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MILITARY EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS TO 31st MARCH 1916

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Last previous Paper.

Supplementary Paper.

Further communications on this
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The Secretary,
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London, S.W.
Following number quoted

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London, S.W.

11. (Accts 1.b)M.

15th September, 1916.

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I am to request that the necessary instructions may be cabled to the Governor, East Africa Protectorate:

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

L. W. Cooper

for the Assistant Financial Secretary.

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War Office,

London, S.W.

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Auditor, Nairobi to Director of Colonial Audit.

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January accounts audited - February and March
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Sir,

With further reference to your

letter of the 15th of September, in
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pleased to transmit to you, for the information
of the A.C., the acc. copy of a telegram
which has been recd by the D.C.A.

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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

SUSPENSE - WAR EXPENSES AUGUST 1914 TO 31ST MARCH 1915.

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PROTECTORATE SHARE:-

1. Pay and allowances of Troops: King's African Rifles	1,009,177.4
Other Units	1,050,132.7
16. Military Works	204,111.1
18. Non-effective Service	200,000.0
	£383,489.1.10

COMMON CHARGES:-

1. Pay and allowances of Troops	1,009,177.4
2. Medical and Medical Stores	1,050,132.7
3. Hire of Buildings	204,111.1
4. Transport (Land, Sea, Air, and hire of animals)	120,000.0
5. Transport (Sea)	12,000.0
6. Wages of Indian and other coolies	100,000.0
7. Maintenance of Transport	100,000.0
8. Purchase of horses and mules	100,000.0
9. Provisions	100,000.0
10. Fuel and Light	100,000.0
11. Clothing	100,000.0
12. Arms and Ammunition	100,000.0
13. Transport vehicles (other than second hand)	100,000.0
14. Miscellaneous Stores	100,000.0
15. Military Works	100,000.0
16. Postal and Telegraph	100,000.0
17. Non-effective Service	200,000.0
18. Miscellaneous	100,000.0
Secret Service	100,000.0

Provision of War (see Schedule A)	1,201,777.10
Lake Steamers (see Schedule B)	9,313.11.8
Unallocated (see Appendix A Report, paragraph 10)	897.3.-

£ 666,50.11.2

SUSPENSE ACCOUNTS: (1st April 1914 to 31st March 1915)

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Balance, East Africa Pay Corporation

1,052,17.7
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£ 702,412.11.6

I certify that this account has been examined under my directions, and, subject to the observations contained in my Report, is correct.
 (Signed) **A. E. STEPHENSON.**
 Director of Colonial Audit.

SCHEDULE A.

SCHEDULE B.

1.	Pay and allowances of Troops	845.16.6
2.	Medicines, etc.	26.16.-
3.	Hire of Buildings	12.6.8
4.	Transport	975.3.3
5.	Transport	565.4.8
6.	Wages	2.1.-
7.	Exp. and Allow.	3.7.5
8.	Clothing	11.18.6
9.	Miscellaneous Stores	16.10.11
10.	Military Works	357.5.10
11.	Postal &c. Expenses	208.19.7
12.	Non-effective Services	4.1.4
13.	Miscellaneous	1.1.7
		<u>£4201. 7.10</u>

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3. Hire of Buildings	12. 6. 8
4. Transport of troops	975. 3. 3
5. Transport of baggage	565. 4. 6
6. Wages of laborers	2.1. -
7. Fuel and oil	3. 7. -
8. Clothing	21.10. 6
9. Miscellaneous Stores	16.10.11
10. Military Works	357. 5.10
11. Postal &c. Expenses	208.19. 7
12. Non-effective Services	1. 1. 4
13. Miscellaneous	1. 1. 2
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SCHEDULE C.

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Report on War Accounts 1914/15.

Enclosure "C.C.". reference para 83.

Report on War Accounts 1914/15.

Enclosure "C.C.". Reference para 82.

Audit Office,

Nairobi.

November 20th 1915.

The Asst. Adjutant and
 Quartermaster General,
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A scrutiny of these recompiled accounts by this Department reveals the fact that they are so obviously inaccurate that it would seem to be useless to continue auditing them.

