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Telegraphic correspondence as to
Operations.

Last previous Paper.

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Mr. J. F. Fiddler

Very little here.

1. We have received from Admiralty a copy of the correspondence between the S.N.O. HMS. "Weymouth" and Admiralty - see 10551/15

2. J. H. Gray and F. M. Jenkins are the Commanders on the Uganda Lake Steamers who have been given temporary rank of Lieut. in the R.N.R.

We could supply Admiralty with full names and appnts as requested in N.O. tel. of 5 March, but they don't seem to be in a hurry, and we should have to tel. to the Govt. that we had done so.

Next subsequent Paper.

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SECRET.*From War Office to Major-General Wasphare, Nairobi.*

(No. M.O. 180.)

1st March, 1915.

Your No. 599 O. We will send out 10 telescopes, 20 prismatic binoculars, 4 barrels, Maxim .303-inch, also portable telephones and manganese. Last paragraph, your presumption is correct.

From Senior Naval Officer, H.M.S. "Weymouth," Zanzibar, to Admiralty.

(No. 29.)

1st March, 1915, 3 p.m.

Governor of German East Africa enquires whether Article 3, Chapter 2, Hague Convention, 1907, will be adhered to.

I replied: Article quoted does not refer to a coast under blockade, no exemption from capture with regard to enemy's ships will be considered.

Consider that as practically all traffic on blockaded coast is dhow, to render blockade effective every enemy dhow of whatever description should be captured.

Request confirmation.

From Major-General Wapshare to War Office.

(No. S. 244.)

2nd March, 1915, 2 a.m.

With reference to your No. 3286 of the 25th February. Are the rifles charger loading? What is their mark? Complete medical equipment and personnel should be sent; also 2 months' rations. Swallow-wing tents of Cadet Corps size are advisable; consult Patterson of Billiter's Buildings. If the tents asked for in my telegram No. 516 Ordnance of 11th February from India are sent, no tents are required except as above. No transport need be brought if India will supply Mule Corps when needed (see my telegram No. S. 238 of 24th February).

From Major-General Wapshare to War Office.

(No. S. 245.)

2nd March, 1915, 2.10 a.m.

Please telegraph me the probable date of arrival of the Rhodesian Contingent.

From Major-General Wapshare, Nairobi, to War Office.

(No. 153/7.)

2nd March, 1915, 4.5 p.m.

I am advised that it is essential to provide tin shelters for the European troops for the rains season. I am doing so for the Rhodesians and the Loyal North Lancashires. Much of the outlay in erecting the shelters will be recovered.

From Major-General Wapshare to War Office.

(No. 308/1.) 2nd March, 1915, 4.5 p.m.
Will you please inform the Admiralty that the Lake steamers "Clement Hill" and "Nyanza" have been under the charge of two officers, Grey and Jenkins. They have no naval rank but are senior men in the Lake service and cannot be replaced by Royal Naval Reserve officers because the latter have no local knowledge. Commander Thornley is anxious that these two should remain in charge. To do so, however, they must be in the Royal Naval Reserve. Both are over age but the circumstances are exceptional, and I strongly recommend that they should be given commissions as temporary lieutenants in the Royal Naval Reserve. I shall probably have further recommendations to make later on, but the above are extremely urgent.

From Major-General Wapshare to War Office.

(No. 236.) 2nd March, 1915, 10.40 p.m.
As the conditions of warfare here are very severe, generally consisting of an attack over most difficult ground against a well-trained and a well-armed enemy in elaborate entrenchments, and as in such fighting no irregular corps can be equal even approximately in value to a Regular corps of similar composition, I would respectfully suggest that after the arrival of the Frontiersmen all future reinforcements should consist of good Regular troops only when available. The difficulties of transport and water being very great, our essential requirements are self-contained Regular corps.
Repeated to Chief of General Staff, India.

From Admiralty to Senior Naval Officer, H.M.S. "Weymouth," Zanzibar.

2nd March, 1915, 10.55 p.m.
Your No. 29 Your decision is confirmed.
Inform Commander-in-Chief, Cape, on arrival of "Goliath"

From War Office to Major-General Wapshare, Nairobi.

(No. M.O. 183.) 3rd March, 1915.
Your No. S. 244, 2nd March. We hope to supply charger loading rifles. Medical needs will be furnished also rations. Only single bell tents available, these will be sent if you cannot obtain better from India.

From General Officer Commanding, South Africa, to War Office.

(No. 36149.) 3rd March, 1915, 6.50 p.m.
With reference to your telegram No. 3377 of 2nd March. The "Usuzumbi" only arrives at Beira 7th March, as she was unexpectedly delayed. I have informed all concerned.

From Commander-in-Chief, India, to War Office.

(No. S. 4532.) 4th March, 1915, 1.35 p.m.
Indian ranks are recommended for rewards by I.E. Force B. Will these be received direct from Wapshare, or through you? It is important that they should be given early, as they are being or have been gazetted in the case of all other forces, and we recommend the former course as the quickest.

From General Officer Commanding, Ceylon, to War Office.

(No. 2137.) 4th March, 1915, 1.45 p.m.
With reference to your No. 3314, cipher, A. 3. The two remaining tripods are required to replace two on loan. The "Malwa" has arrived, and the instructions contained in your cable have been carried out.

From Commander-in-Chief, India, to War Office.

(No. S. 4570.) 4th March, 1915, 6.50 p.m.
With reference to General Wapshare's telegram of 18th February, No. S. 230, addressed to you. Do you wish India to supply the railway material and personnel which he asks for?

From General Officer Commanding, Cape Town, to War Office.

(No. 6150.) 4th March, 1915, 10.15 p.m.
With reference to my telegram No. 6140 of 3rd March. The steamer sailed at noon to-day and should arrive at Beira on Sunday night. Have informed all concerned.

From War Office to Major-General Wapshare, Nairobi.

(No. M.O. 185.) 5th March, 1915.
Your No. S. 245, 2nd March. Contingent should leave Beira about 8th March.

From War Office to Major-General Wapshare, Nairobi.

(No. M.O. 186.) 5th March, 1915.
Your No. 236, 2nd March. There was no necessity to repeat your telegram to India. Your No. 308/1, 2nd March. Admiralty authorizes Commander Thornley to appoint Grey and Jenkins to temporary commissions in Royal Naval Reserve. Full names and appointments to be forwarded by post to Admiralty for confirmation.

From Major-General Wapshare to War Office.

(No. 247.) 5th March, 1915, 10.40 a.m.
With reference to your telegram No. 3400 of the 5th. Does "Second Contingent" apply to the original one, or does it imply another one? Please telegraph full details with regard to water bags, mosquito nets, clothing, &c., as I must arrange if they are not provided.