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War Office,  
18th December, 1919.

The following despatch has been received by the Secretary of State for the Colonies from Major-General Sir Edward Northey, K.C.M.G., C.B., Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the East Africa Protectorate:—

Government House, Nairobi,  
British East Africa,  
22nd May, 1919.

MY LORD,—

I have the honour to attach for Your Lordship's information papers dealing with the expedition undertaken in 1918, from 20th April to June 19th, by combined forces of this Protectorate and of the Sudan and Uganda, against the Northern Turkana, Marille, Donyiro and kindred tribes residing in the vicinity of the Southern Sudan Protectorate boundary to the west of Lake Rudolf, in accordance with Mr. Long's telegram of 3rd September, 1917. These papers comprise a despatch\* forwarded to this Government by Major-General Sir Lee Stack, Governor-General, Sudan, enclosing a re-

port\* by Major White, Officer Commanding the combined forces, covering the whole operations, the comments of the Commandant, King's African Rifles, on the results achieved, and a list of recommendations in connection with the expedition made by the Commandant.

2. The objects of the patrol were:—

- (a) The disarmament and punishment of the tribes named for their former raids on tribes in British territory, notably the Suk.
- (b) The expulsion of Abyssinian marauders from the territory of this and the Uganda Protectorates, west of Lake Rudolf.
- (c) The reduction of the Northern Turkana area to a state suitable for civil administration.
- (d) The recovery of stock looted from the Suk.

3. As Your Lordship is aware, in October, 1917, the decision was formed to undertake the expedition, Major H. Rayne, M.C., being placed in command of the forces from this Protectorate, with Mr. D. R. Crampton as Political Officer. The Sudan Government agreed to co-operate, and despatched 250 African troops under Major White, who met Major Rayne

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with his force on 14th December, 1917, at Loyoro, in the Uganda Protectorate. The combined force consisted of—

*Sudan Force.*

- ½ Company Mounted Infantry.
- 1 Section Maxim Battery.
- 200 Rifles Equatorial Battalion.

*East Africa Force.*

- 300 Rifles, King's African Rifles.
- 2 Maxim Guns.
- 3 Lewis Guns.

A Company of Police at Loyoro.

A Company of the Equatorial Battalion at Ikolo, available for escorts to supplies and as a reserve.

4. A temporary base was established at Loyoro and an advanced base at Kabua, due east of Loyoro and near the shores of Lake Rudolf. Whilst these preparations were in progress the Sudan force executed a small patrol against Turkana who had recently moved to Mount Zingot, and captured a number of cattle. The East Africa Force meantime operated against Turkana South of the Turkwel River, capturing a quantity of stock.

5. Towards the end of February a somewhat serious situation arose owing to the disaffection of a detachment of 1/6th King's African Rifles, who had proceeded to the advanced base at Kabua. It should be explained that this detachment, which was sent to relieve another King's African Rifles unit in Turkana, was composed of native ranks who had formerly served with the German forces, and had been recruited in the conquered territory of German East Africa, and was not drawn from an ordinary King's African Rifles battalion. This caused a certain delay, as it was necessary to relieve the disaffected men and replace them with other troops from Nairobi. Further obstacles to progress were created by a serious outbreak of cerebro-spinal meningitis.

6. After further delays due to transport difficulties, the combined forces, which had concentrated at Kabua, moved off on 20th April, 1918, on concentrated patrols, which radiated from Lomogol round the Lorusia Mountains. Major Rayne's force met and dispersed a party of Turkana and Abyssinian marauders on May 6th, and a detachment of Major White's column, under Captain Yardley, D.S.O., defeated a large force of Turkana on 8th and 9th May. Further patrols on 13th and 16th May encountered scouting parties including Abyssinian marauders near Lomogol, the enemy retreating on being attacked. A certain number of Turkana tribesmen moved into Abyssinian territory, while another body were reported as wishful of making peace. Numbers of stock, totalling 3,658 cattle and 1,810 donkeys, were captured, the enemy casualties numbering 141 killed and an uncertain number of wounded, as the result of these operations. The combined forces concentrated again at Katome, west of Lomogol.

7. On 27th May further patrols were organized with a view to sweeping the Lorusia Mountains, lying roughly between Lomogol and Katome, and ridding them of the enemy. The column under Captain Yardley, D.S.O., encountered a strong hostile force in thick bush at Kaugala, and immediately attacked. After five hours' fighting the enemy retired from hostilities, having suffered heavily, and,

in view of the strength of the enemy force, Captain Yardley did not further engage him. The force consisted of some 400 rifles, mostly Abyssinian marauders, with some mounted men who took no part in the fight, and suffered casualties to the number of 33 killed and an unknown number of wounded. Five rifles were captured, our casualties amounting to three native officers killed, also three other ranks and two followers. The other two columns under Major Rayne and Major White hastened to get into touch with Captain Yardley's column, but were unable to do so prior to the enemy's retirement. The whole force concentrated at Lomogol.

