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DIARY OF EVENTS

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From Outbreak of War ^{29/7/1914} 2/8/1914
To 25th NOVEMBER 1914.

ACTION IN AUSTRALIA.

Chief of the General Staff
(Commonwealth Forces)

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D I A R Y O F E V E N T S.

29th July, 1914.

Cablegram from Secretary of State for the Colonies -

"See preface Defence Scheme. Adopt precautionary stage. Names of Powers will be communicated later if necessary. (1877/9/1)".

30th July, 1914.

Cablegram from Secretary of State for the Colonies -
Received 3.35 p.m.

"With reference to warning telegram sent you, it is not intended that examination service should be enforced against ships although all necessary steps may be taken for its institution".

This communication was forwarded by the Official Secretary to the Minister of Defence. - dated, Sydney 31:7:1914.

31st July, 1914.

Major C.B. White (Director of Military Operations) left Melbourne by express (5.0 p.m.) to interview Minister of Defence in Sydney.

1st August, 1914.

Cablegram dated 1st August sent to Minister of Defence on 2nd August -

"See Defence Scheme. Enforce examination service at all Defended Ports".

Minister for Defence approves.

Naval Board to issue accordingly and first to notify Chief of the General Staff.

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2nd AUGUST 1914.

Sunday.

Message received from Prime Minister at 10.30 a.m. for responsible military officers to meet him at his office (Treasury Buildings)

The following officers attended:-

Mr. T. Trumble, Acting Secretary for Defence
Colonel H. W. Dangar, Chief of Ordnance
Lt-Colonel J. K. Forsyth, A/Quartermaster General
Major D. J. Glasfurd, Director of Military Training
Major E. H. Reynolds, Officer i/c Military Operations
Mr. J. B. Laing, Finance Member
Captain T. Griffiths, Secretary, Military Board
Colonel R. Wallace, Commandant, 3rd Military District
Major E. E. Harrison, General Staff Officer, 3rd "

The Prime Minister discussed with officers the arrangements for putting the precautionary stage into force.

Prime Minister directed all officers to stand by until communications from Minister of Defence were decoded.

Telegram received from Major White at Sydney

1.55 p.m. -

"Please issue instructions for adoption of precautionary stage at Defended Ports. Thursday Island Garrison not to leave Townsville without orders"

At 3.30 p.m. Prime Minister sent for Secretary, Major Reynolds and Captain Griffiths.

Telegram sent to all Military Commandants - 4.30 p.m.

"Adopt precautionary stage Defence Scheme"

Telegram to Commandant, 1st Military District - 4.30 p.m. -

"In connexion with message regarding precautionary stage troops detailed from mainland for garrison Thursday Island will be mobilized but not embarked until further instruction".

All members of Board were ordered to come into Headquarters.

Telegram from Major White in Sydney -

"Inform all Commandants that Naval Board is issuing orders for institution of Examination Service at all Defended Ports"

Telegram to all Commandants - 6.0 p.m.

"Naval Board is issuing orders for institution examination service at all defended Ports forthwith".

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3rd August 1914.

Telegram from Commandant, 1st Military District. 5.22 p.m.

"Advertisement published newspaper here for Austrian Reserves return home for Mobilization. Should they be allowed leave this State? "

Telegram to Commandant, 1st Military District. 10.30 p.m.

"Yes" (to above).

Cablegram from Secretary of State for the Colonies, lodged 7 p.m. 2nd August. -

"See preface Defence Scheme establish censorship. Use notification one omitting in paragraph 2 the words from 'Except telegrams' in line 3 to 'possessions' in line 5 inclusive".

Minister of Defence ordered action to be taken.

Telegram to Commandants, all Military Districts. 5 p.m. -

"Establish cable censorship from midnight tonight".

Letters to all Districts except 6th Military District confirming telegrams to adopt censorship.

Letter to Colonel J.W. McCay asking if he will accept position as Deputy Chief Censor.

Colonel J.W. McCay accepted position and took up duty as Deputy Chief Censor for Australia with office in room 64 Victoria Barracks.

Letter to Postmaster General's Department asking that all arrangements already agreed upon, be adopted to put censorship into force

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3rd AUGUST 1914.

Letter to Prime Minister's Department forwarding draft Order-in-Council for submission to and approval of His Excellency the Governor-General proclaiming the establishment of censorship over all cable and wireless communications throughout Australia and that Colonel J.W. McCay be appointed Deputy Chief Censor.

Proclamation to give effect to censorship (including the putting of the "precautionary stage" into force) was approved by the Executive Council.

Telegram to Commandant, 1st Military District - 2.30 p.m.

"Assume you understand that all shipping and supply arrangements for transfer of garrison to Thursday Island are to be proceeded with, but await orders for actual embarkation".

Telegram received from Commandant, 1st Military District - 3.45 p.m. -

"Officer commanding Defence ordered remain mainland until his command embark, instruction urgently required condition service and payment personnel required complete unit vide paragraph 30 Defence Scheme".

Telegram to Commandants, all Military Districts. 7.30 p.m.

"In continuation of censorship telegrams; notification number one will be used omitting in paragraph 2, words from 'except telegrams' in line 3 to 'possessions' in line 5 inclusive".

Telegram to Commandant, 5th Military District. 10.30 p.m.-

"Approve print proof post you".

(Referring to proof of Defence Scheme for 5th Military District posted 31st July last).

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3rd AUGUST, 1914.

Telegram from Commandant, 5th Military District. 10.30 p.m.

"Have embodied 4 officers and 7 other ranks
Citizen Forces as required by Defence Scheme".

Letter to Secretary Department External Affairs. (S.789)-
Requesting that message be sent to the Administrator of
the Northern Territory to call out and post cable guard
at cable landing place.

Letter to Secretary Department External Affairs. (S.797)-
Requesting that message be sent to Chief Magistrate
Norfolk Islands, to take all steps in his power for
protection of cable landing place.

Telegram from His Excellency the Governor of Western
Australia transmitted through Secretary Prime Minister's
Department, telephoned 8.10 p.m. -

"Eastern Extension Cable Company informs me that
Cable communications with House of Assembly,
Cottesloe Beach not guarded (against). Will
you see action (already taken) is taken."

Further Telegram from His Excellency the Governor of
Western Australia. -

"Former telegram sent on inaccurate information
submarine cable (3) properly guarded".

Telegram to Commandant, 1st Military District. 10.30 p.m.

"Action regarding officer commanding is
approved. Proclamation issued calling out forces.
Pay as laid down in Universal Training
Regulation 159 pending Ministerial decision".

4th AUGUST 1914

Letter from Secretary Prime Minister's Department

showing that His Excellency the Governor-General has been requested to cable to the Secretary of State for the Colonies that censorship of all cable and wireless communications has been adopted from 5 p.m. on 3rd August, and that Colonel J.W. McCay has been appointed Deputy Chief Censor in Australia.

Telegram to all District Commandants. 11.45 a.m.

"Report progress war measures daily"

Telegram from Prime Minister's Department, 8.40 a.m.

"With reference to warning telegram in view of the strained relations with Germany be on your guard against the possibility of attack in advance of any formal declaration of war. Understand clearly that this is not war telegram"

Telegram from Commandant, R.M. College - 11 a.m. -

"Can supply number highly suitable staff cadets as junior officers to assist central administration or District Commandants. Reply at once if I shall visit Melbourne with proposals"

Cable from War Office, London - 11.3 a.m. (W 100/1/1)

" 4284 Could Commonwealth Government nominate if required candidates for commissions in British Regular Army as follows from Royal Military College Australia. 20 to be shared by Australian and New Zealand Cadets not less than 18½ years of age who have completed at least three years period of course. On nomination ^{of} _{to} Governor-General 20 who are qualified or would be likely to qualify under existing regulations for obtaining commissions from Dominion Forces. If so will you secure names satisfy yourself as to the suitability of etcetera and arrange medical examination of. If mobilization is ordered names should be telegraphed and branch of service for which recommended. Forwarding of names would ~~guarantee~~ be guarantee of commission. New Zealand informed of offer to R.M.C. Cadets. Colonial Office approves".

Telegram to all District Commandants. 11.45 a.m.

"Cypher R to be used on all operation messages"

Letter from Naval Secretary -

"Code messages on Government Service for transmission by wireless telegraphy from Thursday Island will be prefixed by code word "Glynhunt". You are to certify accordingly to censor for each message".

Naval Secretary informs Secretary for Defence that censorship of wireless communications was put into force on 5.5 p.m. 3/8/1914.

4th AUGUST, 1914. (Ctd.)

Letter from Secretary Department of External Affairs -

stating that guard has been mounted at cable landing place Northern Territory.

Telegrams to Commandants all Military Districts. 11.45 a.m.

"Defer all Schools, Camps and Examinations indefinitely"

Telegram to District Commandant, 2nd Military District and also to O.C., R.A.G.A. Newcastle. (12.20 p.m.).

"Cooperate with Naval authorities at Newcastle in any action necessary to detain German colliers".

Telegram to Commandant, 1st Military District. 1.10 p.m. -

"Can you give estimate of time when you will be prepared to embark Thursday Island garrison".

Telegram to Colonel Legge. 1.40 p.m. -

"Minister wishes you to come overland from Adelaide".

Telegram to Commandant, 2nd Military District. 2.45 p.m. -

"In case occasion arises be prepared with arrangements to despatch one section Infantry under a good officer to Norfolk Island for protection of cable landing place".

Telegram to Commandant, Royal Military College. 2.45 p.m. -

"Your proposals under consideration. No need to come to Melbourne".

Telegram from Commandant, 4th Military District. -

"Police cannot guard wireless. Have established small infantry guard".

Telegram to Commandant, 4th Military District. - 4.10 p.m.

"Approving of infantry guard".

4th AUGUST, 1914. (Ctd.)

Telegram from Commandant, 4th Military District. 6.55 p.m.

"Precautionary stage in force. Departments have work well forward. Civil transport warned for service. Cable censorship established."

Telegram from Commandant, 4th Military District. 7.0 p.m.

"Cable censor list reduced through absence or health. Please add following names there Colonels Hampson Sand (or any) Adams Majors Schomberg, Keau, and Stuart. Captains Olifent and Willecox".

Telegram from Commandant, 1st Military District. 7.30 p.m.

"Censorship established owing to the cable coming through Brisbane have made arrangements for censorship staff as follows - 1 censor and 2 assistants at Brisbane one assistant Southport one censor Mon Repos."

Telegram from Commandant 1st Military District. 8.20 p.m. -

"State Hydraulic Engineer informs the water supply at Thursday Island satisfactory. Am waiting reply from Thursday Island".

Telegram from Commandant, 2nd Military District. 8.25 p.m.
(W.323/3/3)

"All measures taken according instructions everything proceeding smoothly. Officers commanding Newcastle cannot decipher without R. order forwarded him from here accordance your O.a 39 by sliding alphabet. O.a 40 Special as repeated here undecipherable please repeat. No orders yet received in Defence Scheme preface C treatment of enemy's shipping but provision in force with instruction issued to District Naval Officer."

(O.a 39 and O.a 40 are similar and read as follows :-

Co-operate with Naval authorities at Newcastle with any action necessary to detain German colliers).

Telephonic communication between Major Reynolds and O.C., R.A.C.A. Newcastle at 8.45 p.m. regarding code and decided to post copy of Slater's with instructions.

Copy of Slater's Code with instructions posted to Newcastle

Telegram to all District Commandants 8.50 p.m. forwarding additional instructions to cable censors.

5th AUGUST 1914.

Telegram from Commandant, 2nd Military District. 12.10 a.m.
(W.246/3/6).

