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

(No. P. 5286.)

23rd June, 1916. 9.30 p.m.

Your No. 15708. Can you now sanction return of Loyal North Lancashire Regiment from Wynberg to East Africa?

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*For signature of the Commanding Officer, South Africa, in accordance with the Imperial  
Secretariat Staff*

27th June 1916, 5.40 p.m.

Your No. 18217 of 4th June is the opinion of Senior Medical Officer the majority  
of Local North Lancashire Regt will be transferred to East Africa in a month  
to 1st August of the year.

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

No. 18394 cipher. M.O. 1128.)

28th June, 1916, 11.35 a.m.

Your No. F. 3266, 23rd June. Stated by General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, South African Command, that Loyal North Lancashire Regiment will be able to return to East Africa in a month.

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*From Chief of the Imperial General Staff to General Officer Commanding-in-Chief,  
South African Command*

No 18895, cipher: M.O 1199.)

28th June, 1916, 11.35 a.m.

Please state present strength of Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, and (number which you estimate will be fit to return to active service at the end of July, officers and other ranks.

*From General Officer Commanding, South Africa, to War Office.*

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1st July, 1916, 3 p.m.

With reference to your No. 18895, cipher. The strength of the Loyal North  
Durham Regiment in South Africa is 17 officers and 557 other ranks. There are  
other ranks in hospital to-day, and it is anticipated by Medical Officer that by the  
of July, approximately, 14 officers and 400 other ranks will be fit to leave Cape  
on return to active service. Of these 10 officers and 250 other ranks are fit to  
return immediately if necessary.

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From General Smith to the C.I.G.S.

1st July, 1916.

F. 5113. The present military situation in the Tanga area and on the Pangani below Korogwe was not made clear in my previous telegrams. According to my present information the situation is as follows:- the enemy has retired everywhere from the north of Tanga but at Tanga itself there is a small body largely consisting of whites with a machine gun which recently fired on Admiral's party when they requested to land; elsewhere around Tanga small wandering parties of scouts have been located. One of the companies retreating from the Usambara was last traced to Hale near Pangani Falls. They had with them a 4" gun which was fired at one of our warships from 3 miles south of Pangani. I have now issued orders for a small column to operate from the north of Tanga, to occupy Tanga and to work down towards the lower Pangani. I have no doubt that this area will soon be clear of the enemy.

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