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(1) As to the time strength of
re-inforcements General Gapsland's
let. No 201 of 30 Jan. must
be be re-referred to if
the Gov. in his recent let.
about these re-inforcements

(2) As to impossibility of raising more volunteers (white) in S.A.P. we know this would be so.

(3) that we are not drawing
our outposts on the Lumbini
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(4) That the a/c was w/T

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The Director of Military Operations presents his compliments to *Under Secretary of State for the Colonies*

Capt. and begs to forward for his information a copy of *telegrams*

10. which have been received dealing with

operations in *East Africa and replies sent*

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From Major-General Wapshare to War Office

(No. S. 197.)

29th January, 1915, 5.55 p.m.

Everything is quiet on the Umba, possibly owing to the enemy's attention having been drawn away by reconnaissance on the Voi and Longido lines. I had intended to leave Tighe and his force at Umba Camp for a month or more, but sickness is so serious at Umba that I must withdraw them sooner. All is quiet on the rest of the front.

It is reported that besides many native casualties the enemy's losses at Jasin included over 50 whites killed and wounded.

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

(No. S. 2015.)

29th January, 1915, 9 p.m.

Reference my No. 1110 of 16th January. On 25th January 1 double company of the 46th Punjabis, for the 130th Baluchis, and 1 squadron of the 17th Cavalry sailed from Bombay in the hired transports "Laznea" and "Bankura" respectively. The Embarkation Commandant, Bombay, has sent details of these direct to you.

On 25th January headquarters and 3 double companies of the 130th Baluchis sailed from Rangoon in the hired transport "Thongwa". Strength as follows—

British officers	11
Indian officers	9
Other ranks	138
Followers	64
Horses	1
Mules	12

Classes composed as follows—

46th Punjabis—Punjabi Mussulmans	134
Pathans	44
130th Baluchis—Punjabi Mussulmans	364
Pathans	83

All the above are Force "B."

Repeated to General Wapshare.

From Major-General Wapshare to War Office.

(No. O.O. 440.)

29th January, 1915, 12.20 p.m.

With reference to your telegram of 28th January 22 Maxims are now available. 46 are required to complete to 1 Maxim per double company. The 16 450 Maxims just received from India, which are quite unsuited to our requirements, are not included in the above.

From Viceroy to India Office.

(No. H. 3075.)

29th January, 1915.

Your No. 1600 of 25th instant. Owing to present conditions on frontier and in Mesopotamia, we are strongly opposed to raising of any Volunteer corps in India for service in Force B.

From Major-General Wapshare to War Office.

(No. 200.) 30th January, 1915, 3.25 p.m.

With reference your remarks in your telegram No. 2810, cipher, as to my knowledge of the strength of the enemy. The estimate made by my Intelligence officer, of 1,000 white and 3,000 to 4,000 black troops in the Tanga-Moshi area, besides levies and police, has been shown by recent events to be approximately correct. Over 2,000 men were brought against us at Umba, with another 1,000 at Tanga or nearer. To concentrate so large a force Moshi and Taveta were depleted. Enemy considered that our advance to Umba was a threat to Tanga, and they concentrated to oppose it; finding the Jasiri post lightly held they attacked it, they suffered a heavy loss, and since then no attack has been made on the forces now at Umba.

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

(No. S. 2067.) 30th January, 1915, 5.5 p.m.

I am no longer able to supply Forces A, B, E and F with ordnance stores or material of those descriptions which India has to import from England. As far as possible I will continue to comply with demands for all stores locally procurable or manufactured in India, and will also supply Force D with all requirements. Indian Ordnance Officers with forces are in a position to inform General Officers Commanding what kinds of stores have to be imported, and General Officers Commanding have been instructed to obtain such stores from the War Office. Please instruct Force A.

From Major-General Wapshare to War Office.

(No. 201.) 30th January, 1915, 9.30 p.m.

I have received from the Chief of General Staff, telegram No. S. 1976, with reference to the 130th Baluchis. I wish to point out that there is a large Mahomedan and Arabic community already in British East Africa. All the enemy native troops are Mussulmans as are a considerable part of the force in the country, especially the King's African Rifles, and to introduce a disaffected and apparently half-mutinous regiment into the Protectorate will not only fail to strengthen me in any way, but will, on the contrary add very much to my difficulties. I most strongly recommend that neither the 130th nor 140th should be allowed to land in British East Africa.

From Major-General Wapshare to War Office.

(No. 205.) 1st February, 1915, 9.35 p.m.

Would it be possible to spare an aeroplane for us? A certificated pilot is available, and it would be of the greatest value.

The conclusion arrived at is that the only wireless installations in German East Africa are at Bukoba, Muanza and Darassulan. The last of these has been repaired, and the installation on the "Königsberg" is also intact. We have reason to believe that Muanza has frequently communicated with Windhoek. We think that there are no installations at Morogoro, Tabora or Kilimanjaro.

From Major-General Wapshare to War Office.

(No. 206.) 1st February, 1915, 9.35 p.m.

Success has not attended my efforts to raise a local European corps for service against German East Africa. The spirit of the country is good, and it has already provided a large number of volunteers considering the total numbers of adult and suitable population. To raise another 400, of the last of the type required, would necessitate the virtual closing down of business and the abandonment of farming. I have attended meetings of settlers and find that they would be quite ready to make sacrifices for defence against threats from German East Africa, but not ground for offence. I have therefore decided to confine myself to recruitment of an extra squadron of Mounted Rifles.

From Major-General Wapshare to War Office.

(No. 204, cipher.) 1st February, 1915, 11.20 p.m.

With reference to your No. S. 2044 of 20th January. If the 16 x 450 Maxims are of no use to you, shall be glad to give them to me. Please state when they could be despatched.