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Telegraphic correspondence as

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The chief points in this case are:

① German Tipes has now been informed about the 1st African brigade

② Proposals to release the 46<sup>th</sup> Punjab

③ Intermediate correspondence about the 2nd African Division case. Note in A

RESOLUTION statement in General

Tipes's D/O of 9<sup>th</sup> October. See *introduction*

④ (General Tipes's telegram of 20<sup>th</sup> Oct.)  
Question of pay of 20<sup>th</sup> Regiment &  
20<sup>th</sup> Division about the Rhodesian pay

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*From Major-General Tighe to War Office.*

6th October, 1915, 12.15 p.m.

Your No. 21226, War Diaries. Hitherto all sent Chief of the General Staff, India, including September. Shall I request India to forward, and in future send, them to you?

*From Major-General Tighe to War Office.*

6th October, 1915, 10.5 p.m.

(No. 347.) Your No. 8565. I am on tour and will reply by the 11th. Your telegram No. 91043 of 1st instant. See my telegram No. 936 of 13th September. Is one of these three officers Colonel Royston? If he is not I would suggest his coming with possible reinforcements, as at present he cannot be placed here.

*From War Office to Major-General Tighe.*

7th October, 1915, 1.30 p.m.

(No. 8620, cipher.) Your telegram No. 544 of 6th October. Carried out by armed forces, the wrecking of trains is legitimate. On the other hand indiscriminate train wrecking by contact mines placed by civilians is not legitimate and justifies reprisals, but only after every effort to detect and punish actual offenders has been made and failed, and provided also the enemy is first warned of the consequences of persistence.

The particular form of reprisals that you propose however is deemed inexpedient on military and other grounds.

*From War Office to Major-General Tighe.*

7th October, 1915, 1.30 p.m.

(No. 8621, cipher.) Your No. D. 7 of 6th October re Martial Law sentences. Please say under what proclamation of Martial Law you are acting. It is understood there has been no proclamation of Martial Law in Zanzibar.

*From War Office to Major-General Tighe.*

7th October, 1915, 5.46 p.m.

(No. 8630, cipher, 638 A. 3.) A supply of hand grenades can be sent to you from a temporary surplus 100,000 are available. If required, please wire numbers.

*From Major-General Tighe to War Office.*

8th October, 1915, 2.40 p.m.

(No. D. 17.) With reference to your No. 8021 of the 7th. By proclamation No. 68 of the Sultan of Zanzibar, dated 30th November, martial law was brought into operation, all rules and regulations exactly the same as British East Africa, and made applicable from 4th August, 1914. One death sentence has already been carried out in a previous espionage case under the above mentioned law. Zanzibar is a hot-bed of German sympathisers, and a dangerous centre of espionage. It may be necessary shortly to deport a large number of German subjects and sympathisers about whom my secret service are now making enquiries.

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Germans have some

From Major-General Tighe to War Office.

(No. 348.)

8th October, 1915, 8:55 p.m.

1. The Union Government have offered to send early in November for service here five batteries, with ammunition column, brigade staff and personnel complete; also 10 per cent reinforcements and 10 per cent wastage every three months. Shipping arrangements are to be left to the Navy. From previous correspondence, I think that these will be four gun 18-pdr Q.F. batteries.

2. I trust that this splendid offer may be accepted. At the same time, it must be pointed out that even with the aid of these additional batteries I have not sufficient reliable infantry to enable us to advance beyond my present positions. If one brigade of good infantry could be sent at the same time from South Africa or elsewhere I could then advance to Mbuyuni and Njoro and possibly further. It is extremely desirable to make such a forward move in the near future as to cooperate with the Belgian attack on Ruwanda (and possibly on Ujiji), to recover our moral ascendancy over the enemy and to remove the present menace to the Uganda railway (yesterday the latter was again blown up and the mail train derailed).

3. If, in addition, mounted troops should also be available they could be employed most profitably on the Leogid line.

From Major-General Tighe to War Office.

(No. 360.)

8th October, 1915.

My telegram No. 401 8th September, No. 440 17th September, No. 497 27th September. Please telegraph if application has been despatched.

From War Office to Major-General Tighe.

(No. M.O. 424.)

8th October, 1915.

If you have copies of despatches send them. If not, ask Chief of the General Staff to send one. Also ask Chief of the General Staff for a copy of the despatches to War Office.

From Major-General Tighe to War Office.

9th October, 1915, 3:49 p.m.

