

LANCS FUSILIERS CAPTURE MAU MAU

In caves on the slopes of Mount Kenya, in the Abadare Mountains, Mau Mau badits are hiding out. Exact locations were radioed to operation H.Q. by a reconnaissance plane. Map references were worked out for use by troops and police. The aircraft detected many places that ground troops alone would never have been able to spot. Co-operating with the Kenya Regiment were Lancashire Fusiliers. Native trackers, police and Askaris joined in the hunt. This is not ~~war~~ ^{war} as soldiers normally understand it, but a sort of prizing out of cunning inheritors of bush-lore ~~war~~ based on centuries of African experience.

As well as in caves bandits were found in hutments, innocent looking villages from which the inhabitants had fled.

The white raiders entered all huts simultaneously on a whistle from the lieutenant in command. ~~Maintenance~~ Their captives were typical Kikuyu serving the Mau Mau terror, not dangerous against soldiers and ~~the~~ police but merciless and deadly against isolated settlers.

Meanwhile the Government ^{Br} ~~have maintain~~ set up 120 new police posts outside the Kikuyu Reserve, to ~~maintain~~ ^{stop} the spread of the Mau Mau terror.

~~Maintenance~~ This raid was ended by the burning of the huts; the whole thing typical of the anti-bandit war.