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From C.I.G.S. to Major General Tighs.

February 28th, 1916.

4.9 p.m.

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No. 13442 Cipher.

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~~Mr. Robertson~~
~~Mr. Bond~~ *Mr. J. Anderson*

Par. Sumo arrived 19th Feb.

No like engagement on the
Uganda border was advisable
the enemy's casualties were
about twice as heavy as on other
fronts.

Par. 9

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From Major-General Tighe to Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

(No. G.O. 73.)

18th February, 1916, 4.50 p.m.

Your No. 13213, cipher. With reference to my No. G.O. 52 of 12th February. Artillery units and their distribution are as follows:—

Longido line—1st and 3rd Batteries, South African Field Artillery, each four 13-prs.; South African personnel. No. 7 Field Battery (late No. 2 and No. 6 Light Batteries) four 15-prs.; (? Royal Garrison Artillery) personnel. 27th Mountain Battery six 10-prs.; Indian personnel.

Taveta line—2nd, 4th and 5th Batteries, South African Artillery, each four 13-prs.; South African personnel. No. 6 Field Artillery (late No. 1 Light Battery) two 12-pr., 8-cwt., guns; Loyal North Lancashire personnel. No. 8 Field Battery (Calcutta Volunteer Battery) six 12-pr., 6-cwt., guns; personnel, European Volunteers from India. 28th Mountain Battery six 10-prs.; Indian personnel. No. 9 Field Battery (late Naval Battery) four 12-pr., 18-cwt., guns; Royal Marine Artillery personnel. No. 10 Heavy Battery (late No. 3 Heavy Battery) three 4-inch guns, Mark III; Naval personnel. No. (17) Battery (late No. 4 Howitzer Battery) two 5-inch howitzers; Royal Garrison Artillery personnel. No. 134 Howitzer Battery four 5.4-inch howitzers; (one group) Royal Garrison Artillery personnel.

Not yet arrived—No 11 Heavy Battery four 4-inch guns, Mark VIII; Royal Marine Artillery personnel. 38th Howitzer Mountain Battery eight 5-inch howitzers.

At Mvet (one group)—Two 7 pr. R.M.L. guns, local personnel.

Kagera front—One 15 (group omitted, 1 pounder) gun. Three 2½ pr. R.M.L. guns; local personnel.

Machine guns with force—Ninety 303, nine 450, distributed as follows:—22 Longido line, 52 Taveta line, 7 Kagera detachment. Lines of Communication, nine 303 and nine 450.

Not yet arrived—Six machine guns for South African Mounted Brigade and 16 for 3rd South African Infantry Brigade.

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From General Smuts to Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

(No. V/7.)

19th February, 1916, 6.35 p.m.

This morning I arrived at Kilindi^u and was met by General Tighe. To-night I proceed to Maktau, in order to inspect the terrain and to go into the military position locally

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From General Emata to C.I.G.S.

Feb. 20th. 1916

2.25 p.m.

On Feb. 18th. a force of 4 Europeans and 200 native soldiers
 attacked at post of Kachumba on the Uganda border, 15 miles N.N.W.
 of Kyaka. Our casualties were nil. The enemy were driven off with

losses as follows:- 4 Europeans and 53 native soldiers.

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(No. G.O. 80.)

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Ser. 8330 S

Mr. B. A. L. G. Anderson
Mr. B. A. L. G. Anderson

(Reached us to-day)

I have marked the most
interesting passages with red pencil.

- (1) The proposed attack on Luanga.
If we can cooperate on the
lake with the land forces,
the capture of the place should
be feasible, and, as the P.O.
points out, it would have
good results.
- (2) General Wapshare has commenced
his railway construction.
- (3) Blockade of coast. Period of peace
for neutral vessels to be after
1 month, not before.

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No. 9859 S

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(4) Active operations against the
'Kenyans' in contemplation.

(5) Legion of frontiersmen to be sent
out to S. Africa.

(6) Operations against Turkana
proceeding satisfactorily.

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W.M. 25/2/15

H. J. R.

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Ch. 25.2.15

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See last tel on p. 1

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back to Barbera.

H. 25.2.15

Dr. J. Anderson

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taken as to this? It is difficult to
suggest any other way of disposing of
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26 23rd 1905

From High Commissioner of South Africa to Secretary of State for the Colonies.

15th February, 1915, 12 noon.

Your telegram of 13th February. I have received consent of Portuguese Government and will await notification from War Office of arrangements made by them.

From Major-General Wapshave to War Office.

(No. 215 (940))

15th February, 1915.

No. 143. Wireless telegraph, Mombasa, in good order but located in temporary buildings. It can be worked in present condition without services of Captain Rice, but for installation in the permanent buildings which is now near completion he or some other expert is essential. This is very desirable in view of approaching rainy season.

From War Office to General Officer Commanding, Cape Town.

(No. 3092, cipher Q.M.G. 2)

15th February 1915, 2.10 p.m.

