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Telegraphic correspondence

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As regards the extraordinary
misunderstanding by Genl. Ruge &
the War Office as to an alleged
S. H. Profiles of any kind (see
telegrams headed A) see semi-official
corresp. attached.

There is no doubt that
Genl. Ruge's telegram of Sept. 1st
shows how important the situation
is becoming.

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Mr. G. Fiddes

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When Sir reached me this afternoon
I rang up Major Deveson at the
War Office and pointed out that
we had sent them a copy of Sir's
telegram (35755) on August 23rd (38548)
when he was put on the track in
his way, Major Deveson at once
recognized the telegram, expressed
apologies for the oversight and he
would put the matter right at the
War Office, and asked that Sir's name
might be ignored.

Sir G. Fiddes may care to see Sir,
as it may be the explanation of a
remark made by Lord Kitchener to the
C.O.S. as to the C.O. "having a limited
source open to take the offensive"

Very truly
Yours
Edm 3/9/15

over

Mr. Bower for

As you anticipated, it was

the "Delaware" Company (35755)

(below) is the correct

to provide

? No action, I think?

W.S. 3.9.15

Sir G. Fiddes

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I explained to

trouble to Mr. Bonar Law verbally
& I do not think therefore I
need send on the M.

Please see copy of a
note which he wrote to Lord

K.

Leo

3/9/15

Capt. P. C. C.

4/11/15

Copy.

Colonial Office,

3rd September, 1915.

My dear Kitchener,

I enclose a copy of the telegram sent by us on the 14th August. It is the one which I had in my mind when you spoke to me on the subject this morning. A copy of it went to the War Office at the time it was sent.

Yours very sincerely,

(Sd) A. BONAR LAW.

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

(No. 5313)

31st August, 1915, 7.45 p.m.

Your No. 7321, cipher H.M.S. "Hyacinth," which sails from here on 3rd September, is conveying to General Tughe 3,000 complete rounds B.L. gun ammunition. We have informed Tughe.

From War Office to Major-General Tughe, Nairobi.

(N. 7509, cipher M.O. 300)

31st August 1915, 9.55 p.m.

Your No. 8.T.C. 3 of 25th August. For what operations is it proposed to employ the large number of motors asked for? We hear that you have asked India to raise by 50 per cent. the establishment of the two railway companies. What is the reason for this demand?

From Major-General Tughe to War Office.

(No. 340.)

31st August, 1915.

Your telegram, 28th August, No. 19408 Q.M.G. Single set of King's African Rifles accoutrements, consisting of one waist belt with six pouches, one left brace with two pouches, one right brace with one pouch, one strap connecting braces to belt, one set blanket straps consisting of three straps and connecting piece, one brown frog bayonet, one matchet sheath, 1,000 sans blanket straps required in addition to 300 sets accoutrement.

Your telegram No. 3014, cipher of 7th February. Is armament artificer at present available?

From Major-General Tughe to War Office.

(No. 338 S)

1st September, 1915, 3.05 p.m.

In continuation of my telegram No. 328 of 16th August. Having proved the complicity of the inhabitants of Kasigau in the late attack, I have arranged with the civil authorities to deposit them and destroy what crops cannot be gathered. Kasigau will then be abandoned, as it is dangerously isolated. The Pathans fought very well, the Punjabi Mussulmans badly.

On 26th August a patrol of 70 Kapurthalas came into contact with an enemy patrol of 50 men near Mirima in the coast area. After a short fight, in which the Kapurthalas lost 13 killed and 5 wounded, they retired. 16 rifles were lost. Have reinforced them with a company of British infantry.

Railways have been blown up several times during the past month. Contact mines are now being used by the enemy; they are most difficult to detect, and the Uganda Railway parallel to the frontier is extremely vulnerable. The last explosion was serious; a valuable engine was almost destroyed. Am taking all possible measures for the protection of the railway.

From Major-General Tighe to War Office.

(No. Q. 2/1.)

1st September, 1915, 5 p.m.

