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Governor 387
Belfield

MISS HOLZAPFEL

1915
10th May

Last previous Paper

16/16/22

The report on arrest, detention and subsequent removal. All proceedings were taken by Military authorities.

Mr. G. Fiddler

In view of the last para of the despatch, send copy of H/11582 + Spt. copy of H/16722 + Spt. with copy of this despatch + suggest that as all the proceedings in the case were taken by the military authorities, the W.O. should take over the matter - + enclose a copy of H/141-15 (which was sent to the D.M.O. on the 7 Jan 2) for convenience of reference.

To A Holzapfel }
To W Holzapfel }
copy areas 20 }
30 pieces

H. J. R.
22/6/15

Next subsequent Paper

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The table on bottom is correct

She is she left for India - then was
for reason for removing her to London.

It is a W.O. matter, and in the
action ^{proceeds} ~~has~~ ^{not} ~~been~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{way}
to assist either of her brothers.

I inform both of them that the S. of P.
is not aware of her present address
but that he has ascertained that she was
interned by order of the military authorities
that in the interim by her address any
further communication on the subject should

and copy of all communications that Dept
of the Interior should see.

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WEST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 387.

10th May, 1915.

Sir,

In reply to your despatch No. 171 of March 16th, I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a report by the Deputy Assistant Adjutant and Quarter-Master General, Command Headquarters, on the circumstances attending the arrest, detention and subsequent removal of Miss Halaszfel.

2. All proceedings in this case were taken by the Military authorities.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

H.C. Burfield

GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

LEWIS HARCOURT, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

Further communication on this subject should be addressed to:—
P.O.A. & Q.M.G.,
Command Hd. Qrs.,
NAIROBI
the following number
(C.H. Qrs.)

COMMAND HEAD-QUARTERS,

B.E.A. and Uganda,

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1915

INCLOSURE

NAIROBI, 5th. May.

In Despatch No. 367 of 19th May 1915

From

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The Deputy Assistant Adjutant & Quarter-Master General,
Command Head-Quarters.

Sir,

Reference your No. 11804/S, dated 22/4/1915, re removal of Miss Holsappel to Ceylon.

I have the honour to report as

under:-

Miss Holsappel was arrested at the Kijabe Sanatorium on 11th. August. She was reported as having decidedly anti-British views, and this alone warranted her internment at once, considering the state of the country.

The happenings at the Kijabe Sanatorium, of which there is no doubt Miss Holsappel was cognizant, had been the object of suspicion of the Provincial Commissioner at Nairobi, and on the night of the 11th. inst., he sent four Europeans to watch the place.

At 12 midnight, brilliant flashes of light were seen coming from the buildings, and light was also seen at Longonet, miles away.

A further incident, reflecting suspicion on the Sanatorium, was the difficulty experienced by the Police Officer who proceeded on the morning of the 11th. August, to effect the arrest of Miss Holsappel.

On arrival at the bungalow he interviewed a Mr Hill (a reputed Englishman), who was clerk to Messrs Schauer & Walter, the owners, and he stated that he was the only occupant of the place, and that on the previous night, (10th), he went to bed at 8 p.m., when all lights were extinguished.

In spite of this statement, the Police Officer discovered that a Mrs Spilern had arrived at the Sanatorium the previous day, and was sleeping in one

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From D.A.A. & C.M.S. - to The Hon. The Chief Secretary.

of the bedrooms at that very moment. This lady was sent for, but she escaped through a window and got away on horseback, taking a native boy with her.

Mrs Aribera was a German, with a good knowledge of British and German East Africa, and was proficient in telegraphy.

Hill was arrested, and kept in confinement, but afterwards released on proving that he was an Englishman.

The house was searched, and the following found in divers places:-

15. Rifles; 2 Shot Guns; 6 Pistols;
over 3000 rounds of Ammunition;
1700 tins of assorted provisions;
350 bottles, of Vines, Spirits, & Beer;
an assortment of Camp furniture, including,
20 Tents; a pair of Binoculars;
a telescope; and several pairs of field glasses,
and a small quantity of Fuse.