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difficult to ascertain which purchases have been or are supposed to have been passed through the Ordnance letters as instanced by the following -

Guernsey

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Purchases Aug. to Nov. under requisitions by various Services including Ordnance	1935
Requisitions by Ordnance only	14
Receipts in Ordnance Ledger	60
Receipt Vouchers submitted in support of	19

Guernsey's European and Native

Purchases Aug. to Nov. under requisitions by various Services including Ordnance	29687
Requisitions by Ordnance only	11740
Receipts in Ordnance Ledger	13395
Receipt Vouchers submitted in support of	6154

Guernsey's European and Native

Purchases Aug. to Nov. under requisitions by various Services including Ordnance	3746
Requisitions by Ordnance only	2500
Receipts in Ordnance Ledger	3317
Receipt Vouchers submitted in support of	1837

Guernsey's

Purchases Aug. to Nov. under requisitions by various Services including Ordnance	687
Requisitions by Ordnance only	650
Receipts in Ordnance Ledger	544
Receipt Vouchers submitted in support of	114

Jerseys.

Purchases Aug. to Nov. under requisitions	
by various Services including Ordnance	8897
Requisitions by Ordnance only	3980
Receipts in Ordnance Ledger	8566
Receipt Vouchers submitted in support of	2271

Shorts.

Purchases Aug. to Nov. under requisitions	
by various Services including Ordnance	1641
Requisitions by Ordnance only	609
Receipts in Ordnance Ledger	1111
Receipt Vouchers submitted in support of	768

Haversacks.

Purchases Aug. to Nov. under requisitions	
by various Services including Ordnance	8356
Requisitions by Ordnance only	1315
Receipts in Ordnance Ledger	1749
Receipt Vouchers submitted in support of	602

Mattresses.

Purchases Aug. to Nov. under requisitions	
by various Services including Ordnance	368
Requisitions by Ordnance only	3
Receipts in Ordnance Ledger	21
Receipt Vouchers submitted in support of	1

Barbed Wire.

Purchases Aug. to Nov. under requisitions	
by various Services including Ordnance	322 roll
Requisitions by Ordnance only	148

Receipts

Receipts in Ordnance Ledger

188 rolls

Receipts Vouchers submitted in support of 22 "

The following examples of inaccuracies are submitted as evidence of the futility of further attempting to audit the accounts.

1. The issues have been written up from various sources and the probability is that these sources overlap. As a concrete instance:-

Water bottles Native 3000 are posted as issued on 31st December 1914, on the order from the office to the Storekeeper to issue, while 3000 are again posted from the Stores issue voucher when the issue was actually made (Voucher 942 d/- 27th Jan. 1915)

2. Many of the issues are posted from requisitions but the following extracted from one file of requisitions, cannot be traced in any of the ledgers:-

Requisition Serial no.	Date	Supply	To whom issued.
12	14.8.14	30 Revolvers	E.A.M.P.
	"	20 Rifles	"
10	17.8.14	50 "	"
4	14.8.14	50 Saddles	"
	"	50 Bridles	"
	"	150 Neck Straps	"
9	16.8.14	50 Ground Sheets	"
20	17.8.14	3 prs. Field Glasses	"
37	22.8.14	2 European Tents	"

3. Great Coats. There is an error of 10 in the addition

addition of the issues, and also an error of 10 in the Receipts. A minus balance of 7 is shown at Dec. 31st and yet with no further receipts, issues of 24 are recorded and 82 are found surplus at handing over in February.

4. Chagala Balance 31.12.14 84, Issues in 1915 270, Balance handed over 3. No further receipts are recorded in 1915 to cover these issues.

Chanyern Receipts 1800, Issues 1349

Balance handed over 3091.

Chay 3000 lbs, 80 coils, 90 sacks and 70 hanks, are issued from a minus balance while 6754 lbs are shown as surplus.

