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War Office

German Post Office

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Jan 10thTelegraphic correspondence as to
operations

Last previous Paper.

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See Acknowledgment

Also 1494 S.

*See Read**See S. F. Tiller*Note as to the mission of
General Lathem to Uganda
to confer with the Belgians.= W.O. have raised the
question of war expenditure
separately and separately.With regard to the first
Col. Galt's statement will
not have overlooked the fact
that the Germans discovered the
advantages of the Tabora-Victoria route
four months ago. There will be very
considerable resistance. *Butley?*
11/15

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10,100; W. 51,000; 12, 40,000; 10/15, A.R.W.
107,000; 51,500; 51, 40,000; 11/14.

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From Brigadier-General Wapshare to War Office.

(No. S. 143.)

31st January, 1915, 11.30 a.m.

Reference your telegram No. 2680. Evidently there was some mutilation in your No. 2463 which unfortunately read Northamptonshire Regiment. This caused the error. Plans must now be modified, of course, but it is still my intention to attack German East Africa from Tanga and Voi with a demonstration from Longido. Though it is physically difficult the Voi line offers greater chances of decisive success than the Longido line since the distance to Moshi is less and the lines of communication are much less vulnerable. But for this plan it is essential to have the motor transport asked for in my telegram No. S. 126, so that I request an early reply on this point.

From War Office to Commander-in-Chief, India.

(No. 2690, cipher, Q.M.G. 2.)

31st January, 1915, 4.55 p.m.

Our No. 2673. Could you arrange, if necessary, to send the 136th Bal. East Africa before the 36th Sikhs arrive?

Shd be General Aitken To C.I.G.S.?
Chief of the Imperial General Staff to General Aitken.

(No. 53/20.)

10th November, 1914, 11.55 p.m.

Following requirements in carbons for lights, used Defence Mombasa, 18-inch projector, horizontal carbons positive 20 millimetres diameter, no 15 millimetres diameter 550 pairs. For 18-inch projector, upright carbons positive 18 millimetres diameter, negative 15 millimetres diameter, 720 pairs. Can immediate despatch be arranged please?

From Brigadier-General Wapshare to Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

(No. O.D. 139.)

Nairobi, 4th January, 1915, 6.25 p.m.

My No. 23/20 dated 10th November. Please telegraph name and date of sailing ship bringing carbons searchlight.

From Brigadier-General Wapshare to War Office.

(No. 122/5.)

Nairobi, 7th January, 1915, 4.55 p.m.

Request favour early reply my No. 122/1 of 15th December re war expenditure. Matter important, as it affects certain audit arrangements and my financial responsibility.

C.O. 533 160
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From Brigadier-General Wapshure to War Office.

(No. 1438.)

8th January, 1915

I am sending General Malleson to Uganda about 15th January in order to instruct him, if you see no objection, to get into personal touch with the Officer Commanding, Belgian Frontier Troops, so as to ascertain unofficially whether Belgian and German troops west of the lakes are at present distributed. General Malleson thoroughly understands that since His Majesty's Government have no sanction to active military co-operation with the Belgians, he has no power to enter into any negotiations with regard to such co-operation. We have already been on this subject by the Belgian authorities through Commissioner-General. We have taken no action, since we were unaware of the Government's policy. It would be distinctly useful, in view of the urgent representations of the Uganda and of the German activities in that region, if General Malleson could at first hand get an idea of the possibility of co-operation west of the lakes and of the knowledge of the existing dispositions. A threatened advance from the west, a purely Belgian or a combined move, would in certain circumstances be a useful diversion, and by compelling the Germans to divide their forces might assist our decisive attack elsewhere. Your No. 2680 emphasized the importance of this.

Please telegraph if you have any instructions to give and if you have any objection to my mission on the purely non-committal lines I have sketched.

From Brigadier-General Wapshure to War Office.

(No. 106.)

Nairobi, 9th January, 1915

Your telegram 1st January. Please state whether my temporary pay dates from date I took over command from General Aitken and whether it is to be the same as was drawn by him. India directs reference to your Department, India, letter No. H. 1132 of 25th September to Secretary, War Office.

From Brigadier-General Wapshare to War Office.

(No. 98.)

8th January, 1915, 11.55 p.m.

In sending General Malleon to Uganda about 15th January in order to discuss with the Governor the question of Martial Law and other matters. I propose to instruct him, if you see no objection, to get into personal touch with the General Officer Commanding, Belgian Frontier Troops, so as to ascertain unofficially how the Belgian and German troops west of the lakes are at present distributed. Malleon thoroughly understands that since His Majesty's Government have not given their sanction to active military co-operation with the Belgians, he has no power to carry on any negotiations with regard to such co-operation. We have already been approached on this subject by the Belgian authorities through Commissioner General Henri, but have taken no action, since we were unaware of the Government's policy in this matter. It would be distinctly useful, in view of the urgent representations of the Governor of Uganda and of the German activities in that region, if General Malleon could acquire at first hand an idea of the possibility of co-operation west of the lakes, and a general knowledge of the existing dispositions. A threatened advance from that side, whether a purely Belgian or a combined move, would in certain circumstances create a most useful diversion, and by compelling the Germans to divide their forces might materially assist our decisive attack elsewhere. Your No. 2680 emphasized the desirability of this.

Please telegraph if you have any instructions to give and if you agree to the mission on the purely non-committal lines I have sketched.

From Brigadier-General Wapshare to War Office.

(No. 106.)

Nairobi, 9th January, 1915, 7.55 a.m.

