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African Field Forces  
Fund.

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Gifts of Sugar &amp; rice from W. Indies

Request that portion be allocated to  
Indian troops in E. Africa.~~W. O. Dept.~~ Mr Dawley.

Can you say what it has  
been decided to do with  
the gifts of sugar & rice  
from the W. Indies?

Eggs 22/11/14

All our sugar has gone to  
the Sugar Com<sup>rs</sup>. The B. Govt.  
& rice has been offered to the  
I. O. for the troops at the front  
& they have put the matter into  
the hands of the W. O. These gifts  
may therefore I think all be regarded

Mr. B. D. Smith  
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as a contribution to H.M.G. & not  
as a contribution to a particular  
society for such charitable  
purposes, as a contribution to the  
E.A.F.F.F. would be.

Yours

30/11/14

CA Dept

I don't know exactly what the position  
of the CA 777 is; but if you wish them  
to participate we can only refer you to  
the Sugar Comm. & the W.O.

But surely there are sources of supply  
for CA within a shorter sea journey than  
that from Br. S.

CND 30/11/14

Mr Boltbeleg

Mr Read

I agree with Mr Wiseman &  
Mr Daruley; there is no special  
reason why the E.A. 7.7 sh<sup>d</sup>  
participate in the W.I. 8th &  
the difficulties of transport etc  
are considerable. I should  
be inclined to refuse with  
regret.

Esq 30/11/14

Normally, E.A.P. gets its sugar mainly from

"Miscellaneous ports of Asia"

America - Hongkong

Manila

India & Burma

} in descending  
order of importance

\* about one-half

Practically all the rice comes from  
India & Burmah & its supply would be  
the first care of the Indian Army  
authorities. If only from the point of  
view of freight, the Fund's proposal  
seems impossible.

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Sgt: Conson.

at once

H. J. R.

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113, Colonnade Court,

London, S.W.

November 23rd, 1914.

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To the Under Secretary of State to the Colonies.

My Lord,

I beg to request that you will be so good as to allow the East African Field Force Fund participate in the Gift of raw sugar, and rice from Barbadoes, British Guinea, and Trinidad.

As you know there is a large contingent of Indian troops in British East Africa, and it would be a most valued and appreciated gift, if a quantity of the above could be allocated to East Africa.

I have the honour to be,

Your humble and obedient servant,

*E. G. H. Edwards*

*Hon. Sec. - Res. East African Field Force Fund*

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W. Indies

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Madam,  
I am etc to  
ack. rec. of your letter  
of Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>, in  
which you enquire  
whether it would be  
possible for the E. Afr.  
Tred force fund to  
participate in the  
gifts of sugar and  
rice which have  
been made by the

DRAFT. The Hon: Secy  
E. A. Field Force Fund  
~~Mrs Edwards~~

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- Mr. Egl. 1/12/14
- Mr. Bottomley 2/12/14
- Mr. Read 2
- Mr.
- ✓ Sir G. Fiddes. 2/13
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Islington.
- Mr. Harcourt.

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W. Indies, St. Stephen Is  
except that it is inappropriate to  
put off the suggestion  
All H. C. READ  
for the Under Secretary  
Sugar which have  
refer  
been made have  
not been placed at

~~Room 3~~

I. O. will have to  
be in Ch when  
this has come.

the disposal of  
the Sugar Commission,  
while the rice  
presented by the  
Govt. of British  
Guiana, has, it  
is understood, been  
taken charge of by  
the War Office for  
distribution to the  
Indian troops fighting  
on the Continent.

In these circumstances,  
Mr. H. requests that  
it is not possible  
for any part of these  
supplies of sugar & rice to  
be sent to E.

Africa for the use  
of the British forces  
there. The freight  
of freight & transport  
to E. Africa would  
in any case have  
been a difficult one,  
and I am to point  
out that the British  
East Africa draws  
its main supplies  
of rice & sugar  
from India and  
other parts of  
Asia, and that  
~~there is no reason~~  
~~to suppose that~~  
~~there has in any~~  
no difficulty as to

import the supply

from these

sources at the

present time is

anticipated.

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4 Dec 1914

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The U.S. & S. for India  
Military Department  
India Office.

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Mr. ~~Harley~~ 3/12/14

Mr. ~~Bottomley~~ 3/12/14

Mr. ~~Reed~~ 3

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Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord ~~Emmott~~ Islington.

Mr. Harcourt.

Sir,  
I am etc. to  
acknowledge the receipt  
of your letter of the 26<sup>th</sup>  
of Nov (M. 22004) and to  
request you to  
inform ~~you that~~ the  
Marquess of Brewster  
that the Honorary  
Secretary & Treasurer  
of the East Africa  
Field Force Fund has  
been informed that ~~Mr~~  
<sup>Mr</sup> Harcourt  
regrets that it is  
impracticable to give

(P.T.D.)

effect to the suggestion  
that a portion of  
the gifts of rice and  
sugar from the West  
Indies should be  
allocated to the Indian  
contingent serving in East  
Africa.

for the (Signed) H. J. READ,  
Secretary of State