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Casualties.

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432

Approximate enemy casualties.

| Place | Dated | Killed | wounded | Remarks. |
|-------------|-------------------|--------|---------|--|
| Delile | Dec. 15th | 4 | 5 | |
| Barrebahare | Dec. 25th | 1 | - | |
| Bogalti | Jan. 21st | 16 | 10 | 13 killed owned to now by Tulha alone. |
| Fangi | Feb. 6th | 4 | - | |
| Barrebahare | Feb. 13th | 1 | - | |
| Barwen Hbs | Feb. 25th | 5 | 3 | |
| Maballa | Feb. 27th | 7 | 4 | |
| Osbell | 28th. Mar. 4th | 1 | - | |
| Barrailli | Mar. 6th | 3 | 2 | |
| Lugh (near) | Mar. 7th | 3 | - | |
| Tchasso | Mar. 9th | - | 1 | |
| Total :- | | 44 | 25 | |

44 killed and 25 wounded.

Our casualties.

| | | | |
|-------------|------------|---|---|
| Delile | Dec. 15th | 1 | - |
| Bogalti | Jan. 21st | - | 4 |
| Barrebahare | Feb. 13th | 1 | 1 |
| Barwen Hbs | Feb. 22th. | 1 | 1 |
| Total :- | | 3 | 6 |

3 killed and 6 wounded.

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Captured Stock.

| <u>Camels</u> | <u>Cattle</u> | <u>Sheep & Goats</u> | <u>Ponies.</u> |
|---------------|---------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| 370 | 533 | 2,546 | 3 |

Note.- The above includes the sum total of all stock captured, killed or brought in as fines.

Captured & Surrendered Rifles.

| | <u>Rifles.</u> | <u>Revolvers.</u> | <u>Ammunition.</u> <u>rounds</u> |
|---------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Rer Talha | 17 | 3 | 6 |
| Rer Hassan | 14 | - | 12 |
| Bon | 3 | - | - |
| Rer Garrad | 1 | 1 | - |
| Rer Ahmed Set | 2 | - | - |
| Rer Alidera | - | - | - |
| Total:- | 37 | 4 | 18 |

all,
17 March 1914.

A. Edward Captain
Staff Officer to the Marchan Force.

EXTRACTS FROM STAFF DIARY .

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February 16th. Severe typhoid illness came in and it was decided to move to-morrow.

February 17th. The force as under left Serenli for Gallalio at 2.20 p.m. arriving there at 5.30 p.m.

10 British Officers
 1 Medical Officer
 2 Native Officers
 70 R. & F. 'A' Coy 1/K.A.R.
 92 R. & F. 'B' Coy 1/K.A.R.
 66 R. & F. 'F' Coy 3/K.A.R.
 21 R. & F. Details 3/K.A.R.
 2 Maxim Guns
 16 Armed Syces
 44 Camel Drivers
 111 Baggage Camels.

February 18th. The force arrived Matawasia. No news of enemy.

February 19th. Arrived Farnwen Hos without opposition. Decided to send out Aulihan and Somali section and Armed Syces towards river to try and round up Tulha's stock. They are to leave at 8 p.m. to-night and the force is to leave at 2 a.m. to-morrow to back them up.

February 20th. Aulihan and Somali section failed to find stock and had skirmish with Tulha "bepto" returning on to the main force at 6 a.m. Tulha on finding themselves opposed to the force retired after firing a few ~~safe~~ shots.

Enemy's casualties 5 killed and 3 wounded. Ours one Aulihan killed and one wounded.

February 21st. One camel killed by enemy's sniping during the night. Force reached Jehadine at 11 a.m. No water.

February 22nd. Force reached El Wayanli Deshak at 11 a.m. capturing 79 camels, 80 cattle and 120 sheep and goats en route. No water.

February 23rd. Arrived Garrebahare 10.30 a.m. Very little intelligence to be had, since the attack on the signalling post at Garrebahare on February 13th when we lost 1 killed and wounded and the enemy one killed.

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February 24th.

News received from 8th Coy. ...
forcements ... on ...

It was decided ...

February 25th.

Force of ...
1 Asst. Surgeon ...

Humbali ...

Illaloes ...

road to Makalla ...

February 26th.

Force ... 2
left for Makalla 2 a.m.

at 5 a.m. ...

sheep and goats ...

or killed. No ...

Soames and ...

A. Rifles and ...

Humbali, sending ...

capt. Stoney the ...

food and kits of ...

3rd A. Rifles who remains with Head ...

Makalla.

At 7 p.m. the enemy attacked the camp but ...

few section volleys retired. At 12 midnight the enemy ...

again attacked the camp this time with more vigour,

but their shooting was as usual very high, the

bullets going over or hitting trees in the camp.

February 27th.

Four bodies found near the camp and several pools

of blood and signs of wounded men being dragged away.

The troops at Makalla marched back to Humbali and

joined the remainder of the force. On the road a few

shots were fired and two of the enemy's illaloes

killed. The whole force moved on in the afternoon to

Abumadirt.

February 28th.

Force reached Garrebahare. Far Ogas chiefs, Far Ogot and Peria Chakeel came in and professed perfect loyalty to Government. They were asked if willing to accompany the force to Lollehid to-morrow and they assented.

March 1st.

A short afternoon march out was made to shorten to-morrow's march to Lollehid.

March 2nd.

Force arrived Lollehid. Sgt. Maj. Dickinson had to be sent back to Garrebahare sick, so decided to wait two days. *for return of escort.*

March 3rd.

