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German East Africa

Telegraphic correspondence as  
to operations.see ~~Bottomley~~ W. Reed Br. G. Fiddes

This is all quite interesting.  
Notes in particular as to the  
conditions in Tanganyika and the  
proposed arrangements for  
Belgian co-operation.

Partly?

W. Reed 2/3/15 G. Fiddes 2/3/15

Major part came here yesterday to  
discuss the best tel. in the world.  
Lord Kitchener is apparently in favour  
of keeping Tanganyika under military  
admin<sup>W.O.</sup>, but they wanted to know  
what we thought about it. I told  
them that they had better refer the  
matter to us officially, but I felt that  
the other W.O. idea was to have an office

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If the rank of Captain is changed. I  
explained that Mr. Raffle had <sup>formerly</sup> occupied a  
high position as a Public Commissioner & that  
it was necessary to put him under a  
young officer. They may recommend that  
Mr. Raffle should be given military rank (of Major?)  
& left in charge.

\* J. H.

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is entirely in favour of  
Arabia should remain under  
military control



The Director of Military Operations presents his compliments to

*Under Secretary of State  
Colonial Office*

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

which have been received dealing with

operations in *East Africa*

*recd.  
for DMO*

*March 1st 1915*

*From Major-General Wapshare to War Office.*

22nd February, 1915, 12.55 p.m.

(No. S. 237.)

Reference your telegram No. 3184, cipher, of 21st February, re proposals for increased establishment King's African Rifles. Full particulars were sent home by the Governor, British East Africa, in his telegrams Nos. 220 and 221 of 15th February to Colonial Office. Could you get copies of those telegrams? It would save time in repeating. In regard to additional officers, special service officers with African experience will be welcome, but should be prepared to serve in the King's African Rifles as subalterns. Please telegraph names. I suggest that the Sirdar might spare some ex-King's African Rifles officers from the Egyptian Army.

*From H.M.S. "Weymouth," Zanzibar, to Admiralty*

22nd February, 1915, 5.30 p.m.

(No. 19, cipher D.)

"Weymouth" visited Dar es Salaam. Governor of German East Africa is inland; his representative came on board. Delivered notice of blockade. They will permit English prisoners of war to receive and send mails if the same privilege is accorded to their prisoners of war, especially in India. Request instructions. Benedictine monks all German and unmolested. Surgeon Holton, prisoner of war, quite well. Lieutenant-Commander Patterson ditto. All naval prisoners of war are in healthy localities, not disclosed. They are well looked after.

Addressed to Admiralty, repeated to Commander-in-Chief, East Indies, Cape.

*From the Governor of Uganda to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.*

(Received Colonial Office 2.49 p.m. 23rd February, 1915.)

23rd February, 1915.

Your cipher telegram to Governor of East Africa Protectorate of 30th January following from Cox, Corporation.

"Reference stores for Congo myself proceed Fort Portal this week, arranging preliminaries also investigating possibility alternate route via Lake Albert thence Fort Portal, request Congo Government be telegraphed my movements and instructions given to their Kasindi District Commissioner to arrange if possible to communicate and meet me Fort Portal for consultation, and please inform British East Africa Corporation, London, of the foregoing."

*From General Wapshare to War Office.*

24th February, 1915.

(No. O 599.)

My telegram 24th February. Supply as soon as possible 30 monocular and four barrels Maxim 303 for Mark I. maxim guns. One hundredweight of manganese binoxide for limelight apparatus. Your telegram No. 2833, 18th February, 43 portable telephones complete required further D pattern preferred. All these for Expeditionary Force. Your telegram No. 3014, 8th February is presumed that Ammunition Ball 303, Mark VI suitable for these.

*From Embarkation, Kimaria, to War Office.*

(No. 19/7105.)  
Reinforcements for Force B embarked hired transport "Sofala" 22nd February.  
strength:—

Indian Telegraph Department:—

British troops, 1.  
Indian troops, 152.  
Followers, 1.  
Postal Department, civilians, 2.  
Followers, 20.  
Medical followers, 25.