"Absolutely necessary relieve guards table two
D defence scheme now found by R.A.G.A. in
order that guns may be effectively manned.
Approval required mobilization of sufficient
26th Infantry for this purpose."

Telegram from Commandant, 1st Military District. 12.35 a.m.

"Garrison Artillery Townsville in camp today
and Charters Towers and Townsville Infantry
in camp tomorrow remainder assembled. Rifle
Club called out to complete establishment.
Equipment and Stores left Brisbane today (4th)
Precautionary stage Lytton. Establishment
of Command Communications nearly complete".

(copy taken to Minister).

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3rd AUGUST 1914.

Telegram to 1st Military District Commandant. 10.35 a.m.
3:8:1914.

"Cause fullest enquiry to be made regarding provision of steamer transport and supplies for Thursday Island garrison so that if required immediate action can be taken to provide same. Acknowledge receipt".

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4th AUGUST 1914.

Telegram from Commandant, 1st Military District. 8.40 p.m.

"G.713 Kanowna available transport Thursday Island garrison and store can leave Townsville 10th provided General Manager A.U.S.N. informed at once. Cost £4250".

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5th AUGUST, 1914.

Telegram from Commandant, 2nd Military District. 12.10 a.m.
(W.246/3/6).

"Absolutely necessary relieve guards table two D defence scheme now found by R.A.G.A. in order that guns may be effectively manned. Approval required mobilization of sufficient 26th Infantry for this purpose".

Telegram from Commandant, 1st Military District. 12.35 a.m.

"Garrison Artillery Townsville in camp today and Charters Towers and Townsville Infantry in camp tomorrow remainder assembled. Rifle Club called out to complete establishment. Equipment and Stores left Brisbane today (4th). Precautinary stage Lytton. Establishment of Command Communications nearly completed.

(copy taken to Minister).

Telegram from Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 4th August 1914. 1.45 p.m. transmitted through Official Secretary to His Excellency the Governor-General and received at Head-quarters. 7.30 a.m.

"Referring to your telegram 3rd August His Majesty's Government greatly appreciate prompt readiness of your Government place Naval Forces of the Commonwealth at disposal of Admiralty and generous offer to equip and maintain expeditionary force. Will telegraph later on the latter point".

Telegram from Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 4th August, 3.5 p.m. transmitted through Official Secretary to His Excellency the Governor-General.

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"Though there seems to be no/necessity for any request on our part for expeditionary force from Australia I think that your Ministers would be wise in view of their generous offer to take all necessary administrative steps by which they would be enabled without delay to provide such a force in case it should hereafter be be any contagion!

N.B. This message is endorsed by Cable Company
"Correction is to follow".

Letter forwarded to the Official Secretary to the Governor-General requesting that the following cablegram be forwarded to the Secretary of State for the Colonies :-

"Re your cable 4th August it would greatly facilitate preparation here if desired composition, divisional or otherwise of expeditionary force is indicated".

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Telegram to censors each District. 11.30 a.m. (W.363/1/13).

"Have you received and at what hours respectively instructions sent from here yesterday through Commandant relating to censoring of cablegrams and instructions direct from Deputy Chief Censor relating to list of Banks."

Telephone message. 12.20 p.m.

"Captain Castle (Naval Board) asks if Military Authorities will please take all necessary action for stopping temporarily the German steamer "Pfalz" at Port Phillip Heads".

Telephone message repeated to Major Harrison, G.S.O. 3rd Military District at 12.25 p.m.

Telephone message received 12.27 p.m. -

"Minister has instituted detention service at all ports. Military authorities must be prepared to give Navy all assistance."

Letter to Censor, 3rd Military District. 1 p.m.

"Forwarding list of Banks in Victoria authorised to despatch and receive remittance cablegrams containing one code group in each message indicating the amount remitted".

Telegram to Commandant, 2nd Military District. 1.0 p.m. -

"Approval is granted for mobilizing small guards from 26th Infantry".

Telegram to all Commandants. 1.0 p.m. -

"In view probability of expeditionary force be prepared with scheme for purchase horses in short space of time available for shipment. (Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Fremantle or Hobart) Keep arrangements quiet. Writing in amplification".

Telegram to Commandant, 1st Military District. 1.0 p.m. -

"Time mentioned too slow. Garrison is now to be put into Thursday Island in shortest possible time. Get other ship if necessary".

Telephone message from 3rd Military District. 1.10 p.m.-

"Steamer "Pfalz" stopped and returning to Melbourne".

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To all Commandants. - 1.20 p.m. -

"Adopt War Stage of Defended Ports Defence Scheme against Germany".

Telegram to Commandant, 2nd Military District. 1.30 p.m. -

"Close School of Musketry and return personnel for duty in Districts. Employ Heritage and school staff as you desire".

Telegram to Commandants, all Districts. 1.50 p.m. -

"Detention service instituted at all ports. Military authorities must be prepared to give Navy all assistance".

To all Commandants. 2.20 p.m. -

"Regarding treatment of neutral and enemy's merchant shipping. The Order-in-Council against Germany has been promulgated. Will you therefore give effect to the instructions accordingly. "

To all Commandants, 2.20 p.m. -

"Wire at once the names of officers detailed for cable censorship staff".

Telegram to Commandant, 1st Military District. 2.40 p.m. -

"In case of transport being provided for troops arrange to convey all 6" cartridges and all cartridges and Lyddite Shell Q.F. 4.7" from Townsville to Thursday Island".

Telephone message from Secretary of Defence. 4.45 p.m. -

"Instruct Commandant, 2nd Military District to place a guard on Small Arms Factory at Lithgow".

Telephone message to Commandant, 2nd Military District. 5 p.m.

"Instructing him to place guard over Small Arms Factory at Lithgow".

All Districts. 5.15 p.m. -

"District Head-quarters organization is not to be changed unless first plan of concentration is effected".

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All Districts. 5.15 p.m.

"Collect all Small Arms Ammunition now with units detailed to Field Army and Field Force and restrict all rifle practice to embodied units."

Telegram to Commandant, 2nd Military District. 5.15 p.m. -

"Telegram in this morning's "Age" from Sydney states customs officers have been instructed to detain all German vessels in Sydney and Newcastle. Minister wishes to know source of information if necessary enquire Customs Department".

Telegram to Commandant, 1st Military District. 5.15 p.m. -

"Telegram in this morning's "Age" from Thursday Island re precautions taken there and referring to two German warships. Minister wishes to know how such information comes to be published."

Telegram to all Collectors of Customs. 5.15 p.m. -

"Reference Article 3 of Order-in-Council allow departure enemy's merchant ships till midnight on 4th August. Public notice issued bringing into effect Articles 3 to 8".

Letter to Controller-General of Trade and Customs. -

"Informing him promulgation of Order-in-Council respecting treatment of neutral and enemy merchant shipping and that telegrams have been despatched to Collectors of Customs at places shown below authorising them to effect the instructions for the treatment of neutral and enemy merchant shipping :-
Thursday Island, Cairns, Townsville, Rockhampton, Gladstone, Brisbane, Newcastle, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Port Pirie, Albany, Fremantle, Hobart, Launceston".

Letter to Commandant, 1st Military District. -

"Referring to purchase of remounts".

Letter to Principal Medical Officers, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th
Military Districts. 6.5 p.m. -

"Requesting information as to supply of ambulance equipment".

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Letter to Secretary, Prime Minister's Department. 6.5 p.m.

"Referring to Colonial Office secret letter of 5th July 1912 (P.M. 1912/1038/5), requesting that a cablegram be sent to the Secretary of State for the Colonies informing him that the Examination Service has been put into force at the undermentioned ports as from the 5th August 1914 :-

Sydney (including Port Jackson)
Melbourne(" " Phillip)
Brisbane
Port Adelaide
Fremantle
Hobart
Thursday Island
Newcastle.

Letter to Secretary Prime Minister's Department. 6.5 p.m.

"Recommending that a cablegram be sent to the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the following effect :-

"Order-in-Council issued detaining enemy's merchant ship from midnight 4th August in consequence war telegrams". "

Letter from Mr. Balsillie. -

"Asking that arrangements be made to guard the Maritime Wireless Works at Randwick and the factory of the Amalgamated Wireless, Sydney."

Telephone message to Commandant, 2nd Military District. 6.10 p.m.

"Instructing him to post guards over the Maritime wireless works at Avoca Street Randwick and also at the factory of Amalgamated Wireless Sydney".

Telegram from Collector of Customs, Newcastle. 6.15 p.m.

"The following sailing vessels have been detained - Ferin (Norwegian) 1899 tons, Carl Rutgert Vinnen 2768 tons (German), Susan Vinnen 2597 tons (German) Olinda 1769 tons (German) Wotan 2408 tons (German)."

Telegram to Commandant, 1st Military District. 6.45 p.m.

"Not necessary to ship Thursday Island garrison all in one ship. Very desirable to get at least two companies at War Station earliest moment".

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Commandants, all Districts . 6.45 p.m.

"Press censorship not to be established at present."

Telegram from Collector of Customs at Port Adelaide. 7.20 p.m.

"Have detained German merchant steamer Scharzfiels, 5530 tons.

Letter to Commandant, 3rd Military District. 7.45 p.m. -

"Confirming telephonic message to place a military guard over the Colonial Ammunition Company's works at Footscray."

Letter to Commandant, 2nd Military District. 8.0 p.m.

"Instructing him to post guards over :-

- (i) Small Arm Factory at Lithgow.
- (ii) Maritime Wireless works at Avoca St.
Randwick.
- (iii) Factory at Amalgamated Wireless, Sydney.

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Letter to all Commandants. 12 noon.

"Captains of rifle Clubs to be informed as to personnel to be supplied by Rifle Clubs to Citizen Forces on mobilization".

Wire from Detaining Officer, Brisbane. 4.25 p.m. -

"German steamer Canstaff 5900 tons. 18000 bags wheat shipped Sydney for Messina detained."

Wire from Detaining Officer, Brisbane. 4.25 p.m. -

"German merchant steamer "Sydney" sailed Saturday Hamburg. Java, concentrates and flour."

Wire from Collector of Customs, Fremantle. 5.45 p.m. -

"German "Stolberg" merchant vessel cleared for Tialliolli still anchor roadstead on board 1600 tons coalbunkers apart general cargo".

Wire from Collector of Customs, Sydney. 5.45 p.m. -

"German steamer "Segdlitz" cleared Sydney today bound Antwerp. Copra, Cocoa, Kauri gum, Oats, Hides, arc and bar copper".

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4th AUGUST 1914.

Letter to Commandant, 3rd Military District. - 3.15 p.m.

"Members of Citizen Forces employed at the Cordite Factory not to join their Units, but will remain at the Factory and that Senior Cadets employed at the Factory are not to be required to attend drills".

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Commandants, all Districts. 6.45 p.m. -

"Press censorship not to be established at present".

Telegram from Collector of Customs at Port Adelaide. 7.20 p.m.

"Have detained German merchant steamer Scharnfeld, 5530 tons."

Telegram from Commandant, 4th Military District. 7.20 p.m.

"Precautionary stage communication and work progressing. Orders issued for war stage port defence; camp equipment supplied and advance parties camp tonight. Censorship satisfactory."

Letter to Commandant, 3rd Military District. 7.45 p.m. -

"Confirming telephonic message to place a military guard over the Colonial Ammunition Company's works at Footscray".

Telegram from Commandant, 2nd Military District. 7.50 p.m.

"Consultation with Principal Medical Officer recommend stationary hospital formed Sydney clearing hospital Newcastle accordance defence scheme cost about fifteen hundred. May approval be given."

