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Major Laggett Capt D.S.O.

1915

16 March

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Belgian Operations. military stores
Reports cancellation of shipment of arms
& ammunition from Lisbon.

Mr. Battagley, Mr. [unclear] Dr. J. Anderson.

I presume that Major Laggett refers to our telegram in 7304/15 "understand rifles cartridges from Lisbon and ~~Portuguese~~
not ready probably shipping early March."

- ① tel to ~~GENERAL~~ "General" 14.3.15 (copy)
by tel of 13 Feb. please inform Cos
B.P.A. Corporation that the 600000
rifles and 30000000 cartridges which were to
have left Lisbon early in Febry but missed
vessel not ~~now being loaded~~ are now definitely
cancelled as Portuguese authorities cannot
supply. <sup>11.4.15
Newport S.C. 1915
and act 24.3.15</sup>
- ② inform Major R. that we have done as
③ copies of Major Laggett's letter and our tel
to W.O. and E.O. Jan 15 L.F.E.

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British East Africa Corporation, Limited.

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MOMBASA,

BRITISH EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

90, GRESHAM HOUSE,

LONDON.

16/3/15

In your reply please refer
to No.Confidential

H. J. Reed Esq. C.B., Secretary,
Colonial Office SW.

Dear Read:

The Belgian Co. inform me that their anticipated
shipment of 6000 Mauser rifles & 3 million cartridges for
me, which were to have gone forward to Congo via
Monteira in February from Lisbon, which crossed the
Suez Canal in February, is now definitely cancelled, owing to the Portuguese
authorities finding that they could not supply the Belgian
Port. This very heavy shipment had been ^{cabled} advised by
you to East Africa, with regard to when our H. C. &
when the transport should be arranged. Please take
immediate advice with regard to this matter?

It will be of interest to you to know that in place
of the Portuguese Magazine, the Belgian Govt have been
presented with 20000 fresh rifles by the British Govt.
(the latter, with their ammunition, are being shipped direct
to the United) to Zanzibar, on the Celestial side, & are the
same to be issued to the natives. The Belgian authorities are now

2/12832/ Part A.P. Post.

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Personal

- On quota for Dr. Read's
signature

22 March 1915

Dear Leggett,

I received
~~enclosed~~ to you letter

DRAFT.

Major E.H.M. Leggett 230.

MINUTE.

Mr. Downing 20.3.15

Mr. Bottomley 20.3.15 5.2.

Mr.

Mr.

Sir G. Fiddes

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Islington.

Mr. Harcourt.

of the 16th and you will be glad to know that the information as it regard to the cancellation of the shipment of the 6,000 Mauser rifles and 3,000,000 cartridges for the Belgian Congo has been telegraphed to the Governor of the E.A.P.
For transmission to Cox

(Ed) H.P. Read

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PARAPHRASE

TELEGRAM. The Secretary of State for the Colonies to the
Governor of the West African Protectorate.

(Sent 11.40 a.m. 20th March, 1915.)

By telegram of 18th February.

Please inform the British West African
Corporation that the 8,000 Enfield rifles and
2,000,000 cartridges which were to have left Lissabon
early in February but missed boat are now definitely
cancelled as Portuguese authorities cannot supply.

HARBOUR

RONAL.

Downing Street,

22nd March, 1915.

Dear Leggitt,

I enclose your letter of the 16th and the information with regard to the cancelling of the shipment of the 8,000 Mauser rifles and 3,000,000 cartridges for the Belgian Congo has been telegraphed to the Governor of the East Africa Protectorate for transmission to Mr. Cox.

Yours sincerely,

J
(Sd) H. L. MAD.

E. H. M. LEGGITT, D.S.O.

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Downing Street,

22nd March, 1915.

Dear Leggett,

I received your letter of the 16th and the information with regard to the cancellation of the shipment of the 6,000 Mauser rifles and 3,000,000 cartridges for the Belgian Congo has been telegraphed to the Governor of the East African Protectorate for transmission to Mr. Fox.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd) H.J. READ.

E.H.M.LEGGETT, D.S.O.

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PERSONAL.
Downing Street,

22nd March, 1915.

Dear Leggett,

I received your letter of the 16th and the information with regard to the cancelling of the shipment of the 6,000 Mauser rifles and 3,000,000 cartridges for the Belgian Congo has been telegraphed to the Governor of the East Africa Protectorate for transmission to Mr. Gen.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd) H. D. READ.

R. H. M. LEGGETT, D.S.O.