Khairpur Camel Corps:—

Indian officers, 2.  
Rank and file, 78.  
2nd Battalion North Lancashire Regiment.—One man.

24th February, 1915.

*From Major-General Wapshare to War Office.*

(No. 238.)  
24th February, 1915, 9.40 p.m.  
With reference to your No. 3184 of 21st February. Please let me know the probable date of arrival of the Frontiersmen, their strength and organization. How are they armed, have they Maxims and tents? Khaki drill is preferable to serge. I presume that they will not bring any transport. The question of transport is becoming very difficult. The supply of oxen is limited, and it will damage the Protectorate considerably if we take too many. Porters are very expensive, and quite uncontrollable under fire, while water difficulties preclude their use in large numbers. It would greatly increase our chances of success if the Indian Government would be good enough to earmark a mule corps for use in East Africa when the railway is completed in July or August, and the general offensive is resumed.

*From War Office to Major-General Wapshare.*

(No. 3286, cipher. M.O. 176.)  
25th February, 1915, 7.40 p.m.  
Your No. 238, of 25th February. 400 men have been recruited from the Frontiersmen Battalion, and we hope to raise more. Strength and organization will depend upon recruiting. They will be armed with 303 long rifles, sighted for Mark VI. ammunition, with bayonets. They will have no Maxims, nor are they at present provided with transport or tents. In regard to these matters, what are your recommendations?

*From Major-General Wapshare to War Office.*

(No. 240.)  
26th February, 1915, 2.30 p.m.  
General Malleon has now sent me a precise Belgian proposal. Monsieur Henri's detailed appreciation is being sent shortly. The Belgians cannot take the offensive until their ammunition convoy reaches the Congo, and they do not expect to be ready to move until the end of April. They then propose to invade Ruanda with men, probably and Mbarara and the southern border of Uganda, their object being Kigali.  
I have sent the following telegram to Malleon:—

"Pending the result of reconnaissance on lake and arrival of M. Henri's appreciation, I cannot wire you definitely as to plan of co-operation. It would appear, however, that the capture of Muanza would have the best effect, as it would cause the Germans to detach troops there from Ruanda. Probably the best time for attack would be when

the Belgian column is ready to leave the Congo, in order to distract the attention of the Germans from the March of the column towards Mbarara. Explain clearly to M. Henri that our general offensive on Longido—Voi—Tanga lines cannot take place until after the completion of the railway to Maktau, which will probably be at the end of July, and after the arrival of reinforcements. A seaboard attack is not feasible before then, although I can arrange a naval demonstration while operations are in progress in April."

The whole is subject to the approval of the War Office.

I shall telegraph you detailed plans after I have visited the lake myself.

*From Major-General Wapshare to War Office.*

(No. 142/6.)

27th February, 1915, 10.10 a.m.

I have been visiting Mafia Island and have found that domestic slavery is existing in the island. There are upwards of 5,000 slaves of both sexes. I found also in the government office ample documentary evidence that the German Government recognized the existence of slavery and barter between owners. Also the sale of slaves to Europeans was permitted, the slaves being freed after working out their purchase price. I deprecate interference with the system for the present except as regards improving their condition, which is not a hard one. I have issued orders to this effect. To make any change now would render the owners in the island antagonistic. It would have a similar effect in the mainland, where there are 80,000 slaves. As I understand that the island is at present only under military occupation, non-interference is justifiable for military reasons. I propose to interfere with existing tradition and the custom of the country as little as possible. For similar reasons I deprecate depreciation of the value of the German rupee. I am in agreement with the paraphrase of the telegram from the Colonial Office to the Governor recommending the maintenance of the value of the German rupees as our own.

Colonel Maehr is acting as Resident, assisted by Bagge and King, both of whom are placed at my disposal. I understand from the Government that all expenses connected with administration of the island, pay, &c. are debitable to war expenditure. I presume I am to credit to the same the income derived from it.

*Wapshare*