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Recruitment of Arabs

for service in E.A.F.  
Sends copy from India enclosing Correspondence showing that refusal of military service was solely due to disagreements as to rationing.

Unless to pursue the matter further  
Copy of S.P.C. n 5856, with copy of this, to the fin<sup>l</sup> for info with info to 5856 V.T.

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Any further communication on this subject  
should be addressed to—

The Under Secretary of State for India,  
Military Department,  
India Office,  
London, S.W.

and the following reference quoted:—

M. 31925.

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INDIA OFFICE,

WHITEHALL,

LONDON, S.W. SEP 15

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20th September, 1915.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 11th February, 1915,  
*Yr*  
No. 5856/1915, I am directed to forward for the information of  
Mr. Secretary Bonar Law, the accompanying copy of an extract  
paragraph of an Army Despatch furnishing the report asked for  
on the recruitment of Arabs from the Aden Hinterland for service  
in the East Africa Protectorate.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*C. S. Selwyn Cole*

for General.

Military Secretary.

Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office,  
S. W.

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1915.

EXTRACT PARA. 15 OF AN (ARMY) DESPATCH FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, No. 100  
DATED 27TH AUGUST 1915.

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15. We forward a copy of correspondence, regarding the recruitment of  
Arabs from the Aden Hinterland for service in the East Africa Protectorate.  
[In reply to paragraph 13 of Military despatch No. 15, dated India Office,  
the 5th March 1915 (M. 5,398).]

We have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient, humble Servants,

(Signed) HARDINGE or PENSHURST.

„ BEAUCHAMP DUFF.

„ SYED ALI IMAM.

„ W. H. CLARK.

„ R. H. CRADDOCK.

„ W. S. MEYER.

„ C. H. A. HILL.

„ L. C. PORTER.

Extract para. 15 of an Army Despatch to His Majesty's Secretary of State for India, No. 79, dated 27th August 1915.

15. Recruitment of Arabs from the Aden Hinterland for service in the East Africa Protectorate.

Extract from the list of enclosures of Miscellaneous Despatch to His Majesty's Secretary of State for India, No. 79, dated 27th August 1915.

Enclosure to para. 15.

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Enclosure No.	Description.	Number.	Date.
1	Letter from the Secretary to the Government of India in the Foreign and Political Department.	220-R.B. ...	21st May 1915.
2	Letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Political Department.	4006 ...	22nd July 1915.

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Enclosures to para. 15 of General despatch No. 79 (Army), dated the 27th August 1915.

Enclosure No. 1.

No. 220-E.B., dated Simla, the 21st May 1915.

From—The Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign and Political Department.

To—The Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Political Department.

With reference to the correspondence ending with your telegram No. 5346, dated the 16th September 1914, I am directed to forward a copy of the marginally cited correspondence from which it will be seen that 80 out of the 100 Arabs enlisted by the Resident at Aden for service in the East Africa Protectorate had to be returned as they refused to perform military service on the ground that they had been recruited for police duty in Zanzibar.

2. I am to request that, as desired by the Secretary of State for India, a report on the subject may be obtained from the Resident at Aden.

3. A copy of the Colonial Office letter of the 28th July 1914 referred to in the current correspondence is also enclosed.

Enclosure No. 2.

No. 4308, dated Bombay Castle, the 22nd July 1915.

From—The Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Political Department.

To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign and Political Department.

With reference to the letter from the Government of India in the Foreign and Political Department, No. 220-E.B., dated the 21st May 1915, regarding the refusal of the Arab recruits engaged for service in the British East Africa Protectorate to perform military service, I am directed to state that the Political Resident, Aden, reports that although it was not explained in the telegram from the Foreign and Political Department, No. 674-S., dated the 31st August 1914, whether the men were required for military service or for police work, they were clearly told that they might be required to fight, and they accepted the condition without reserve. The Political Resident also observes that they did not deny this fact when they were seen by Captain Reilly, the then Assistant Resident in charge of the police on their return from Africa, but stated that the refusal of military service on their part was solely due to disagreements as to rations.

2. As regards rations, the Political Resident, Aden, explains that the recruits were not promised rations on the Indian scale, but were merely told that they would get Rs. 16 as pay with rations, and that they never enquired as to the nature of the rations. As it now appears, they had expected to receive rations on the Indian scale.