

Lieutenant J. C. Lamprey, Royal Dublin Fusiliers, defended an outlying corner in the camel zariba at the time of the Mullah's attacks on Captain McNeill's zariba at Somali. He only had a dozen men with him, and the fighting was hand to hand. Lieutenant Lamprey's gallant behaviour materially helped to beat off attacks, which were continued until some time after nightfall.

#### Native Officers, &c.

Ressaldar Musa Farah has served Government for some 13 years. He is thoroughly trustworthy, and the most intelligent Somali I have met, and far above the average of Indian native officers. He has more influence in the country than any tribal Chief, and has frequently been employed on detached work, where his tact, judgment, and firmness have always insured satisfactory results. He is tireless in the saddle, and got the utmost out of the company of mounted infantry he commanded. He was conspicuously brought to my notice for gallantry in action at Fardicidii by the Officer Commanding the Mounted Corps.

The following Officers did very good work :—  
British Officers.

Lieutenant H. du B. O'Neill, Bedfordshire Regiment.

Lieutenant H. F. Byrne, York and Lancaster Regiment.

Lieutenant H. W. B. Thorp, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.

Lieutenant A. C. H. Dixon, West India Regiment.

Lieutenant C. H. Stigand, West Kent Regiment.

#### Native Officers, &c.

Subedar Suliman Khan, of the Coast Police.  
Clerk Farah Omar.

Besides the Officers who actually took part in the expedition, I would like to bring to your notice the names of two Officers employed on a detached expedition which co-operated with my levies.

Brevet Major the Honourable A. H. C. Hanbury-Tracy, Royal Horse Guards, was deputed to accompany the Abyssinian force, and reported himself to me for instructions at Adadleh on the 29th March last.

He had a very responsible position, and both he and his companion, Captain R. P. Cobbold, Reserve of Officers, were frequently in very difficult and dangerous situations, calling for the exercise of tact and sound judgment. I desire to bring the services of these Officers to your special notice.

I would respectfully submit that, if the work done by the expedition under my command meet with your approval, the question of granting a medal and clasp and batta be taken into consideration.

I would beg to offer you my best thanks for your valuable assistance and advice, and to bring to your notice the thorough manner in which Mr. Cordeaux, His Majesty's Vice-Consul at Bebera, has at all times helped me.

I have, &c.,

E. J. E. SWAYNE, Lieutenant-Colonel,  
Commanding Somali Levy.

#### Casualties.

	British Officers.	N.C.O.'s and Men.
<b>Deaths.</b>		
Killed in action .. ..	1*	20†
Accidental deaths .. ..	1‡	..
Died from wounds .. ..	..	1
In action .. ..	..	1
Died from disease .. ..	..	1
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>23</b>
	25	
Wounded .. ..	1§	26
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>26  </b>
	27	

#### Total Casualties.

Deaths .. .. 26  
Wounded .. .. 26

Total .. .. 52

E. J. E. SWAYNE, Lieutenant-Colonel,  
Commanding Somali Levy.

\* Captain Friederichs, R.E. † Includes Akil Mahamad Magan.  
‡ Lieutenant L. W. de Sausmarez, K.R.H.  
§ Lieutenant Dickinson, severely. || 1 since dead.

Eldama Ravine, Uganda Protectorate,

March 15th, 1901.

Despatch relating to Field operations.

MY LORD.—As your Lordship is aware, the raids of the Suk and Turkana people on the peaceful inhabitants dwelling under British protection on the shores of Lake Baringo, obliged us to establish a post in the Suk country under Mr. H. H. Baker, and finally in the early part of the present year to send a strong military expedition, commanded by Captain E. H. Gorges, Manchester Regiment, to punish the Suk and Turkana tribes for their raids, and to relieve Mr. H. Baker's post in the Ribo Hills, which had been cut off from communications with the Eldama Ravine. The expedition consisted of two companies of the Uganda Rifles, 500 Masai irregulars, and 100 Masai from Enjámusi, one of the raided districts which had suffered most severely from an unprovoked attack on the part of the Turkana. Captain W. E. Rumbold, Royal Artillery, was second in command; Dr. Drake Brockman accompanied the expedition as Medical Officer, and Mr. Macallister (Collector for the Mau District) went as Political Officer, and also from his knowledge of the Masai language was of great assistance in controlling the Masai irregulars.

The expedition started from the Eldama Ravine on the 9th of January, 1901, and after proceeding through the Enjámusi country round Lake Baringo reached the Ribo post on the 16th of January. A certain amount of fighting took place with hostile Suk people before the post was reached, but no casualties occurred to the expedition beyond a few wounds from poisoned arrows, which were subsequently healed. Arrived at