Letter to Commandant, 2nd Military District. 8.0 p.m. -

"Instructing him to post guards over :-

- (i) Small Arms Factory at Lithgow.
- (ii) Maritime Wireless works at Avoca St. Randwick.
- (iii) Factory at Amalgamated Wireless, Sydney."

Letter from Secretary Department of ~~XXXX~~ External Affairs forwarding copy of telegram received from Lieutenant-Governor of Papua at 12.15 a.m.

"Is there any prospect of Great Britain being involved. If so attempt possibly may be made to get possession of wireless telegraph station Port Moresby. Would be glad of any instructions or information".

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Telegram to Commandant, 1st Military District. 9.40 p.m.

"How many rounds rifle ammunition per man are you providing for Thursday Island garrison".

Telegram from Commandant, 2nd Military District. 10.25 p.m.

"Progress Report. Action taken on instruction received with reference to the war stage defended ports defence scheme; Newcastle warned accordingly.

Hawkesbury full strength.

District mobilization orders in course of revision; in the allotment of troops table 1914-1915 I have transferred eight A.S.C. to a defended port reserve vice sixth A.S.C."

Telegram from Commandant, 6th Military District. 11.30 p.m.

"Am acting on your O a one hundred and two relative to ammunition but please confirm in cypher as suspicious of authenticity".

To Commandants, all Military Districts. - 11.45 p.m.

"At present troops required for garrisoning defended ports and guards will turn out less 1896 quota recruits".

The following was forwarded Commandant, 1st Military District in addition -

"You may exercise your own discretion in applying this instruction to Thursday Island garrison".

Letter to Secretary, Department of External Affairs. -

"Requesting that Lieutenant-Governor of Papua may be informed that :-

"Instructions have been given to Officer-in-charge, Wireless Station, Port Moresby as requested in your telegram of 4th August."

Letter to Secretary, Postmaster-General's Department :-

Requesting instructions be given to Officer i/c Wireless Station, Port Moresby to keep the Lieutenant-Governor of Papua informed of all wireless messages he may hear in connection with the European situation".

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Letter to Naval Secretary :-

Informing him that Department of External Affairs has been asked to despatch the following telegram to the Lieutenant-Governor of Papua :-
"War declared with Germany. Take steps for protection of wireless station".

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From Commandant, 5th Military District. 12.35 a.m. -

"Precautionary stage completed satisfactory progress made with mobilization of defended ports. Consider it necessary to mobilize 12th Garrison Artillery and one company 88th Infantry for Defence of Albany. First stage of mobilization for Fremantle and Albany defended ports will be completed on 6th."

From Commandant, 1st Military District. 1.30 a.m. -

"Expect Kanowna leave Townsville early Friday morning with 1000 troops and with stores. Ascertained ample food and water at Island".

Telegram from Collector of Customs, Brisbane. 2.15 a.m. -

"German subject named Ferdinand Kabus states he is commercial traveller and has papers shewing he was allotted to German Landsturm. Leaves here tomorrow morning's train for Sydney under police surveillance. Ordered to report to Commandant Sydney who informed."

From Commandant, 1st Military District. 3.20 a.m. -

Daily Progress Report. -

War measures adopted as follows :-
Defended ports notified war stage Garrison Troops leaving Townsville early Friday. Mobilization of the Lytton defence troops proceeding detention service instituted Brisbane Thursday Island Gladstone notified".

Letter to Secretary to the Treasury. 10.15 a.m. -

"Referring to letter of Secretary of Defence No.14917 relative to increased Warrant Authority and Annual Advances for Queensland, further developments have now taken place which render it apparent that each State will require at least the whole of the Warrant Authority already issued under Divisions 75/1 and 77/1. It would therefore be inadvisable to effect any reduction in the existing Warrant Authorities under these divisions and as an additional £15,000 is required immediately in Queensland there appears to be no alternative but to request that the instructions already issued by you to the Authorising Officers concerned may be cancelled and that the Authorising Officer, Military Forces Queensland may now be authorised by wire to charge Treasurer's advance with following sums :-

Division 75/1 - Universal Training,		
- Pay. -		£11,000
" 77/1 - Camps.		4,000
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		£15,000

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Telegram from Wright. 10.30 a.m. -

"Charger setting machine should arrive Melbourne passenger train Friday afternoon. Suggest we send man to fix up and teach operators. Wire reply first thing Thursday morning."

Letter to Secretary, Prime Minister's Department. 11.40 a.m. -

"stating that at least 5,000 horses will be required for the expeditionary force and suggesting that the various State Premiers be asked to arrange for a number of police horses to be transferred to Defence Department."

Telegram to Collector of Customs, Newcastle. 12.5 p.m. -

"See paragraph 12 of instructions and wire particulars detention Norwegian Ferns".

Telegram from Commandant, 1st Military District. 12.30 p.m. -

"580 rounds rifle ammunition per man provided for Thursday Island garrison."

Letter to all Collectors of Customs and Controller-General of Customs. 12.45 p.m. -

"Forwarding copy of Commonwealth Gazette No.51 dated 5:8:1914, containing proclamation relative to the treatment of neutral and enemy's merchant ships in time of war".

To all Commandants. 1.15 p.m. -

"Instructed that Senior Cadet Training and Universal training administration are to be continued and that Area Officers and one Staff Sergeant-Major Instructor in each Area are not to be detailed for any other military duty."

Letter to Prime Minister's Department. 1.15 p.m. -

"Requesting that Secretary of State for the Colonies may be advised that the following German ships have been detained -

At Brisbane. - steamers Canstatt & Prinz Sigismund.
At Sydney. - sailing vessels Athene, steamers Melbourne, Osnabruck, Germanic, Stolzenfels, Tiberius, Sumatra.
At Newcastle. - sailing vessels Rutgut Vinnen, Susan Vinnen, Olinda, steamer Wotan.
At Port Adelaide. - steamer Scharzfels.
At Hobart. - Oberhausen.
At Melbourne. - steamer Pfalz.

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Telegram to Commandant, 2nd Military District. 1.25 p.m.

"(Re progress report of 5th.) Your amendment in allotment of troops approved and noted".

Letter from Secretary Prime Minister's Department -

"stating that Premiers of the several States have been requested to make arrangements for the transfer of the horses of the police force to the Defence Department".

Telegram from Commandant, 2nd Military District. 2.0 p.m. -

"Instruction re not calling up 1896 quota acted upon. This means a reduction about 30 per cent the 8th Brigade."

Letter to Mr. L.W. Craw.

"Regarding the "Army Service Ration" and requesting if he could supply 25,000 tins containing meat, biscuits, tea and sugar, and to quote price."

Letter to Commandant, 3rd Military District and telegram to all Commandants. 2.30 p.m. -

"The instructions to the treatment of neutral and enemy's merchant ships in time of war are to be amended as follows :-

Appendix 7 para. 3 insert new sub-paragraph two as follows :-

Aeroplanes, airships, balloons, and aircraft of all kinds and their component parts together with accessories and articles recognizable as intended for use in connection with balloons and aircraft.

Make original sub-paragraph 2 sub-paragraph 3 and renumber following sub-paragraphs.

In paragraph 5 omit sub-paragraph 8 and renumber following sub-paragraphs.

Naval Secretary also informed, Controller-General of Customs."

Telegram from Commandant, 6th Military District. 3.0 p.m. -

"Wire rate of pay troops enlist to complete establishment according defence scheme".

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Letter to Secretary Department External Affairs requesting that following telegram be sent to the Lieutenant-Governor of Papua :-

"War declared with Germany. Take steps for protection of wireless station".

Letter to Commandants, 2nd and 3rd Military Districts. 3 p.m.

"Informing him that provision has been provided for the appointment of a temporary Assistant Director of Remounts and that the services of an officer to carry out the duties appertaining to such appointment will be allotted to Districts immediately the occasion demands".

Letter to Prime Minister's Department. 3.35 p.m. -

"Requesting that the advice and assistance of Mr. R.J. Lewis, Chief Inspector of Explosives, may be placed at the disposal of this Department whenever necessary during the present crisis."

To Commandant, 2nd Military District. 3.53 p.m. -

"Expenditure indicated on general and clearing hospitals cannot be approved until details and further particulars of proposed action are submitted".

Telegram to Commandant, 2nd Military District. 3.55 p.m.

"Please arrange for taking over temporarily wireless station Randwick. Operating room to be locked up and suitable arrangements used to prevent any use being made of apparatus".

Telegram to Principal Medical Officer, 1st Military District. 5.5. p.m. -

"Yours re anti-typhoid vaccination troops Thursday Island approved. Vaccination to be carried out by units at such intervals as you may approve".

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From Secretary External Affairs.

"Cablegram from High Commissioner's Office, London, dated 5th instant forwarded through Secretary External Affairs. -

"Departure of Orient S. M. Company's 'Oranto' August 14th cancelled. Admiralty have taken ship. General Post Office report mail cannot be sent now through Italy and probably not to Marseilles."

From Collector of Customs, Newcastle. 4.50 p.m.

"Norwegian barque Fern detained under instructions from Sub-District Naval Officer who acted under instructions from Sydney. She was loaded with coal by German Consul."

From Collector of Customs, Hobart. 4.50 p.m. -

"Owner cargo timber on 'Oberhausen' desires discharge. Master objects. Can Government compel him discharge as being timber could be used fuel."

To Secretary, Prime Minister's Department. -

"Requesting that a cablegram be transmitted to the Secretary of State for the Colonies advising him of the receipt of his cablegram of 5th instant relative to Oversea Defence Committee's Memo. No. 446 M. Appendix II and at same time informing him that necessary action has been taken".

To Secretary, Prime Minister's Department. -

"Requesting following cablegram be forwarded to Secretary of State for the Colonies -

"New proclamation with dates and amendments given in your cablegrams (2) of 5th instant issued today relative to treatment of enemy's merchant ships."

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To Principal Medical Officers, all Military Districts. -

"Requesting a return on mobilization showing units, personnel, horses, vehicles, and equipment, together with the opinion of the Principal Medical officer as to the general fitness of the unit for service."

Telegram from Collector of Customs, Fremantle. 6.25 p.m.

"German merchant vessel Greifswald detained 5486 tons, about 15(knots ?) last port of call Suez master states unaware war".

Telegram from Commandant, 1st Military District. 8.5 p.m. -

"Am relieving the following censors and assistant censors of their duty and have appointed the following instead today. Lieut-Colonel T. Pye, vice Moore. Captain O'Meara vice Houghton and Captain A.J. Gibson vice Gostling".

Telegram from Commandant, 4th Military District. 9.35 p.m.

"G one your On 36 Precautionary stage entanglements and communications progressing. One stage mobilization personnel defended port troops completed".

To Secretary, Post Master General's Department - 10.0 p.m.

"Asking if services of Captain J. Heeketh, Chief Electrical Engineer may be made available to the Defence Department as Assistant Director of Army Signals."

To Secretary, Prime Minister's Department. -

Requesting that following cable be forwarded to Secretary of State for the Colonies -

"Proclamation Appendix 3 Colonial Defence Committee's Memo. enclosed in your despatch 5th May with amendments given your cable 4th August published today".

To Secretary, prime Minister's Department. 10.0 p.m.

"Asking if Premier of Victoria be requested to arrange for Senior Constable W. Smith of Police Department to be placed temporarily at the disposal of the Defence Department".

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To Collector of Customs, Brisbane. 10.30 p.m.

"Re Constatt undertaking required from members of crew if enemy nationality. See para. 2 of proclamation published in Commonwealth Gazette of yesterday. Supply of forms being sent."

