. - H.M.S. Vengeance reports that on 6th inst. 500 of the West India Regt. landed at Sadani. 30 marines with one maxim and 50 Zanzibar Rifles remain for the present.

8th August. Lake Detachment. - Situation unchanged.

1st Division. - Situation unchanged.

2nd Division. - Situation unchanged.

3rd Division. - Situation unchanged.

9th August. Lake Detachment. - Situation unchanged.

1st and 3rd Divisions. - Hannington drove enemy out of Kwa Tschenge on morning of the 7th. On the same day the 2nd Mounted Brigade, after working through mountains, captured a very considerable quantity of enemy's cattle, and on the night 7th/8th was in Khonda Gap. The 2nd Infantry Brigade was at Pembe on the night 7th/8th.

2nd Division. - No change in situation. Moving forces forward to-morrow (10th).

10th August. Lake Detachment. - No change in situation.

1st and 3rd Divisions. - Brits, with 5th and 6th S.A. Infantry, left at noon 9/8/16 for Majonga Valley, via Kongo, there to join Hannington. Brits has orders to move down road by Matamondo, in the direction of Turiani, and to cut off enemy retreat down main motor road as soon as possible, and to get in touch with Enslin and co-operate with him in cutting retreat of enemy to South.

Sheppard has orders to work round enemy position at Rhungu and Kanga by the East and push on vigorously.

2nd Division. - G.O.C. reports that on the 9th his left flank came in touch with enemy, at Chungu, capturing one German and killing two askaris.

Navy. - On August 4th and 5th Dar-es-salaam railway station and ferry points were bombarded, causing considerable damage in station and customs. Seaplane ship fired on, otherwise no movement.

11th August. Lake Detachment. - No change in situation.

1st and 3rd Divisions. - No change in situation.

2nd Division. - On the 9th inst. our forces engaged enemy at Tschunfota after a stubborn fight which lasted all night; the enemy fled in the direction of Mpapua and is being vigorously pursued.

Navy. - On the 9th inst., during a seaplane reconnaissance over Lindi, the enemy opened fire with a field gun. No such guns have previously been definitely located at this place.

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The Secretary of the Admiralty presents his compliments to the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, and begs to return herewith, as requested, the enclosures to Colonial Office Letter of the 22nd ultimo, No. 45671, relative to the operations in East Africa from 22nd July to 11th August 1916.

Admiralty, S.W.

1st November, 1916.