Many items are listed under the same heading in varying units viz -

Water Pieces, running feet cartloads and square ft
ails and screws in coils, units, and packets

Riveted iron in sheets and square feet

Alumina, Castor, Coconut, Linseed, Pangoon and Beatsfoot, all listed under the one heading and in varying units, bins, bottles, gallons and drums.

Pipe in coils, feet and units

It appears to be impossible at this date to prepare a satisfactory account or an accurate statement of surpluses and shortages, and as the present accounts can only be described as chaotic I submit there is no other course open but to disregard them in toto and to commence my audit from the balances as taken into the Indian Ordnance depots.

I am of opinion, however, that the
officer responsible should be called upon for
some explanation.

I have, etc.

(Signed) H. G. E. HARRIS.

Auditor.

From Captain A. Braithwaite,

Officer i/c Clothing Section,

East Africa Supply Corps.

To The Deputy Director Supply & Transport,

General Headquarters,

Nairobi.

Dear Sir,

Nairobi.

15th December, 1915.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the accounts of the East Africa Supply Corps for the year 1915 - Protectorate and Kenya.

I am able to give you a brief explanation of the state of the accounts as reported and by the Auditor. In the above quoted letter it is necessary to go back to the start of the war and to make a somewhat lengthy statement regarding the condition of affairs as they existed then and for some months afterwards.

In the first place I must state that on the outbreak of war I immediately volunteered my services in any capacity and was used by the late Captain Sandbach to help him to organise a corps of mounted rifles. I did this by acting as Quartermaster to the East Africa Mounted Rifles, the whole equipping of which unit I carried out until the 25th August 1915, when I was appointed Ordnance Officer to the Troops - an appointment that I was very diffident about accepting

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as I had never served in the Ordnance Department and I realised the importance and responsibility of the work. Pressure was, however, brought upon me to accept the post and having accepted it I devoted the whole of my time and energy to the work, which was full of difficulties and strenuous in the extreme, and which I carried out to the best of my ability with nothing to guide me in the way of procedure.

It must be remembered that before the beginning of the war there was no Ordnance Department in the country. There were practically no Military Stores, except those under the control of the R.A.F. and there was no staff trained to Ordnance work.

When war broke out a junior officer of the R.A.F. was called upon to improvise an Ordnance Department and at the same time to arm, clothe and equip, from local resources, the Volunteers, Mounted and dismounted, who were being enrolled. The staff provided for the assistance of this officer consisted of one clerk in the office and one storekeeper.

I took over the duties of Ordnance officer, as I have stated on August 25th and by that time, as was inevitable in the circumstances, mistakes in book-keeping had already occurred. I may instance the matter of the discrepancies in the issue of revolvers, rifles, saddles, etc., (page 4 para 2 of the Auditor's report) which I am now called upon to explain, but which occurred prior to my

to my taking over the duties of the Department.

On taking over I found myself confronted by the same difficulties as my predecessor. The Department was called upon to equip the men, not by units, but individually. No scale of clothing and equipment was laid down and officers commanding units order what seemed best to them. The store was daily thronged with men requiring clothing and equipment. Every incident was marked "urgent". It was difficult to obtain receipts even when the stores were issued. The men in person - far more so when they were despatched by rail or cart. Orders were given, men were recruited, recruited, equipped and sent off to the front. It took a week to get a quota and I was kept busy for many months and I well remember the incident which occurred one Sunday afternoon. The stores were empty. My store was handed to the party of men who came in to be equipped. Some of the men were armed with rifles. The rifles and some of the equipment were hastily seized by all who went off without giving receipts. Under such circumstances as these it will be readily understood how impossible it was to keep a correct account of issues. I reported the incident to Headquarters with an urgent request for more staff, but my request was refused and I was told to carry on in the best way possible with the staff I had.

It was a matter of common knowledge that it was of the utmost importance to place the Volunteers in the Field as early as possible.

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with the staff at my disposal it was humanly impossible both to equip the troops, involving as this did large local purchases, and at the same time to give adequate attention to the books.

