

ON CALL IN AFRICA

'On Call in Africa' comprises an account of Dr Norman Jewell's military and medical career in the Seychelles (1910-14) and Kenya (1914-32) during the height of the British Empire. Put together by his grandchildren as both a tribute and historical record, this memoir has been assembled from Jewell's own diaries and autobiographical notes and has been supplemented with some extremely interesting additional archival evidence. The result is a dedicated family project that provides a fascinating source that will be of great use to historians, as well as the general reader, interested in the complex interrelationships of colonialism, medicine and war.

Works such as this one help to preserve the experiences of those actively involved in the British Empire. They shed light on the social and cultural world into the operation of medicine in colonial outposts and provide vital details about the often forgotten East African military campaigns that dominated the region. This is a wonderful source, providing a rare personal account of what it meant to be a doctor in the early twentieth century in British East Africa.

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