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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

~~SECRET.~~

17th June 1916.

Sir,

With reference to my Secret despatch of the 7th instant; I have the honour to forward herewith, for your information, a copy of the Resumé of the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief's War Diary from May 27 to June 2 1916.

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

H. Conway Bryson

GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

ANDREW BONAR LAW, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

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General Headquarters,
East African Force,
Old Moschi,

5th June 1916.

SECRET.
No. 57/G.O.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a
Résumé of my War Diary from May 27th 1916 to June 2nd
1916 (inclusive) for the information of His Excellency
the Governor and the Colonial Office.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) F. E. GUEST, Major,
for Lieutenant General,
Commander-in-Chief,
East African Force.

The Chief Secretary
to the Government of British East Africa.

Copies for information to (3)

The Secretary to the Government of Uganda.
Naval Commander-in-Chief, Zanzibar.
Senior Naval Officer, Kisumu.
Major Grogan, Kabale.

East African Force.

RESUME of WAR DIARY from 27th May 1916 to
2nd June 1916 (inclusive).

May 27th. Lake Detachment. Belgian Operations. - Report
no change.

1st Division. Eastern Column (No.1) has joined
up with the Centre Column (No.2), and this combined
force is advancing by road East of Southern Pare
Mountains to the Genya Gap.

2nd Division from Kondoa report that that place
was again shelled heavily.

May 28th. Lake Detachment. Belgian Operations. - A junction
has been effected between Colonel Molitor's Column
with Olsen's Column at Niansa and Rouling's Column
at Kageye.

1st Division. Western Column (No.3) reached a
point on the Pangani River, 20 miles from the junction
of road and railway, without opposition.

2nd Division from Kondoa reports no fresh
developments.

3rd Division. General Brits commenced organi-
sation of 2nd Mounted Brigade, at Mbuyuni, which has
been arriving in separate units from South Africa.

May 29th. Lake Detachment. Belgian Operations. - Report
no change.

1st Division. Western Column (No.3) reached a
point 10 miles from junction of Pangani River and
railway. Its advanced troops were heavily shelled by
enemy

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enemy 4.1" gun from direction of railway.

2nd Division from Kondoa reports inter-tribal fighting and raiding at Umbulu.

3rd Division. - No report.

General Northey from Nyasaland reports that his force occupied New Langenburg, which was evacuated, leaving large stores of S.A. ammunition and food. The enemy is being pursued, much demoralised, towards Iringa.

Portuguese Forces attempted to cross the Rowama River, near the Coast, but were thrown back with a loss of 308 killed and captured; number of wounded unknown. (This action occurred on May 26th).

May 30th.

Lake Detachment. Belgian Operations. - Report no change.

1st Division reached South end of Pare Mountains, and found enemy entrenched at narrow neck between Mountains and Pangani River. The Eastern and Centre Columns, which were following the road East of Pare Mountains, reached Gonya and was expected in two days to be in a position to outflank enemy at Kikacheni.

2nd Division from Kondoa report no further developments.

Intelligence Report - (1) Estimate of enemy's forces, (2) Distribution of enemy's forces, (3) Enemy's strength and artillery and machine guns attached.

May 31st.

Lake Detachment. Belgian Operations. - Report no change.

1st Division. Pangani Column (No.3) engaged enemy

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enemy on May 30th, and occupied position covering defile between Pangani River and the South end of the Pare Mountains, three miles S.E. of Mabirioni. Our casualties - 2 officers, 7 men, wounded. Enemy's casualties unknown.

2nd Division from Kondoa report heavy bombardment at that place (May 30th); our casualties - 2 men killed, 2 wounded.

No. 10 Battery (Naval 4-inch) left Ufiome for Kondoa May 30th.

June 1st. Lake Detachment. Belgian Operations. - Report no change.

1st Division carried enemy's position at Mikacheni. Enemy retired to Mkomazi station, blowing up railway bridge there and leaving a wrecked train in our hands.

The Pangani Column reached Buiko station.

