

EAST AFR. PROT
GERMANY AFRICA

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War Office

1915

Oct. 7

Last previous Paper

London Sept 29th

Telegrams received from General

as to our force

as follows
1st British Regt
2nd British Regt
3rd Australian Regt
4th Australian Regt

Mr G. Duley

The main force has been
sent to meet the Boer
and is expected to be ready
in the afternoon of
500 - 600 men to be 2nd Royal Dragoon
Regt. - known to be the Canadian
has reported that a present and
150 of his unit can be spared.

Partly

W.C.S. from 7/10/15

British supply will be sent
out of Durban (etc) 7/10/15
and 21/10/15

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From Major General Tighe to War Office.

No. 332 S. 1

26th September, 1915. 1.30 pm

Uganda railway interrupted recently as follows:-

Morning of 21st September train hit by armed train derailed, damage slight, morning of 22nd September, in day time, a sweep train derailed, damage to engine slight, morning of 24th September, in day time, a sweep train, engine derailed and badly damaged. All losses are estimated as loss of time. On the evening of 26th September loss is as follows in Esas, slight enough to 24 hrs. Have ordered as stringent a system of patrolling as the country can support.

No. 333 S. 1
Major General Tighe has destroyed stores and damaged material on 19th September, also reported some enemy, at same time. Affairs there are satisfactory.

A force of our men under command of a gallant Capt. West found the enemy in an entrenched position and attacked them in the afternoon of 19th September. Our force consisted of a detachment of 20th East African Mounted Rifles, King's African Rifles Mounted Infantry, a platoon companies of King's African Rifles Infantry with four machine guns, total about 100 men. The attack was preceded by a successive night march subsequently so rapid as to prevent the enemy from being surprised. They were put at a disadvantage. After fighting for 2 hours under fire from no water except that covered in the dust of the stream the position was captured west of Ogok and well earned out and was not followed up. The losses on our side were as follows:- East African Mounted rifles 12 rated as killed, 10 wounded, 10 missing. King's African Rifles 10 dead, 10 wounded. King's African Rifles Captain, Gonzo, 1 dead, 1 wounded. King's African Rifles 10 killed, 10 wounded. A Company 12 rifles lost. Enemy losses unknown. The force was then moved on to a valley on returning to the position later found to be occupied by the same preceding who had sprung their galling snares.

From Major General Tighe to War Office.

No. 334 S. 1

26th September, 1915. 1.30 pm

Major General Tighe has destroyed stores and the majority of shrapnel shells in the hands of the enemy. Major General Tighe has sent a group of men to the front to assist in the destruction of the enemy's supply of cartridges.

From Major General Tighe to War Office.

No. 335 S. 1 Major General Tighe

26th September, 1915. 9.40 pm

Your telegram No. 360 of 21st September and No. 410 of 22nd September have been seen and will be institute as soon as possible. It is requested that the Royal Engineers be sent to pay back the captured horses.

We thank you for instant assistance offered in No. 410.

From War Office to Major General Tighe.

No. 336 S. 1 Major General Tighe

28th September, 1915. 6 p.m.

Your No. 360 of 21st September. About 15th October an armament artificer will arrive at Mombasa.

From War Office to Major General Tighe, Nairobi.

(No. M.O. 396.)

29th September, 1915.

Please reply as soon as possible to my No. 4729 cipher of 8th September re your demand for horses and my No. 2084 of 14th September re 20th Battalion Royal Fusiliers and my No. 5651 cipher 20th September, re ambulance cars.

From War Office to Major General Tyle, Nairobi

29th September, 1915.

(No. M.O. 395.)

We have hitherto found great difficulty in interpreting your telegrams. Your No. 50 Q of 27th is almost unintelligible. Please have more care exercised in drafting and enciphering.

From Major General Tyle to War Office

30th September, 1915, 11.25 a.m.

(No. 52 Q.)

Please supply 4000 rounds 100Y.

From Major General Tyle to War Office

1st October, 1915, 7.35 p.m.

No. 30 Q. 10
The reinforcements now coming for the Rhodesian Rifles will enable me to make six in place of the present four company battalions. Subject to your confirmation I propose to make the necessary promotions to meet increase of establishment.
Please inform me by telegram whether you agree.

From General Officer Commanding, Capetown, to War Office

1st October, 1915, 9.25 p.m.

No. 1005 10
The following information was received from General Officer Commanding, Nairobi:-
A German sailor who has recently captured a German whose name is believed to be Obersturmwachtmeister, says that he was from the German cruiser "Konigsberg" and is now believed to be the Captain of the "Reuben", a blockade runner, which arrived in Durban last April. I am anxious to find out what was the nature of his ship's cargo and if it was safe to be secured.
At present the German is on board H.M.S. "Durham Castle" due to arrive yours on or about 8th October.
With kind regards, &c., Yours very truly, Major General Tyle, Nairobi.
See also my letter of 20th September.

From Major General Tyle to War Office

1st October, 1915, 12.30 a.m.

No. 1005 10

Your telegram 14th September, No. 52 Q, Governor has no objection to discharge here selected men in the Royal Engineers.

From Major General Tyle to War Office

2nd October, 1915, 12.30 a.m.

(No. 52 Q. 10)

Your telegram of 1st November, No. 772 Q, I have arranged for purchase and conveyance with Governor-General.

From War Office to Major General Tighe, Nairobi.

(No. M.O. 395.)

We have latterly found great difficulty in interpreting your telegrams. Your No. 50 Q of 27th is almost unintelligible. Please have more care exercised in drafting and enciphering.

29th September, 1915.

From Major General Tighe to War Office.

(No. 52 O.)

Please supply 400 bombs - 100 lbs.

30th September, 1915, 11.25 a.m.

From Major General Tighe to War Office.

S. 334 - 199.

1st October, 1915, 7.30 p.m.

The rearrangement of battalions for the King's Royal Rifles will enable me to make up in place of the present four company battalions. Subject to your confirmation I propose to make the necessary promotions to meet increase of establishment.

Please confirm by telegram whether you agree.

From Major General Commanding, Cape Town, to War Office.

1st October, 1915, 9.25 p.m.

S. 334 - 200.

The following was received, referred from General Officer Commanding, Nairobi -

On the 2nd instant a German whose name is believed to be Schmid, was captured near Cape Town. He says that he was from the German cruiser "Konigsberg" which was captured by the "Reuben" a blockade runner, which arrived at Durban last night. I am anxious to know what was the nature of his ship's cargo and what he was doing.

He is now in hospital at Durban Castle, having been on or about 12 days at sea.

Will you please advise me by telegram by return of my letter of 20th September.

From Major General Tighe to War Office.

2nd October, 1915, 11.52 a.m.

Your telegram of 1st October, No. 70364. Governor has no objection to despatch him to Nairobi via Royal Engineers.

From Major General Tighe to War Office.

(No. 52 O.)

Your telegram of 1st November, No. 7722, I have arranged for purchase and despatch with Governor-General.

2nd October, 1915, 12.50 a.m.