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German East Africa
Operations
Telegraph from General Wapshere to W.O.
concerning offer of Lieut. Wedd, late of
Victorian Field Artillery to supply 50 men
from Transvaal for service in S. Africa.

Tel. S. Africa to Dept. Consol. by Mr. ...

W.P. ...
Mr. B. ...

Subject to views of Home Dept.
? telegraph the substance of Genl.
Wapshere's telegram to High Com.
S. Africa and ask for views of
Ministers.

W.O.'s 11.3.15
H.F.D. 11.3.15

W.P. ...
12/11/15

Don't think that we can accept the
... we said on 3/10/14 & we have
since explained to Genl. that we
have abstained from getting officers
from Union because of their requirements
the S. African Campaign & the
business & Ministers would

Next subsequent Paper.
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Certainly do not attempt
to take away the 500
from Rhodora are excellent
different - they did not come from
Union & were raised specially for
Imp. service - Some of the first
500 from Rhodora were sent
to German S.W. Africa. I hope
that we don't know anything of
them & explain ^{that we consider}
it preferable not to ^{and maintain the history in detail} capture it.

Sir H. G. G. G.

12/3/15

I don't quite agree. We are not
entitled to assume without enquiry that
the Union got 500 guns. - The Union is said
to be 'let' of the Victorian Field Artillery.
I would like to know if Union got 500 guns
under such if Union got 500 guns
of which to me acceptance: If they do not, we
would not accept: if not, could they purchase any
with us to Lt. Wood & the 500 guns?

12. 3. 15
minutes, and not signed to Mr. J
about the 1st 7th 18th 18th 18th

Signed 13. 3. 15

As proposed by Sir E. Piddes

14. 3. 15

Certainly prevent any attempt
 to take away men - The 500
 from Rhodora are somewhat
 different - they did not come from
 Union & were raised specially for
 Imp. Service - Even so the first
 500 from Rhodora were sent
 to form S.W. Africa. I hope
 that we don't know anything of
 after & explain that we consider
 it preferable not to accept it.

12/3/15

Sir H. Gust

I don't quite agree. We are not
 entitled to assume without enquiry that
 the Union got. I^d Regt. - The leader is said
 to be 'Col. of the Victorian Field Artillery'.
 I^d tel. to Col. Genl. setting the other
 man back if Union Col. is there any
 objection to no acceptance: If they object, we
 will not accept: if not, I^d try to secure any
 will be to Lt. West & the 500 men?

12. 3. 15

minutes, and not signed
 and to 17th, 18th, 19th

H.W. J
 info

Signed 13. 3. 15

as proposed by Sir E. Fiddes

14. 3. 15

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—

The Secretary,
War Office,
London, S.W.,

and the following number quoted.

0165/6791. (M.O.1.)

War Office,

London, S.W.

20th March, 1915.

Sir,

I am commanded by the Army Council to forward to you a copy of a telegram which has been received from the General Officer Commanding the Troops in the East African Protectorate.

I am to say that the Council would be obliged if the Secretary of State would favour them with any information as to this offer after the necessary enquiries have been made.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

The Under Secretary of State

for the Colonies,

Colonial Office.

SECRET

From General Wapshare to War Office.

March 9th 1915.

4-25 p.m.

3000/17.

Lieutenant Wedd, late Victorian Field Artillery, has come here from Johannesburg. His committee offer 50 men from Transvaal for service in the East African Mounted Rifles. These men would be very useful to me. They would provide horses at £25 per horse. They will serve for the duration of the war at the Imperial rates of pay. We can supply saddlery, rifles and equipment here. I could probably send transport to bring them to Mombasa. Please obtain the sanction of the Union Govt. if you approve, and let me know as soon as possible.

PARAPHRASE

TELEGRAM. The Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor-General of the Union of South Africa.

(Sent 4.35 p.m. 16th March 1915.)

15th March.

General Officer Commanding East Africa Protectorate informs Army Council Lieutenant Wedd, late Victorian Field Artillery now in East Africa Protectorate from Johannesburg states that his committee offer fifty men from Transvaal for service in East Africa Mounted Rifles providing own horses at £25 per horse. Would serve for duration of war pay at Imperial rates. Saddlery, rifles equipment could be supplied in Protectorate General Officer Commanding could probably send transport to bring them to Mombasa asks for sanction of Union Government.

If your Ministers have any objection we shall not accept offer but if they do not object I shall be glad of any information which can be procured as to Lieutenant Wedd and his fifty men. Please telegraph reply as soon as possible.

HARCOURT.

Substance captured
and sent
H.T.D. 4.35 pm
16.3.15

15 March

Class 1309 lines

Telegrams Cypre
Phillip (L) Governor General
Cape Town

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G.O.C. E.A.P.
~~A.C.~~ Lieutenant Tredd

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G.O.C could probably send

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Inombasa asks for

particulars of Officer Post