I had when I took over my duties 2 clerks put at my disposal - one, in charge of the store, was so hopelessly incompetent, having jumbled up receipts and issues on the same side of the ledger, that I discharged him within a week of my taking over. To replace this man an irresponsible youth of 19 was sent to me, who had not only to attend to receipts and issues but to make the necessary entries in the books - he did his best but his failure was inevitable. No qualified bookkeeper was provided for the department. In fact in spite of numerous representations being made to Headquarters it was several weeks before I obtained the assistance of a Subaltern officer and an additional clerk.

In spite of the inadequacy of my staff, work was thrown upon the department that is no part of the ordinary duty of the Ordnance Corps. Apart from the matter of clothing, which is usually done by the Supply Corps, I was called upon to obtain much material for the C.R.E. - I may instance the pipes for the water supply at Maktau - and for the Transport Corps. Even Medical equipment was obtained through the Ordnance.

Nor was it only the Volunteers who were supplied from my Department. The Carrier Corps was equipped and clothed, numerous indents from the Police Service Battalion and the I.A.R. were received

received and dealt with, even a detachment of the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment was clothed by my department.

In such circumstances I had no choice but to give all my time to the arming, clothing and equipping of the troops and to the careful scrutiny of the necessary purchases in the local market. Naturally the books suffered, but I have no reason to believe that the interest of the Government suffered. In fact I do not hesitate to state that through devoting most of my time to the personal supervision of all local purchases I saved the Government many thousands of pounds and any loss of interest that may have occurred must be infinitesimal in comparison with the amount of money saved. It would be possible to dilate further on the difficulties under which the department suffered, but perhaps I have given sufficient instances. I wish however to recall the fact that when Mr Patterson made his report of 21st January 1915 I called for a court of enquiry. I was induced by Colonel Smallwood, Director of Ordnance Services, to forego my right to such a court on the grounds of public interest. Colonel Smallwood went into the matters dealt with in that report and wrote as follows:

"It is to be regretted that Mr Patterson's report which was of a confidential nature, should have been communicated to the Officers of the Protectorate Ordnance Department, with regard to the report itself a clear and satisfactory

"satisfactory explanation has been immediately
"afforded me on any matters which seemed to
"require investigation. I can find nothing
"which in the remotest degree reflects on
"the integrity of the officers concerned. On
"the contrary I have been much impressed by the
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"Criticism six months after an event is of
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"naturally feel that through the inadvertent
"publication of Mr Patterson's report their
"reputation has been at stake, and they ask
"that the G.O.C's decision may be conveyed to
"them in writing."

I am content to leave the matter at that.

I have, etc.

(Signed) A. BRAITHWAITE

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Captain,
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To The D.D.S. & T.

"Forwarded."

(Signed) H. FOOTY, Lt. Col. F.A.,
D.D.O.S., F.R.A.

10/13/15.

Urgent

No. 15506

To Captain Braithwaite,
I/O Clothing Section.

"For your remarks please for G.O.C's
information.

This correspondence together with your
report to be returned to me."

(Signed) H. RODDY, Lieut. Col.
D.D.S. & T.

Nairobi. 11/12/15.

To B.D.S. & T.,
Command Headquarters.

"Report together with my reply is attached
and sent herewith."

(Signed) A. BRAITHWAITE, Capt.

Nairobi. 15/12/15. Officer I/O Clothing Section,
E.A.S.C.

A.A. & Q.M.G. through D.D.S. & T. No. 15544.

"Forwarded."

(Signed) H. RODDY, Lt. Col.
D.D.S. & T.

16.12.15.

(11)

ORDNANCE MATTER

B.E.O.S.

"I should like to remark on the circumstances brought out by the Auditor's report on the Local Ordnance, as this report may give reason for my insisting on amalgamation under me in December 1914.