To Collector of Customs, Hobart. 10.30 p.m.

"Officers and crew of Oberhausen may be allowed to land provided they give the undertaking given in Appendix 9 of instructions".

To Collector of Customs, Hobart. 10.30 p.m.

"Oberhausen to be detained subject to instructions contained proclamation published Commonwealth Gazette of this date, a copy of which is being forwarded to you".

To Collector of Customs, Sydney. 10.30 p.m. -

"Detain ship referred to pending enquiry. Send full particulars size, cargo, wireless and any other important details."

From Commandant, 3rd Military District. 11.15 p.m. -

A wireless plant dismantled for not complying with orders. An issue of the Herald newspaper suppressed and paper ordered not to be re-issued until matter referring to movements of fleet be deleted. Flinders cable guard mounted. 46th Infantry relieved all guards. Mobilization proceeding smoothly but shortage in number owing to exclusion of 1896 quota."

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Cable to High Commissioner, London.

"Owing to uncertainty of public press news Government of Commonwealth Of Australia wish you will send by cable war news as circumstances suggest".

From Official Secretary to the Governor-General. - Cablegram received from Noumea, (not dated nor signed). 11.10 p.m.

"Telegram to Brisbane did not emanate from me. Local authorities here regard rumour respecting four ships without foundation".

(Information telephoned to Navy Office 11.10 p.m.)

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Telegram from Commandant, 1st Military District. 1.20 a.m.

"G.39 continuation my G 37 Detailed state Thursday Island Garrison on Kanowna Artillery six officers one hundred and five others infantry twenty seven and five hundred and ninety-two medical three and forth eight supply one and seven transport complete food supply one month.

Cairns embarked infantry ~~XXXXX~~ five officers three hundred and ninety-nine others.

Lytton garrison permanent artillery two and forty five militia artillery three and forty one engineers four and thirty six infantry thirty three and three hundred and six seven army service one and seven medical two and twenty nine"

Telegram from Commandant, 4th Military District 1.20 a.m.

"Manager Eastern Telegraph Company reports that one cable interrupted between Port Darwin and Bangoe-wangie second cable in working order!"

(Naval Secretary informed 5.30 p.m.)

Telegram from Collector of Customs, Fremantle. 2.40 a.m. -

"Your W 113 interpreted as direction that on arrival any Austrian ship she is not at present to be regarded as an enemy"

Telegram from Commandant, 5th Military District. - 2.40 a.m. -

"Instructions re Imperial Army Reservists received and arrangements made for their accommodation. Instructions re German and Austrian reservists receiving attention. Lieutenant Heintzel arrested."

Telegram from Commandant, 4th Military District. 2.40 a.m. -

"Imperial Army Reserve ordered to report Monday next".

Telegram to Collector of Customs, Port Darwin, Geraldton, Broome.

"Wire at once if any German ships in port giving name, class, gross tonnage, speed. Also state whether propelled by oil fuel. If any German ships in port detain pending further instructions."

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Letter from Secretary, Prime Minister's Department. 9 a.m.

"Regarding Germans travelling from Australia by American boats and suggesting form of undertaking to be signed by Germans that they will not engage in any hostilities against Great Britain".

Cablegram from Secretary of State for the Colonies. 9 a.m. -

"My telegram August 6th Army Council suggest that a suitable composition of the expeditionary force would be 2 Infantry Brigades, 1 Light Horse Brigade, and 1 Field Artillery Brigade".

Letter from Collector of Customs, Sydney. 9 a.m. -

"My code wire yesterday and your reply even date Austro-Hungarian steamship "Tural" 3530 tons gross registered at Fiume arrived this morning from Trieste via ports. Vessel not fitted with wireless. Please wire instructions".

Letter for C.G.S. & Naval Secretary. 10 a.m. -

"The following is a copy of a telegram received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated London, 8th August. 6.20 p.m. -

"See preface Defence Scheme detain enemy merchant ships permanently".

The Collectors of Customs concerned are being advised by wire to the above effect."

Cablegram from High Commissioner, London, dated 8:8:1914, 1.40 pm.
- 11.0 a.m.

"Military authorities hope to hear shortly of Australian activity dealing with German possessions Pacific Ocean".

Letter to Secretary, Prime Minister's Department. 11.45 a.m. -

"With reference to message received compromising Cyphers "M" and "G", the Official Secretary to the Governor-General advises that the Lieutenant-Governor of Papua is in possession of Cypher "G"!"

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Letter from Official Secretary to the Governor-General, 12 noon

Forwarding copy of cablegram dated London, 8th August, 1 p.m., received 9:8:1914 from Secretary of State for the Colonies :-

"With reference to my telegram of 6th August Army Council state that in addition to force mentioned certain proportion army troops will be required. Suggest numbers will be furnished later"

(Copy sent to Prime Minister).

Letter to Naval Secretary, 12 noon. -

Confirming telephone message of 11.35 p.m. of 8th August. :-

" re telegram from Noumea stating rumour respecting 4 ships without foundation".

Cable from Secretary of State for the Colonies dated 8:8:1914 6.5. p.m. forwarded through the Official Secretary to His Excellency the Governor-General. 12 noon.-

"With reference to your cypher telegram of 6th August, His Majesty's Government understand from your telegram of 31st July that steps were being taken finally to transfer control and if this has not already been done Admiralty would be grateful if the transfer were made now".

Telegram from Collector of Customs, Fremantle. 12.20 p.m.

Your W125 interpreted as directing permanent detention of all enemy merchant ships that enter port irrespective of provision of instruction 27."

Copy of reply sent 9:8:1914.

"Your interpretation of W.125 is correct."

Letter to His Excellency the Governor-General requesting that a cablegram to the Secretary of State for the Colonies be despatched as follows :- 1.0 - p.m. -

"Your telegram 8th August re transfer control this will be done at once."

Telegram from Commandant, 5th Military District. 3.20 p.m. -

"Suggest German prisoners of war be quartered on Carnac Island - This will necessitate mobilising 100 more officers and men - Am arresting tomorrow 26 german reservists."

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Telegram to Collector of Customs, Brisbane. - 4 p.m.

"Instructions already issued relative wireless apparatus merchant vessels are to be strictly observed. No reports required from merchant vessels."

Telegram from Commandant, Royal Military College - 4. p.m. -

"MacLagan will arrive Melbourne midday tomorrow Monday and report 3 p.m. "

Telegram from Commandant, 6th Military District. 4.30 p.m. -

"Post offices accept and transmit code message to interstate address. Our censor cannot check whether any of these refer movements of shipping so they are marking same consideration until further advice".

Letter from Deputy Chief Censor. 5 p.m. -

"Suggesting that arrangements be made with both the Pacific Cable Company and the Eastern Extension Company to enquire carefully into the nationality and sympathies of their employees especially their operators."

Telegram from Commandant, 5th Military District. - 5.15 p.m. -

"Naval authorities have granted permission to crew of detained ship to land I strongly urge this be not allowed for the present".

Cablegram dated Suva 8th August. 6.20 p.m., received from the High Commissioner, Western Pacific, is transmitted by direction of the Governor-General to the Prime Minister.

A copy of the message has been sent to the Governor-General.

" Would be much obliged if you would ascertain and report by telegraph movements of steamers of Australasian United Steam Navigation Company with regard to Fiji. If food supplies cut off, danger of famine in Fiji in a few weeks."

Telegram to Military Commandant, 6th Military District. 5.30 p.m.

"Instruct your censor to pass internal interstate code messages unmarked".

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Letter to Naval Secretary, 5.30 p.m.

"With reference to my memo. of 1st instant, S800 relative to the reporting of movements of foreign ships of war, it is assumed that the Naval Board will make what arrangements are possible in the direction indicated.

In the meantime the despatch has been acknowledged and the Secretary of State for the Colonies informed that there is no objection to the course proposed".

Letter to Secretary, Prime Minister's Department. 5.30 p.m.

"With reference to your minute of 22nd ultimo, No. 14/3081/3 forwarding copy of communication dated 10:6:1914 received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies relative to the reporting of the movements of foreign warships, I beg to request that the Secretary of State be informed that there is no objection to the course proposed"

Letter to Naval Secretary. 5.30 p.m. -

"In continuation of this office minute forwarding copy of telegram sent by the Prime Minister to Premiers of all States regarding Germans employed in lighthouses referred to you this day, the following copy of a reply received from the Premier of Queensland is forwarded for your information. -

"Secret and Confidential. - In respect to lighthouse keepers the only two men affected by your telegram 7th August have been given leave of absence pending the finding of other positions for them".

Telegram to Collector of Customs, Brisbane, Sydney, Port Adelaide and Fremantle. - 5.30 p.m.

"Instructions re detaining enemy merchant ships dated 15th October last year have only been sent to ports named at foot of page 1. Ascertain if any German ships at any other port your State and wire particulars. They should all be detained. Wire reply".

Telegram to Military Commandant, 2nd Military District. 5.40 p.m

Forwarding instructions for censoring Sydney Bulletin newspaper if necessary"

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Cable
~~Letter~~ from Prime Minister, New Zealand.

"In the event of expeditionary force from New Zealand being despatched request that the services of Captain W.W. Alderman Commonwealth Military Forces, now doing duty as acting Brigade Major, Auckland Infantry Brigade, and whose term of service as an exchange officer in New Zealand terminates on 17th November next may be placed at the disposal of the New Zealand Government for service with the New Zealand expeditionary force as General Staff Officer. Captain Burgess placed at your disposal this saves time and expense. Please cable reply."

Letter to Secretary, Department of Defence.

"General Bridges desires to recommend that the Government consent to the arrangement suggested by the New Zealand Government. I concur."
(Sgd.) V.C.M. SELLHEIM, Col.
A.G.

Telegram from Commandant, 2nd Military District. 5.40 p.m. -

"Consul-General Japan interviewed me this afternoon and stated that a Japanese subject in Thursday Island reported that he was asked by Officer Commanding garrison there whether Japanese would assist if necessary because he was short men. Consul replied could not give instruction, each Japanese must act on own responsibility".

Letter from Secretary. 6 p.m.

"Regarding censored telegram from Burns Philp addressed "Turakuw, Tokio" reference 4 German men-of-war off New Guinea, can it be ascertained who addressee is."

Telegram from Collector of Customs, Hobart. 7 p.m.

"Wire whether Austrian members of crew german vessel comes within paragraph nineteen (19)."

Copy of reply sent 9:8:1914. -

"Persons referred to your wire today come within para. 19 but ask police to keep under surveillance".

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Letter to the Official Secretary to the Governor-General-7.0 p.m

requesting that a cable be despatched to the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific :-

"Your telegram 8th August, Levuka at Fiji due to leave Sydney again 22nd but present intention is to hold her at Fiji. Atua and Tofua at Newcastle coaling. Not intended they shall sail at present but Atua could be ready leave Sydney Monday Night Tofua on Wednesday. No cargo will take 20 hours to load".

Letter to Secretary, Department of External Affairs. 7 p.m.

"Returning papers regarding the organization of a Military Volunteer Force at Norfolk Island".

Letter from Naval Secretary, 8/p/m.

Forwarding information received from Admiralty -

"Up to a year ago no German Possessions in Pacific Ocean except Tsing Tau had permanent defences. Mines may be expected at any German ports and possibly guns have been sent out recently".

Telegram to Commandant, 2nd Military District. 8.15 p.m. -

"Your G.X. 96 what is set referred to. Inadvisable establish wireless station Newcastle".

Telegram to Commandant, 2nd Military District. 8.15 p.m. -

"Your G.X. 91 approval granted mobilization brigade section signal company with Sydney defended port troops".

