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Belgian operations against Germans
East Africa.

Forward copy of despatch from Lie-
comul at Katanga describing engagement
at Albertville on August 23.

to Batavia Mr. Zulder
in Read

We heard of this attack on
Albertville indirectly at the
time. If the only steamer
which the Belgians have on
the Lake was destroyed by
the Germans it becomes still
more difficult to believe that
they could have effected a
landing on the Eastern side
of the Lake in November
& advanced to Tabora

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In any case an 18 ton boat Espin 7/12/14
is hardly suitable for transporting Victoria

have been of it suited, a very considerable
force

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under cover of 500 yds
successfully shells a place
that keeps out of range
of the 7.5 Gun.

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you ought to know that
an S.P. file was loaned to
showing that Belgian companies
has been accepted - equal
Rhodesia, Kanyanga and

Rod
23/12/14

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Public Communication
The Under-Secretary of State,
Foreign Office,
London.

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The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents
his compliments to the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies
_____ and, by direction of the Secretary
of State, transmits herewith copy of the under-mentioned
paper.

Foreign Office,

Dec: 6, 1914

Reference to previous correspondence:

Letter ^{to} Foreign Office: 222 Nov: 21.
from _____

Description of Inclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
<p>Inten Occasional Kalanga N. G. Nov 5.</p>	<p>Fighting in Lake Tanganyika</p>

(Similar letter sent to War Office)

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BRITISH VICE-CONSULATE,

LATAMBA,

November 5th, 1914.

No. 29.
(78461)

Sir:-

With reference to my despatch No. 28 of the 23rd ultimo, I have the honour to report that on that day a fresh attack upon Ioa (Albertville, Lake Tanganyika) was made by the German steamer referred to in the telegram from this Office of August 25th, towing a barge and accompanied by two tugs and a motor launch, upon which was mounted a machine gun.

The German steamer and tugs were armed with 3.7 guns and shelled the position, keeping out of range of the Belgian 7.5 gun. Under cover of this fire the motor launch with the machine gun endeavoured to effect a landing, but was beaten back by the Belgian machine gun.

The Belgian steamer, which was lying at Albertville was completely destroyed by the shell fire. It was an old one of about 18 tons, but the only one the Belgians

had

The Under Secretary of State
for Foreign Affairs,
Foreign Office.

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had on Lake Tanganyika.

The buildings at Albertville are severely damaged.

There was no loss of life on the Belgian side, though it is probable that there was some loss to the enemy.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) F. W. Hammers.

His Majesty's Vice-Consul.