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Operations in E Africa

Inquiries Casualty lists

States that we will deal with Officers & men of Regular Army & R.A. but suggest that C.O.s. continue to deal with locally raised volunteer forces & Auxiliaries. Do not deal with Indian Army.

~~the following~~ (46930 only was available)

~~Mr J. Fielder~~

I suppose we must agree,

but his proposal does not seem

at all reasonable. If an

engagement takes place, a complete

list of casualties (whatever the

status of the man wounded &

killed) will presumably be sent

to the War Office & the

relatives will be kept waiting,

while ^{the} ~~they~~ send (a) the Indian

army names to the India Office

(b) the volunteers' names to us

then again as to personal

inquiries here. We cannot pretend

to be up in the latest developments

Subsequent Paper

while the wo. are directing operations,
and we shall then be at a
disadvantage.

Also it seems rather ridiculous
that a lower level casualty list
(Army officers, Indian army soldiers
and hunters) should be issued
within an engagement has
taken place.

But I suppose we cannot force
them upon the war they
are unwilling to take it

Egan 10/2/14

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I got out Mr. Mackings
prints to the W.D. & ask
them to remember the matter.

H. J. D.

(I have let W.D. say
just what Sir E. B. says
and he will be there)

10/2/14

Althou (W)

11.12.14

Mr. G. Fiddler

Mr. G. Brown says that
the case of the J.O. is different
from ours, as most of them
are among the Indians & only
the J.O. can deal with them properly.

He

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They will do
a single lot
and then
they will be
the only ones

J.O. make the suggestion of letting the
No. deal with them, but it had to be
abandoned after 2 days.

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~~Perhaps~~
Perhaps in the whole, we had
better give the W.O. proposals a
trial? If the system doesn't work
well, we can ask the S.O. to change
it.

H. J. R.

12/21/14

I think so

W. O.

Dec 22 14

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—

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

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War Office,
London, S.W.

the following number quoted.

165/6727. C.2. Casualties.

7 December, 1914.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of 27th November, suggesting that enquiries regarding members of the Forces serving in East Africa should henceforward be referred to this Department, I am commanded by the Army Council to say that they are prepared to answer enquiries regarding officers and men (other than natives) of the King's African Rifles as well as of the Regular Army, but that it would appear desirable for the Colonial Office to continue to deal with enquiries relating to the local forces; the India Office will deal with enquiries regarding officers and men of the Indian Army.

With regard to the publication of casualty lists, it is suggested that a similar division should be made, the Colonial Office publishing those among locally raised Volunteer Forces and civilians, and the War Office being responsible for those of the Regulars and the King's African Rifles.

If it was desired that the list should be published as a whole the Army Council would be pleased to issue the composite list to the Press if Mr. Secretary Harcourt would forward to the War Office in each case a list of the personnel

for

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
Whitehall,
S.W.

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for whom it is proposed that he should retain
responsibility.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant

W. B. Culitt

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Sir,
I am etc to act.

re your letter

(No 0165/6727 C. 2

Casualties) of

December 7th in

which you state that

the a.c. are prepared

to answer enquiries

regarding army officers

serving with the

forces in S. Africa

but that they consider

it desirable that

enquiries as to the

locally raised volunteer

forces should be dealt

DRAFT.

The Secretary,
War Office

MINUTE.

- Mr. Egan 17/12/14
- Mr. B. K. King 17/12/14
- Mr. Reed 17/12/14
- Mr. [unclear]
- Sir G. Fiddes
- Sir H. J. [unclear]
- Sir J. Anderson
- Lord Islington
- Mr. Harcourt

to inform you that he
accepts the arrangements
proposed by the Army
Council for answering
enquiries regarding A.C.
Committee in S. Africa
& for notifying them
to the public.

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to answer enquiries
regarding army officers
serving with the
forces in S. Africa
but that they consider
it desirable that
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locally raised volunteer
forces should be dealt

write by the Dept.

2. The H. is inclined
to think that there
may ^{be} some difficulty
in answering enquiries
connected with military
operations in S. Africa

from the Dept.
the War Office having
taken over control,

the latest information
as to the military
position in S. Africa
will not be available
here. We will

however, not object

to the proposals
made in your letter
under acknowledgment

on the understanding

that the arrangements
are to be regarded as
provisional & must
remain ^{subject} ~~subject~~ to reconsideration
if difficulties in
the system should
arise. - Lessa H. C.

Jan 2