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Lord Kitchener's Telegram of  
May 4<sup>th</sup> would appear to refer  
to operations in the Luwanga  
District which it was proposed  
to carry out in June or July.

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This was I think a different plan from the  
to attack a Bandota, which is 100 miles across  
L. Victoria from Ruwanga & only 25 miles  
South of the Uganda boundary.

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From War Office to Major-General Tighe.

(No. 4651, cipher. M.O. 253.)

14th May, 1915.

Your No. 227/07, 3rd May. Your action re improvised signal section is confirmed. Your No. 270, 6th April. 18 visual signallers will leave England, 4th June, by direct Union-Castle steamer. Your No. 18/18/M., 8th May. India is arranging to send you medical personnel as requested.

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

(No. 4651, cipher. (M.O. 1 (A)))

14th May, 1915, 8.44 p.m.

With reference to your No. S. 9893. We are communicating with East Africa. The howitzer equipment need not be supplied.

From War Office to Major-General Tighe, Nairobi.

(No. 4652, cipher. M.O. 1 (A))

14th May, 1915, 9 p.m.

Your No. S. 286 of 21st April has been communicated to me by the Commander-in-Chief, India. In view of difficulties of supply of ammunition and the improbability of offensive operations against Taveta in the near future, I have said that I consider the howitzers need not be supplied.

From Earl Kitchener to Major-General Tighe.

(No. 4663, cipher. M.O. 237.)

14th May, 1915, 9.20 p.m.

In your No. S. 278 of 20th April you mention an attack upon Bukoba while Belgians threaten Ruanda from Kivu, and you say it is probable you could hold Bukoba with part of the troops in Uganda. Your No. S. 250 of 26th April also speaks of a movement on Bukoba in conjunction with Belgians, promising further report by post. Again in your telegram No. S. 238 of 9th May you speak of an expedition to take Bukoba at the end of this month of which further details will be submitted. We have not received these further reports. My view, however, is that you have not at your disposal a sufficient force to undertake offensive operations beyond your borders, and that your action should be confined to the defensive offensive. With the existing forces under your command it is unwise to embark on projects involving the occupation of German territory, and you should limit your endeavours to the protection of our own possessions. You should only give such assistance to Belgian troops as is compatible with the foregoing instructions.

From War Office to Major-General Tighe.

(No. 4664, cipher. M.O. 234.)

14th May, 1915, 10.5 p.m.

Belgian Government sends the following information regarding the strength and distribution of the Belgian Congo forces —

Tanganyika.—Scattered along eastern shore from Uvira to Mofiro, Major Stringlumber, headquarters, Albertville, 2,000 men, 16 field guns, 6 mountain guns, 12 machine guns, 3 heavy guns of position, at Albertville. Katanga area, Major Olsen, headquarters, Pweto, 2,000 men, 10 guns, 12 machine guns.

Kivu area.—Commandant Henri, headquarters, Kibati, 6,000 men, 8 machine guns, 9 Nordmahlite, 21 machine guns.

Lake Botilias.—Germans have ships, "Hedwig von Wissman," believed seriously damaged, also 2 tugs and many dhows. Construction of new German steamer, "Von Gotzen," believed delayed owing to non-arrival of machinery. Belgian steamer, "Alexander Delecommune," repaired and armed; also 2 small tugs and 3 launches armed with machine guns.

In artillery the Belgians have approximately 250 rounds per gun. Belgian infantry has 1,000 rounds per rifle. Arrangements are being made to maintain this ammunition supply.

From War Office to Major-General Tighe.

(No. 4669, cipher. M.O. 1 (A).)

15th May, 1915, 10.30 a.m.

Please cancel the last paragraph of my telegram of 14th May, No. 4651, cipher, and substitute the following:—

"With reference to your telegram, No. 270 of 6th April. The visual signallers will leave England by the first steamer available."