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From War Office to General Tighe.

(No. 8935, cipher. A.G. 3.)

18th October, 1915, 5.5 p.m.

In continuation of No. 3769, cipher. You may act as you think fit as regards Jaffer Thavur, as the Colonial Office state that the High Commissioner sees no ground for intervention. You will be communicated with later on the general question, which is under consideration.

From Base Commandant, Kilindini, to War Office.

(No. 25/129.)

19th October, 1915, 10.45 a.m.

"Parnea," from Bombay, arrived 18th October.

From Major-General Tighe to War Office.

(No. 250,3/10.)

19th October, 1915, 10.30 a.m.

There will be a frequent exchange of telegrams between the Union Government and us. Is it necessary that all correspondence should be sent through the Governor-General, who uses the cipher of the Governor, British East Africa? It would save time if I may communicate direct with General Smuts on all matters, the main principles of which have been settled by you. I have received several telegrams direct from General Smuts, who has my "Powers" cipher.

From War Office to Major-General Tighe, Nairobi.

(No. 8957, cipher. M.O. 441.)

19th October, 1915, 11.30 a.m.

A four company Infantry battalion of Cape coloured men for East Africa, of a total strength of 517 under European officers, with a machine-gun section, is to be raised by the Union Government.

Will you please ask South Africa for any other details that you wish to know, and also when the company will arrive?

From War Office to Major-General Tighe, Nairobi.

(No. 8982, cipher. R. 1354, M.O. 54.)

19th October, 1915, 5.30 p.m.

Your No. 250/6/19. You may communicate direct as you suggest.

We presume your "Powers" cipher is safe. What cipher is it?

From War Office to General Smuts.

(No. 8969, cipher, M.O. 1a.)

19th October, 1915

Cable what ammunition you can despatch with the five 13-pr. batteries to East Africa.

From General Smuts to War Office.

20th October, 1915.

(No. D. 44)

With reference to your No. 8996 cipher of the 19th October. 8,900 rounds plugged, 10,200 rounds fused—all shrapnel.

From Major-General Tighe to War Office.

20th October, 1915.

(No. A. 2/1.)

With reference to your No. 8857 of the 15th. 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 refusal of messing allowance in view of your financial despatch of the 5th April, No. 121/214.

From War Office to Major-General Tighe, Nairobi.

20th October, 1915.

(No. M.O. 447)

Your No. 143, cipher of 17th October. Your proposals are approved, but Major Dobbs' appointment as General Staff Officer, 1st Class, will be temporary pending further arrangements.

Major-General Tighe to War Office.

21st October, 1915, 5 p.m.

(No. Q. 54)

With reference to your telegram, No. 8827, dated 15th October—

- (1) First line, one day; train and column combined, two days.
- (2) Scale in pounds—officer, personal, 80; tentage, 40; mess, 40, per head. Warrant officers, ditto, 60, 40, 20. Rank and file, 25, with 150 for cooking pots per squadron, battery or 8 battalions.
- (3) Small arm ammunition, 100; first line, 150; divisional column, 100. Artillery, 176; brigade column for five batteries, 76; divisional column, 126.
- (4) See (1) and (3).
- (5) Infantry—first line pack mule per battalion rations, 16; ammunition, 40; tools, 10; cook pots, 10; water, 20; Maxims, 32; equipment, medical, 8; signal and telephones, 4; add 30 per cent for reserve and spare. Train Reo lorries, 4 tons capacity. Artillery—gun lumber wagon and wagon lumber mule draught driven, including baggage and supplies South African mule wagons, divisional column 4 ton lorries.

As regards organization of Artillery—five 4-gun batteries with one brigade staff, brigade ammunition column for gun ammunition only. Divisional column for five batteries and 100 rounds per rifle, 4,000 rifles, 9,800 pounds per Maxim for 16 guns.

For maintenance, require additional bakery section, two junior (one group undesignated) ambulances, one section ambulance, two mobile veterinary sections, and six additional veterinary officers. Each unit should be accompanied by the necessary sign and telephone equipment and stores, and there should be a brigade signal section in addition.

I presume that the Union will be informed by you.

From War Office to General Officer Commanding, South Africa.

(No. 9971, cipher, Q.M.G. 3.)

21st October, 1915, 9.40 p.m.

No. 570 Mechanized Transport Company, Army Service Corps, arrives South Africa about 31st October for exercise in East Africa. The Union Government has promised to supply 12 Reo lorries, 15 Hippmobile cars, 12 Packard lorries, with all spares for 6 months.

From War Office to Major-General Tighe.

22nd October, 1915

Your telegram No. 322/42, purchase of another 200 horses and 100 mules for East Africa Mounted Rifles approved. Cost should be charged provisionally to Protectorate funds, together with all other expenses definitely assignable to corps. Common expenditure should be charged under the codes already laid down.