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*German East Africa**Telegraphic correspondence as to
Operations**to Stanley L. G. Fisher**Island evidently did not
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The Director of Military Operations presents his com-
pliments to

*Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office*

and begs to forward for his information a copy of *Memorandum*

which have been received dealing with
operations in *East Africa*

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Jan 15 1915

From Admiralty to Commander-in-Chief, Cape.

12th January, 1915.

Owing to pending military operations and the necessity of liberating "Weymouth" in case "Dresden" crosses Pacific, "Hyacinth" is required on East Coast of Africa. You should transfer your flag and send "Hyacinth" to Mombasa.

From Major-General Wapshare to War Office.

No. 156 S.)

12th January, 1915, 2.5 p.m.

A landing on Mafia Island has been effected, and the enemy's position captured. The German Commander has been captured. Our casualties are—Captain Soames, Lieutenant Joyce, severely wounded; Captain Gifford, slightly wounded; all King's African Rifles. Wounded, 8 rank and file, King's African Rifles.

From Senior Naval Officer "Fox," Zanzibar, to Admiralty.

(No. 16.)

12th January, 1915.

Mafia Island, situation 9 a.m., 12th January:—Ngombene attacked and occupied a.m. 11th January. British casualties 3 officers wounded, including 2 severely, 1 man killed, 7 wounded. Kilindini occupied without resistance morning 12th January. Chole not yet occupied, resistance expected. "Fox," "Weymouth," "Duplex," "Adjutant" guarded dhows outlet. Dhows, captured Mafia Island 11th January, and armed with Maxim guns, patrolled Chole Bays and inside reefs. "Pyramus" arrived to replace "Fox," 15th January.

Repeated to Commander-in-Chief, East Indies, and Commander-in-Chief, Cape of Good Hope.

From Superior Naval Officer, "Fox," Mafia Island, via Zanzibar, to Admiralty.

(No. 16.)

12th January, 1915, 6.30 p.m.

German casualties, Ngombeni, 11th January:—Native soldiers, one killed, one wounded. German commander wounded severely, captured.

12th January, 4.30 p.m.—Officer Commanding Military Forces just signalled "Fox": "I have received unconditional surrender of Mafia Island from representative of German Government."

Repeated to Commander-in-Chief, East Indies, and Commander-in-Chief, Cape of Good Hope.

From Commander-in-Chief, Cape, to Admiralty.

(No. 44.)

13th January, 1915, 8.55 a.m.

"Hyacinth" sailed for Durban.

From Major-General Wapshare, Nairobi, to War Office.

(No. S. 156.)

13th January, 1915, 10.16 a.m.

Mafia Island surrendered unconditionally yesterday.

From Major-General Wapshare, Nairobi, to the War Office.

(No. 157 S.)

13th January, 1915, 10.35 a.m.

With reference to your telegram of the 12th instant, No. 2721, M.O. 1 (A), I am already arranging the raising locally of an irregular corps, and the assistance of Colonel H. Kitchener and Lord Cranworth will be of the greatest help to me.

From Major-General Wapshare to War Office.

(No. 160 S.)

13th January, 1915, 2.50 p.m.

We could usefully employ officers and selected civilians with East African experience.

The above in reference to your telegram No. 140 and my telegram No. 157, dated 13th January.

From War Office to Major-General Wapshare, Nairobi.

(No. 2742, cipher. M.O. 1 (A). No. 144.)

13th January, 1915, 5.20 p.m.

With reference to your telegram No. S. 150, if you are satisfied that the prices are reasonable you can purchase up to a total cost of 8,000L. We consider that 230L is reasonable for an Overland, but too high for a Hupmobile or Ford. We also doubt whether either of the types of cars you mention in your telegram No. S. 126 of 2nd January is capable of carrying 1 ton load. Please inform us in due course what your future requirements are.

From War Office to Major-General Wapshare, Nairobi.

(No. 2738, cipher. M.O. 1 (A). No. 142.)

13th January, 1915, 12.50 p.m.

My No. 2721, 12th January. If the arms can be provided by us, could you raise locally any additional European or Native forces, and do you recommend such a course? Please cable reply.

From War Office to Major-General Wapshare, Nairobi.

(No. 2747, cipher. M.O. 1 (A). 143.)

14th January, 1915, 11.55 a.m.

We are not in possession of the details of your proposals for the operations against Tanga, which have only been discussed generally in several telegrams previous to your No. S. 154, no approximate date has been given, nor has action been definitely approved. No offensive operations against Tanga or elsewhere should be undertaken without the previous sanction of the Secretary of State. In the case of Tanga, until all such particulars are settled, it is impracticable to detain warships or to arrange for naval co-operation. With regard to the occupation of Mafia Island, what was the force employed, and what remains in occupation there? Please send further particulars.

From War Office to Major-General Wapshare, Nairobi.

(No. M.O. 145.)

14th January, 1915.

Continuation my No. 2747, cipher, 14th January. Please state what hostile forces were encountered in operations against Mafia. Your No. S. 157, 13th January, inform us what conditions of pay and service you provide, whether proposed corps be European or Native, and any further particulars as to strength and organisation which you can give.