Italian Officer with patrol 80 men arrived opposite and a boat of barrimiles was made for him to cross on. He reported that the Italians were patrolling up to beyond Lugh with patrols of 50, 70, and 80 men.

Ret Tulha brought in two rifles and asked for peace. They were told to bring in these rifles by the time we came back to Lollehid. Escort to Sgt. Maj. returned at 7 p.m.

March 4th.

Arrived Duroli 11 a.m. Grazing guard shot one illaloe.

March 5th.

Arrived Helibassi 10 a.m. captured one man and one woman at water who reported Ahmed Wet 'kurias' a few hours further North. Sgt. Jama Adur and Somalis went out at 11 a.m. but returned at 2 p.m. and reported 'kurias' had moved.

March 6th.

Left camp at 6 a.m., at 7 a.m. two shots heard in direction of our scouts. Heavy firing to our front near river at 1 hour later. On arrival of force at Maraille on the river it was found that our Somali section had become engaged with a party of 40 to 50 of enemy, the latter however fled on arrival of the force. The enemy's casualties two killed and two wounded, our side nil.

Force reached Dai Dera at 12 noon and camped for the day. 'F' Company picquet shot an illaloe at 3.p.m. It was decided for the transport with an escort to proceed direct to Lugh along the river to-morrow and for striking force to move inland to Salbuy and thence to Lugh.

7th. Striking force left camp at 5.30.a.m. but after proceeding some distance the guides said they did not know the way. This was obviously untrue but it was impossible to find Salbuy without their assistance. We later heard we had been within a few miles of Salbuy and that a party of 50 to 60 Ahmed Wet were there. Force reached Lugh at 12 noon.

Italian Resident and Commissario came over in the afternoon.

8th. Arrangements were made to leave sick men and camels at Lugh with the Italians.

Rer Ali and Rer Afgab are reported to have crossed the river further north near Yehasse pursued by the Abyssinians.

Gerasmitch Tasama who happened to be at Lugh came over, but could give us no definite information.

A letter was despatched by the Commanding Officer to Dedjamitch Nade who is reported to be at Dolo asking ^{him} to come down to Yehasse to confer with us.

Force moved out a short march in the afternoon.

9th. Arrived Yehasse at 8 a.m. Rer Ali chiefs came in at 2 p.m. and a 'baraza' was held in the evening. They were to be allowed to join the Aulihan but would have to give up their rifles on getting further south.

10th. Rer Ali watered their stock at Yehasse and at two watering places above and below. Sgt. Jama Adur and his Somali section were put on the count the stock at the various watering places. An estimate of 6000 camels

4000 cattle and 10,000 sheep and goats, 40 ponies and 6 mules was arrived at as having watered during the day. The Rer Ali states half their stock watered to-day.

11th.

Force returned to Lugh. A fine of 115 camels and 200 sheep and goats received from the Sheikh Aol and Shiremoga.

Decided to move in two Columns, the transport and escort with Headquarters via the river road and a striking force of 'B' Company 1st F.A.Rifles and 'F' Company 4th F.A.Rifles under Major Soames via Salbuy and Darra.

12th.

Force arrived Dai Vera at 9 a.m. Major Soames' force arrived at 12 noon with 35 cattle and 800 head of sheep and goats.

13th.

Arrived Keshali.

14th.

Arrived Dabli. Some Bon stock captured.

15th.

Arrived Lelleshid. Rer Tulha brought in 12 rifles and 3 revolvers, and Rer Garrad one rifle and one revolver.

No chiefs however came in and attempts were made to induce them to come in.

16th.

No signs of Tulha chiefs.

17th.

No news of Rer Tulha but news was brought in in the evening that a party of Rer Alidera and Rer Ahmed West were living close to Washakabar.

Major Soames left camp to try and surprise these men.

18th.

Major Soames returned at 9 a.m. with 55 camels, 95 cattle and 400 sheep and goats. These belonged to some Alidera who ran away after firing one shot.

Force moved to Balagerara in the evening.

19th.

Force proceeded as far as Burdup where a force of 200 men under Capt. Stoner was detached to proceed

inland to try and locate some Rer Hasban who were reported there.

Headquarters moved on and camped at Gerbebella. Capt. Stonor's force returned in the evening without seeing any signs of the enemy.

rch 20th.

Hassan Deba's brother came in early in the morning and was told to go and fetch Hassan Deba.

Hassan Deba arrived in camp just after midnight.

At 9 a.m. the Commanding Officer held a 'barasa' with Rer Tulha chiefs and informed them that they must give up their rifles and that a fine of :-

500 camels

600 cattle

1000 sheep and goats

was imposed on the section. Of these 120 cattle and the rifles were to be brought to Farnwen Hos on the 24th instant and the remainder to Serenli in one month.

rch 22nd.

Force divided into two columns, the Left Column under Major Seames to proceed along the river to Farnwen Hos and the Right Column direct from Gebébell on to the cut road. Right Column camped at Gelgel Amani for the night. No water.

rch 23rd.

Right Column reached Farnwen Hos at 10 a.m. Rer Tulha brought in 25 cattle.

rch 24th.

Left Column arrived at 9 a.m.

Hassan Deba turned up late in the evening with no rifles and 42 cattle making only 67 in all. Commanding Officer decided to go in to Serenli and not to wait for the balance of the fine.

rch 25th.

Arrived Dar at 5.30 p.m. and found only very little water. This very trying after a 20 mile march to day and 21 miles march in to-morrow.

h 23th.

Left par 2.a.m. and arrived Seronli at 10.a.m.

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Edward

Captain

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Staff Officer to the Merchant Force.

st march 1914.