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The Director of Military Operations presents his com

pliments to *The Under Secretary of State
for the Colonies*

and begs to forward for his information a copy of *Telegrams*

which have been received dealing with

operations in *East Africa*

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SECRET.

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

(No. S. 7251.)

9th April, 1915, 7.5 p.m.

With reference to your No. 3728, cipher, M.O. 1 (D), of 24th March. The supply of mules for the two Signal sections despatched from Force "B" to Basra has been arranged for.

From Major-General Wapshere, Nairobi, to the War Office.

10th April, 1915, 12.10 p.m.

Your No. 3854, 3rd of April. I hope that it is not because you disapprove of what I have done here that I am being transferred to the Persian Gulf. I feel great anxiety about the matter.

From War Office to High Commissioner, Pretoria.

(No. 3970, cipher. M.O. 236.)

10th April, 1915, 7.45 p.m.

Referring to your secret telegram of 13th March to the Colonial Office, we have carefully reviewed the general military situation with regard to operations against German East Africa, and we do not think it advisable that a seriously aggressive military policy should be adopted by the British forces on the German Rhodesian frontier or that operations involving an attack on New Langenburg or Bismarcksburg should be undertaken. Arrangements have been made for the British and Belgian Northern Congo troops to co-operate against the German forces in the Victoria Nyanza district in May & June. If some activity synchronizing with these movements were to be displayed on the Rhodesian frontier these operations would probably be facilitated, though as yet no definite plan of operations has been approved. We will inform you when anything has been decided.

From War Office to General Officer Commanding, Nairobi.

(No. M.O. 237.)

11th April, 1915.

Your No. 274 S. of 8th April. You are authorized to ask India for the necessary 10 miles of piping.

From War Office to General Officer Commanding, Mombasa.

(No. 3985.)

11th April 1915, 6.45 p.m.

The following are on board the transport "Neuralia," which left Plymouth to-day for Mombasa

31 officers...	...	} 25th Bn. Royal Fusiliers.
1,100 other ranks	...	
250 tons stores	...	

The "Neuralia" is due at Mombasa on 3rd May, and on 5th May will commence the return journey

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

(No. S. 7380.)

12th April, 1915, 1 p.m.

With reference to my telegram No. S. 6597 of 31st March, on the subject of rewards. I should be glad of a very early decision on the question.

From Major-General Wapshare to War Office.

(No. 551/1.)

12th April, 1915, 2.30 p.m.

With reference to your telegram No. 9985 of 11th April. Please telegraph if the 25th Bn. Royal Fusiliers are fully equipped, and whether they are provided with mosquito nets, chagals and tentage. Is the unit bringing any reserve ratsons?

From Earl Kitchener to Major-General Wapshare.

(No. 3992, cipher.)

12th April, 1915, 4.45 p.m.

Your transfer to Mesopotamia was not due to any dissatisfaction on my part at what you had already done in East Africa, but as active operations of some magnitude are taking place near Roma, and Tigris could carry on in East Africa where operations must be very restricted, I thought it better that you should be transferred to Mesopotamia.

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

(No. 561/1.)

12th April, 1915, 4.30 p.m.

Originally all censorship arrangements were placed in charge of General Malleson. As he was sent on Special Mission and is now taking command of Brigade, (see Tigris), I have selected Major Haslehurst, of the 29th Puffs, to take over all censorship arrangements, *vice* Malleson. Major Haslehurst is a fully qualified Staff Officer, and I strongly recommend that he be graded as General Staff Officer, 2nd Grade, with effect as from 7th March.

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

(No. 279.)

13th April, 1915, 4.35 p.m.

Please convey to Lord Kitchener my sincere thanks for his telegram, No. 3992, cipher, of the 12th instant.

From War Office to Major-General Wapshare.

(No. 4017, cipher. M.O. 1 (A).)

13th April, 1915, 3.30 p.m.

With reference to your No. 551/1 of 12th instant. The battalion is fully equipped and armed with non-charger loading 303-inch rifles sighted for Mark VI ammunition and bayonets. 220 rounds per rifle have been taken. No Maxims have been sent with the unit. Adequate tentage has been sent but not mosquito nets or chagals. The men have water-bottles, and have taken 60 days' reserve ratio.

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

(No. S. 7380.)

12th April, 1915, 1 p.m.

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From Major-General Wapshare to War Office.

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12th April, 1915, 2.30 p.m.

With reference to your telegram No. 9985 of 11th April. Please telegraph if the 25th Bn. Royal Fusiliers are fully equipped, and whether they are provided with mosquito nets, chagals and tentage. Is the unit bringing any reserve rations?

From Lord Kitchener to Major-General Wapshare.

(No. 5392, cipher.)

12th April, 1915, 4.45 p.m.

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

(No. 279.)

13th April, 1915, 4.25 p.m.

Please convey to Lord Kitchener my sincere thanks for his telegram, No. 3992, cipher, of the 12th instant.

From War Office to Major-General Wapshare.

(No. 4017 cipher. M.O. 1 (A).)

13th April, 1915, 3.50 p.m.

With reference to your No. 551/1 of 12th instant. The battalion is fully equipped and armed with non-charger loading .308-inch rifles sighted for Mark VI ammunition and bayonets. 220 rounds per rifle have been taken. No Maxims have been sent with the unit. Adequate tentage has been sent but not mosquito nets or chagals. The men have water-bottles, and have taken 60 days' reserve rations.