Telegram from Commandant, 1st Military District. 9.30 p.m. -

"Daily Progress Report. -
Kanowna left Cairns 10 a.m. Lytton Garrison strength

	Officers	Other ranks.
Permanent Artillery	2	47
Citizen Force Artillery	3	41
Engineers	4	36
Infantry	32	388
Army Service Corps	1	7
Medical Corps	2	29
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Everything satisfactory.	44	548

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Cablegram from Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 8:8:1914
5 p.m. through the Official Secretary to
the Governor-General. 10. p.m. -

"Forwarding ~~of~~ summary of war risks insurance
scheme".

Letter from Official Secretary to the Governor-General, forward
ing telegram from His Excellency, Governor of New Zealand, dated
9:8:1914 received 8.20 p.m. - 10 p.m.

"Referring to your telegram 8th August am
desired by my Ministers to request you to
see what arrangements can be made for the
immediate return here of all the New Zealand
first class cadets from Duntroon so that they
may join the New Zealand expeditionary force.
Please telegraph at once names and addresses of
abovementioned cadets".

(Copy sent to Prime Minister).

Telegram from Commandant, 2nd Military District. 10.30 p.m. -

Re telegram referring to German warships can
be ascertained who addressee is in Burns Philp
& Co. Acknowledge authorship and if so what is
their source of information".

Telegram to Commandant, Royal Military College. 10.30 p.m.

"New Zealand Government cable requesting that
arrangements be made for immediate return to
New Zealand of all New Zealand first class
cadets so that they may join New Zealand
expeditionary force. Please wire at once
names and addresses of such cadets and later
what arrangements you can make to carry out
wishes of New Zealand Government."

Telegram from Commandant, 4th Military District. 10.55 p.m.

"Daily Progress Report - Nil."

Telegram from Commandant, 2nd Military District. 10.55 p.m.

"Daily Progress Report. - Nothing fresh."

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Letter to Secretary, Department of External Affairs, asking that
the following cable be forwarded to the
Administrator, Norfolk Islands.

"What steps have been taken for protection of
telegraph cable landing place".

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Cable from Administrator, Norfolk Islands. -

"Only local forces 10 members of Anson Rifle
Club. All employed by Cable Company. Expect
hourly "Makambo" when will consult Murphy.
Meantime not practicable."

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Telegram from Collector of Customs, Brisbane.

"British steamship Cairnhill with broken cargo
to Sydney carrying phosphates from Nauru a vessel
in possession to Rotterdam and/ or Stettin on account
Pacific Phosphates Co. Limited a company having
commercial domicile in German territory vide last clause
paragraph 35 Secret Instructions ordered into port
and detained. Report following".

Letter from Commandant, 2nd Military District.

"Forwarding report by Captain Silver, R.N. re defence
of Port Morsby and cable from Thursday Island to
Port Morsby".

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Telegram from Manager, Small Arms Factory, recd. 1.43 p.m. 8/8:14.

"Is increased output necessary, if so, recommend overtime instead two shift".

Telegram to Manager, Small Arms Factory.

"Can you arrange for necessary staff if 2 shifts authorised. What would be relative output 2 shifts and one shift with overtime."

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Telegram from Commandant, 5th Military District. 2.15 a.m.

"Refer your W 118 communicated to press generally your W 127 already dealt with as directed in your W 109. Sending you wire re non agreement between orders received by D.N.O. and Commandant."

Telegram from Commandant, 2nd Military District. 2.15 a.m. -

"Report nothing fresh. In accordance with orders to detain German, searched Union s.e. Willoora on information from naval intelligence division; obtained touch several suspects, one reservist detained particulars tomorrow. Suspicious person Captain Macclagan applied service; under observation end of message."

Telegram from Commandant, 5th Military District. 2.15 a.m. -

"Owing to orders received by myself and D.N.O. regarding the crews on detention ships not agreeing also with regard reservists on the Orsova. May steps be taken to make them agree in future cases."

Telegram from Collector of Customs, Newcastle. 9 a.m. -

"Ferm has not yet discharged her coal. Master gone Sydney to confer with consul".

Letter from Deputy Chief Censor. 10 a.m. -

"My censors report to me seeing many private cables and land telegrams relating to increases in the price of necessaries.

In view of possible action by Commonwealth or States to ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ control prices, it might be of considerable assistance to Government or Government Committees, if censors were authorised to answer confidentially questions on these matters asked by Governments or their Committees."

Cable from Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 9:8:1914,

5.35 p.m. through Official Secretary to the

Governor-General, 10:8:1914, 11.0 a.m. -

"Your telegram August 8th His Majesty's Government will be glad to avail themselves of offer of one division and one Light Horse Brigade in place of force suggested in my telegram August 7th".

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Telegram from Commandant, 6th Military District. 11.0 a.m.

"Lieutenant-Colonel W.H. Tunbridge has assumed duty as deputy chief censor vice Colonel McCay transferred".

Letter from Secretary, Department of External Affairs. 11.0 a.m.

Forwarding following cablegram from Administrator, Norfolk Island. -

"Every precaution taken interference telegraph cable. I have eleven Lee Enfield Rifles, 1000 rounds of ammunition. Consult with Telegraph Cable Manager, Sydney."

Letter from Secretary, Department of External Affairs. 11.0 a.m.

"Pointing out small supply rifles and ammunition at Norfolk Island and suggesting that 200~~0~~ rifles and 25,000 rounds S.A.A. be forwarded to equip and arm the Rifle Club on the Island.

Stating that steamer "Atua" leaving Sydney for Fiji tonight or tomorrow and that arrangements be made for her to call at Norfolk Island.

Landings at Norfolk Island only possible by boats."

Letter from Secretary, Department of External Affairs. 11.0 a.m.

Forwarding cable from Administrator, Norfolk Island -

"Dicketts reports on reference (to) Manager did not act telegraph cable ends up to the present time".

Telegrams to Censors, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth.

"Lieutenant-Colonel W.H. Tunbridge has assumed duty as Deputy Chief Censor vice Colonel McCay transferred"

Letter received from Official Secretary to the Governor-General

forwarding cablegram received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 9:8:1914, 5.15 p.m. received 11.0 a.m. -

"With reference to my cypher telegram August 7th enemy reservists. His Majesty's Government desire that care should be taken not to arrest persons whose known character precludes suspicion or who are personally vouched for to the satisfaction of the Government provided they are prevented from leaving territory under your Government. Any such persons

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Cable from Secretary of State for Colonies, 11.0 am
(Continued). -

"already detained may if your Government think fit
be released. Of course every consideration
compatible with safety will be shown to all
prisoners".

Telegrams to Principal Medical Officers, Brisbane, Sydney, Adelaide
Perth and Hobart. - 11.15 a.m. -

"Ministry approved formation voluntary aid detach-
ments each military district. Conditions forwarded
soon as printed."

Telegram to Commandant, 2nd, 4th, 5th and 6th Military Districts.
11.15 a.m. -

"Please report by wire what steps you are taking
to give effect to to telegram W.140 relative
enrolment of personnel for Expeditionary Force.
Also wire every evening progress made in register-
ing names showing separately those serving and
trained men not serving".

Telegram to Commandant, 5th Military District. - 11.15 a.m.

"Please instruct Colonel Hobbs leave Saturday
to report himself General Bridges acknowledge
receipt".

Telegram to Commandant, 5th Military District. 11.15 a.m. -

"Your G.10 re crew detained ship understand
instruction twenty being observed if considered
necessary place them under police surveillance".

Telegram from Collector of Customs, Sydney. - 11.40 a.m. -

"No German vessels at any port in this State
except Sydney and Newcastle".

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Telegram to Commandants, all Military Districts. 12.15 p.m. -

"Please publish that volunteers are required for Expeditionary Force to Europe. Begin registering names of officers and men of all arms both now serving and others who have been trained. Invite all Commanding Officers to assist in obtaining volunteers. Men under nineteen not eligible. Make preliminary arrangements for establishing camps and training force until embarked energetic action necessary. Expect this week to authorise and give you details of troops".

Telegram from Commandant, 2nd Military District. - 12.20 p.m.

"The set is referred to in Sydney Defence Scheme page 11 paragraph 24. The set was dismantled on the 8th instant. "

Telegram to Commandant, 2nd Military District. 12.35 p.m. -

"Number of troops you will probably be required to furnish for Expeditionary Force will be one regiment Light Horse, one brigade Infantry, one brigade Artillery proportion ammunition columns some Engineers and departmental troops. Establishment of Units to be as laid down in Australian War Establishments."

Telegram to Commandant, 1st Military District. 12.35 p.m. -

"Number of troops you will probably be required to furnish for Expeditionary Force will be one regiment Light Horse, one Battalion of Infantry, one Field Artillery Battery, proportion of Ammunition Column, some Engineers and Departmental Troops. Establishment of Units to be as laid down in Australian War Establishments."

Telegram to Commandant, 4th Military District. 12.35 p.m. -

" Number of troops you will probably be required to furnish for Expeditionary Force will be ~~one~~ two Squadrons Light Horse, one Battalion Infantry, and proportion of Ammunition Columns, some Engineers and Departmental Troops." Establishment of Units to be as laid down in Australian War Establishments".

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Telegram to Commandant, 5th Military District. 12.35 p.m. -

"Number of troops you will probably be required to furnish for Expeditionary Force will be Half Battalion of Infantry, one Battery of Field Artillery, proportion of Ammunition columns, some Engineers and Departmental Troops. Is it probable you could furnish a full Battalion instead of half.
Establishment of Units to be as laid down in Australian War Establishments."

Telegram to Commandant, 6th Military District. - 12.35 p.m. -

"Number of troops you will probably be required to furnish for Expeditionary force will be one Squadron Light Horse, Half Battalion of Infantry, one Battery and proportion of Ammunition Columns, some Engineers and Departmental Troops. Is it probable you could furnish a full Battalion instead of half." Establishment of Units to be as laid down in Australian War Establishments."

Telegram to Commandant, 1st Military District. 12.35 p.m. -

"Reference Defence W.200/1/12 dated 5th instant, wire your recommendation re appointment Assistant-Director of Remounts."

Telegram to Commandants, all Military Districts. - 12.35 p.m.

"Wire immediately strength officers and other ranks by units of Permanent and Militia Forces at present mobilized in your Command showing stations".

Telegram to General Manager, Cockatoo Dockyard, Sydney. 1 p.m.

"Give Military Commandant list employees referred to who are liable military service Commonwealth. Exemption does not extend to Imperial Reservists whose obligation is entirely different. Consult Military Commandant as to best means of dealing with them".

Letter to Prime Minister's Department requesting following cablegram be forwarded to His Excellency the Governor of New Zealand. - 1.0 p.m.

"With reference to your telegram of 9th instant anticipated 1st class cadets will leave Sydney for Auckland 12th inst. with instructions to report Headquarters on arrival. Order of seniority by marks gained at College. Names and addresses as follows :- R. Miles, c/o W. Miles, 46 Beresford

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St. New Brighton, Christchurch; C.H. McClelland, c/o Mrs. B.C. McClelland, 19 Whaling Road, North Sydney, New South Wales; C. Carrington c/o Canon Carrington, The Deanery, Christchurch; R. Logan, c/o Colonel Logan, District Headquarters, Auckland; V.G. Jarvis, c/o L.G. Jarvis, Buildingstone, North East Valley, Dunedin; N.W.H. Weir, c/o J. Weir, Pumping Station, Heathcote Valley, Christchurch; W.I.K. Jennings, c/o Dr. Jennings, 85 Gloucester Street, Christchurch; D.I.C. Bryan, c/o G.F. Bryan, Sawmiller, Westport, New Zealand."

