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War Office,  
25th October, 1916.

The following Despatch has been received by the Secretary of State for War from General Sir Reginald Wingate, G.C.B., Sirdar and Governor-General of the Sudan:—

Khartoum,  
8th August, 1916.

SIR,—I have the honour to forward for the information of the Secretary of State for War my Despatch on the military operations in Darfur, together with a brief report on the services of the Egyptian Army and the Sudan Administration since the outbreak of war in Europe.

Before describing the military operations in the Sudan and in Darfur which the Egyptian Army has been required to carry out, I desire to refer to the cordial relations—mutually advantageous, I venture to think, to all parties—that have existed between the late Commander-in-Chief of the British forces in Egypt (Lieutenant-General Sir John Maxwell), his successor (General Sir Archibald Murray), Sir Ian Hamilton (whilst in command of the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force), and myself.

On the one hand it has been the privilege of the Egyptian Army and the members of the Sudan Administration to render assistance, both in personnel and in material, to supply the many and urgent demands connected with

the military operations in Egypt and the Dardanelles. On the other hand the promise of reinforcements, should they be required in the Sudan, from the British Army in Egypt, relieved me of much anxiety. Fortunately it has hitherto proved unnecessary to requisition assistance from Egypt other than by the temporary loan of a section of the Royal Flying Corps, several Special Service Officers, and some mechanical transport and other details, the value of which I have most gratefully acknowledged in connection with the operations in Darfur.

The following patrols, involving military operations on a minor scale, have been successfully carried out in the Sudan since the outbreak of the European War. In these operations, the necessity for which has been generally due to the native unrest consequent on the war and to anti-Government propaganda, only units of the Egyptian Army have been employed.

## LOKOIA PATROL.

The Lokoia tribes of Jebels Lyria and Luch, in Mongalla Province, openly defied the Government, and in January, 1915, a patrol, consisting of a half-company of the 9th Sudanese, one and a half companies of the Equatorial Battalion, and a detachment of the Medical Corps, under Major C. C. MacNamara, the Royal Irish Rifles, was despatched against them. The patrol successfully achieved its purpose, with but slight casualty to our troops.