The s.s. "Umzumbi" has been accepted as freight ship for conveyance of the 2nd Rhodesian Contingent from Beira to Mombasa. Arriving at Durban about 23rd February the vessel should be at Beira on 28th February.

Following are the numbers to be conveyed:

Officers	22
Warrant officer	1
Non-commissioned officers and men	455
Horses	9
Native followers	2

Please detail an officer to inspect the ship on arrival at Durban. The full requirements of the Transport Regulations need not be insisted upon, in view of the urgency of the matter, but such arrangements should be made as will satisfy the inspecting officer. When these instructions have been complied with, please cable me.

From Major-General Wapshave to War Office.

(No. S. 226.)

15th February, 1915, 3.55 p.m.

There has arisen religious trouble among the Somali mounted scouts. It is believed that a wandering mullah influenced them regarding fighting against allies of Turkey. Twenty-seven have been court-martialled, and the remainder I am disbanding and sending back to Berbera. It is important to get rid of them as they might affect the Somalis in the King's African Rifles. At present these are quite loyal.

From Admiralty to Senior Naval Officer, East African Coast, "Weymouth," Zanzibar.

(No. M. 01190.)

15th February, 1915, 2.45 p.m.

Your No. 8. Your modifications as to disposal of blockading vessels approved. Declare blockade of German East Africa seacoast and islands to commence at midnight, 28th February-1st March. Communicate this declaration not later than the 24th, making it unnecessary to grant any period after 1st March for withdrawal of neutral ships. Report steps you will take to do this. Inform local British authorities, also Senior Naval Officer on Lakes Victoria, Nyansa and Nyassa.

Repeated to Commander-in-Chief, East Indies; Commander-in-Chief, Cape; and Senior Naval Officer, Bombay.

From War Office to General Officer Commanding, Ceylon.

(No. 3112, cipher A. 3)

16th February, 1915, 7 p.m.

Your No. 2137, cipher. You should cable us as soon as the tripods from Malta and Singapore have been received, and it becomes possible for you to complete the despatch of Maxims to Mombasa (vide our No. 3023, cipher A. 3). Instructions as to shipment will then be sent you. As to the shipment of the tripods, you should communicate with Singapore, and, if necessary, with Hong Kong as to ammunition. S.S. "Malwa" is bringing four tripods from Malta.

From Major-General Wapshare to War Office.

(No. S. 227)

16th February, 1915, 11 a.m.

I have not yet heard from Malleison with regard to the Belgian intentions, but I do not doubt that the best way to co-operate is that we should take Muansa. Troops would thus be attracted from Tabora who would otherwise be available for Ruanda. With Muansa in our power and Kigali in Ruanda threatened by the Belgians, the Germans might evacuate Bukoba and thus all pressure on Uganda would be relieved. As command of the lake would follow, I consider that capture of Muansa is most desirable. I propose to undertake the operation next month, preferably after the arrival of the Rhodesians, and I can spare enough troops to make the operation reasonably sure. Enough men can be left to garrison it securely. As soon as I hear from Malleison I will forward detailed plans.

Repeated to Chief of General Staff, India.

From Major-General Wapshare, to War Office.

(No. S. 228.)

16th February, 1915, 1.10 p.m.

Forces B and C brought from India 2,000 non-charger loading rifles. All of these have been issued mostly to King's African Rifles, regulars and reservists, instead of unserviceable Martins, Enfield and Martini-Henri rifles, and partially to volunteers instead of their sporting rifles. There are still some King's African Rifles, reservists and levies, to be re-armed. It is now hoped that enlistment of additional numbers of King's African Rifles, up to perhaps 1,200, will be possible, but there are no rifles for them. It is believed that in India there are a large number of magazine 303 rifles sufficiently serviceable and available for issue, and my ordnance officer has again asked for these by letter. His previous telegram was not sufficiently explicit. If India cannot possibly issue 1,300 of these rifles, could an equal number of Mausers be supplied from England in addition to the rifles which are being sent for the Rhodesian Contingent? In order to ensure uniformity of pattern among the King's African Rifles the Indian rifles would be preferable.

From War Office to Major-General Wapshare.

(No. 3127, cipher F. 1.)

17th February, 1915, 2.5 p.m.

The liability for pay and other expenses of the Rhodesian Contingent for East Africa has been accepted by the Imperial Government from the date of embarkation under British Army Regulations, although the contingent is serving under an engagement with the Rhodesian Administration. The Indian Field Controller should be instructed accordingly, funds being provided under instructions from the Indian Government. The contingent will be made subject to the provisions of the Army Act.

From Major-General Wapshare to War Office.

(No. S. 230.)

18th February, 1915, 10.5 a.m.