Your telegram 1st January. Please state whether my temporary promotion dates from date I took over command from General Aitken and whether I am entitled to same pay as was drawn by him. India directs reference to you. See Army Department, India, letter No. H. 1132 of 26th September to Secretary of State, India Office.

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Copies of correspondence with India
Office as to the provisioning of
for two troops

See ~~Below~~
See ~~Below~~

also 14935

Mr. J. Fiddes

The two proposals that India
should supply all the Pa-
cific forces with munitions
and equipment may not be
the Indian Govt. but we
have not yet got their
reply. It looks to me
though we were calmly
involving the E.A. Protector
in unexpected expenditure
without consulting them

Next subsequent Paper.

Box

and volunteers (except perhaps
so far as offensive action on
their part is concerned). India
is wont to charge exorbitant
prices for her military stores
and eventually the E.A.P.

with ~~we shall~~ have to pay up
what is demanded.

We shall keep a sharp look-out
for this, but I do not see
that anything can be done for
the moment ~~before~~ ^{until} we get the
Govt. of India's reply.

Memorandum to the Govt. of India
about change being that is to say
a stores issued for Imperial use & of course
has proposed, the accounts are all mixed
together, I don't see how they will be able
to answer any charges or ^{the} ~~of~~ ^{by} the
ball forces.

Und. 11.1.15

N. J. D.

11/1/15

Und. 12.1.15

Und. 12.1.15

The arrangement proposed is
certainly going to lead to confusion
more compounded a double system
to control the W.O. and the

conduct of the campaign & to
from Hyderabad. How can there be
any effective control over expenditure
certainly it seems some measure
of watching expenditure etc. and to
be done by which the C.O. can
reasonably protect the interests
of the E.A.P. Apart from this
there will be a danger of a break
down owing to two authorities
controlling from opposite ends of
the world. J.

12.1.15

W. J. D. has seen this

Has

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Any further communication on this
subject should be addressed to—

The Secretary,
War Office,
London, S.W.

and the following number quoted:

0165/6740 (M.O.1).

War Office, 345

London, S.W.

January 1915.

Sir,

I am commanded by the Army Council to forward
for your information copies of telegrams and letters which
have passed on the subject of the provision of supplies for
the troops in East Africa.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. H. Asquith

The Under Secretary of State,

Colonial Office,

S. W.

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From War Office.

To Commander-in-Chief, India.

8th December 1914.

No. M. 0129.

Presume it is understood that fact of direction of operations in East Africa having been transferred to War Office vide telegram No. 1396, 22nd November, India Office to Viceroy, does not affect in any way original arrangement by which the troops there are maintained and supplied from India.

COPY OF A TELEGRAM.

From Viceroy, 18th December 1914.

Dated X

Received at London Office 1.37 a.m.

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H. 2490. An unnumbered telegram from the Secretary, War Office, of December 9th dealt with maintenance of troops in East Africa. We understand that this refers to the units sent from India and not to units organised locally or sent from elsewhere than India.

C O P Y.

India Office,
London, S.W. 348
18th December 1914.

Sir,

With reference to your memorandum of 15th December transmitting a copy of telegram No. M.O.129 dated 8th December 1914 sent from the War Office to the Commander-in-Chief in India, I am directed to forward for the information of the Army Council, a copy of a telegram from the Government of India regarding the provision of supplies for the troops in East Africa and to say that the Secretary of State for India would be glad to be informed of the wishes of the Army Council in this matter.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Sd. E. H. Selwyn, Colonel, for

General

Military Secretary.

Secretary,
War Office.

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0165/5740, M.O.I.

19th December 1914.

Sir,

I am commanded by the Army Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No.1479 of 18th December 1914, and in reply to say that the Council requests that an arrangement may be made whereby the Government of India will maintain and supply all the forces that may be operating in East Africa, including those forces locally raised, and any forces that may be subsequently sent to East Africa from places other than India.

I am to point out that the distance from the United Kingdom renders this arrangement desirable, and that it is desired that only those requirements which India is unable to supply need be supplied from this country.

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Under Secretary of State,
India Office,
Whitehall, S.W.

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INDIA OFFICE,

London, S.W.

23rd December 1914.

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Sir,

In reply to your No.0165/5740 M.O.I. dated 30th December 1914, regarding the maintenance of all forces employed in East Africa, I am directed to say that the Secretary of State for India would be glad to receive more detailed information as to the extent to which the Army Council desire that forces locally raised, such as the King's East African Rifles, Local Volunteers and possibly Colonial troops should be maintained and supplied by India

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sd) C.H.Selwyn Col.

for General.

Military Secretary.

The Secretary,

War Office.

0165/8740. (M.O.I.)

28th December 1914.

Sir,

I am commanded by the Army Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1493 of December, 23rd 1914, regarding the maintenance of Troops in British East Africa.

In reply, I am commanded to say that the Council will be glad if the Government of India, may be asked to supply all the military needs of the forces in British East Africa; and, in event of India being unable to supply certain of the requirements, that the Government of India will inform the Army Council to that effect.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Under Secretary of State
for India,
India Office.

COPY TELEGRAM FROM SECRETARY OF STATE TO VICEROY, ARMY
DEPARTMENT, DATED 29TH December 1914.

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1499. Your telegram of 18th December H. 2490. War Office
ask that you will undertake to supply all military needs of the
Forces in British East Africa and request that if you are unable
to supply certain of the requirements that you will inform War
Office so that other arrangements can be made.