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On November 12, after sharp engagement, our troops, supported by artillery captured KAMANT hill, some 13 miles North-East of Gondar. Enemy casualties are estimated at 10 killed and many wounded, some of whom were seen to fall down the precipitous face of the cliff. We suffered no casualties. This eliminates all Italian outposts in the VOLAICH area.

Our patrols are very active, and almost daily collect personnel and inflict casualties on the enemy with little loss to themselves. It is now confirmed that during the recent engagement at GLANDA, North of Lake TANIN in which a Regular Ethiopian Army unit distinguished itself, heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy.

The difficulties previously experienced on the DESSIE-DERBRA TOBOR road have now been overcome, and our forces operating on this road will now be able to continue their advance.

Strong enemy positions are known to exist in the KULKABER area, with which our forces are now in contact.

Our aircraft have carried out extensive bombing operations, especially in the KULKABER area. A fire, which was still burning when the aircraft left, was started on the North jetty of FERROABER after positions on the jetty had been attacked on Wednesday by bombers of the South African Air Force. Trenches and huts were machine-gunned, and, in another raid soon afterwards, incendiary bombs fell among tents, trenches and hangars.

Earlier in the day, R.A.F. bombed and machine-gunned trenches on the summit of FERROABER ridge as well as troops moving up the West side of the hill. South African aircraft followed this raid by attacking machine-gun posts, and, in another raid on the ridge, S.A. bombers obtained hits on camouflaged buildings on the West slopes. Incendiaries fell among the trenches and huts, and this attack was followed by machine-gunning of the positions. Returning from these operations, two South African aircraft made forced landings in our lines, but both crews are safe.

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