Letter from Secretary, Department of External Affairs, forwarding telegram from the Administrator of the Northern Territory, Darwin, dated 9th August, 1914. 1.45pm

"Coal hulk at buoy mooring five chains from the jetty have placed coal hulk three charges gelignite each of 11 pounds. Should be glad to learn opinion of Naval officers with regard to efficiency, danger, etc."

Telegram from Premier of Western Australia, 7:8:1914. 1.55 p.m. -

"Commonwealth contract mail and passenger steamer Western Australia property of this Government now voyaging from Broome to Port Darwin due Darwin eleventh. Can you advise if any risk capture of ship and does Admiral recommend ship continuing voyage or being recalled please reply urgent today."

Copy of reply sent 7th August 5.20 p.m. -

"Navy Board does not advise your steamer turning back but suggests communicating by wireless with port Darwin when approaching that port".

Cable from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 10th August, 1.35 p.m. from Governor of New Zealand 2. p.m. -

"My Government is awaiting arrival of senior Naval Officer, New Zealand Division at Auckland who has orders from Admiralty regarding escort for New Zealand expedition to Samoa. Can you inform me as to the probable location and numbers of hostile warships and armed merchant vessels".

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Telegram from Secretary, Prime Minister's Department, forwarding copy of cable sent to Governor of New Zealand.

"No news of present position of German Cruisers but YAP was signalling to them night of 9th August. No information as to any armed merchant vessels. Movements of our ships have been reported Senior Naval Officer New Zealand today."

Telegram to Military Commandant, 6th Military District. 2.p.m.

"Show D.P.M.H. Hobart all your instructions re censorship".

Telegram to Censor, Brisbane. 2.0 p.m. -

" Do not think you can interfere with cables or wires re prices".

Telegram to Commandant, 1st and 2nd Military Districts. 3 p.m.

"Issue of equipment and clothing to Imperial Reservists approved. Pattern according to Unit to which allotted."

Cable received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies dated 9:8:1914, 8.15 p.m. through the Official Secretary to the Governor-General.
3.0 p.m. -

It is requested by army council that 1000 rounds per gun, 1000 rounds per rifle, 40,000 rounds per machine gun, and in addition also reserve ammunition up to if possible 500 rounds per gun and 500 rounds per rifle should be brought with expeditionary force to England. For choice rifle firing Mk.VII ammunition should be brought".

Telegram to Fitzgerald, Pay Office, Brisbane. 4.40 p.m. -

"If offered will you accept appointment as paymaster with Expeditionary Force. Wire reply direct to me."

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Telegram to Colonel Hobbs, c/o Commandant, 5th Military District

4.40 p.m. -

"You will be recommended to command
Divisional Field Artillery."

Telegram to Principal Medical Officers, 2nd & 4th Military

Districts, 4.40 p.m. -

"Ascertain previous contractors constructing
ambulance and transport wagons and how many
of each they could deliver within three
weeks of order with approximate cost.
Wire reply".

Telegram received from Collector of Customs, Brisbane. 4.40 p.m.

"Presume dynamite in cartridge or plug form
comes under prohibition in Gazette 52
therefore cannot be removed from port to
port".

Reply sent as follows :-

"Dynamite is not prohibited so long as you are
satisfied bonafides consignor and consignee".

Telegram to Officer-in-charge, Customs, Tasmania. (Strahan) 4.55 p.m.

"Understand Karitani requires to load copper
blister for Port Kembla. No objection."

Telegram from Collector of Customs, Townsville. 5.0 p.m. -

"Received no Austrian ship here".

Telegram to Vickers, Marrickville, N.S.W. - 5.15 p.m. -

"Please quote price and earliest possible date
delivery 1500 hospital red cross blankets to
sample manufactured by you. Wire reply urgent".

Telegram to Frith, Sydenham Road, Norwood, S.A. 5.15 p.m. -

"Re my wire today can you increase output by
also using brown russet kip grain side out.
Please include number in your reply."

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Letter to Commandant, 3rd Military District. 6.18 p.m. -

"It is understood that sailing tomorrow by the P. & O. steamer "Egypt" are the undermentioned passengers concerning whose bonafides some enquiry would appear to be desirable. Will you please give the necessary directions for such enquiries to be made in as unobjectionable a manner as possible, by some one, possessing discretion.

Capt. von Steiglitz, who states he is proceeding to India to rejoin the Indian Army.

Mr. A. Caussmeker who states he is a Hollander bound for London.

Mr. Otto Gerbe who states he is a Swiss bound to Brindisi.

Please advise result of enquiries which you may make. Steamer leaves Melbourne tomorrow morning"

Telegram to Military Commandant, all Districts except 3rd. 6.18 pm

"Proclamation issued by Governor-General today calling ~~calling~~ upon all persons who are subjects of the German Empire resident in Commonwealth to forthwith report themselves to the Officer of Police nearest to place in which resident and to supply to police particulars as to names, place of residence, occupation, business and such other matters as police officers think fit to require. Also that immediately before changing place of residence they notify nearest police officer intention to change place of residence and on arrival fresh place of residence to notify arrival to police nearest such. Inform police and take necessary action for fulfilment of this proclamation".

Letter to Commandant, 2nd Military District. 6.30 p.m. -

Directing despatch of 200 rifles and 25,000 rounds .303 ammunition to Administrator Norfolk Island per s.s. "Atua" leaving Sydney for Fiji 10:8:1914.

Telegram from Collector of Customs, Port Adelaide.

"My wire 5th regarding Maskee Fremantle Navy Office replied 6th to communicate with that address which I did. District Naval Officer Fremantle today wires that Captain Molloy has left and that communications should be sent Naval Office Fremantle. Please instruct.

To Naval Secretary.

"Do you know anything of this? No intimation of Captain Molloy's departure has been received here".

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Telegram from Commandant, 1st Military District. 7.40 p.m.

"Your O a 34 Names being taken expeditionary force camp site arranged. Army reservists reporting daily police have matter of enemy reservists in hand garrison troops Lytton satisfactory."

Telegram from Commandant, 2nd Military District. 8 p.m.

"Reference my conversation C.G.S. today no hand carts in this State for transport purposes special expeditionary force shall I try purchase."

Telegram from Commandant, 4th Military District. 8.15 p.m. -

"Your O a 62 can have about 2,000 within month ride and draught mixed."

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Telegram from Commandant, 4th Military District. 3 a.m.

Daily Progress Report. "Precautionary stage communication all complete entanglements at forts nearly completed others in progress; Port Pirie all quiet stop German reservists communicated with in towns latest instruction stop German spy arrested by police steamer Piabla as reported by 5th District, suspicion fully confirmed stop Guard posted at Remount Depot Magazine stop Expeditionary force enrolment proceeding".

Telegram from Commandant, 2nd Military District. 3 a.m.

Daily Progress Report. "Report action taken initial arrangement for both expeditionary forces stop many officers ? (offers form ? (formed) transport and horses stop Registration freely Imperial Reservists allotted units figures supplied A.G. stop Police guarding magazine Broken Hill since August 4th Superintendent suggests local military guard; large foreign population there stop In order to facilitate dealings Germans strongly recommend grant temporary commissions Police Superintendent; he will have then military authority act".

Telegram from Commandant, 5th Military District. 3.25 a.m.

Daily Progress Report. "Instructions regarding expeditionary force received and put into effect report regarding same furnish tonight. Sixty Imperial Army Reservists reported for mobilization majority wire embodied to assist on account G.S.O. ill nervous".

Telegram from Commandant, 1st Military District. 4 a.m.

Daily State. "Lytton staff defended port five officers R.A.G.A., two officers 38 others 2nd Garrison Artillery 3 officers 52 others 32nd Engineers, 4 officers 36 others 8th Infantry, 37 officers 377 others 2nd Army Service Corps, 1 officer 7 others, "B" Section 2nd Army Medical Corps, 3 officers 29 others stop Thursday Island staff defended port 5 officers R.A.G.A., 3 officers 65 others Garrison Artillery, 6 officers 105 others, 2nd Infantry 32 officers 991 others "C" Section Army Medical Corps 3 officers 48 others 1 Army Service Corps 1 officer 7 others stop Cable Guard Thursday Island 1 officer 36 others South Port 1 officer 23 others Monrepos 1 officer 23 others Port Darwin not known stop Censor 9 others stop Staff at base Brisbane 7 officers Townsville 2 officers

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Letter from Commandant, 3rd Military District. 8 a.m.

Daily Progress Report. "(1) 6 wireless installations were dismantled and orders issued for the return of wireless apparatus to the nearest Post Office within 24 hours.

(2) Reports were received from the O.C.P.F. Defended Port remarking on the dangerous shortage of troops at the defended port. It is urged that measures be taken to bring the units concerned up to strength forthwith".

(3) Communications regarding Germans were received from other States and locally and passed to the Police for action.

(4) Orders being received from the C.G.S., Captain Phillips was detailed to relieve Major Harrison as General Staff Officer in this command".

Telegram from Commandant, 2nd Military District. 8.30 a.m.

"Reference your O a 250 how many days supplies will be sent with force"?

Telegram from Commandant, 2nd Military District. 8.40 a.m.

"Robert Hilliers German naval reserve is detained and steps are being taken to hand him over to naval authorities".

Cablegram from War Office London. 8.45 a.m.

"By order No. 1 dated 10th August all examinations of officers for promotion are suspended until further orders".

Telegram to Collectors of Customs. 10.20 a.m.

"With reference to my wire 7th instant re proclamation in Gazette number fifty-two relative to exportation or transfer of certain goods Minister approves that when after careful consideration you are satisfied bonafides ship owners voyage consignor consignee and the whole transaction may grant permit for particular consignment of goods mentioned hereafter by British ship for coast-wise transfer one Commonwealth port to another providing no such permit should be granted except British ship engaged trading solely between Commonwealth ports goods referred to for which permit may be granted are benzol blast furnace oil cloth hempen copper ore or unwrought all kinds cotton waste creosote engines and lorries internal combustion capable of carrying load of twenty five hundredweight and upwards whole or in parts mineral lubricating oil oil coal tar oil olive petroleum fuel oil petroleum gas oil petroleum spirit or motor spirit or motor spirit including shell spirit sacks coal smoothfast and bandages zinc".

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From Secretary Prime Minister's Department forwarding copy of telegram to Premiers all States. 10.30 a.m.

"Proclamation issued today calling upon all persons who are subjects of the German Empire and who are resident in the Commonwealth to forthwith report themselves to the officer of police nearest to the place in which such persons reside and to supply to such officer particulars as to their names, places of residence, and occupations or businesses, and such other matters as police officer thinks fit to require. And farther calling upon all such persons immediately before changing their place of residence to notify to the nearest officer of police their intention so to change their place of residence and forthwith upon arrival at their fresh place of residence to notify such arrival to the officer of police nearest to such fresh place of residence. Shall be glad if you will kindly issue necessary instructions to your police authorities".

Cablegram from Secretary of State for the Colonies dated 10/8/14 7.20 p.m. through Official Secretary to H.E. The Governor-General 11 a.m.

"With reference to your telegram August 7th Chinese Consul General should not be allowed to receive messages in code".

Cablegram from Secretary of State for the Colonies dated 7/8/14 2.30 p.m. through Official Secretary to H.E. the Governor-General 11 a.m.

"Information desired as to the amount of present stock and prospective supply of sugar which is or will be available for export from Australia to this country if required".

To Secretary -

Imports may reach 60,000 tons probable amount for export 10,000 tons at once 15,000 tons in November.

