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AFRICA PROTECTORATE
No. 345

April 28th 1915.

Sir.

I have the honour to transmit herewith for
favour of consideration by the War Office copies
of a letter and its enclosure from the Deputy Assistant
adjutant and Quarter-Master General, respecting
the status of the Uganda Railway Staff during the
continuance of hostilities.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

COVERNOR: Depay

he Right Henourable

Lewis Harcourt, P.C., E.P.,

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street,

London, S.W.

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COMMAND HEAD - QUARTERS,

B.E.A. and Uganda.

Nairobi, 26th April 1915

From

The Deputy Assistant Adjutant & Quarter-Master General. Command Head-Quarters.

I have the homour to forward the attached letter received from the Director of Railways.

The General Officer Commanding is against Military rank being given to the personnel of a purely Civil Railway: but at the same time, he fully agrees that some steps should be taken to place the Railway Staff on a satisfactory basis, as regards injury, or death caused by hostile acts.

The General Officer Commanding considers the best way to solve the difficulty, would be to make the General Provisions of F.S. Regulations Part 11, Section 142. (1) and (9), and Section 143 (8), applicable to the Uganda Railway, and suggests H. E. the Governor approaching the Coloniai office of the ball-off rethe wine he ruling being obtained from the War Office.

All details of grading could be arranged locally if sanction is obtained to apply the F.S.R

quoted

D.A.A. & Q.M.G. to the Hon: The Chief Secretary

quoted, to the Uganda Railway.

I have the honour to be,

Sir

Your obedient servant

C. F. Dobbs

The Hon'ble The Chief Secretary.

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Uganda Railway.

General Manager's Office.
Nairobi April 21st 1915.

To The

CHIEF STAFF OFFICER.

Headquarters. NAIROBI.

Sir.

Uganda Railway Staff.

In connection with the maintenance of the Railway Service during the period of the War in this country. I have the honour to lay before you the desirability of placing our staff, who are compelled by the nature of their duties, to travel over, examine and repair the permanent way etc etc, and and who therefore are exposed to the possibility of an attack by the enemy at any time, upon a satisfactory basis in the event of such a contingency arising.

Under existing conditions members of our staff are limble to be called upon to take defensive measures at any moment, and I consider it is only right that they or their dependents should be given any resultant lenging that the military are entitled to if wounded or milled in the discharge of their duties when on active service.

If my proposal will necessitate enquiry and consideration before it can be adopted. I would suggest that it be granted forthwith, as regards the whole of the Railway staff who are engaged in connection with the repairs to the bridge at mile 218 which has been the object of an attack by the

enemy.

enemy, and the diversion of the Railway at this point which is now in hand in order that the inconvenience caused by the temporary disorganisation of the service may be reduced to the smallest possible degree.

I have the honour to be.

Your obedient servant,

Director of Hailways Uganda Hailway.

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