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War Office

Belgian Operations

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Last previous Paper.

re for Lake Tanganyika understand

Adm. 148

Adm. are sending two guns.

Mr. Robertson. Mr. G. Fisher.
~~Mr. ...~~

Please see 13617.

Copy to ... try that they
will do so. Communicate
with the Adm. about the
two guns promised.

(It seems that we don't
want to mix instructions up
with the matter much)

I think this is all we need for 26/3/15
do.

WMS 26.3.15

H. J. J.
26/3/15

above for 27/3/15

Copy to ... to March

Next subsequent Paper.

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Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—

The Secretary,
War Office,
London, S.W.

and the following number quoted.

War Office,
London, S.W.

0140/1027. (M. G. S.)

March, 1915.

Sir,

I am commanded by the Army Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 11701/1915 of the 16th instant, relative to the request for two guns for the Belgian steamer on Lake Tanganyika, and two hydroplanes for use in operations against the German steamers on the Lake.

In reply I am to say that the Council concurs with Mr. Secretary Harcourt in supporting the request of the Belgian Government. They understand, however, that while the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are prepared to supply 2 Q.F. 12 pdr. guns and ammunition for this purpose, it is not possible to supply two hydroplanes as requested by the Belgian Minister.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.