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(sent over in open letter -)

Mr. B. B. ... Mr. G. Fielder

The Malay States Guides have now refused to go, so there is no question as to employing them - See filing of bel-  
lith in, with which the Eastern pp. are circulating.

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It is well that the H.S.G. were given 7/12/14 up their names before starting

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War Office.

Whitehall,

S.W.

7th December, 1914.

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The Director of Military Operations presents his compliments to the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, and begs to forward for his information copies of telegrams dealing with the operations in East Africa.

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*From the Governor of the Straits Settlements to the Secretary of State for the Colonies*  
(Received, Colonial Office, 6.31 a.m., 20th November, 1914)

Garrison, in my opinion, can be further reduced by one of the two remaining battalions. I do not anticipate any civil disturbance, but if it should occur I can deal with it without military assistance. Reduction concurred in by General Officer Commanding personally.

*From the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor of the Straits Settlements.*  
24th November, 1914, 2.42 p.m.

Your telegram of 20th November (Secret).

I have under consideration proposals for accepting offer of Guides or part of them for service elsewhere. Would this affect your view as to removal of battalion?

*The Governor of the Straits Settlements to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.*  
(Received, Colonial Office, 6 a.m., 29th November, 1914)

With reference to your cipher telegram of 24th November. Could spare Malay States Guides and 250 5th Light Infantry or else all 5th Light Infantry and 120 Malay States Guides. General Officer Commanding considers that minimum of 550 regular infantry should be kept here.

*From Secretary of State for the Colonies to Governor of the Straits Settlements.*

2nd December, 1914, 3.28 p.m.

Your telegram of 29th November. War Office desire to employ guides in East Africa. Battalion with such 10-pr. mountain guns as can be made available should proceed to Mombasa. If possible, battalion should take 700 rounds per rifle and Artillery unit 1,000 rounds per gun and 70 rounds per rifle.

Please communicate by telegram with Governor, East Africa Protectorate, so that General Officer Commanding East African force may be kept fully informed on all necessary details.

Can you provide transport for troops?

*From Colonial Office to War Office.*

Downing Street, 3rd December, 1914.

Sir, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Harecourt to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th of November and to request you to lay before the Army Council the accompanying copy of telegraphic correspondence with the Governor of the Straits Settlements from which it will be seen that the Governor has been requested to arrange for the Malay States Guides to proceed to Mombasa.

Mr. Harecourt would be glad to learn whether it is proposed to obtain from the Admiralty a convoy for the force and whether, in the event of the Colonial Govern-

required, and should endeavour to ascertain German resources in this matter. "Königsberg" may have sent light guns to the lake for steamers.

You may, if necessary, lend 6-pr. guns for the purpose if the lake steamers can mount them, but only if no other are available.

*From War Office to General Wapshare, Mombasa.*

(No. M.O. 128.)

5th December, 1914.

Senior Naval Officer has been asked to concert with you as to arming the three Council steamers on Victoria, Nyassa.

*From War Office to General Wapshare, Mombasa.*

(No. 2350, cipher. M.O. 1 (A), No. 128.)

5th December, 1914, 11.20 a.m.

A request has been addressed to the Senior Naval Officer that he should concert with you in the matter of arming the three Council steamers that are on the Lake of Victoria, Nyassa.

*From the President, Zanzibar, to War Office.*

Zanzibar, 5th December, 1914, 6.40 p.m.

Your No. 127 of 4th received and noted for action. Date of departure will follow. General Aitken

*From General Wapshare, Mombasa, to War Office.*

(No. 78.)

5th December, 1914, 10.50 a.m.

I have received your telegram No. 2342, cipher M.O. 1 (A), and will send you full details shortly. Within a week the majority of the transports will leave for India.

Repeated to Chief of the General Staff.