Cablegram from Secretary of State for the Colonies dated 10/8/14 7.30 pm through Official Secretary to H.E. the Governor-General . 1 p.m.

"The Honorable the Minister of Defence.

In connection with offers of military contingents His Majesty's Government propose that in order to expedite correspondence now that the offer of force has been accepted by His Majesty's Government details of a military character relating to the contingents should be dealt with in direct communication between Army Council and Minister of Defence".

I think it desirable to acquiesce. (Intd.) E.D.M.
Take necessary steps accordingly (Sgd) J. COOK.

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Telegram to Collector of Customs Newcastle. 1 p.m.

"Delay action re unshipping coal barque Fern pending further instructions".

Telegram from Collector of Customs, Townsville. 1 p.m.

"Received no Austrian ship here".

Telegram to Commandant, Royal Military College. 1.12 p.m.

"First class cadets will shortly be gazetted. Draw College allowance to date of appointment formal discharge proceedings necessary. Leave for Yass by express tonight. If prevented will wire about 4 p.m."

Telegram from Commandant, 2nd Military District. 3 p.m.

"Burns Philp sent telegram to N.I.K. steamship office. Source of information Naval Headquarters Melbourne. Information intended for use of merchant shipping".

Telegram from Commandant, 1st Military District. 4.15 p.m.

Thursday Island report that Kanowna sighted dawn this morning Tuesday".

Telegram to All Commandants. 4.20 p.m.

Outbreak of war discharges consular representatives if unfriendly powers from further performance of their duties and terminates their official recognition by British Government. In these circumstances not necessary that exequatuors should be surrendered. In the event of late consular representatives or any other persons being instructed by an unfriendly power to send to Europe reservists and others liable to serve to take part in hostilities they should be prevented from doing so. Prime Minister advises consulars accordingly".

Telegram to Commandant, 2nd Military District. 4.30 p.m.

"Reported from Suva that four German Army Reservists there".

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Telegram from Lieutenant-Governor Port Moresby, 11/8/14. 6 p.m.

"Send as soon as possible 300 Lee Enfield Rifles or others having a calibre of 303 together with 10,000 rounds of ammunition".

Telegram from Collector of Customs, Brisbane. 7 p.m.

"Premier Queensland received word from Mount Morgan that copper blister for transport from Mount Morgan to Port Kembla prohibited from Interstate transfer stop Mount Morgan people state that the step is very serious to them and have asked for relief from prohibition of transfer stop Premier brought matter under notice of Minister of Customs this afternoon Please advise".

to which the following reply has been sent:-

Re your wire today copper blister is included in term copper ore unwrought for which permit may now be granted under Proclamation issued today".

Telegram from Commandant, 1st Military District. 7.45 p.m.

Daily Progress Report. "Garrison arrived Thursday Island eight a.m. Registration names volunteers expeditionary force proceeding".

Telegram to Collector of Customs, Brisbane. 8.30 p.m.

"Your telegram relative copper ore or matte shipped as ballast for Interstate ports special permit as instructed yesterday may be given what ships for oversea ports are affected".

Telegram to Commandant, 6th Military District. 9.10 p.m.

"Your A 9 approved already granted for services Captain Alderman to be placed at disposal of New Zealand Government".

Telegram from Collector of Customs, Brisbane. 9.10 p.m.

"Please advise if proclamation prohibiting the export or carriage interstate of certain goods is to be applied to vessels arriving from oversea via ports with original cargo to Brisbane and other States".

Reply -

Re your wire yesterday regarding proclamation export interstate of certain goods no.

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Letter from Commandant, 3rd Military District. 10 p.m.

Daily Progress Report. "(1) Three wireless installations were dismantled.
(2) Investigations were continued with regard to a German named Ullrich.
(3) The German steamship "Hobart" was stopped at Port Phillip Heads, and is now undergoing search.
(4) Investigations were made into the case of a German named Steinmetzer who was found in possession of apparently incriminating documents.
(5) Lieut-Col. Semmens vacated his appointment to Intelligence Section General Staff on relief by Major Mitchell, A.I.C.
(6) A conference was held with the Chairman of the Metropolitan Board of Works and suggestions with drawings were made for the protection of the Pumping Station, Spotswood".

Telegram from Commandant, 4th Military District. 11.15 p.m.

Daily Progress Report.

"Guard placed over Unley Barracks wherein four German Reservists are detained!"

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Telegram from Commandant, 5th Military District.

Daily Progress Report. "Regarding reservists on the Orsova captured Lieutenant August Spitta and Naval Lieutenant Emil Mertfun. Have arranged with State Government to put Rottnest Island at our disposal for detention of German Reservists. Am mobilizing one company of the 88th Infantry as guard at Rottnest. Satisfactory progress being made with enrolment for expeditionary force".

Telegram from Commandant, 2nd Military District.

Daily Progress Report. "Enrolment of men for first expeditionary force progressing well. Requested Postal Authorities to dispense with copies of cypher telegrams but replied that approval impossible as against the Postal Act; suggest dangerous in the circumstances. Successful experiments have been made with a portable searchlight".

Telegram from Commandant, 4th Military District. 6.55 a.m.

"Thirty-three German Reservists reported. Four refuse parole are detained. Names Karl Klinke, Max Sunderman, Oscar Wilhelm Loinz, Hans Carl Ludwig Bulck".

Telegram from Commandant, 5th Military District. 7.45 a.m.

Daily Progress Report. "Enrolment of names expeditionary force satisfactory awaiting instructions regarding enlistment and final composition of quota from this command. Your O a 277 regarding league receiving urgent attention hope to report fully with regard to this tomorrow."

Telegram from Commandant, 5th Military District. 7.45 a.m.

"G. 20 F.J. Beissel travelling seventy one saloon Orsova reported to be enter ter (?engineer). Newport workshops came under review when Orsova was inspected here suggested that the person travelling is not Beissel but someone who has obtained his papers would suggest Colombo be communicated with in order to make sure would have taken action here only boat moved off before information received from Railway Commissioner Melbourne".

Cablegram to the Secretary of State for the Colonies through Official Secretary to His Excellency the Governor-General. 9 a.m.

"Your telegram 8th instant ordering permanent detention enemy ships are they to be confiscated or merely retained during war? From paragraph 9 of proclamation which provides for capture and adjudication it is assumed that Article 2 of Convention forbidding confiscation is not construed as applying where days of grace not granted".

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Letter to the Secretary to the Treasury. 9.45 a.m.

"Requesting Warrant Authorities for allotment of money for all States and Central Administration in connection with despatch of Expeditionary Force".

Letter to Secretary Department of External Affairs. 9.45 a.m.

"Requesting following cablegram be despatched to High Commissioner's Office, London:-

What quantity Q.F. 18 pounder ammunition if any is on the way to Australia and to what ports shipped .
Understand 1900 rounds were to be shipped on 28th July?

Letter to Commandant 3rd Military District. 10.40 a.m.

"Letter from Premier of Victoria placing the Police Stables and Drill Hall at the disposal of the Defence Department. Stables to be handed over on application to Police Authorities at Depot, if required".

Telegram to Commandant, 5th Military District. 10.40 a.m.

"Please inform Colonel Hobbs that probably he may find it necessary to remain in Eastern States until embarkation of troops".

Telegram to Commandant, 2nd Military District. 10.40 a.m.

"Consuls Germany having ceased to exist in Australia suggestion your memorandum 7th August cannot be adopted".

Cablegram to the Secretary of State for the Colonies through Official Secretary to H.E. the Governor-General. 11 a.m.

"Referring to your telegram 10th August Minister of Defence will now communicate direct with Army Council as to details of military character relating to contingents".

Telegram to Commandant, 4th Military District. 11.45 a.m.

"Instruct Censor P.O. Adelaide that any messages signed Balsillie or addressed wirelesses Melbourne to be passed through without question".

Telegram to Collector of Customs Albany, West Australia. 11.45 a.m.

"Re your wire of yesterday transport referred to should be detained under paragraph nine sub-paragraph two of instructions regarding neutral and enemy ships".

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Telegram to Collector of Customs, Fremantle. 11.45 a.m.

"Re your wire of today British Imperial Transport should be detained under paragraph nine sub-paragraph two of instructions regarding neutral and enemy ships. Collector of Customs Albany advised accordingly".

Cable to Secretary of State of the Colonies. 12 noon.

"Advising him of the names of German subjects arrested on certain vessels signing the necessary undertaking".

Telegram from Censor, Brisbane. 12 noon.

"D.P.M.G., has raised question with P.M.G., if intention allow German or Austrian mail leave here also whether inward correspondence addressed German or Austrian Consul and other correspondence German or Austrian possessions be delivered without being censored immediate consideration necessary mail arriving ninth tonight".

To Secretary Department of Defence.

Requesting that the matter may be referred at once to the Secretary of the Attorney General's Department for a ruling.

Telegram to Commandant, 6th Military District. 12 noon.

"Telegraph messages between Commonwealth and State Government departments including meteorological will not be subject to censorship but make sure you see all other telegrams".

Telegram from Sydney dated 11/8/14. 4.22 p.m. to Prime Minister.

"Defence Regulations prevent Newcastle and Hunter River steamers leaving Sydney at eleven and consequently the Company is shortening hands. We suggest your permitting this Company's steamers leaving at usual time".

Minute to Secretary Prime Minister's Department dated 12/8/14. 12 noon.

"Sydney is the only port in the Commonwealth which has been closed from sunset to sunrise in accordance with regulations issued on the suggestion of the British Admiralty because Sydney is a Naval Base. The Minister has already informed the owners of the Hunter River Steamers Coy., that he regrets no exception can be made with their steamers".

Letter to Commandant, 3rd Military District. 12 noon.

"One Staff Sergeant and two others are required for Branch Field Post Office, Divisional Staff, Australian Imperial Force. Will you kindly take steps to recommend these from Postal employees volunteering for service in the above force as early as possible".

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Telegram to Collector of Customs, Brisbane. 12.5 p.m. -

"Re your telegram 8th regarding Cairnhill cargo should be seized and unloaded and ship then allowed to proceed. Cargo will be brought for adjudication before Prize Court Brisbane that is Supreme Court of Queensland in its Admiralty jurisdiction. Steps are being taken to bring jurisdiction of Prize Courts into operation".

Telegram to Commandant, 2nd Military District. 12.5 p.m. -

"Colonel McLaurin appointed to command 1st Infantry Brigade Australian Imperial Force. Will be attached to your Staff to assist in raising his Brigade."

Telegram to Commandant, 2nd Military District. 12.5 p.m. -

"Confidential General Bridges proposes offering Major Elliott appointment commanding Engineers Expeditionary Force if you can possibly spare him. If you can do this please acquaint him and instruct him to report as soon as possible."

Telegram to Commandant, 2nd Military District. 12.5 p.m. -

"Reported from Suva that four German Army Reservists arrested there. They are firemen on Levuka and will be allowed to leave by steamer Levuka for Sydney 12th instant".

Letter to Naval Secretary. 12.30 p.m. -

"Following telegram despatched to Commandant, 2nd Military District:-

"Arrange small guard for premises of British Australian Oil Company, Newcastle, by local troops. This Company supplies specially refined oil for use in submarines".

Telegram from Commandant, 2nd Military District. 1.50 p.m. -

"No steamship to Norfolk Island until September 1st. Suggest send rifles from Auckland, under two day's steam".

Letter to Secretary, Postmaster General's Department. 1.55 p.m. -

"The Minister of State for Defence has intimated that all inward and outward German and Austrian correspondence may be censored at the discretion of the Deputy Chief Censor. I am issuing instructions to my censors to censor all such correspondence. Will you instruct the Deputy Postmasters General to deliver all Austrian and German mail matter inward or outward, to the respective censors."