With reference to your No. 3089 of 15th February. The estimate of 25,000*l.* given in my telegram No. 215 will be decreased by 11,000*l.*, by using the permanent way material on the "Rheinfels." Total cost will be only 14,000*l.* if the material is sold for half price at the end of the war and the railway only goes to Maktau. The material which is available from the Uganda Railway is quite new and very expensive. After the "Rheinfels" is unloaded, I propose she should return to India and bring out the remaining material required, in order to reduce the cost of carriage. The additional material that is required from India is 10 miles of permanent way with iron sleepers complete, and 15 miles of permanent way with fastenings complete for wooden sleepers, these latter being already here. Permanent way and iron sleepers second hand, 41½ lb. rails. The following additional personnel will be required:—1 European surveyor, 4 native subordinates, 6 native drivers, and 6 native firemen. When the staff was reduced in December, this personnel, now required, was returned to India.

Repeated to Chief of General Staff, India.

From Major-General Wapshare to War Office.

(No. S. 231.)

18th February, 1915, 3 p.m.

In continuation of my No. S. 230. Cost is to be met by War Office. I have ordered the work to commence at once. Governor has been consulted and agrees.

From Base Commandant, Kisindini, to War Office.

(No. 17, D. 87.)

18th February, 1915, 10.31 p.m.

S.S. "Thongwa," sailed to-day for Bombay with details and stores. Following for passage to England:—Mr. Nesfield, East African Volunteers; Lieut.-Colonel Sanderson, Royal North Lancashire Regiment; Captain Fawcus, Manchester Regiment; Squadron Sergeant-Major Chambers, 9th Lancers.

From Embarking, Bombay, to War Office.

19th February, 1915.

Hired transport "Sofala" and freightship "Rotenfels" left Bombay 18th February; "Sofala" proceeding via Karachi, has on board from Bombay for Force "B"—

Officers	...	...	...	...	3
Warrant officer	...	...	...	...	1
Assistant surgeons	...	...	...	...	2
British ranks	...	...	...	...	67
Native soldiers	...	...	...	...	82
Followers	...	...	...	...	72
Horses	...	...	...	...	31

14,046 maunds supplies.

504 packages clothing and miscellaneous stores. Weight, 1,250 cwts.

1,941 packages safety ammunition. Weight, 794 cwts.

363 packages explosives. Weight, 298 cwts.

1,428 packages ordnance stores. Weight, 1,434 cwts.

11,935 packages telegraph stores. Weight, 10,280 cwts.

"Rotenfels" has on board for Forces "E" and "F"—

49,746 maunds hay.

8,590 maunds supplies.

39 packages war gifts. Weight, 58 maunds.

From War Office to Major-General Wapshare.

21st February, 1915, 11.43 a.m.

(No. 2184 cipher. M.O. 2285.)
Your No. S. 225 of 19th February. Let us know if India cannot supply the 300 magazine rifles you require. We could furnish 1,500 Mausers and 300 rounds per rifle.

With reference to our No. 2200 cipher of 28th January. Please let us know what definite arrangements have been made with the Governor with regard to additional King's African Rifles and what proposals you have in the matter of officers for this. We hope to send out shortly for service in East Africa a battalion from the Legion of Frontiersmen which we are taking steps to raise. We could send the rifles with them. If you need them we might perhaps be able to send out a few special service officers of African experience.

From Chief of General Staff, Nairobi, to War Office.

(No. S. 235.)

21st February, 1915, 6.0 p.m.

On the frontier all is quiet. The expedition against the Turkhans is progressing favourably. General Stewart has gone to Lake Victoria to make a preliminary enquiry as to the proposed Muansa expedition. General Tighe has gone to Voi where most active preparations are being made on the construction of the Voi—Maktau Railway. General Officer Commanding has just gone to Masai (?) and returns to Nairobi on 23rd February.

From Admiralty to Senior Naval Officer, "Weymouth," Zanzibar.

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(No. 01462/1.)

21st February, 1915, 12.30 p.m.

Your No. 10. Foreign Office prefer period during when neutral vessels may withdraw should follow and not precede the commencement of blockade on 1st March.

Act accordingly as we have agreed. You may defer declaration a few days if convenient. Limits will be notified as between latitude south 10.40 and 4.41.

Acknowledge and report action.

Repeated to Commander-in-Chief, Cape; Commander-in-Chief, East Indies, and Senior Naval Officer, Bombay.

From Senior Naval Officer, East Coast of Africa, Zanzibar, to Admiralty.

(No. 16.)

21st February, 1915, 1.40 p.m.

"Kinfauns Castle" arrived at Niororo Island this morning. Will carry out seaplane trials there. Steps have been taken to prevent leakage of information from Niororo. "Weymouth" proceeds 22nd February Dar-es-Salaam.

As stated in my No. 13, returns to Zanzibar, completes with coal, and arrives at Refugi 24th, by which time seaplanes should be ready.

"Kinfauns Castle" has strict orders not to make any attack whatever before I arrive.

"Pyramus" arrived at Zanzibar and proceeds to Mombasa to-night to make good defects to condensers, ordered to be completed in time for blockade. Seaplane outfit appears to be so excellent that I have every hope of success against "Königsberg."

Repeated to Commander-in-Chief, East Indies.