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96, GRESHAM HOUSE,

LONDON, July 8th, 1915.

In your reply please refer to No.

dated July 7th (1915)

Dear Read,

Thank you for your confidential personal letter of yesterday, transmitting cable re the forwarding of the Moolaert Battery, all of which news we are to-day reporting to the Belgian Authorities.

We have to-day an official Note from M. Renkin at le Havre, informing us that Commandant Moolaert has cabled his report on the possibility of transporting motor boats overland to Lake Albert Edward, and that this is not practicable, and that the idea is accordingly abandoned.

The Havre Note further desires us to expedite the mules from Egypt to join Commandant Moolaert at Rutshuru with all possible despatch, as the battery is immobilised until they arrive. On this point, you may care to know that the 24 mules were reported by cable to us as ready to ship at Port Said last week, and that the "CLUNY CASTLE", on which pens had been built, was due at Port Said on 3rd. inst. and has no doubt sailed with the mules a few days ago. This will get them to Mombasa about 15th. inst., and they should reach Kampala by the 25th. at latest, on the kind action you took some weeks ago in cabling the Governor to facilitate their forwarding by rail. Our people at Kampala are all ready to forward them by road via Mbaza to Rutshuru at once on arrival. I think they should reach Rutshuru by the first week in August.

You may further care to know that we have advice by mail to-day from East Africa that on June 12th., the 25 Belgian sous-officiers who went out at end April passed through Port Portal under our conduct en route to Kivu with all loads complete,

and that our Port Portal depot was clear of Belgian Government
War Stores traffic on that day, all having been forwarded. 481

Yours sincerely,

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