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Belgian Operations against German East Africa
Forwarded desps from military attached to British Legation at Kavre giving latest information received by Belgian Post as to strength of German forces.

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No. 12319/15
The Under-Secretary of State,
Foreign Office,
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The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents
his compliments to the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies
and, by direction of the Secretary
of State, transmits herewith copies of the under-mentioned
paper.

Foreign Office,

Feb 2, 1915

Reference to previous correspondence:

Letter from Foreign Office: 87278/14 Dec 31, 14

Description of Inclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject
From: Minister Name No 27 Jan 30 15	Additional information respecting German forces in East Africa

(Similar letter sent to West Office)

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January 30th, 1915.

Sir:-

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With reference to Mr. Kidston's No.221 of the 24th ultimo, I have the honour to forward a despatch from Colonel Fairholme, Military Attaché to His Majesty's Legation, reporting the latest information received by the Belgian Government in regard to the German forces available in East Africa.

I have the honour, &c.,

(Signed)

F. H. Villiers.

The Right Honourable

Sir E. Gray, Bart., K.G., M.P.

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BRITISH LEGATION,

H A V R E.

30th January, 1915.

Sir:-

I have the honour to report, with reference to my despatch No.35 of 24th December 1914, that, according to the latest information received by the Belgian Government here, the strength of the German forces available in East Africa amounted, about three weeks ago, to:-

10 to 12,000 Black Troops,

3 to 5,000 White "

These figures have been obtained from the Commander of the Congo Troops at Kivu, who, I am informed, has always proved reliable in such matters.

I understand that no details of the distribution of these German forces, later than those contained in the note of which a translation was enclosed in my despatch above referred to, have been received by the Belgian Government.

I have the honour, &c.,

(Signed)

W. E. Fairholme.

Colonel, Military Attaché.

The Honourable

Sir F. Villiers, G.C.V.O., K.C.M.G.

&c., &c., &c.