8. It had been considered whether a post should be provisionally established at Lomogol, but in view of the danger of troops stationed there being cut off by Abyssinian marauders, it was eventually decided to evacuate the Lomogol line, and to hold a line to the south. The decision was confirmed by this Government on the ground that it was inadvisable to take further military action at the northern end of Lake Rudolf until the Sudan Government were able to administer the territory lying north of the Sudan-East Africa boundary, in the proximity of the lake, since no large reinforcements could be supplied at the time to enable the northern line to be held.

9. The combined force proceeded to Lodwar on June 18th, and on 19th the Sudan force under Major White marched off north, the operations being concluded.

10. The result of the operations may be described as successful in that it was demonstrated to the Northern Turkana that their forces, even when supported by Abyssinian marauders, were liable to defeat at the hands of British troops whenever encountered, this causing large numbers of Nyisirr and Ngamatak Turkana to approach the Political Officer with offers of peace. It was further shown that the Government was able to regain large numbers of cattle from them to compensate tribes whom they had raided, and, in consequence, that raiding was always liable to meet with punishment.

11. I desire to bring to Your Lordship's notice the names of the following Officers and Men of the combined force, and to endorse the recommendations as to the award of individual decorations put forward by the Governor-General of the Sudan and by the Commandant, King's African Rifles, respectively:—

*Sudan Force.*

- Major R. F. White, Essex Regiment, recommended for Distinguished Service Order.
- Capt. J. H. R. Yardley, D.S.O., Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, Special Reserve, recommended for Military Cross.
- Youzbash Abdel Kader Hiloni, Equatorial Battalion, recommended for posthumous Military Cross.
- No. 803 Bash Shawish Surna Murgan, Equatorial Battalion, recommended for D.C.M.
- No. 2006 Shawish Abdel Rahman Ahmed, Equatorial Battalion, recommended for D.C.M.
- No. 73 Shawish Someiri Dodoyambo, Equatorial Battalion, recommended for D.C.M.
- No. 375 Nofar Kanda Eya, Equatorial Battalion, recommended for M.S.M.
- No. 852 Shawish Anwayo Adiri, Equatorial Battalion, recommended for M.S.M.

- No. 6514 Nofar Lokodus Ganok, Equatorial Battalion, recommended for M.S.M.  
 No. 6520 Wekil Onbashi Dokorok Turkan, Equatorial Battalion, recommended for M.S.M.

*East Africa Force.*

- Temporary Major H. Rayne, M.C., General List, and 1/5th King's African Rifles, recommended for bar to the Military Cross.  
 Temporary Captain G. le Blanc Smith, M.C., Bar, D.C.M., 5th East Surrey Regiment, and Unattached List, East Africa Protectorate Force, recommended for Brevet Majority (if applicable to Territorial Officer), or mention in despatches.  
 Temporary Lieutenant J. W. G. Cleverley, General List and 1/5th King's African Rifles, recommended for mention in despatches.  
 Temporary Lieutenant W. Gemmel, General List and 1/6th King's African Rifles, recommended for mention in despatches.  
 Temporary Lieutenant S. S. Willis, General List and 1/6th King's African Rifles, recommended for mention in despatches.  
 Temporary Lieutenant T. M. Brick, General List and 1/6th King's African Rifles, recommended for mention in despatches.

- Mr. D. R. Crampton, Political Officer, District Commissioner, East Africa Protectorate, recommended for mention in despatches.  
 Mr. S. O. V. Hodge, Assistant Political Officer, Assistant District Commissioner, East Africa Protectorate, recommended for mention in despatches.  
 Assistant Surgeon H. L. Sargent, E.A. Medical Service, recommended for M.S.M.  
 No. 33496 Serjeant John Jardine, 2/8th Royal Scots and King's African Rifles, recommended for mention in despatches.  
 No. 330 Corporal Yusuf Afra, 1/5th King's African Rifles, K.A.R., Distinguished Conduct Medal.  
 No. 4449 Serjeant Omar Hussain, 1/5th King's African Rifles, recommended for mention in despatches.  
 Superior Headman Said Fara, 1/5th King's African Rifles, recommended for monetary reward Rs. 30.

*Uganda Force.*

- Temporary Lieutenant C. A. Turpin, Assistant Superintendent, Uganda Police, recommended for mention in despatches.

I have, etc.

(Signed) EDWARD NORTHEY,  
 Governor.

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