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German East Africa
Telegram from S.O.C.
reporting receipt attack on Bukoba.

Mr Stanley
Mr Pitt
Mr G. ~~Miller~~ ^{2 papers}

This is very good. The
ambitious attack on Bukoba,
with its successful result, affords
a close parallel to the
Sphinxhausen operations.

War office as I understand
issuing a Press Notice about
this to-day.

Mr Gov. has telegraphed to
us about the casualties in
the local forces, and we are
dealing with these separately.

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The Director of Military Operations presents his compliments to *the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies*

and begs to forward for his information a copy of *a telegram 306. S*
from Major-General T. J. H. [unclear] which ^{has} been received dealing with
operations in *East Africa*

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From Major General Tighe, Nairobi, to the War Office.

25th June 1915.

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Referring to my telegrams of the 20th ult, 1st inst. and 6th inst. Nos. 297, 303 and 304, the Bukoba operations under General Stewart were completely successful and the troops are now returning Kismu-Fort, wireless installation, Government buildings and boats were destroyed, while we took one Field Gun many rifles and valuable documents and destroyed two machine guns with our artillery fire. Our casualties about half (words apparently omitted) of whom Royal Fusiliers, Lieut Bachelor East African Rifles wounded. The enemy's casualties were greater.

The result of this operation, which was undertaken partly for moral effect of the decided success and partly in retaliation for the wanton raiding of native non-combatants by the enemy, will have a most important political effect on the natives West of the lake. I will send a letter to the Officer Commanding German troops emphasising the fact that the action was in retaliation for his wanton raiding.

(2) I have lately started volunteer defence forces Nairobi (400) Mombasa (150) Zanzibar (100). The recruiting for these forces will receive a great impetus from the Bukoba success.

These forces will now receive ground for (one group indecipherable) training and may afford useful assistance later when it will be possible to make a general advance.