

with the Governor of the East
in the subject of
telegraph.

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(Signed) ... READ
for the Under Secretary of State

EAST AFR. PROT.
2411

C.O.
2411
21 JUN 13

Symonds Es
Magadi Soda Coy Ltd

VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY

1913

20th January

States kind of gun recommended.

Last previous Paper.

S/1080

To Captain Wilson, who has the
p: p:

at once.
H. J. R.
22/1

~~has read~~ Mr. J. Anderson
Please see my remarks on
C.O. 1080/12 sent to you this
morning
p.H.L.

23.1.

H. J. R.

Mr Symonds should have suitable thanks
for his offer which is being referred to the

Copy to Mr. J. Anderson
For Mr. J. Anderson's use

106131, W1.29 897-56
11000, 11112, A.S.R.W.
Next subsequent Paper.

Gov. with whom he should place
in communication on his arrival in Ill.

In writing to Gov. said substance,
Capt. Wilson's remarks.

at all

Ch. 25. 13

THE MAGADI SODA COMPANY, LIMITED.

M. SAMUEL & CO. MANAGERS

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TELEGRAMS: "SODAGADI, LONDON"
TELEPHONE: LONDON WALL 1883.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO
THE COMPANY

S/T

Shell House
251 27 Bishopsgate
London E.C. 2 20th January 1913

H. J. Read Esq., C.M.G.,
Colonial Office, S.W.

C.O.
2411
Recd
21 JAN 13

Dear Mr Read,

After my interview with you the other day, I wrote to Elswick and asked them if they could recommend any particular type of gun, which was at present supplied to the War Office. I think the type of gun they recommend is the same that you mentioned to me, namely 3.75 calibre. Elswick make the gun, which they say has one joint and fires a 12½ lb shell, and the whole equipment is carried on five mules.

If the matter goes any further, and I am asked what gun I recommend, I shall certainly ask for this gun. It seems to me that if they are having artillery in the Colony, they may as well have the best and latest material, although possibly, on the other hand the old screw gun would answer our purpose perfectly well. I thought I would let you know this, as it confirms so exactly what you said about guns.

Yours faithfully,

W. J. Samuel

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The Govt. to provide 23
the funds - also

ammunition at the rate of
5 rounds per man per
annum
- also

Reserve Ammunition (say
200 rounds per gun)

also initial
The Govt. will provide
mules & keep up funds,
Saddlery, Equipment, etc.

COMMITTEE OF IMPERIAL DEFENCE,

2, WHITEHALL GARDENS,

LONDON, S.W.

8th March, 1913

Dear Head

I annex a statement

showing the cost of
2.95" gun with pack
equipment. The cost of

two guns complete would
appear to work out at

found at Elouach
referred to a
2.75" gun

Very sincerely
S. H. Jackson

about £1080. This is the scale as in the Imperial
 full vocabulary price Service would cost
 but no doubt the Co. own about £50 per gun
 make some allowance per annum.
 for the guns being part of a reserve of 200 rounds
 worn. They inform me per gun was maintained
 that it is impossible to reserve in Imperial Service
 say what this would be (is 5000s per gun), the
 Practice ammunition (initial expenditure to
 issued at the same provide such a reserve

would work out at
about \$540.

There are none of the 7^{1/2}
mountain guns left. The
base all been sold or
broken up, and the same
is not now made.

The new mountain gun
which is the 10^{1/2} gun
converted, is called "the
2.75". That this is so
accounts for the fact

2.95 inch Q.F. Mountain Equipment.

	<u>Cost.</u>	
	<u>£.</u>	
Gun	189	
Carriage	189	
One cartridge complete with shrapnel shell	1. 7	with 0. 63 size.
" " " " double shell	1. 3	
" " " " case shot	1. 2	
" " " " star shell	1. 1	with 0. 63 size.
One pack saddle for gun	(0)	
" " " " carriage	(0)	
" " " " cradle	7. 5	approx:
" " " " wheel and axle	10. 0	
" " " " ammunition	8. 0	
One set of Artillery Packsaddlery for Ordnance mules <i>(for use under saddle)</i>	5. 10. 0	
Spare parts and miscellaneous stores for one equipment	£90	approx:

Allowed for practice in Land Service -

Shrapnel	28)	
Common, double	8)	Per pic
Case	4)	

Star is only allowed in lieu of either of these.