The purely accounting problem here discussed were of course not so important to me as sufficiency of stocks procurable, and in ensuring this I had occasion to thoroughly examine the books. These convinced me that immediate action was necessary if the advance then contemplated were attempted. Representation of these and other views to the G.O.C., resulted in enquiry into the circumstances of Departments by a Treasury official, whose confidential report I circulated confidentially after discussion with the D.A.A. and Q.M.G. and in the absence of the G.O.C., to the Protectorate officers, so as to enable them to be ready with replies to the G.O.C. on return. This report they unfortunately made public at about the time of Colonel Smallwood's arrival, who was called upon to smooth over the matter. It was difficult for Colonel Smallwood without any experience of their books, to follow the train of problems calling for early solution with which I had been confronted in staving off the failure which must have occurred. were purchase through the Local Ordnance and supply by them to the Protectorate Troops to continue during a big Advance. These problems were then solved, and

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the necessary provision for stores had been made, so that he adopted the obvious course of calming the irritation of the Local Officers by suppressing at any cost any stigma they considered the report threw on them.

2. The suppression however advisable, cast some shadow on my judgment in my methods of dealing with a difficult colonial situation, and now that the Auditor has shown that the system did call for radical change, I should be glad if you could point out to the G.O.C. that the circumstances and the opposition encountered compelled me to take some action.

(Signed) J.M. ROUTH, Major R.A.,
A.F.O.S.

7th January 1916.

Ordnance Branch, B.E.A.

7th January 1916.

No. 10/S.

S.A. & C.M.G.Reference A.D.C.'s Remarks.

As Major Houth was concerned in the previous enquiry and was very fully cognisant of the circumstances, I referred Captain Braithwaite's reply to him and attach his report.

As Captain Braithwaite has quoted Colonel Smallwood's report, Major Houth has asked me to express an opinion regarding his action. I must say that it is not very apparent how he could have failed to make the Protectorate Officers aware of the contents of Mr Patterson's report, which intimately concerned them, and which, after the G.O.C.'s return, they would be called upon to explain. That its contents leaked out was not Major Houth's fault, as he gave it to one of them confidentially. It also appears from the practically complete absence of account keeping on the part of the Protectorate Ordnance Officers which Major Houth found, that immediate action was necessary. The Protectorate Ordnance Officers seemed to have acted energetically as regards the first duty of an Ordnance Officer, namely obtaining and issuing stores, and were up against a very difficult situation, but certainly after the first rush they should have obtained receipts for all issues from which, and the invoices of goods purchased, it would have been possible to construct

the accounts

the accounts afterwards. Had a Treasury Official been appointed at the start to guide these amateur accountants, instead of being brought in six months afterwards to audit them, things would probably have been much more satisfactorily managed.

(Signed) H. FOOTE, Lt. Col. R.A.

H. B. G. S.

Command Headquarters,

B.E.A. & U.

No. 854/2/94.

Nairobi, 25th January, 1916

CONFIDENTIAL.

From, The A.A. & Q.M. General,
Command Headquarters.

To, The Auditor,
Nairobi.

MEMORANDUM.

Reference your No. 314/276/15 of the
29th November 1915.

Please see copy of Capt. Braithwaite's
explanation and the Deputy Director of Ordnance
Services' and Assistant Director of Ordnance Services'
remarks.

There is no course open except that
suggested by you and forward the case to the War
Office reporting the action taken.

(Signed) C.F. DOBBS, Lieut. Col.

A.A. & Q.M.O.

Report on War Accounts 1914/15.

Enclosure "D.D.", reference para '83.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE

Query No. 1845.

From Audit Office.

February 8th, 1916.

To Deputy Dir. of Ordnance Services,
Nairobi.

Entries appear in the ledgers (although the supporting vouchers are not in all cases be found) for the following consignments of - Arms, Ammunition, Accoutrement, etc., to Nyasaland, Zanzibar, Uganda and Southern Abyssinia:

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41	"	"	184 Scabbards	
173	2.1.15	"	200 Bottles Rifle Oil.	
185	24. 9.14	"	1 Back Sight for Maxims.	

Reference is requested to the recoveries for the above.

(Signed) H.C.E. BARRETT
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To
The Auditor,
E.A.P., Nairobi.

Nothing whatever is known in this office regarding the account of the late "Protectorate Ordinance". I understand that you are in possession of these accounts in which case I presume all information regarding all transaction is also in your possession.

