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SITUATION IN JUBALAND

Concurs in re-occupation of Serenli on lines suggested and also in proposed notification to Italian Govt. Again calls attention to great importance of communications and necessity for completion of road and installation of wireless.

Mr Butler

Tel. as in dt. & advise Mr Butler action?

Assume we will write to go
now, but ask Butler with
to communicate the decision
to the Station Govt. in a
week or so?

to say also re 22 July
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Mr S. Fisher mentioned in dt tel (which he passed)
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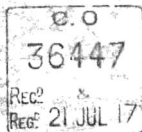
Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—

The Secretary
War Office,
London, S.W.,

and the following number quoted.

0165/7898. (M.O.2.)

S E C R E T.



War Office,
London, S.W. 1.

20th July, 1917.

Sir,

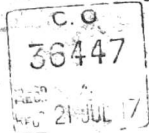
I am commanded by the Army Council to acknowledge the receipt of Colonial Office letter No. 35544 of July 17th on the subject of the re-occupation of Serenli, and in reply to state that the Council concur in the re-occupation being undertaken on the lines suggested in the telegram dated 16th July from the Officer Administering the Government of the B.E.A. Protectorate, i.e., by a simultaneous movement of Colonel Barrett's force and a force from the coast.

The Council also concur in the proposal to notify the Italian Government in the terms mentioned in Mr Long's letter under reply.

I am to state that the Council, as mentioned in previous correspondence, attach the greatest importance to the establishment and maintenance of communications with Serenli after the re-occupation, and trust that every effort will be made to complete the installation of the wireless Telegraph Station there, and to carry out the construction of the motor-road, by as early a date as possible.

In

Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
S.W.1.



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In connection with the construction of the road, I am to suggest that progress might be expedited, and a good effect produced by the employment of whatever mechanical transport may be available.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

B B White

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PARAPHRASE TELEGRAM from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Officer Administering the Government of the East Africa Protectorate.

(Sent 7.15 p.m. 23rd July, 1917)

23rd July.

*For
copy*

I approve of re-occupation of Serenli on the lines which are suggested in your telegram 16th July - viz. by a simultaneous movement of Barrett's force and a force from the coast.

In signifying their concurrence Army Council again draw attention to the great importance of establishing and maintaining communications with Serenli after it is re-occupied and they trust that every effort will be made to carry out construction of motor road and complete the Wireless telegraph stations as soon as possible. They also suggest that progress might be expedited and a good effect might be produced by the employment of whatever mechanical transport may be available.

Foreign Office will be asked to inform Italian Government in due course that it has been decided that re-occupation of Serenli has been decided on and that it is not proposed to pass through Italian territory.

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Downing Street,

30 July, 1917.

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Sir,

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THE SECRETARY,

WAP OFFICE.

MINUTE.

- Mr. Machtig *27/7/17*
- Mr. *van Kester*
- Mr. *27/7/17*
- Mr. Grindle.
- Mr. Lambert.
- Mr. Read.
- Sir G. Piddis.
- Mr. Steel-Maitland.
- Mr. Long.

I am directed by Mr Secretary Long to acknowledge the receipt of your letter O165/7898 (M.O.2) of July 20th, and to transmit to you, to be laid before the Army Council, the accompanying copy of a telegram which has been sent to the Officer Administering the Government of the East Africa Protectorate regarding the re-occupation of Serenli in Jubaland.

2. A copy of a letter which has been addressed to the Foreign Office is also enclosed.

I am, &c.,

THOMAS E. LEAD

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Del. to O.A.G. 23rd July (36447)

To F.O. 30 July (accom. dit.)

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for Downing Street,
30 July, 1917.

Sir,

With reference to the letter from this Department No. 32112 of June 27th regarding the situation in Jubaland I am directed by Mr Secretary Long to transmit to you, to be laid before Mr Secretary Balfour, the accompanying copy of telegraphic correspondence with the Officer Administering the Government of the East Africa Protectorate, from which it will be seen that it has been decided, with the concurrence of the Army Council, that the post of Serenli should be re-occupied.
2. Mr Long would suggest, for Mr Balfour's consideration, that the Italian Government should accordingly

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THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
FOREIGN OFFICE.

MINUTE.

- Mr. Machtig. 27/7/17
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- Mr. Grindle.
- Mr. Lambert.
- Mr. Bond. 27/7/17
- X Sir G. Fiddes. 28/7/17
- Mr. Long.

- Tel from S. of S. to O.A.G. (33457)
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- Tel from O.A.G. 9th July (34744)
- Tel. to O.A.G. 18th July (34744)
- Tel. from O.A.G. 15th July (35544)
- Tel. to O.A.G. 23rd July (36447)

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be informed that it has now been
decided to re-occupy the station of
the garrison of
Serenli which was overpowered and destroyed
by the Aulihan tribe in February 1916: that
the British local authorities are satisfied
that the necessary action for occupying and
garrisoning the post can be taken by the
military forces at present in that district together
with a detachment which it is proposed to
move ^{up} the river; and that the local authorities
do not anticipate that it will be necessary
to ask the Italian Government for permission to
allow British troops to pass through Italian
territory for the purpose.

3. Mr Long considers it advisable
that a few days should be allowed to elapse
before the ~~above~~ ^{in this sense} communication is made to
the Italian Government.

I am, &c.,

*Subject to
approval
(They will be
alright)*