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War Office  
1915  
15 Sept.  
Last previous Paper.  
*M. H. 12.15*

German East Africa

Telegraphic correspondence as to  
Operations.

~~to Bahr~~  
to Lambert  
to Zinder

Two patrol engagements, one  
unfavourable, one favourable.

= General Ruge agrees with Co. as  
regards the position of the water  
courses from S. Africa.

= The two S. with headquarters from S.  
Africa are already on their way.

R. H. ?

*H. J. R.*

*Ep. 16/9/15*

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Mr J. Anderson

Pl see corresp. with adms  
as to alleged salvage of  
ammunition which is to  
be attached to Ap.

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M. J. D.

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Mr. J. Anderson.

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M. J. G.

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SECRET*From War Office to Major-General Tighe*

(No. 7603 cipher. M.O. 302)

4th September, 1915, 1.30 p.m.

Reference your No. Q 21 and No. S.T.C. 3. Your demand will be noted but references should circumstances change, but it seems premature to comply with it under present conditions.

*From Major-General Tighe to War Office*

(No. 1100)

5th September, 1915, 12.25 p.m.

Information has been given by Nyassaland that they can raise 500 recruits for the units of the King's African Rifles here. It is very important to make the necessary preparations to meet wastage, casualties, &c. To train recruits and furnish first-class men as a reserve to draw on would take six months. Enlistment would be for the duration of the war only. The Governor, whom I have consulted, approves this policy, which I strongly recommend, and for which I request sanction.

*From Major-General Tighe to War Office*

(No. Q 2)

6th September, 1915, 9.55 a.m.

I am in receipt of your telegram No. 7605 of the 2nd inst. Cars can now be had to be bought from the Union Government at a reasonable rate. Money might thus eventually be saved if an offensive should ever take place against German East Africa. As, however, the present policy may continue for some time, I should be grateful if I could have twelve Packard, twelve R.C.O. lorries, and fifteen buxmobiles with spare parts and drivers to replace wastage. This would make the Makindu and Kericho forces more mobile. I should also like to see the four workshops as previously desirable.

*From War Office to Major-General Tighe*

(No. M.O. 6)

9th September, 1915

Your No. 340, last sentence, not understood. For what purpose is ammunition required?

*From War Office to Major-General Tighe*

(No. 7655 cipher. M.O. 306.)

6th September, 1915, 5.55 p.m.

Provided that an official request is made, the Quartermaster General, Rhodesia, has promised to furnish equip and clothe reinforcements for the 2nd Rhodesian Regiment. The Army Council have concurred.

*From War Office to Major-General Tighe*

(No. 7602 cipher. M.O. 3A, 68/3304)

7th September, 1915, 6.55 p.m.

Re "Bulgarian" sailing about 11th September, will carry wireless apparatus and 200 gallons of petrol consigned care of Senior Naval Officer, Zanzibar.

*From Major-General Tighe to War Office.*

(No. Q 4/4.)

7th September, 1915, 12.30 p.m.

Reference your telegram No. 7665 of 6th September. Request that reinforcements for Rhodesian Regiment should be fully armed, equipped and clothed when they are sent. Sending requirements to South Africa.

*From Major-General Tighe to War Office.*

(No. 334.)

7th September, 1915, 2.40 p.m.

The enemy fired on Maktau train near Tumbhoie; 65 Mounted Infantry, Loyal North Lancashires and Fusiliers, supported by 50 infantry left Maktau to intercept enemy and engaged 10 miles south of that place. Mounted Infantry being outnumbered retired after a short fight, leaving 1 dead, and Lieutenant Dartnell, Royal Fusiliers, and 3 wounded.

When infantry arrived after half an hour they found wounded, including Lieutenant Dartnell killed by close range shots. Casualties of enemy estimated at 20 to 30. Our total casualties were 1 officer and 7 men killed, 1 officer, Captain Woodruffe, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, and 7 men wounded, 3 men missing 10 rifles lost. There is no doubt that our wounded were murdered in cold blood, both here and in the Kapurthala affair.

On same date Uganda railway was blown up at M.O. 161 and 2 coaches derailed and a hostile bombarding party dispersed south of Samburu, losing 2 men and all kit.

On 5th September a bomb was discovered on Maktau railway.

*From War Office to Major-General Tighe.*

No. 7729, cipher. M.O. 379.)

8th September, 1915, 5.40 p.m.

