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PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM:

From the Officer Administering the Government of the East Africa Protectorate to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

(Received Colonial Office 6.19 p.m., 3rd September 1917).

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3rd September. My cypher telegram of 18th August: Colonel Barrett states that the 1/6th Battalion King's African Rifles would be useful for garrison duty on the Juba River and the Commandant of the King's African Rifles therefore reports that services of that battalion can be utilized by him in the East Africa Protectorate irrespective of Turkana. Will you therefore sanction immediate transfer of the battalion to this Protectorate leaving the question of Turkana patrol for settlement at a later date. Should be grateful for early reply as the General Officer Commanding is very anxious for decision to be arrived at. Commandant agrees.

MONSON.

Sent in the proposed location
 Turkhana country, they will be
 in arctic service and the
 operations backward and will
 Turkhana tribes will not be
 likely to tamper with them]

L. Col. 297 5/9/17
 6.9.17

I share Mr. Mackay's doubts and in
 replying, I would say something in the
 sense of his minute at A.

Telegraphing on the 18th of August the
 O. A. G. specifically stated that these
 ex-German askaris are not required for the
 reoccupation of Serenli nor for any possible
 subsequent operations against the Anlikan
 as much as fifth Battalion is considered
 sufficient and as it would be undesirable
 to interfere with the arrangements now
 in hand it is rather early to be
 going back on that.

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at once
 R.S.

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Message Telegram. The Secretary of State for the Colonies to the
Officer Administering the Government of the
East Africa Protectorate.

(Sent, 6.35 p.m., 7th September, 1917)

7th September.

From my telegram 3rd September you
will have learnt that transfer of 1/6th King's
African Rifles to East Africa Protectorate
from German East Africa is approved. After full
consideration of that telegram do you still
adhere to proposal in your telegram 3rd September
that battalion should be sent to Jubaland instead
of Turkhana? I am inclined to think that the
utilization of these ex-German askaris as garrison
troops on Juba River, where they might be
exposed to Somali intrigues and to propaganda,
might be not without risk, whereas if they were
employed on active service against Turkhana tribes
as was originally proposed similar objection
would presumably not apply. Telegraph your
views.

LONG.

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Lawning Street,

68 September, 1911

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SECRETARY

WAR OFFICE

MINUTE.

Sir,

With further reference to your letter, C165/8566 M.O.2, of August 28th, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Long to transmit to you, to be laid before the Army Council, copies of further telegraphic correspondence with the Acting Governor of the East Africa Protectorate as to the utilization of the 1/6th King's African Rifles in that Protectorate.

2. It will be seen that Mr. Bowring has been asked to give further consideration to the proposal to employ the battalion as garrison troops on the Juba River instead of in the Turkhana country as originally proposed.

In the meantime Mr. Long would be glad to be informed of the opinion of the Army Council upon this new proposal.

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 r. Girault
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 r. Bond.
 r. G. Fiddes.
 r. A. Steel-Maitland.
 r. Long.

From C.A.G. E.A.P. 3 Sept.

Sept. (draft herewith)