12 Horses and Saddles were also found in the place; also a signal mirror, which could have been used for signalling.

The large amount of provisions, wines, etc., is accounted for by the fact of the place being an hotel, but not I think, the number of Arms, Ammunition, and Tents.

This increased, if not decided, the existing suspicion on the Sanatorium, which occupied an important position on Kijabe Hill, commanding the Uganda Railway line; and the owners were therefore removed, and the place taken over by the Military Authorities.

On 3rd Sept., Miss Holsappel received permission to visit Kijabe, and on 17th, September, she signed a parole that she would not leave the vicinity of a certain district.

On 27th, September, she was again interned by orders of the General Officer Commanding, and on the 12th, December, she left Mombasa for India with the other prisoners.

It will be seen from the above, that there was good reason for the removal of Miss Holsappel to Ceylon.

File on the subject, No 303, and letter from the Commandant Base Depot and Record Section, are forwarded herewith, for your perusal, which kindly return

B. P. Holsappel

Major.
D.A.A. & C.M.S.

To The Hon'ble
The Chief Secretary to the Government.
Nairobi.

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21 MAY 1915

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

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Your humble, obedient servant,

H. C. B. B. B.

GOVERNOR.

16/12/15
Deputy Asst.
Adjutant and
Quarter-Master
General.
May, 1915.

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

COMMAND HEAD-QUARTERS,

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E.E.A. and Uganda

INCLOSURE

In Despatch No. 387 of 10th May 1915

NAIROBI.

JUN 15 1915

6th. May.

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From

The Deputy Assistant Adjutant & Quarter-Master General,
Command Head-Quarters.

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S. Lawrence

Major.
D.A.A. & G.M.G.

To The Hon'ble
The Chief Secretary to the Government,
Nairobi.

Gov. 28464/1915
C.A.P.

30 June 1915

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secy. Bonar Law to transmit to you for the information of the Army Council the accompanying copy of correspondence relating to the arrest in the C.A.P. of Miss S. Holzappel and her subsequent removal to Bexley.

2. As all the proceedings with regard to her internment and removal in the case were taken by the military authorities in the Protectorate the matter appears to be

DRAFT

The Secretary,
War Office;

MINUTE

- Mr. Harpur, 28/6/15
- Mr. Bottomley, 28/6/15
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Mr. Steel-Maitland.
- Mr. Bonar Law.

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 17 (---)
 307-10 May (for 28464)
 993 24th May (for 97/pars.)
 - John
 2 drafts

P.T.D.

one for the conven-

of the Army Council, and they will observe that his Holtzappel brothers have been inf^d that they should address any further communications on the subject to the War Office.

2. Army &

despatch from the Gov^{rn}

reporting on the suspicious

circumstances connected

with the Rijabe Sanatorium,

already communicated to the

Director of Military Operations,

is enclosed for convenient reference.

(Signed) H. F. READ.

for the Under Secretary of State

Gov 28/6/1915 East



30 June 1915

Sir,

With reference to the

letter from this Office of the

16 of March I am to to
17 of April

inform you that the

Governor of the East has

reported that Miss S.

Holzappel was interned

by order of the

military authorities

in the Protectorate.

In the circumstances

any further commun-

ications on the subject

DRAFT.

A. Holzappel Esq.
to Holzappel Esq.

MINUTE.

[H. 11396.
H. 16728.]

Mr. Harper 28/6/1915-

Mr. Bottomley 28/6/1915

Mr.

Mr.

Sir G. Fildes

Sir H. Just

Sir J. Anderson

Mr. Steel-Maitland

Mr. Bonar Law

Copy to 30 June 15

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should be addressed
to the War Office.

2. I am to add
that Mr. Boman Law is
not aware of Miss
Holzapfel's present
address.

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(Signed) H. J. READ.

for the Under Secretary of State