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German East Africa

Telegraphic communication to

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Operations

for Detachment
for Road

It is reported that the Germans have
evacuated but it is not yet clear
General Smith is to carry on the
pursuit tomorrow

With regard to the
Belgian communication

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in the direction of
Kiritawa and G. Kipa
appears to be about
50 miles due east
of Usumbura, on the head of Lake Tanganyika

Supplementary information received through
Heuter's Agency...
The commander-in-chief of German East Africa telegraphing
yesterday states that after having defeated the
enemy on June 11 at Kiritawa the Belgian ad-
vanced guard came in touch with the retreating
enemy and engaged him to fight another action
on June 12 on the road from Kiritawa to Kitega
east of the River Nyakona.

Taking Kondoa as the centre of
Moshi as the starting point, the
eastern column has moved through an
angle of 60° to Handani. It is intended to
continue the sweep round and another 30° will
bring the column to Kitega on the central railway.

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(No. F. 5280.)

20th June, 1916, 12.45 p.m.

On the night of the 18th we occupied Pongwe, 12 miles south of Handeni on the road to Morogoro. The movement for the occupation of Handeni consisted of a direct attack by Sheppard's Brigade, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, and flank movement by the west portion of Beve's brigade. Handeni was found unoccupied, but Beve's brigade encountered the enemy's retiring rearguard, consisting of four companies, and severely handled them, 25 dead being counted in one place alone. The enemy scattered into the bush. I propose to continue the movement to the south on the 20th June.

Vandeventer reports from Koudeu Isangi that the enemy shows many signs of renewing a big attack on the line on that front. I feel sure that he can hold his own, and that in a few weeks the column marching from Handeni will be sufficiently near the Central Railway to relieve all pressure on him. I am expediting the repair of the Tanga line from Mushi to Momba station, w/4 Mkalamo to Handeni. Even if I do not succeed in occupying Dar-es-Salaam as a base of supply, the use of these two combined lines will enable me to supply the force operating on the Central Railway.