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Telegraphic correspondence as to operations.

See ~~29601~~ 29602 as to success of Bukoba operations. See G-Finder

As regards this paper, note in particular:

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From War Office to Major-General Tighe

(No. 5277, cipher M.S. 1.)

9th June, 1915, 11.10 p.m.

With reference to your No. 551/16: Subject to confirmation here, and provided that the approved establishments are not exceeded, we approve of your appointing retired officers and others available in East Africa to the Rhodesians and 25th Bn Royal Fusiliers.

From Base, Kilindini, to War Office.

(No. 2542)

11th June, 1915.

Purposer arrived 11th June from Bombay with details and scores for Force B

From Major-General Tighe to War Office.

(No. 228 O. 6.)

16th June, 1915, 11.45 a.m.

I trust that we may retain in the East African theatre for future use at Tanga, or Dar-es-Salaam and Taveta, the monitors and aeroplanes now in use at Rufigi. They would be quite invaluable. The Admiral, who cordially agrees, will himself recommend this course to the Admiralty.

From Major-General Tighe to War Office

(No. S. 305.)

16th June, 1915, 4.45 p.m.

Hostile patrol activity has increased during the current month, chiefly owing to the progress of the railway, now 5 miles from Maktau. Our patrols have more than held their own. I anticipate possibility of attacks on Maktau or Mzima; adequate measures have been taken against them. There have been several attempts on the railway; only two of them have been partially successful and the damage is slight. Loyal North Lancashires have only 40 per cent. fit, principally on account of fever at Karungu, from which place white troops are now excluded.

The Turkhana expedition has concluded very successfully in spite of the great natural difficulties. Will send full particulars at the end of the month.

The Bukoba expedition sails Kisumu on the 20th. The Naval Commander-in-Chief will attack the "Königsberg" at the same time, making a simultaneous feint landing at Dar-es-Salaam, for which I supply troops (two groups undecipherable) on transports.

My letter No. 301, amplifying my telegram No. 300 of the 30th May, has been sent Major Haslehurst who left 9th June, "Caucase". He is in my confidence and knows local conditions in British East Africa.

From Major-General Tighe to War Office.

(No. X 1.)

20th June, 1915, 7.40 p.m.

In British East Africa there is a considerable number of Boers, mostly loyal, but with a doubtful section. One of the latter, named Wessels, until recently serving as a captain in local force, had resigned with the intention of proceeding to South Africa. His loyalty has recently been under suspicion. An agent provocateur was therefore employed and Wessels accepted a document of military importance, undertaking to convey it to the enemy. The interview was partially overheard by another agent. Wessels was arrested after the lapse of 30 hours. He had burnt the document but kept notes of the contents. He stated he was about to bring the matter to my notice. The Judge Advocate-General considers that the case, although weak, might result in a conviction under martial law, but the prisoner must be allowed counsel. It is most important that the details of my secret service should not leak out, and the effect of

the trial on doubtful Boers might be harmful. I am convinced that the best course is deportation of Weasels, and I suggest South Africa, where he could be interned with rebel Boers and thus be prevented from communicating with British East Africa, which is most desirable. If this can be arranged, please telegraph.

From War Office to Major-General Tighe.

(No. 5635, cipher M.O. 285.)

21st June, 1915, 12.30 p.m.

Your No. X 1, 20th June. Have you obtained the opinion of the Governor on this subject?

From Major-General Tighe to War Office.

(No. 229 976.)

22nd June, 1915, 2.50 p.m.

Your No. 5636, cipher. After having heard all particulars the Governor agrees and remarks:—

"The result of the trial is uncertain, and would inevitably lead to the disclosure of particulars which would be detrimental to military interests."

Will you please confirm.

From Major-General Tighe to War Office.

(No. 214 O 25.)

22nd June, 1915, 2.50 p.m.

Your No. 958 of 21st May. Please give approximate details of water piping sent in "Matana." Can you let me know when rest of 20 miles may be expected. Urgently required.

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

(No. S. 12944.)

22nd June, 1915, 7.30 p.m.

In a letter dated 15th June, the General Officer Commanding Forces in British East Africa states that four 4.5-inch howitzers would help him in any attack on the Taveta fortifications. Do you wish them sent? We may be able to supply.

From Major-General Tighe to War Office.

(No. 786 A.)

22nd June, 1915, 4.25 p.m.

Sanction requested for 2nd Bn Loyal North Lancashire Regiment to be increased to 1,000. This will entail further requirement: 150 men and corresponding increase in non-commissioned officers. Battalion very much reduced in strength in consequence of firing detachments guns crews lake steamers, mounted infantry, Cole's scouts, improvised signal section. Question referred to India; reply, impossible to supply from there. Suggests application should be made War Office increased requirements.

From War Office to Major-General Tighe.

(No. 214, cipher M.O. 1A.)

23rd June, 1915, 5.40 p.m.

Your No. 214, O. 25, of 22nd June. The following are details of the water piping sent in the "Matana," 8th June:—

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