Continuation of my No. 117 of 8th October. I have been authorized by the Governor personally to send the following:-

"My decision arrived at after careful consideration and consultation with the Attorney General; we were both in agreement on all points. I have no doubt that by virtue of the terms of my commission as His Britannic Majesty's representative it is my duty, until I receive other instructions, to make use of the prerogative entrusted to me to investigate all cases brought to my personal notice. It is in the exercise of that prerogative alone that I have ventured to intervene in the present instance.

No sort of doubt as to the efficiency and reliability of the proceedings of the Military Court is implied by this intervention and if His Britannic Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies sees fit to instruct me to refrain from intervention in this case of sentences passed by Military Courts, notwithstanding the fact that a personal appeal may be made to his personally as His Britannic Majesty's representative, I feel that I shall be relieved of an unpleasant duty and at the same time realize that the issues in such cases can be left by me, with the utmost confidence, in the hands of the General Officer Commanding. In the present instance I shall readily accept telegraphic instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies absolving me from further intervention."

The matter at issue, I would like to point out is simple this—is there any appeal from the sentence of the Military Court? If there is, then every man sentenced by the Military Court will undoubtedly so appeal and the chief object of Martial Law, viz. quick and summary justice, will be completely defeated.

11th October, 1915, 10.20 a.m.

(No. S.T. 1764.)

Following urgently required to replace damaged and useless parts of Rolls-Royce armour-plated motor cars lately received from Union Government. Off-side front pivot and arm and hub complete, flattened Rolls 11-lb. fitted up with Dunlop detachable wire wheels and axles. Hasten despatch from Schacklocks if able to.

From Major-General Tighe to War Office.

(No. 349.)

11th October, 1915, 5 p.m.

I venture to suggest the desirability of recognizing, if only in a restricted degree the gallant acts and good work during the past year of British officers in British East Africa. The Tanganyika repulse must have been disastrous but for the self-devotion of British officers. Conspicuous acts of gallantry have been frequent in the continual fighting on the borders of British East Africa since the beginning of the war. A considerable and ever-increasing feeling of despondency exists among British officers, for they feel that their good work and gallant service is being forgotten, as no rewards have been given and no despatches published.

From War Office to Major-General Tighe, Nairobi.

(No. 5727, cipher. M.O. 426.)

11th October, 1915, 5.10 p.m.

Your No. 845 of 8th October. We have already accepted the Union Government's offer of five 13 pr batteries.

From War Office to General Officer Commanding, South Africa.

(No. 6788, cipher. Q.M.G. 2.)

11th October, 1915, 7.20 p.m.

The following, to be equipped for service in East Africa, are on board the transport "Medic" which left Liverpool on 9th October and is due at Capetown on 31st October:-

No. 570 Company, Mechanical Transport, Army Service Corps. Officers, 2; other ranks, 116; motor lorries, 5; motor cars, 2; motor cycles, 4; 50 tons stores.

Please inform General Smuts.

From Major-General Tighe to War Office.

(No. O. 3/2 117.)

13th October, 1915, 10.10 a.m.

Your telegram No. 8805, cipher, dated 11th October. (1) Infantry—first line, regular; second line, one-third draught mules (available here), two-thirds light lorries, one and a half tons.

Artillery—draught mules for guns, limbers and caissons, and first line, light lorries for second line and for ammunition column.

Mounted troops—first line, mules; second line, light lorries. Lines of Communication—light lorries, number of which can be given when the strength of the reinforcements is known.

Personnel required complete for all transport and proportion of workshops for mechanical transport.

From Major-General Tigue to War Office.

(No. 47/D.)

18th October, 1915, 2.20 p.m.

Reference your No. 8630, cipher A. G. 3, of 7th October. Will you please send as early as possible 100,000 hand grenades? Uniform pattern is preferred, but side grenades might be substituted for 1,000 of them if these are available. Can any trench mortar also be spared?

From War Office to Major-General Tigue.

(No. 8769, cipher A. G. 3)

12th October, 1915, 9.15 p.m.

Your telegram No. D. 18 of 6th October. The matter is under consideration. In the meantime, pending further instructions, action as regards death sentences should be suspended.

From War Office to Major-General Tigue.

(No. 827)

15th October, 1915

Your No. 5640 of 9th October. There is no trace of your No. 1671 of 20th September as having been received. Please repeat.

From Major-General Tigue to War Office.

(No. 18039)

10th October, 1915, 1.25 p.m.

In continuation of cipher telegram No. D. 17. Proceedings examined by Judges-Advocates-General of these forces, reports evidence sufficient to support finding and sentence.

