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LEOPARD STALKING US. VICTIMS.

[Frontispiece]

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## INTRODUCTORY NOTE CONCERNING THE AUTHOR

My brother Arnold, though born in Australia, was educated in England at Wixenford and Eton. The call of his native land drew him back to Queensland at the age of nineteen, but hardly had he returned, when the South African War broke out, and he promptly joined the Queensland Horse to serve throughout the greater part of that campaign as a trooper. In August 1914, as this narrative tells us, Arnold Wienholt was in Africa crippled by injuries suffered in his lion hunting expedition. Nevertheless he was quickly in harness again, serving till the end of the campaign in British East Africa in the Intelligence Corps, and winning the D.S.O., and M.C. with bar. That my brother was a well-known figure in the East African campaign, and that the enemy stood in considerable respect of him, may be gathered from the following letter, which he received from the German Commander, General Von Lettow, in December 1921 :

*(Translation)*

“ DEAR MR. WIENHOLT,

“ Your very friendly letter of June has been handed over to me by Mr. Knoop of Bremen,

and I thank you very much that you hold out to me prospects of your publishing a book about the East African campaign. It will interest me in the highest degree to be able to view the adventure from your standpoint; for, naturally enough, my own view is one-sided. It pleases me that you have read my own account with interest, also that you praise so much my conduct of the campaign. From your lips I attach considerable value to such an opinion, for I had heard so much of your bravery and your daring patrols that I felt we were already acquainted to some extent before we met personally in Tuliani.

"The unique nature of our campaign has brought it home to me that we did not keep enough records; and of the records we did keep, we were able to bring only a part with us to Europe. So that, alas! much is lost to us that is both valuable and unique. I am all the more pleased, therefore, that I shall be able to supplement my personal recollections with your book. With deepest regards,

(Signed) "VON LETTOW,  
"Major-General."

Von Lettow himself, in his own account of the campaign, mentions how my brother captured and burnt a convoy containing *inter alia* some thousands of pairs of trousers, with the result that the enemy were left trouserless for months.

I have only to add that Arnold Wienholt in



peace is actively interested in Australian politics, and sits in the Parliament of the Commonwealth as a member of the House of Representatives.

HUMPHREY WIENHOLT.



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