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February 13th 1934

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Confidential No 25

Sir,

In reply to your telegram of the 5th I have the honour to refer to the telegram of the 2nd of this month which reports as follows on the situation in the Harar country.

Intimation of active hostilities was received in a telegram from Serenli which arrived in a somewhat mutilated condition on the 11th. It reported serious hostilities in the Harar country.

Harar was escorted by Stanor and 150 men and 150 camels departed from Serenli for Goryanari January 12th.

Following on the 13th from Harar, January 12th, it is reported that a party of 200 men and 100 camels was moving towards Tarnwa.

Harar took leave of the party yesterday. The party consisted of 200 men and 100 camels.

Small parties of 20 men were taken by surprise and 100 camels were killed and wounded. Left Harar on the 13th at 2 p.m. determined to take the direct route to Tarnwa.

At our road camp the party stands till 5.30 p.m. Lieutenant Bastinck, Rifle Corps, severe frost.

Also two parties are being taken to Camel Harar. The party consists of 200 men and 100 camels.

King's African Rifles. As the party is moving towards Tarnwa.

LEWIS HARRISON, P. O., N. P.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

WORKING HOUSE - LONDON.

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in consultation with the Command of the Uganda Rifles. The report of the commanding officer of the Uganda Rifles regarding the requirements of the Uganda Rifles is above. It is required for Jubaland. The cost of half company base from Zanzibar to Mombasa Nairobi.

"To Governor, Uganda.

Position in Jubaland. Colonel Ward advises that three companies should proceed at once to Jubaland in readiness as possible reinforcements. I would be very grateful if you would agree. Further operations from this side must be postponed.

Colonial Office.

Having received information from Serenli which appears to be unsatisfactory though it is not final, I am about to obtain the loan of three companies of King's African Rifles from Uganda which I shall keep in Nairobi in case of emergency. The intended operations against the Turkana must be postponed. Colonel Graham is now on his way to Serenli.

The Governor of Uganda agreed with the proposal that three companies should be sent to Nairobi and they will leave on the 9th instant.

The following telegram was received from Serenli:-

Serenli, 4th February. Arrived yesterday. Strength as follows at Serenli. 280 rank and file includes

includes all camel corps. At Garre Banare 205 rank and file but Garre Banare has no transport whatsoever. Rer Tulna and Hassan are holding Farnywen Dur right across the road of advance to Garre Banara and anticipate severe fight to get through, we may not be able to force way through, Owing to transport being concentrated at Serenli Garre Banare cannot cooperate. If no action taken this dry season grave danger that other friendly tribes will join with Merenan which available information shows improbable at present, so have decided to move at once. In view of possibilities consider it necessary to despatch immediately to Yonti company of 1st Battalion, King's African Rifles, with three months' supply with 500 per rifle, women and children remaining at Nairobi, Company 1st King's African Rifles, Zanzibar, to hold themselves in readiness. Troops at Garre Banare have rations to middle of May, 300 rounds per rifle for maxia guns 10,000 per gun and will entrench position with water supply easily accessible. Civil authorities should be asked to make all arrangements for move of troops from Yonti either by camel or mules in case of necessity, very necessary another Medical Officer be despatched to Serenli without delay, would like Russell. Bentinck join as well as can be expected but still liable for anxiety. You please strain if civil authorities could arrange transport of ~~extra~~ stores and supplies Salugli if possible Serenli. In making contact steamers must remember there will be heavy normal relief of troops this year. Please expedite appointment Salutri and purchase of riding camels

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