The Column which marched round the East of the Pare Mountains reached Shégulu bridge over the Mkomazi River, enemy falling back on Mombo.

2nd Division from Kondoa reports usual bombardment.

June 2nd. Lake Detachment. Belgian Operations. - Report no change.

1st Division are concentrated at Buiko, occupied in completing bridges over Pangani River and improving roads for transport preparatory of further advance.

Commander-in-Chief arrived at Moschi from 1st Division en route for Kondoa.

2nd Division from Kondoa report daily bombardment;

also

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also that on May 30th our garrison at Umbulu was attacked by 15 whites and 100 askaris; attack was repulsed, enemy leaving 11 killed, 4 wounded, on the ground, and many prisoners. Our casualties - 9 killed, 5 wounded.

No further reports from Nyasaland or of Portuguese operations.

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY FORCES IN GERMAN EAST AFRICA.

24. 5. 16.

<u>Locality</u>	<u>Europeans</u>	<u>Askaris</u>	<u>Levies and Recruits</u>	<u>Guns</u>	<u>Machine Guns</u>
Rhodesian Border } Nyasaland Border }	200	¹² 1500	?	6	9
Portuguese Border	20	300	?	-	2
Dar-es-salaam and district	100	300	?	8	6
Tanga-Jasin-Mwakijembe	30	350	-	1	2
Usambara District	200	600	-	6	14
Kondoa Irangi District	500	¹² 5000	-	4	36
Mara Detachment	30	100	300	-	3
Mwanza and District	50	¹² 500	-	6	3
Ussuwi	7	250	-	1	1
Bukoba District	76	¹² 1620	-	3	4
Urundi	200	¹² 2000	-	10	12
Ujiji and Tanganyika	120	200	-	6	2
¹³ Total	1533	¹² 13420	300	51	94

1. All believed to be 1.8" or 1.48"
2. 3 4.1", 3 2.95", 1 6", 1 1.48"
3. 1 2.95"
4. 5 1.48"
5. 1 4.1", 1 3.5", 1 4.1", 2 2.9"
6. 1 4.1" (?), 2 2.95", 3 1.48"
7. Small Gun.
8. 1 2.95", 1 1.8", 1 2.36"
9. Includes 3 1.48"
10. 1 4.1", 2 3.46", 3 1.48"
11. Includes 150 mounted troops.
12. Includes an unknown number of levies.
13. Does not include various small posts or troops now concentrated in the Tabora Command.

DISTRIBUTION OF ENEMY FORCES IN G.E.A.

24. 5. 16.