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

(No. S. 24118.)

18th October, 1915, 4.5 p.m.

With the object of augmenting the European element in the 125th Baluchis it is proposed that the double company of the 46th Punjabis at present with them in Force "B" should be relieved by a double company from the 127th Baluchis and a draft from the depot 180th.

The double company thus relieved would then be sent to 13rd Punjabis, a link in Force "A" of the 15th.

If you agree, will you please give orders to General Officer Commanding Force "B" to despatch direct to Europe, by earliest opportunity in November, double company 46th Punjabis.

The relieving double company and draft from depot would sail about 19th November from India.

Addressed to the Secretary of the War Office, reported to General Officer Commanding, Force "B".

From War Office to Major-General Tigue.

(No. M.O. 429.)

14th October, 1915.

Your No. 410 P.L.C. of 17th September. Specifications despatched to-day.

From War Office to Major-General Tigue.

(No. M.O. 430.)

14th October, 1915.

Have you any information respecting a certain Italian farmer named Francesco Deusch, stated to reside with his daughter near Moshi.

From Major-General Tigue to War Office.

(No. 322/40.)

14th October, 1915, 1.40 a.m.

With reference to your telegram No. 7729, cipher M.O. 370, of 6th September. In view of local movement of recruits, East Africa Mounted Rifles, and wastage through horse sickness, I propose to purchase another 500 horses and 100 mules from source for recruits to meet requirements till the end of the year. Please send confirmation of this proposal.

From War Office to Major-General Tigue.

(8812, cipher M.O. 431)

14th October, 1915, 3 p.m.

What are your views regarding telegram of 12th October No. S. 24118 from General Officer Commanding, India, reported to you with reference to proposed exchange of your double company 46th Punjabis for a double company of 127th Baluchis and draft from 180th?

From Major-General Tigue to War Office.

(24014.)

14th October, 1915, 12.20 p.m.

Send as soon as possible to War Office, with appropriate supporting papers.

From War Office to Major-General Tigue.

(M.O. 434)

14th October, 1915.

Your No. 24014 of 14th October. Cycles will be sent.

From Major-General Tigue to War Office.

(No. 58/0.)

14th October, 1915.

Your telegram 13th October. In your telegram No. 7757, September 29th, you have quoted my telegram No. 70, 8th September, which is that referred to in my telegram No. 360, 9th October. Please telegraph if cannot be traced now.

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

(No. S. 24231)

14th October, 1915.

Following telegram sent to General Officer Commanding Force "B".

Your telegram No. 517/0 A, 12th October. Your diaries will in future have to be made in triplicate, a copy is required here. This is procedure with regard to units in other Indian Expeditionary Forces under War Office, and we shall send War Office accordingly. As regards diaries already sent here and on the way, we shall arrange with War Office direct. This refers to your request for War Diaries. As regards originals already here or on the way, will copies of our Notes from War Diaries, Force "B", meet your purpose, or do you require copies of the complete diaries which up to date number 274 (1) and record events to end of August?

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From Major-General Tighe to War Office.

(No. 59/0.)

15th October, 1915, 4.30 p.m.

Kindly sanction Captain Orde Browne, High House, Old Charlton, Kent, to confer my behalf with regard to ordnance stores and facilities in England prior to returning East Africa if possible. Ascertain what is present situation with regard to our telegrams Ordinance Consulting Officer, India Office. Ask whether arrangements can be made accordingly.

Repeated in full to Captain Orde Browne.

From War Office to Major-General Tighe.

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(No. 8827, cipher. M.O. 1 (c).)

15th October, 1915, 4.50 p.m.

Your No. Q. 52 of 15th October. As we wish to determine your actual requirements, will you please say—

- (1) The number of days food to be carried in unit line and in logistic transport and in mechanical transport supply column.
- (2) Whether baggage and blankets are on the scale of Home War Establishments?
- (3) How much ammunition is to be carried in first line transport and in ammunition column.
- (4) The quantities of supplies and ammunition to be carried in Lines of Communication units.
- (5) The characteristics of the various transport vehicles.

In your reply the infantry and artillery requirements should be stated separately. So far the Union has been asked for the following units—One Brigade of Infantry and five batteries of Artillery, also auxiliary and Lines of Communication units for the Infantry only, viz. one Sanitary Section, one Field Ambulance, and one Stationary Hospital, one Company of Train, one Depot Unit of Supply, two Butchery Squads and one Bakery Section; one Mobile Veterinary Section and one Veterinary Section, and one Small Arms Section of Divisional Ammunition Column. What additional units will be required for the maintenance of the five batteries of Artillery, and how would you like these batteries organized?

