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Three telegrams from General Aitken reporting as to situation and explaining as to his sources of information.

~~the Postmaster~~ ^{has sent} Dr. G. Fildes

The first telegram gives a general summary of the present position

= I suppose that the "Germans from the Zanzibar" left the island before the outbreak of war; otherwise it is difficult to see how they can have been allowed to leave. Why?

Part of ✓

Subsequent Paper

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The J. W. has left 19/11/14
Eglin 19/11/14
L. D. Johnston at once 19/11/14
H. J. R. 19/11/14
To see 20.11.14
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COPY OF TELEGRAM.

General Hickey

FROM

Mombasa 18th November 1914

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P.S.

The present situation is as follows. There are the following reliable troops in British East Africa:-

North Lancashire Regiment	6500
29 th Punjab	500
101 st Grenadiers	520
2 nd Warwick Rifles	560
3 rd " "	330
Kings African Rifles	1000

Total just under 4000 All are short of British

Officers and have very few mares. The operations mountain battery will be also considerably hampered by

Tse-tse fly

~~Indian~~ ^{India} and Short-pore Infantry would be useful enough if they had 4 British Officers each. 13th Rajputs will be employed in Uganda leaving here 19th November

Rampur Gwalior (now at Zanzibar), 98th & 13th unless for offensive, very doubtful in defensive but useful only as skilled laborers.

Enemy in force in Moshi Tanga district and in summer numbers about Vanga. Numbers at Longido not known

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FROM General Spence
DATED Malindi 16 November
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49-5. Re your telegram 13/7/02
was most reluctant to make the report on the
situation that I sent you but I do not
consider I should have been doing my duty
had I not put my carefully considered opinion
before you, fully endorsed as it was by the
responsible senior officer under me. Am working
out plans on general lines indicated in your
telegram above and have proceeded Nairobi to
consult Governor.

Everest hope if possible employment can
be found elsewhere in service for about
6 years here. British officers and especially staff
did fine work at Tanga and will be very
disappointed if unfortunate circumstances prevent
their further employment in service.

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FROM

General Buller

DATED

Natal - 13th September

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Re your telegram No 137

Numerous German officers were met by
 Reg of force, and many others met by wounded British
 officers and Medical personnel. Germans talking freely
 "Germans in Zanzibar should need Germans from Zanzibar"
 many other of whom my officers met at Tanga.