No. of Coy.	Peace Station	Last heard of :-		
		Place	Date	
1	Arusha	Kondoa Irangi	10.5.16	† on Usambara Ry. Amalgamated with 12th Coy.
2	Iringa	Kondoa Irangi	6.5.16	
3	Lindi	Usambara	27.3.16	Armed with .303 rifles.
4	Kilimatinde	Kondoa Irangi	6.5.16	
5	Massoko	Nyasaland Border	20.2.16	Part on Mara River.
6	Ujiji	Kondoa Irangi	6.5.16	
7	Bukoba	Kondoa Irangi	6.5.16	Armed with .303 rifles.
8	Tabora	Usambara	1.4.16	
9	Ugumbura	Kondoa	25.5.16	Armed with .303 rifles.
10	Dar-es-salaam	Usambara	27.3.16	
11	Kissenjje	Kondoa Irangi	19.5.16	Amalgamated with 2nd and 21st Coys.
12	Mahenge	Kondoa Irangi	6.5.16	
13	Kondoa Irangi	Kondoa Irangi	6.5.16	Armed with .303 rifles.
14	Mwanza	Usambara	1.4.16	
15		Kondoa Irangi	12.5.16	Armed with .303 rifles.
16		Usambara	1.4.16	
17		Usambara	25.5.16	Armed with .303 rifles.
18		Kondoa Irangi	6.5.16	
19		Kondoa Irangi	12.5.16	Armed with .303 rifles.
20		Usambara	10.1.16	
21		Kondoa Irangi	22.5.16	Armed with .303 rifles.
22		Kondoa Irangi	6.5.16	
23		Kondoa Irangi	6.5.16	Armed with .303 rifles.
24		Kondoa Irangi	6.5.16	
25		Kondoa Irangi	6.5.16	Armed with .303 rifles.
26		Kondoa Irangi	6.5.16	
27		Kondoa Irangi	6.5.16	Armed with .303 rifles.
28		Kondoa Irangi	6.5.16	
29		Kondoa Irangi	6.5.16	Armed with .303 rifles.
30		Kondoa Irangi	6.5.16	
31		Nyasaland Border	1.11.15	Amalgamated with 18th (Only 40 strong) Coy.
32		Usambara	15.5.16	
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35				
36				
37	Reserve	Kondoa Irangi	6.5.16	Armed with .450 Mausers.
38	Reserve	Kondoa Irangi	6.5.16	
39	Reserve	Mwakijembe	1.5.16	Armed with .450 Mausers.
40	Reserve	Usambara	22.5.16	
41	Reserve	Kondoa Irangi	12.5.16	European
42	Reserve	Usambara	21.5.16	
43	Reserve	Kondoa Irangi	10.5.16	† European, mounted.
44	Reserve	Kondoa Irangi	10.5.16	
45	Reserve	Nyasaland Border	20.2.16	Armed with .450 Mausers.
46	Reserve	Nyasaland Border	20.2.16	
47	Reserve	Kondoa Irangi	6.5.16	Armed with .450 Mausers.
48	Reserve	Kondoa Irangi	6.5.16	
49	Police	Nyasaland Border	28.1.16	

- The strength of all companies is now from 150-200 rifles each, with 10% Europeans.
- It is reported the total field companies number to 36, with 10 Reserve Companies.
- Companies, probably levy formations, A to W, have been reported in Ruanda and at Mwanza (Feb.16).
- Most Companies have 2 machine guns each. Nos. 8 and 9 Reserve Companies have no machine guns.

ARTILLERY AND MACHINE GUNS IN G.E.A.

24. 5. 16.

Artillery.

Ex 'Konigsberg' 10 4.1"† 2 2.36 or 60 mm. † 8 3 pdrs
 Ex 'Moewe' 3 1 pr Gatling (Reported sunk with ship)
 Ex 'Kaiser Wilhelm II' 2 q.f. 3.46" or 88 mm.
 Salvaged from Blockade Runners (?) 6 field guns, 2.25" or 2.9"
 Captured on 'Adjutant' 3 3 pounders
 Imported into G.E.A. before war * (18 1.48" or 37 mm revolver guns
 (14 1.8" and pompoms
 (6 2.95" or 75 mm.
 (1 6" or 15 cm.

Total 73

Captured on Lake Nyasa, August '14 1 1.48"
 " in Sept. '14 (Nyasaland) 2 1.48"
 " in June. '15 (Bukoba) 1 2.95"
 " on Dec. 26 '15 (Tanganyika) 1 1.48"
 Sunk with 'Hedwig von Wissmann' on
 Tanganyika, February '16 4 1.48"
 (1 4.1"
 Captured March '16 (Kaha) (1 2.36"
 Destroyed with 'Konigsberg' 3 4.1"
 Captured at Sebea by Belgians on 12.5.16 1 2.95"
 Abandoned at Sebea 1 3.46"

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Total now with enemy 57

Black powder.

Smokeless.

Machine Guns.

In G.E.A. before war 56
 14 captured from us. Service- 8
 From 'Konigsberg' able 4
 Salvaged in Mansa Bay 12
 Captured on 'Adjutant' 2

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Captured September '14 (Nyasaland) 2
 " February '16 (Uganda) 1
 " March '16 (Latesa) 1
 Damaged by us About 4
 Probably damaged by dynamite loaded cartridge belt 1
 Captured Lol Kissale 2

Total now with enemy 71

B. - This does not include any Artillery and Machine Guns which have been introduced into the country in the Ssudi Bay ship.