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In your order

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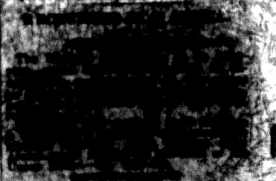
can be effectively landed

(2) the position as to the

two files with howitzers from S. Africa

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From General Officer Commanding, South Africa, to War-Office.

(No. 6296.) 21st August, 1915, 4.15 p.m.
My No. 6293. Since despatch thereof Defence intimates that he can send 3,000 complete rounds as a matter of urgency, but cannot guarantee fuzes being reliable as their Marks are 65, 63 and 60. Also, he says that in view of the possibility of their requiring them later on in British East Africa, it could only be a temporary loan and on condition that arrangements will be made with the War Office by British East African Command to replace them as soon as possible at Cape Town.

From War Office to Major General Fyfe

(No. 7265, cipher M.O. 347.) 23rd August, 1915, 4.15 p.m.
Your letter of 19th July. The searchlights to which you refer are not service articles and it is not possible to procure them except after much delay. We are sending some which are practically identical, and they can be adapted for mule transport.

From War Office to Major General Fyfe, Nairobi.

No. 4266, cipher M.O. 348.) 23rd August, 1915, 5.15 p.m.
It has been suggested by the Belgian Government that a Naval demonstration with a feint of landing troops on the coast of German East Africa might relieve the pressure near Lake Tanganyika. It is expected that the Naval flotilla will have arrived at Tanganyika at the end of September. Will you please consult with the Admiral as to the possibility of this suggestion being carried out with the forces at your disposal about that time.

From General Smuts to War Office.

(No. D. 1578.) 24th August, 1915.
Before the final arrangements are made for the shipment of all our aeroplanes, equipment and aviation personnel from Cape Town to England should like to know whether you consider these cannot perhaps be more usefully employed in East Africa either on British East African or North-Eastern Rhodesian border of German territory. Our officers should have reached England last week but they could be sent back. Please understand that this is merely a suggestion and that aeroplanes, equipment and personal are entirely at your disposal for any service you may think most desirable.

From War Office to General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, South Africa

(No. 7321, cipher)

25th August, 1915, 3.29 p.m.

In reference to your No. 6296 of 21st. Will you please despatch to General Tige Nairobi 3,000 complete rounds 15-pr. B.L. gun ammunition, and inform him and the office of the despatch? We will make arrangements for early replacement

From Major-General Tige to War Office.

(No. 215 O)

27th August, 1915, 4.45 p.m.

My No. 331 S of 21st August. For two please read three and for three read four

From War Office to Major-General Tige

No. M.O. 3000

27th August, 1915

Your No. 215 O of 25th August not understood. What are your requirements?

From Major-General Tige to War Office

(No. 215 O)

27th August 1915, 3.2 p.m.

In reference to your telegram No. 266 of 24th August. Anything like an effective landing on the German East African Coast is not possible with the forces at present at my command. A landing immediately followed by a re-embarkation would probably be reported by the Germans as a British reverse. I am in correspondence with the Admiralty with a view to making a Naval demonstration with warships and transport. To make a show of force, I can spare a few hundred second line troops.

From War Office to General Smuts, Pretoria

(No. 1374, cipher) M.O. 10

27th August, 1915, 4.50 p.m.

In reference to your No. D 1374 of 21th August. We prefer to keep to the original arrangement after considering all the circumstances. If necessary the requirements of British East Africa will be supplied otherwise.

From Major-General Tige to War Office

(No. S.F.C. 3)

28th August, 1915.

Your telegram of 19th August, No. M. 137, will be grateful for Packard motor lathes, 100 R.E.O. cars, 100 Huptmoldes, 20 sufficient spares to maintain six months, with addition of 6 lathes, 6 sensitive drilling machines with drills, assorted sizes, 24 vices, 6 stocks and dies complete, 300 spanners, assorted sizes, 200 files, 6 powerful blow lamps, 20 chain-saws, as well as accessories, 24 powerful parge-jacks. All motors Lubrication Parson's brand, but an this will be useless unless I have trained drivers at scale of three men for two sets, adding this seven men for five cars.

From Major-General Tige to War Office

(No. 215 O)

28th August, 1915, 10.30 a.m.

With reference to your telegram No. M.O. 300 of the 27th instant, please substitute the following for my telegram 311 S. of 21st August.

With reference to your telegram No. 3018, of the 19th instant, please send me three park sets for main transport and two wagon set, complete with personnel for the four sets.

From General Officer Commanding, Cape Town, to War Office

28th August, 1915.

Following are the names of the Defences:

280 rotary of Staff with 18 howitzers, 5 officers and about 34 men for German East Africa, at disposal as to assistance in all ways, including equipment.

I am to be supplied with 1000 rounds of ammunition, Lieutenant Hamilton and Lieutenant Boyd 2 range finders, 2 2 1/2 inch mortars, 2 plotters, 1 Battery of 4 inch howitzers, Assistant Royal Engineers, Artillery and two of the rest.

From Major-General Tige to War Office

(No. 321)

28th August, 1915, 4 p.m.

Can you supply 1,000 hand grenades (including 1,000 O) unofficial letter to Major Booth (Offence East Africa) dated 20 July for details if required. Please C.L.W. 1915 drawings preferable, from which you have brush or other pattern provided that all are of same pattern.

Can you supply 1,000 rifle grenades as supplied to Russia from America agents Baynes, 25 New Broad Street, E.C.2, telegraphic address Messrs. Baynes. Also 5000 rounds of bullets for long range trench howitzers from agents Willey Co., Salisbury House, London Wall, telegraphic address Watchless. Also French pattern of projected grenade Exelsior K. and Commander Hay's pocket howitzer at least one of each of patterns prefer 20 each with 20 bombs for howitzer. Also 400 rockets, war, nine pounds, believed available Whall Island. Also 25 tissue respirators as patterns by way of precaution.

Will you please also forward details of means of repelling gas if used by the enemy including sprayers, chemicals, etc.

From Base, Kilindini, to War Office

(No. 25/96.)

29th August, 1915.

"Mombasa" arrived 29th.

From Major-General Tighé, Nairobi, to War Office

(No. 245 0/10, cipher.)

30th August, 1915, 4.12 p.m.

In reference to your telegram No. 7266 of 23rd August. The Admiral thinks that unless troops can be effectively landed, a naval demonstration off Dar-es-Salaam will not have any appreciable effect on the Tanganyika situation. I agree with him.

From War Office to Major-General Tighé

(No. M. O. 244.)

30th August, 1915.

Your No. 20 0 of August 13th. For what purpose do you require these?

From War Office to Major-General Tighé

(No. 745 0/10, cipher, M. O. 244.)

31st August, 1915, 2.15 p.m.

In reference to your No. 2150 of 28th August. We can supply 2 wagon sets now and 2 pack sets early in October. Will that meet your requirements? A wireless set, either wagon or pack, consists of one instrument only.

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From War Office to Major General Tighé.

(N. M. O. 341.)

30th August 1915.

Your No 20 0 of August 1915. For what purpose do you require these

From War Office to Major General Tighé.

(N. M. O. 341.)

31st August 1915. 2.14 p.m.

Reference your No 2150 of 25th August. We can supply 2 wagon sets now and 2 pack sets early in October. Will that meet your requirements? A wireless set on the wagon or pack consists of one instrument only.