For one equipment the following pack-saddles are required :-

Gun	1	£ 10. 0
Cradle	1	£ 7. 5
Wheel and axle	1	£ 10. 0
Carriage	1	£ 18. 0
Ammunition minimum (minimum number)	2	£ 27. 10

An ammunition saddle carries 2 boxes or 4 ammunition carriers containing -

1 Box.

6 shrapnel, case shot, or star, or
4 double common shell.

1 Carrier.

3 rounds of shrapnel, case
or double.

C.D.
R. 28 JAN
D. 1913

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DRAFT. EAP No. 91

Governor H. Conway Belfast Eng. C.M.P.

MINUTE.

Mr. K. Nicolson 25.1.13

Mr. B. B. B. 28

Sir G. Fiddes. 28

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Emmott.

Mr. Harcourt.

31 January 1913

~~Lt. Col. Mr. Symonds of 20 Jan 1913~~

~~Mr. [unclear] of 20 Jan 1913~~

Lt. Col. Mr. Symonds of 20 Jan 1913

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to
I have the honor to forward for
your observation the enclosed
copies of correspondence with
Mr. Guy Symonds, manager of
the Magadi Soda Company, Ltd.
on the subject of the formation of
a section of Voluntary Soldiers
in the British East Africa
Territories. You will observe
that Mr. Symonds has been
advised

Please see our minutes on
20/2107 '13 KAR
EAP

advised to communicate with
you or the council.

2. With regard to the
type of gun suggested by Mr.
Lyons, I understood that the
reference is to the 2.95 mountain
gun. I have caused enquiries to
be made as to the possibility of
obtaining guns of this description
and find that there are some
of the latest pattern ^{mountain gun} available for
some even or replacement. There
are however some surplus 2.95 D.F.
guns available but that in this
type is still in use any guns
obtained would have to be paid
for at their full value.

3. In your dispatch no. 100
K.A.R. of the 23rd of Dec. you
have with me that you do
not recommend that guns of
this kind, should be added
to the K.A.R. It has however
been suggested that there
could be considerable advantage
in having an anti-air section
so armed as part of the Volunteer
Reserve or as a Volunteer Corps
and you will no doubt bear this

suggestion in mind. 28
Considering the expense
proposed

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E. A. P.
5/20/11

31 Jan 13

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DRAFT.

Guy Raymond Esq.

MINUTE.

- Mr. M. Sturman 25. 1 1913
- Mr. Bottomley 28/5
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

Sir,

I am dir. by Mr. Secretary Harcourt to ack. the receipt of your letter to the Department of Tamesis 18th and 20th inst. regarding the value of the formation and equipment of a section of Volunteer Artillery in the District East Africa Regiment, and to convey to you an expression of his thanks for your offer and suggestion.

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Copy to 91 31 Jan 13

Mr. Hancock is offering
the matter to the Governor
with which, he suggests,
you should communicate
as you arrived in the
President.

I am,

TELEGRAMS: "SODAGADI, LONDON."
TELEPHONE: LONDON WALL 1883.

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THE COMPANY.

S/T

Shell House

25 & 27, Bishopsgate

London E.C. 3rd February 1913

The Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Colonial Office, S.W.

RECEIVED
COL. OFFICE

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter
of the 31st January, for which I thank you.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. D. Mansel

2411/E.A.P.

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R. I. MAR
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[Handwritten signature]

Dominion Street,
18 March, 1913.

DRAFT.

WEST AFRICA PROTECTORATE. No. 20

Governor

Mr. Conway Belfield, Esq., C.I.C.

Esq., Esq., Esq.,

MINUTE.

Mr. Stevenson 12.3.13

Mr. Read 15

Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson 15

Lord Emmott.

Mr. Harcourt.

[Large handwritten mark]

Sir,

In continuation of my despatch No. 91 of January 31st, 1913, I have the honour to inform you that I have received further information regarding the proposed formation of a section of Volunteer Artillery by the Magadi Soda Company.

It now appears that, if the Government will provide the two guns required, ammunition at the rate of 5 rounds per gun per annum, and a reserve of ammunition of 200 rounds per gun,

with

5. The reserve of ammunition would entail an initial expenditure of, say, \$540.

6. I place these facts before you that you may have some idea of the cost of the scheme which the Company proposes, and which it is the intention of Mr. Simonds to discuss with you on his arrival in the Protectorate. I shall be glad to have your observations on the whole, either in due course.

I have, etc.,