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German East Africa

G.O.C. asks that Enquiries may be made of Singapore, Shanghai, Hongkong and Australia as to whether German reports left these places for unknown destinations in August.

Mr. Beatty ~~Mr. Johnson~~
 Mr. Read ~~Mr. G. Field~~

I doubt whether there is any point in doing this after the outbreak of war on August 4th? so German associates can have left British possessions in the East, as instructions were given that they sh^d. be detained. If large numbers of Germans had left port before the outbreak of war we sh^d. almost certainly have heard. Shores etc.

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be German submarines in German
 East Africa. They would have got
 there from neutral countries
 from China possibly, in the
 case of such as could not get
 to Kiao Chan. I don't think
 it will be any use our
 telegraphing to the places
 referred to.

Eqn 23/11/14

It certainly seems of little use, but
 I think we cannot refuse to try to corroborate
 the G.O.C.'s information. First,

1. To East Africa, some boats, as they may
 have arrived in the last few months
 of German, if only in the intermediate
 stage

W.C.S. 24/1/14

H. J. S.
 23/11/14

So far as H. Kong and Sing. are concerned the posi-
 tion is that after the 4th of Aug. Germans could not
 have left for unknown destinations and as to what took
 place before that date we have heard nothing.

H.C.

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The position is the same in Australia -
 at least after the 4th of August (perhaps before)
 see 9/20/11/14

C. H. D. saying as above
that appears under some, but
not what as this is.

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Telegram. The Governor of the East Africa Protectorate to the
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

(Received Colonial Office 9.55 a.m. 23rd November 1914).

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It is requested by General Officer Commanding
that enquiry be made from Singapore, Shanghai, Hong
Kong and Australia as to whether ^{in August this year} any German subjects
left those places for unknown destinations as informa-
tion here points to such movements into German East
Africa having taken place.

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**PARAPHRASE
TELEGRAM.**

The Secretary of State for the Colonies to all the
Governors-General and Governors of the Dominions,
Colonies and Protectorates.

(Sent 10.45 p.m. 7th August, 1914.)

To Canada only
To all

With reference to my telegram of 2nd August
His Majesty's Government have now decided that
it is very important that all enemy reservists naval
or military should be detained as prisoners of war in
order to have means of enforcing proper treatment for
British officers and men who may be captured. You
should act accordingly.

Reporting officers should be directed to telegraph
direct to Admiralty names of British or neutral
merchant ships in which enemy reservists have embarked.

HARROULT.

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PARAPHRASE:

TELEGRAM:

The Secretary of State for the Colonies to the
Governor-General of the Union of South Africa,

(Sent 10.45 a.m. 7th August 1914)

and to other Dominions and Colonies (except British
Honduras)

(Sent 1 p.m. 7th August 1914)

You should arrest and detain all German
Officers or reservists as prisoners of war, and you
should watch Austrian officers or reservists pending
further instructions.

HARCOURT.

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26 November 1914

Secret
and
immediate

In
letter ref. to previous

correspondence in the
subject of German East

Africa, I am etc

to forward for the

action of the A. C.

a copy of a telegram

which has been

rec'd from the Secy of

the E. A. O. with

regard to the question

of German territories

having reached G. P. A.

since the outbreak of

war.

DRAFT.

The Secretary
War Office

MINUTE.

Mr. Egan 25/11/14

Mr. Bokemley 25/11/14

Mr. Read 25/11/14

Mr.

Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Islington.

Mr. Harcourt.

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2 So far as the Malay,
Singapore and
Australia are concerned
the position is that
no German crew
have left for ultimate
destinations after
August 7th as the
Governments concerned
were on that day
instructed by telegraph
to detain all German
reservists

3 It therefore appears
useless to telegraph
in the sense requested
by General Aitken, but
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