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From Lieut. General Smith to Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

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1st June, 1916, 11.25 a.m.

Communicé for 31st May. — Our column on the Pangani river arrived in front of the enemy's position at Mikocheni on morning of 29th and the remainder of the day spent in reconnoitering the enemy's position, which was strongly entrenched astride the way on a narrow neck between the Pangani and the South Pare Mountains. The action was held with insufficient numbers and we carried the principal trenches on 30th May with slight loss. Next morning it was found that the enemy had abandoned Mikomazi station during the night and had blown up Mkomazi bridge, leaving the station in our hands. The Pangani column pushed on during the day and reached the station. Our force which had marched from Same through the Gwysa gap west of the Shegula bridge on morning of 31st May, and the Mkomazi that afternoon, is expected to join the Pangani column on 1st June.

The enemy is apparently retiring on Mombo and it is evident from the comparatively small numbers opposed to us on the Usambara front that they must have effected a large transfer of forces towards the Koudou Irangi front and the central railway. It is possible that the enemy may have intended to move back part of his force from the central railway towards Usambara before it was in danger from our advance from the north; but we are now within 20 miles of Mombo after 8 days from the beginning of the advance, and it has been so rapid that it is hard to forecast what the enemy will do.