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to operations

M. Botsch  
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The main point about this admirable  
business is that there is quite a  
chance of our securing the surrender  
of the main German force who are  
surrounded on three sides. There is a  
road across the swampy country to the  
South-East but Capt. Russell thought  
it unlikely that the Germans would  
be able to get their guns away along  
this in any case

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*From General Smuts to Chief of the Imperial General Staff.*

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To-day the position has developed satisfactorily. After the occupation of Chala yesterday General Van de Venter's force pushed on to Taveta and found it partially evacuated by enemy, some Germans with a machine gun surrendering to General Beranger, and we now occupy Taveta.

Simultaneously with forward movements of yesterday, General Tighe commenced bombardment of and attack on Salaita position which place we now occupy.

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- (b) The Field Disbursing Officer,

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I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*D D Curzon*

1st Secretary of State,

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(Signed) RONALD LAW.

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