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ACT OF BRAVERY
BY CONSTABLE KWAMBA WA MBEGA

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October 6th, 1915.

Sir,

I have the honour to bring to your notice an act of bravery by 3rd Constable No. 2900 Mwamba wa Mboya, East Africa Police.

2. From the enclosed statements by Mr. L. H. Macnaghten, Executive Engineer in the Public Works Department, it appears that while that officer's safari was crossing the Mathioya River in the Kenya Province, the current carried away his eyce and a pony that he was leading, that both were in danger of being drowned, and that Constable Mwamba wa Mboya by his exertions succeeded, at the risk of his life, in bringing them to the bank in safety.

3. I would suggest that, if you think fit, the case of this Constable might be laid before the Royal Humane Society for consideration.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant.

H.C. Belfield

GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
ANDREW BONAR LAW, P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET,
LONDON, W. C.

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In Despatch No. 57 of 6.6.16 1916.

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Public Works Department,

Nyeri.

24th July 1916.

The District Commissioner,

Nyeri.

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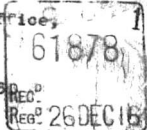
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INCLOSURE (2)

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Executive Engineer's Office,
Nyeri.

September 5th, 1916



The District Commissioner,

Nyeri.

N.O. 2900 3rd Constable Mwamba Mboya -
Bravery of.

In confirmation of my former letter dated 24th July, 1916, I beg to state that on the 26th June, 1916, I was proceeding from Fort Hall to Embu and on arriving at the Mathiyoa River I gave instructions to my syce to lead one of my ponies across the river - at this point 100 feet wide - as the bridge, being under construction, was not passable for animals. When the syce entered the river on the right bank, the water was approximately 2'6" to 2'9" deep and all went well until he and the pony were about 30 feet from the left bank, where the current was considerably stronger than on the right bank, strong enough to lift both syce and pony off their legs and the depth of the water increased to about 4'6" to 5'. Police Constable Mwamba Mboya, who was standing on the left bank realizing what had happened, immediately leaped into the river to their assistance - in my opinion at the risk of his own life - and managed as already stated to overhaul the syce and the pony and push them into the bank about 70 yards downstream.

Sd/- L. E. Macnaghten,
Executive Engineer.

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The Secretary
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- Mr. Grindle.
- Mr. Lambert.
- Mr. Read.
- Mr G. Fiddes.
- Mr. Steel-Maitland.
- Mr. Bonas-Law.

I enclose herewith for
 for the consideration of the Royal
 Humane Society, the acc. copy of
 a despatch from the Gov. of the E.A.P.
 with enclosures, relating to the
 gallant conduct of Mwanba
 wa Mboya, a constable of the
 East Africa Police, in rescuing from
 drowning an attendant of the Protector
 Engineer and of party.

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SEAL E. J. READ