With reference to your telegram No. 7509 of the 31st ultimo, it was stated by the Colonial Office in a telegram to the Governor on 14th August, that His Majesty's Government were endeavouring to effect an improvement in the situation, as they regarded as a matter of the utmost importance the carrying of operations in (world undecipherable) British East Africa. I therefore concluded, when I received your telegram No. 7137 of 19th August, that at some future date an advance into German East Africa was contemplated and that in view of this eventuality you meanwhile asked for my requirements. I cannot possibly undertake offensive movements with the troops at my disposal.

A separate reply will be sent regarding increase of Railway Company.

From Major-General Tighe to War Office.

(No. 1983.)

1st September, 1915.

Your No. M.O. 359. Yes, thanks. Personnel necessary.

From Major-General Tighe, Nairobi, to War Office.

(No. 6320.)

2nd September, 1915, 10.35 a.m.

In continuation of my telegram No. Q. 2/1 of 1st September and in reference to your telegram No. 7509 of 31st August. The reason for the demand was to meet wastage and to form an adequate personnel for eventual extension. It takes considerable time to raise such technical personnel and I therefore made this recommendation in accordance with W. G. H. H. H. H.

From Major-General Tighe to War Office.

(No. 1983.)

2nd September, 1915, 5 p.m.

I am trying to raise an additional squadron of East African Mounted Rifles, in view of the Colonial Office telegram to Governor of East Africa. Remounts, however, are necessary, as the arrangements which have already been made with India only meet the present wastage and requirements. I learn that suitable horses are now being sold by the Union Government, South Africa, at 25/- cash, and I suggest that permission be given without delay to purchase 200. At the conclusion of the war they will fetch a good price locally.

From War Office to Major-General Tighe.

(No. 7368, cipher M.O. 1 (A).)

2nd September, 1915, 9.40 p.m.

Nothing is known at the Colonial Office telegram you refer to. War Office instructions as regards operations have been quite explicit, and no change of policy has been indicated.

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

(No. 6317.)

2nd September, 1915, 10.10 p.m.

The two 5-inch howitzers B.L. taken over from the Union Government are being issued without range tables to General Tighe. Please despatch direct to Tighe range tables—registered numbers 129 and 157—for the two guns.

From War Office to Major-General Tighe.

(No. 7580, cipher M.O. 359.)

3rd September, 1915, 1.10 p.m.

Reference your No. 27/O of 21st August. 2,000 rounds of lyddite will be supplied by the Admiralty, who will inform you date of arrival of the supply.

From War Office to Major-General Tighe.

(No. M.O. 361.)

3rd September, 1915.

If you have a vacancy for General Staff Officer, 2nd grade, would you like to have Captain Laggott, D.S.O., late Royal Scots Fusiliers, now General Staff Officer, 2nd grade, at Obatham? He has much African experience, and was a director of the British East Africa Corporation until war broke out.

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

(No. 6320.)

3rd September, 1915, 3.5 p.m.

It is anticipated that the overseas contingent will not exceed one Infantry Brigade, the Heavy Artillery and five batteries Field Artillery and General Hospital. Adequate reinforcements for Infantry will be provided.

As regards recruiting for German East Africa, the question has been hung up until after the October elections.

From War Office to Major-General Tighe.

(No. 19983, M.O. 360.)

3rd September, 1915.

Your No. 2150 of 1st September not understood.

From War Office to Major-General Tighe.

(No. 7663, cipher M.O. 362.)

4th September, 1915, 1.30 p.m.

Reference your No. Q. 2/1 and No. B.T.C. 3. Your demand will be noted for reference should circumstances change, but it seems premature to comply with it under present conditions.

From Major-General Tighe to War Office.

(No. 2150.)

4th September, 1915, 10.15 p.m.

Your No. 19983 of 3rd September. My No. 2150 of 1st September referred to last sentence of your No. 7480, cipher, of 31st August accepting offer contained therein, and emphasising necessity for personnel.