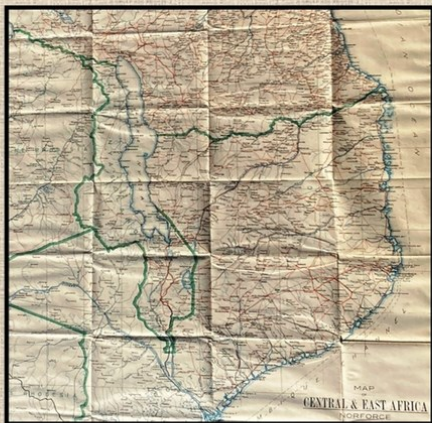


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Foreword

I have been asked by the author to write a short foreword to this account of the doings of the Nyasaland Field Force. The book may be of interest to many as an account of the work of a little British Force, in an out of the way part of the world, where things were not by any means always done 'according to Cocker'.¹ It will certainly be read with interest by any of those who once formed part of this small force, and who now are scattered over South and East Africa and Great Britain, in fact over every part of the Empire; for I do not think I could name any dominion or colony which had not a representative in some unit of the force. I am sure that any member of the force into whose hands the book may come will feel, as I do, a debt of gratitude to Mr. Cullen Young for the pleasure he has given us by publishing his diary and account of the operations. These, though conducted on a very minor scale in comparison with those of more important spheres, were, I can safely assert, carried through in a spirit of cordial comradeship and co-operation, which would bear comparison with any force that took part in the Great War.

G.M.P. Hawthorn, Brigadier General

June 10th 1930

¹ Something done correctly, by the rules; in common usage from the 19th century, referencing a mathematics textbook attributed to Edward Cocker and widely used in British schools from the 18th into the 20th century. Owen Letcher writes that the Nyasaland Volunteer Reserve, of which Cullen Young was a member and which made up a portion of Hawthorn's command, 'were not given to *sir'ing or saluting, they wore no stripes or other decorations of rank'; *The Cohort of the Tropics* (London: Waterlow & Sons and Johannesburg: the author, 1930): 10. Letcher also had experience with South African troops in wartime German Southwest Africa before arriving in Nyasaland.