From War Office to Major-General Tighe, India.

(No. M.O. 435)

15th October, 1915.

Your No. B 2422 of 14th October. Please send copies of notes of diaries.

From Major-General Tighe to War Office.

(No. 8758)

15th October, 1915, 4.30 p.m.

Your Nos. 5-6, 14th October. Agree proposed relief, but cannot spare until relief arrives.

From War Office to Major-General Tighe.

(No. M.O. 454)

16th October, 1915.

In future reinforcements for Rhodesians, including draft to be despatched from Salisbury, 21st October, will be unarmoured. It is presumed you will have sufficient rifles for all your requirements when Manners arrives. Letters were Egypt about the 14th October.

From Major-General Tighe to War Office.

(No. D. 260.)

16th October, 1915, 2 p.m.

Send as soon as possible following required recruits for 1st Bn King's African Rifles—1,400 each of jerseys, blue; puttees, blue; shorts, dungaree, blue; socks, worsted; 700 each of pairs of boots; numerals, slouching pairs; King's African Rifles numerals, for cover, plain black; waterproof sheets; haversacks; coats, warm; Drills; knickerbockers, blue; water bottles; messes; 200 shield cord; 200 chevrons, 1 bar; 100 chevrons, 2 bars; 100 chevrons, 3 bars; chevron 4 bars; and tugs, 50 gross.

From Adjutant-General, General Headquarters, to War Office.

(No. A.V. 125.)

16th October, 1915, 12.30 p.m.

Your No. 1974 of 25th September. Reference Chief, India, telegram No. 8 21444 of 15th September. Suggested system of keeping individual public accounts of Indian soldiers impracticable. Clerks and acting pay banders cannot be spared from units while latter unable to keep accounts in English, which is considered the essential qualification to make scheme workable.

From War Office to Major-General Tighe.

(No. 8875, cipher. M.O. 435.)

16th October, 1915, 10 p.m.

Including the drafts to be despatched from Salisbury on 21st October, all reinforcements in future for the Rhodesians will be unarmoured. It is assumed that when the Manners, which are leaving Egypt about 14th October, arrive you will have sufficient rifles for all your requirements.

From War Office to Major-General Tighe.

(No. 8909, cipher. M.O. 1 (a).)

17th October, 1915, 1 p.m.

Your No. 8857, cipher. We have told the Union Government that assuming they can supply first issue of clothing equipment necessities, ammunition, and general ordnance stores, that the maintenance will devolve upon the Imperial Army Ordnance Department. Shipments are to be made direct from England to the base in East Africa on your requisition. With regard to the supply of food, forage, and consumable stores please communicate with the Union Government direct as regard scaling of ration reserves, sources of supplies, &c., so that matters can be arranged before the despatch of the troops. We assume the Union Government can supply troops whilst in transit.

From Major-General Tighe to War Office.

(No. 148.)

17th October, 1915, 2.20 p.m.

Your No. 8857 of 15th October having indicated that reinforcements may be sent from South Africa shortly I am to-day posting details of re-organization of staff necessary prior to resumption of a more offensive attitude. My place will then be on the Voi Maktou line and I should be relieved of the very heavy administrative work which now hampers my movements. The convenience and defence of the lines of communication will also assume even greater importance than at present. I therefore request sanction of the appointment of General Malleon as Inspector-General of Communications, and Brigadier-General in charge of Administration. In this case those duties are separate and can be suitably combined in the man of special administrative ability and General Malleon is eminently fitted.

My proposal is that Colonel Sheppard command Voi Brigade (Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, Rhodesians, Belachia and 3rd King's African Rifles), temporary rank of Brigadier-General, and that Major Debbis become General Staff Officer, 1st Grade.

The above should assume full duties a month before the arrival of reinforcements in order that they may have all in working order in time and that the resumption of the offensive may proceed without delay.

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*From Major-General Tighe to War Office.*

(No. A. 2/1.)

20th October, 1915.

With reference to your No. 7857 of the 18th. (On what rates of pay will reinforcements come? In view of my letter No. 801/9 the matter is important. Request early reply to this. There is also considerable discontent among the 2nd Battalion of Rhodesians over this question, as they consider that has not been their contract with the Imperial Government. Another cause of grievance is the probability of disallowance and refund of messing allowance in view of your financial despatch of the 5th April, No. 121/314.