(Signed) M. CRAVER, Major,
for Lieut. Col. P.S.
D.D. of C.S.

Nairobi.

11.2.1916.

3.

Chief Paymaster,
E.A.P.C.

Have you any information as to whether adjustments should be effected with Uganda, Nyassaland etc. in respect of these issues?

(Signed) S.E. PAULKNER
for Auditor.

4.

C. 755.

From The Paymaster,
To Supenia Braithwaite.

Reference attached audit Query, please say if these articles were issued by you.

If so

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If so, please state prices and also from what source the articles were obtained, to enable me to trace if we have been charged with the cost.

Signed) A. RENN, Captain.

Chief Ordnance Officer.

Will you please state prices of articles?

(Signed) A. RENN, Captain.

5.

No. 3063

From Captain A. Braithwaite.

To Paymaster, E.A.P.C.

Ref. Audit Query No. 1845 A/B.E.16 attached

All the ammunition was Government Service received from the Crown Agents for the Colonies or Ordnance Department, India.

Price can be obtained from the Ordnance Department.

Ledger
Folio

- | | |
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| A. 65 | 4 rifles - part worn long Lee-Enfield from a consignment of 1000 from India. |
| 19 | 200 rifles - part worn M.E. from K.A.R. and Police. |
| 30 & 41 | Bayonets and Scabbards for above - received from the same source. |
| 173 | 200 bottles Rifle Oil - Government pattern from Volunteer reserve store. |
| 185 | Back sight received from K.A.R. |

(Signed) A. BRAITHWAITE
Captain.

Nairobi, 25.E.16.

6.

3.1836.

A.D.O.S.

Can you inform me of the values, please?

(Signed) C.S.HONEY, Lieut.

for Chief Paymaster.

27.3.1916.

7.

No. 2.

TO The Auditor,

E.A. Protectorate,

Nairobi.

The approximate value of the various
articles is as follows:

Rifles M.L.E.1 (part worn)	Rs. 30/92 each
Rifle M.E. do.	25/67 "
Bayonets M.E.	6/19 "
Scabbards M.E.	2/25 "
Bottles Oil	0/25 "
Fullthroughs	0/09 "
Bandoliers	5/56 "
Cartridge S.A. Ball	
.303" Mk VI	71/06
per	1000

(Signed)

Lieutenant
for A.D.O.S.P.

Nairobi. 31.3.16.

8.

The Chief Paymaster,
E. A. P. O.,

Forwarded - this has been interestingly
addressed to this office.

(Signed) S. N. PAUL

31.3.16.

for Auditor

9.

D.A.C.M.O.
General Headquarters.

Will you be good enough to inform me whether you consider adjustments should be called for.

(Signed) C.S.HONEY, Lieut.
for Chief Paymaster.

12.4.1907

10.

Imperial Paymaster.

For remarks. Presumably this is a question for adjustment between the E.A. Protectorate and remainder, as issues appear to have taken place prior to arrival of "E.F." "B".

(Signed) * SIMON
Major.

11.

"C" The position appears to me to be as follows. If we agree, you should forward to the Paymaster, P.O. No. 1, that he may reply accordingly to Auditor and recover from British Consul S.O. Abyssinia. The ammunition has been supplied for War purposes by the Crown Agents for the Colonies and by the Indian Government respectively, who will charge the War Office, who in turn debit the A/c which they are keeping of "Common Charges".

Ammunition is an expendable article of store and payment is not called for - it lies with the Auditor when dealing with the Store A/cs of

C.O.Zomba

9.

D.A.C.M.O.
General Headquarters.

Will you be good enough to inform me whether you consider adjustments should be called for.

(Signed) C.C. HONEY, Lieut.
for P. O. Paymaster.

12.4.1900

10.

Imperial Paymaster.

For remarks. Presumably this is a question for adjustment between the E.A. Protectorate and remainder, as issues appear to have taken place prior to arrival of M.F.P. 1900.

(Signed) J. SIMON
Major.

11.

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