With reference to your telegram No. 3223 of 2nd September, proposal is approved. Are we to understand that arrangements for purchase and conveyance to Mombasa are being made?

*From Major-General Tighe to War Office.*

(No. 7.)

8th September, 1915, 1.45 p.m.

After asking India following stores of ammunition necessary to complete to 1,500 rounds per field gun and 1,000 for heavier natures. 1,400 B.L. cartridges and T tubes and 1,000 shrapnel shell 12 pr. 12 and 8 cwt. available India—

- 12 pr. 6 cwt., 1,000 shrapnel and fuzes
- 12 pr. 12 cwt., Q.F., 200 shrapnel, fuzes, cartridges and tubes.
- 12 pr. 8 cwt., Q.F., 1,300 fuzes, cartridges and tubes.
- 20 pr. 2 cwt. complete rounds required 90 per cent. shrapnel, possibly available England with remaining 1st and brigade
- 1 in. 18 pound gun, 2,000 cartridges, 2,300 shrapnel with tubes and fuzes
- 3 in. howitzer, 200 lb. 1 in., 500 shrapnel except T tubes, available India and possibly cartridges
- 3-pr., 6 rounds.

Kindly telegraph how far available

*From Major-General Tighe to War Office.*

(No. 1.)

8th September, 1915, 11.34 a.m.

Can you supply, for special purpose, up to 500 captured Messers G.P. ammunition?

*From War Office to Commander in Chief, India.*

No. 7743, cipher. Q.M.G. 2.)

9th September, 1915, 2.30 p.m.

Your No. S. 1902 of 28th August. We agree extra personnel military railway companies.

*From War Office to Major-General Tighe.*

(No. 7757, cipher. A. 2.)

9th September, 1915, 2.30 p.m.

Reference your No. 70, dated 8th September. Please telegraph number of guns of each nature and number of rounds which are at present in your possession, also any which are known to be on transit to you from India or elsewhere.

*From War Office to Major-General Tighe.*

No. 7775, cipher. M.O. 373.)

9th September, 1915, 12 noon.

Reference your 1472 dated 2nd September. We agree extra personnel railway companies, and have telegraphed India to that effect.

*From Major-General Tighe to War Office.*

(No. 11.)

10th September, 1915.

Your telegram of the 2nd September, No. 3223, is received. India will supply T tubes and B.L. cartridges, also 1,000 unfused 12 pr. 12 and 8 cwt. shrapnel. Twelve 10 pr. and one spare maintenance to 750 per gun may be considered sufficient for emergency in isolated colony. Six 12 pr. 6 cwt. 4 in. T. 12 pr. 6 cwt. shrapnel 1,000, common 400. One 12-pr. 12 cwt. shrapnel 200, common 100. Six 12 pr. 8 cwt. Six 4 inch shrapnel 500, common 800. Lyddite 2,400. Includes 2,000 received from Navy, South Africa and 2,000. Your telegram No. 70 of the 8th Sept. is received. Two 3 in. howitzers, 1000 rounds. Stores and 1,000 lb. to be received from India by 1st inst. Four 3 in. howitzers with 1,000 rounds each sent as per personnel and 1,000 rounds. Four 7 pr. 1000. Four 3 in. howitzers, 1,000. Four 3 in. howitzers, 1,000.

*From General Officer Commanding, Northern Rhodesia to War Office.*

(No. 3004.)

11th September, 1915.

Your No. 1472 of 28th August. The howitzer section sailed yesterday for Nairobi.

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*From Major General Leslie H. Wilson*

14 September, 1915

(No. 338)

Strong enemy patrol was surprised some 5 miles south of Maktou today by 6 British Mounted Infantry and 100 Baluchis. After a sharp fight the enemy fled, leaving dead on the field 1 white and 31 blacks, besides wounded. Our casualties were Lieutenant Wildman, Baluchis, and 2 mack and file killed, and 3 British and 7 Native mack and file wounded. Many rifles much ammunition and all kit were captured by our men.

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*From General Officer Commanding, Egypt, to War Office.*

(No 1847 E.)

14th September, 1915, 7 20 p.m.

With reference to your No 546, A 5. These arms have been on board ship awaiting passage to England. I have been able to stop 1,000 rifles and 300 rounds per rifle. To whom should they be sent at Nairobi?

*Transfer Rifles for British East Africa. —*