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From Foreign Office to Sir F. Villiers, Havre.

(No. 209)

7th December, 1914.

Report from Nairobi states that Belgian forces have occupied Tabora in German East Africa.
Have Belgian Government any information. Are any operations being undertaken in that direction.

From Sir F. Villiers, Havre, to Foreign Office.

7th December, 1914, 7.45 p.m.

Your telegram No. 209. Belgian Government say there is no foundation for report. Operations in direction of Tabora are not possible at present.

From Senior Naval Officer, Mombasa, to Admiralty.

(No. 87.)

7th December, 1914, 1.25 p.m.

With reference to my telegram No. 86, further message has been intercepted by Kinshasa Castle during night of 6th December and forwarded to Simla and Delhi.
DFN sent DRK, who replied.
DFN quite close, DRK more distant.
After completion of wireless telegraphy message between "Fox" and "Chatham," "Chatham" was called repeatedly by MXN, but did not reply.
Probably DRK and MXN one and the same ship.
Am of opinion that DRK or MXN (is) German merchant vessel endeavouring to land stores on German East African coast.
Have ordered "Goliath" remain at Zanzibar pending further instructions.
Repeated to Commander-in-Chief, East Indies, and Commander-in-Chief, Cape.

From H.M.S. "Chatham," Zanzibar, to Admiralty.

(No. 24.)

7th December, 1914, 6 p.m.

Subject for consideration following with reference to "Königsberg" situation:—
"Königsberg" was not located up the Rufiji delta until 30th October. From 21st September to 30th October "Königsberg" remained up the Rufiji delta, and did not attempt to attack trade routes. Inference is "Königsberg" either unable to come out or else deterred by presence of our British cruisers off the coast, as during this time "Dartmouth" and "Weymouth" were away covering Mozambique coast, and "Chatham" was (the) only cruiser searching off the coast of German East Africa. Consider possibility is that she is unable to come out, and most likely reason will be want of coal.
Add to "Chatham" telegram No. 24, conspicuous camp also seen at Batya and Simba Uranga Promontory. See German Chart.

Repeated to Commander-in-Chief, East Indies, and Commander-in-Chief, Cape.

From H.M.S. "Chatham," Zanzibar, to Admiralty

(No. 26.)

8th December, 1914, 6 a.m.

"Chatham" sailed.

From Zanzibar to Admiralty

8th December, 1914, 6.35 a.m.

"Goliath" arrived.

From Senior Naval Officer, Mombasa, to Admiralty

(No. 88.)

8th December, 1914, 8.6 a.m.

"Fox" has sailed.

Repeated to Commander in Chief, East Indies, and Commander in Chief, Cape.

From Brigadier-General Wapshare to War Office

(No. S. 82.)

8th December, 1914, 12.25 p.m.

With reference to your No. 2342 of 4th December concerning railways, I propose to retain the "Rheinfels" together with the following — All railway material, the two Sappers and Miners Railway Company, a nucleus of civil workmen and surveyors, Messrs. Sutherland, Verrill and Waddy, and the Railway Coolie Corps. I propose, further, that the civil railway personnel should return to India. This will result in a saving of about 2,000£ per month out of a present expenditure of nearly 3,000£, after allowing for retention of the Coolie Corps. (The steamer "Muttra" will be unloaded and returned to India.)

Johns is convinced that the Coolie Corps could not be recruited again when once it has been disbanded. He states that the retention of the cargo of the "Rheinfels" is most important. As arranged it presents no special difficulties. The greater part of the cargo (safe) useful work could be begun on shore in an enemy's country. I am entirely in agreement. The civil personnel and Coolie Corps will be employed for a month or more on this work, and at the end of that time we shall have found other useful work for them, such as making roads or paths to assist in the action which is now developing towards the Umba valley.

Repeated to Chief of the General Staff.

From War Office to Commander-in-Chief, India.

(No. MEU 123.)

8th December, 1914.

Presume it is understood that fact of direction of operations in East Africa having been transferred to War Office, vide telegram No. 1396, 22nd November, India Office to Viceroy, does not affect in any way original arrangements by which the troops there are maintained and supplied from India.