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Belgian Operations
 Belgian Colonial Office writes to send
 at 3 Officers & 21 NCOs to Uganda
 frontier. Enquiries as to possibilities of
 their proceeding from Aden to Kismayu in
 local transport in order not to be seen.

Males
 To War Office 22 April

Mr. G. P. ...
 Mr. B. ...
 At Lusaka It seems
 important that these officers should
 get out early for the proposed
 operations in the Ruanda District
 and if W.O. send a transport they
 can let the 12 new W.A.F. Officers
 who are being sent out go with
 the Belgians.

Yours 22/4/15
 G.P.
 W.D. have told me that nothing can be arranged
 & recommended the Fr. boat of May 27th
 But Major Lytton now says they have gone to
 La Rochelle for the West Coast boat.

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Secretary:

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INTERNATIONAL UNION AND BROOMHALL'S COMBINATION

AND AT

MOBASA, NAIROBI, KISUMU, & C.
BRITISH EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE,

AND

KAMPALA, JINJA, MABINDI, & C.
UGANDA PROTECTORATE.

96, GRESHAM HOUSE,

LONDON, 21st April, 1915.

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In your reply please refer

to No.

CONFIDENTIAL.

H. J. Read Esq., C.B., C.M.G.

Colonial Office.,

S.W.

Dear Read,

The Belgian Colonial Office requires to despatch urgently to Mombasa.,

3 Officers,

21 non-commissioned officers (superior grade) for the officering of their new native troops on the German E.A. (Uganda) frontier. There is no Union Castle or British India line steamer until the 1st week in June ex London, arriving at Mombasa about mid July.

The Messageries line cables from Marseilles that their boat of the 27th April is more than full, and they cannot take more. The next Messageries steamer is not till May 27th, due at Mombasa about June 12th.

I have suggested that the party might proceed by P.&O. steamer ex London May 1st., as far as Aden (about May 18th) and thence by kind arrangement of the Admiral or General Officer commanding in East Africa, by the first available British Government transport or Storeship, or such Despatch boat (e.g. the "Cupid") as might be possible.

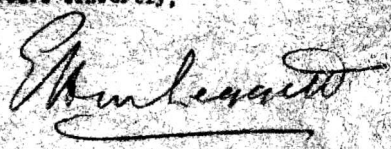
This suggestion is warmly welcomed by the Belgian authorities, but should it prove impracticable, their only alternative is to send the party by their own steamer the

S.S. "Elizabethville", which calls at La Rochelle about May 2nd, on her way to the port of Boma. The Journey via Boma and overland across the Congo to the Eastern Frontier would occupy 85 days.

The Belgian authorities can hold their decision until Saturday April 24th, in the hope of a cable by your kindness to say if the Aden suggestion is practicable.

There is no time for them to write per the Diplomatic channel, and they ask me to pass the matter to you direct.

Yours sincerely,



Secret

April 4/15

Very Pressing

By hand to Major
Frost

DRAFT.

The Sea
W.D.

MINUTE.

Mr. Eden 22/4/15

Mr. Buxton 22/4/15.

Mr.

Mr.

X Sir G. Phipps 22

Sir H. Just

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Islington.

Mr. Harcourt.

Major Frost 21 April

for Census (after
telephonic conversation
with Major Frost who
suggested a letter on
these lines & hinted
at the possibility of a
transport being sent)

Sir,

I am etc to ensure
for the arrival of the
a. c. a copy of
a letter need from
Major Eden 22/4/15
of the B. E. A. Corp
with regard to the
the enquiry from the
Belgian Colonial office
as to the best means
of sending out 3 officers
and 21 NCOs to
the Belgian Corp
the Belgian Co.
ask whether these

Officers ^{not} ~~not~~ were
sent to Aden by the
P. & O. boat leaving
London on May 1st;

The best of the journey
to ~~London~~ ^{Aden}
could be made in
a South. transport.

As the S. S. boat

of the 29th April

is full and as it

is ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~not~~ ^{not}

U. C. boat is sailing
for several weeks
in the immediate

future it will seem

to be necessary that

some arrangement of

the sort should be

made if the party

are to arrive at 436
their destination before
the end of June for
they have no knowledge
of any ordinary local
connection ~~between~~
Aden and Sumatra
at the present time
I am therefore
to request that the
O.C. will give the
question of sending
a transport from
Sumatra or elsewhere
to fetch these officers
from Aden their
concern. It will be
observed that the

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Downing Street,

22nd April, 1915.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Harcourt to enclose, for the consideration of the Army Council, a copy of a letter received from Major E.H.W. Leggett, D.S.O. of the British East Africa Corporation, with regard to an enquiry from the Belgian Colonial Office as to the best means of sending out three officers and twenty-one non-commissioned officers to the Belgian Congo.

1. The Belgian Colonial Office ask whether, if three officers and non-commissioned officers were sent to Aden by the Peninsular and Oriental boat leaving London on May 1st, the rest of the journey to Mombasa could be made in a Government transport. As the Messageries Maritimes boat of the 29th April is full and as no Union Castle boat is sailing for several weeks it would seem to be necessary that some arrangement of this sort should be made if the party are to arrive at their destination before the end of June. Mr. Harcourt has no knowledge of any ordinary legal connection between Aden and Mombasa at the present time.

2. I am therefore to request that the Army Council

Council

Secretary,

WAR OFFICE.

for Leggett.
21st April.

Council will give the question of sending a transport from Mombasa or elsewhere to fetch these officers and non-commissioned officers from Aden their consideration. It will be observed that the Belgian Colonial Office ask for a decision in the matter by Saturday April 24th.

4. I am to add that the "Cupid" referred to in Major Leggett's letter, is a small steamer belonging to the Government of Zanzibar. It is used for short trips between the islands of the Sultanate and it is in Mr. Harcourt's opinion impossible for it to undertake the journey to Aden.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(103) Henry Lambert