

E. AFRICA  
GERMANY  
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REC'D  
MAR 15

am to request you to  
refer say Sir Edward Grey  
to the <sup>for the telegrams</sup> come with the file.

a copy of which was forwarded  
to you with the letter from  
this Office of the 26<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1915

[Surv.  
1258/15]

3. The only other <sup>for</sup> possessions  
in which the question is likely  
to arise would appear to be  
Australia, the Union of South Africa,  
and Malta. As regards  
Australia from Australia & Malta  
Mr Harcourt has already communicated  
with the posts concerned, and  
he is now communicating also  
with the Union Post. in the sense  
suggested.

J. H.

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1915  
6 March  
Last previous Paper.

Death of Dr. Phumacher  
in Operations in S. E. Africa.

Copy for Mr. Harcourt. Conf. to March 15<sup>th</sup>  
✓ Recd 10 March 15<sup>th</sup>

~~Mr. Blomley~~ Mr. G. Fisher

On the pages tabbed with red in 44790  
and 42191 are reference to the capture  
of a German doctor and "one wounded  
German" by Capt. Saunders and Lieut.  
Woodhouse, just after the Tavo  
engagement.

Q. sent copy of 20 letter and encd.  
to Col. P. A. J. <sup>first report</sup> ~~above~~ by Conf.

Q. ? action not and return 20. That we  
have done this and promise further  
comm.

Next subsequent Paper  
24050

? ask you to reply by tel. if he can communicate  
do so. Yes  
W.C.S. 8/3/15  
alone Ph. 9.3.15  
87/15

For any further communication  
on the subject, please quote  
No. 25814/15  
and address  
The Under-Secretary of State,  
Foreign Office,  
London.

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Reference to previous correspondence L. 115

Letter to Foreign Office:  
from

The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents  
his compliments to the Under-Secretary of State for  
the Colonies and is directed by the Secretary of  
State for Foreign Affairs to transmit the accompanying copy of  
a note which has been received from the  
American Ambassador enclosing  
a German note verbale relative  
to the death of Dr Schumacher

The Secretary of State would be glad to be advised  
what answer should be returned to Mr Page

Foreign Office

March 6, 1915

(Similar letter sent to

73748  
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The American Ambassador presents his  
compliments to His Majesty the Secretary of State  
for Foreign Affairs, and has the honour to  
transmit copy and translation of a Note Verbale  
received from the Imperial Foreign Office through  
the American Embassy at Berlin with regard to  
Dr. Schumacher, a German doctor who was with  
the colonial troops in German East Africa.

London, 4th March, 1915.

Enclosures -  
Copy and Translation of Note Verbale.

Translation.

Foreign Office.

No. III a/2123  
22/14

NOTE VERBALE



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In the course of the military operations in German East Africa, during the night following the battle near the Taavo River, a train with wounded soldiers under the lead of Dr. Schumacher, one of the head physicians with the German colonial troops, was attacked by British forces, and, although producing the red cross flag and showing that he was a physician, Dr. Schumacher was shot.

This occurrence is a gross offence against the 1st and 9th articles of the Geneva Convention of July 6th, 1906, wherein it is clearly stated that all sick and wounded military persons and doctors, are, under all circumstances, to be protected and respected.

The German Government protest emphatically in the interests of a more humane warfare against this offence against international agreement, and would in accordance be grateful to the Embassy of the United States of America if the above were brought to the notice of the British Government.

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Downing Street,

12 March, 1915.

10746/S

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Harcourt to acknowledge the receipt of your letter 25814/15 of the 6th of March with its enclosures respecting the alleged shooting of a German doctor by British troops in German East Africa, and to request you to inform Secretary Sir E. Grey that copies of the correspondence have been sent to the Governor of the East Africa Protectorate who has been asked to supply a report on the matter, and to reply by telegraph if he can conveniently do so.

2. When the Governor's reply is received a further communication will be addressed to you.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

*Edw. H. F. Read*  
*(for the U.S. S.)*

SECRETARY OF STATE,  
OFFICE.

AFRICA PROTECTORATE

1176  
Downing Street.

March, 1918

CONFIDENTIAL

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you for your consideration the accompanying copy of a letter received from the Foreign Office, with its enclosures, respecting the alleged shooting of Dr. Shumacher, a German doctor serving with the German troops in German East Africa, during the night following the battle near the Taavo River.

2. I should be glad if you would send me a report on the subject and furnish me with the main facts of the case by telegraph if you can conveniently do so.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,  
humble Servant,

(sd) L. H. ...

CONWAY BELFIELD, K.C.M.G.

&c. &c. &c.

F.O. / 10746 / S. Africa  
S. E. A.

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Sir,

I am etc to acknowledge  
the recd of your letter  
25814/15 of the 6th of March  
with its enclosures  
respecting the alleged  
shooting of a German  
doctor by British troops  
in S. E. Africa and to

request you to inform Sec.  
Sir P. Casey <sup>copy of the comm</sup> that the  
Govt of the S. Africa has been  
asked to supply a  
report on the matter, and  
to reply by telegraph if he  
can conveniently do so

DRAFT.

The A. S. of S.

(10746)

F.O.

MINUTE.

- Mr. Dornier 9.3.15
- Mr. Bostromley 9.3.15 f
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Islington.
- Mr. Harcourt.

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I. When the Govt reply  
received a further  
Comm: with be addressed  
to you.

(H) 49 Road  
(C) to S.S. of S.

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10 March 1914

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P.A.P. Conf.

Gov: Sir H.C. Balfour rems.

MINUTE.

Mr. Dromie 9.3.15

Mr. Bolton 9.3.15

Mr.

Mr.

Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Tolington.

Mr. Harcourt.

I have etc to transmit

to you for your consideration

The appended copy of a

letter received from the

F.O. with its enclosure

respecting the alleged

shooting of a German doctor

seizing with the German

troops in G.P. Africa,

during the night following

the battle near the Tzau

River.

I should be glad if

you would send me a

report

2d/15

6 March 14  
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