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Letter from Prime Minister's Department stating that telegram

sent to the Secretary of State for the Colonies
as follows :- 2. p.m. -

"Your telegram 8th instant ordering permanent detention enemy ships are they to be confiscated or merely retained during war. From paragraph 7 of proclamation which provides for capture and adjudication it is assumed that Article 2 of Convention forbidding confiscation is not construed as applying where days of grace not granted".

Letter from Secretary for Defence. 2.0 p.m. -

"Referring to the proclamation, dated 6th August 1914 prohibiting the export and coastwise transfer of certain goods, the Comptroller-General of Customs is instructed that Collectors at Ports in the Commonwealth may be authorised, in their discretion, when after careful consideration they are satisfied of the bona fides of the ship, the owners, the voyage, the consigner, the consignee, and the whole transaction, to grant a permit for the transfer coastwise between any port in the Commonwealth, of horses.

Provided that no such permit shall be granted except for carriage in a British ship engaged in trading solely between Commonwealth Ports."

Telegram to Commandant, 2nd Military District. 2.0 p.m. -

"Will you remove censor from Sun office on receipt of this telegram and instruct censors now on papers or in future put on papers take their instructions from censor, Sydney."

Telegram from Commandant, 2nd Military District. 2.5 p.m. -

"Colonel Holmes suggest that one of the senior cadet Military College be attached to each of the company of the Battalion now being raised service abroad strongly recommended."

Letter to Secretary, Prime Minister's Department. 2.30 p.m. -

"In continuation of my memorandum of yesterday's date, relative to the return of certain cadets of the Royal Military College of Australia to New Zealand, I beg to request that a further cablegram may now be despatched to the Governor of the Dominion to the effect that the cadets in question will leave Sydney by the "Riverina" at noon tomorrow, Wednesday 12th instant."

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Letter to Commandants, all Military Districts. 3.20 p.m. -

"Referring to Uniform, kit and necessaries for Expeditionary Force."

Telegram to Commandant, 2nd Military District. 4.30 p.m. -

"Please arrange for Captain Manchester, R.A.G.A. to report immediately to Commandant, 3rd Military District for transfer as temporary General Staff Officer. Sadler and Somerville will act as your General Staff Officers."

Telegram to Commandant, 5th Military District. 4.30 p.m. -

"Lieutenant R.E. Jackson will act as your General Staff Officer, 3rd Grade, from this date."

Telegram to Commandant, 1st Military District. 4.30 p.m. -

"Please arrange transfer Major Sadler to 2nd Military District forthwith to act as General Staff Officer temporarily vice Captain Irvine".

Telegram to Commandant, 4th Military District. 4.30 p.m.

"Captain McFarlane transferred from 3rd District your Command forthwith to act as General Staff Officer temporarily vice Brand".

Telegram to all Commandants except 3rd. 4.30 p.m. -

"Rates approved troops engaged precautionary stage and cable guards according to scale Universal Training Regulations 160 except shoeing smith or driver which rates shall be 6/- instead of 5/- and in the cases of privates and relative ranks their pay shall be 5/- instead of 4/-. Separation allowance according to Universal Training Regulation 161. Field Allowance according Finance Regulation 230 except adjutant if any at 5/-. Memo. follows. Pass to Paymaster."

Telegram to Collector of Customs, Fremantle. 5.45 p.m. -

"Imperial transport may be allowed to clear for any Australian Port."

Letter to Commandants, all Military Districts. 5.45 p.m. -

"Instructions in regard to the Equipment of the Expeditionary Force (other than Permanent Staff).

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Letter to Commandants and District Paymasters. all Districts. 6.40 pm.

Financial instructions for information and guidance in connection with Expeditionary Force. To be closely observed.

Letter to Commandants and District Paymasters, all Districts. 6.40 p.m.

Pay of Citizen Forces called out under Precautionary Stage of the Defence Scheme for service at the Defended Ports".

Telegram from Commandant, 1st Military District. 8.0 p.m. -

Daily Progress Report. -

"Guard furnished from the Lytton Garrison mounted on the Indooropilly Railway Bridge over Brisbane River". Nothing further report."

Telegram from Commandant, 2nd Military District. 11.50 p.m. -

Daily Progress Report. -

"First Expeditionary Force complete in men and equipment, training will commence forthwith. Registration of large Expeditionary Force proceeding medical examination will commence tomorrow. Naval division report preparation steamship "Berrima" troops Grantala hospital Ac rangi stores, also wireless station Garden Island complete. 200 Imperial Reservists reported to date."

Telegram from Commandant, 4th Military District. 12 midnight.

Daily Progress Report. -

"Nothing report".

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Telegram from Commandant, 5th Military District. 7.45 a.m. -

"Report of August 12th, enrolment of names expeditionary force satisfactory. Awaiting instructions regarding enlistment and final composition of quota from this command. Your O a 277 regarding league (leakage) receiving urgent attention hope to report fully with regard to this tomorrow."

Telegram to the Secretary of State for the Colonies. 9.0 a.m. -

"With reference to my cypher telegram of August 11th expeditionary force, telegrams from Minister for Defence will be signed Millen".

The Governor-General also advised the Secretary of State that Cypher "T" had been handed to the Minister of Defence.

Cablegram from Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated London,

11th August, 1914, 6.50 p.m. - 9.0 a.m. -

"August 11th. Your telegram August 8th same facilities may be accorded to Russian French Consul General as to Japanese Consul General both as regards code messages and giving of information".

Letter to His Excellency the Governor-General 9.0 a.m. -

requesting him to despatch a cable to the British Consul or Representative at Batavia in the following terms :-

" Please supply all available information regarding whereabouts of any German war vessels and of the following German merchant ships believed to be in Dutch East Indian Ports :- Sydney Roon Essen Elsass Albany Freiberg Huberfels Bochum Magdeburg Iserlohn Luneberg Westfalen Linden Furth Stolberg".

Cablegram dated London, 12th August, 1914, 5.30 p.m. received from

the Secretary of State for the Colonies. 9 a.m.

"Please ask your Ministers to make arrangements to send home at once Army Reservists if they are in a position to provide for transport. If transport not available they should be sent to England with Expeditionary Force."

(The Governor-General's telegram to the Secretary of State with regard to the utilization with the expeditionary force of the services of Imperial Army Reservists in Australia was lodged in Melbourne at 10.17 p.m., corresponding with London time 12.17 p.m. on the same day - 12th August.)

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Cable received from High Commissioner. 9. a.m. -

"Official Admiralty believes Goben Breslau taken refuge Dardenelles where will be dismantled then considers safety trade secured territorials asked serve abroad great response king pardons deserters navy provided surrender active service September fourth extension men abroad reliable Liege principal forts still holding some smaller forts captured no serious engagements Austro-Russian frontier Germans retake Mulhausen North Sea safe reopening food trade Denmark England ends.

Letter to Secretary, Department of Home Affairs. 10.0 a.m. -

"I beg to inform you that the Minister has approved of arrangements being made for the manufacture of Fulminate of Mercury for percussion caps of .303" cartridges at the Commonwealth Government Cordite Factory, Maribyrnong, and in order that same may be proceeded with the manager reports that it will be necessary to erect certain buildings and plant at an estimated cost of about £400. Minister desires that building be expedited."

Letter to Secretary, Prime Minister's Department. 10.0 a.m.

Requesting that a cablegram be forwarded to the High Commissioner's office in the following terms :-

"Ascertain from London Office, Colonial Ammunition Company how shipments of Cupro-Nickel stand and how soon cap making machinery could be shipped. Telegraph reply."

Telegram from Commandant, 1st Military District. 10.52 a.m. -

Daily Progress Report -
"Nothing further report."

Telegram to Commandant, 2nd Military District. 11.5 a.m. -

"Arrange for Colonel J. Lee leave for Melbourne tonight's train".

Telegram to Collector of Customs, Hobart. - 11.5 a.m. -

"Your wire 12th re crew Oberhausen yes tentatively pending further instructions."

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Telegram to Commandant, 4th Military District. 11.50 a.m.

"Mackworth says be prepared send Melbourne one cable detachment completely equipped and signaller\$ and despatch riders of Head-quarters Divisional Signal Company also Watson and two motor cyclists".

Cablegram dated London, 13th August, 12.35 a.m., received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies 12 noon.-

"See preface Defence Scheme war has broken out with Austria-Hungary. Acknowledge receipt by telegraph".

(The receipt of this telegram has been acknowledged by telegraph, in accordance with the Secretary of State's request.)

Cablegram dated London, 12th August, 1914, 7.35 p.m. received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, 12 noon.

"Press Bureau has been established which will be responsible for issue of official war news to the press. I have ascertained that press agencies propose to supply Australian Press with all news of importance or general interest issued by the Bureau. Any additional news which concerns your Government or is likely to effect their plans will of course be telegraphed to you by me."

Telegram from Commandant, 2nd Military District. 12.50 p.m. -

"No reservists close prisoners. 52 reporting daily, 2 under close observation. Police returns begin tomorrow."

Telegram from Commandant, 2nd Military District. 12.50 p.m. -

"Will first expeditionary force take tents."

Letter to the Secretary, Prime Minister's Department. 1.0 p.m.

forwarding copy of a cablegram received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies :-

" Confidential, August 12th. With reference to my confidential despatches of June 20th last year and October 24th last year please ask your Ministers to instruct Port Authorities that ammunition is now being issued to following ships - Afric recently left Cape Town. Ceramic Colorado Cufic Larossrin. Tainui sailing from London August 21st. Themistocles sailing from London August 27th. Tropic Wiltshire Suevic. Please ask Ministers that every assistance may be afforded to avoid inconvenience or delay. Further names will be communicated from time to time".

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Telegram from Collector of Customs, Sydney. 1.0 p.m. -

"Noyes Bros. Sydney are under contract to supply New Zealand Government railways with 7 ton copper ingots monthly and desire to make shipment on Saturday next. Please wire if this may be allowed."

Telegram to Comptroller-General of Trade and Customs. -

"Permit should be given".

Telegram from Commandant, 1st Military District. 2.25 p.m. -

"Your O a 297. No reservists have been arrested but released in accordance with your O a 265."

Letter to Comptroller-General of Trade and Customs forwarding copy of authority given by the Minister for Defence for the issue of permits for the transfer coastwise between States of horses. 2.30 p.m. -

Telegram to Collector of Customs, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth, Hobart. 2.30 p.m. -

"In continuation my telegram 10th add horses to list of goods for which you may issue permits for transfer coastwise between States."

Letter to Commandant, 2nd Military District. 3.20 p.m. -

Referring to your Chief Engineer No. 12/550 on the 3rd instant on the subject of telephonic communication Forts Scratchley and Stockton will you kindly furnish the information desired vide Memo. No. 12020 dated 19th June, 1914.

Please consider this matter apart from provision of communications for command purposes."

Letter to Commandants, all Military Districts. 3.20 p.m. -

regarding provision of remounts for Australian Expeditionary Force.

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Telegram to Commandant, 1st Military District. 3.20 p.m. -

"Despatch 300 Martini-Enfield single-loading rifles and 10,000 rounds ammunition to Port Moresby."

Telegram to Commandant, 2nd Military District. - 3.20 p.m. -

"Premier of New South Wales has authorised the use of Government motor cars and lorries by Military Authorities whenever available. Communicate with Mr. Griffiths, Minister of Works."

Telegram to Minister of Works, N.S.W. 3.20 p.m. -

"Mr. Holman desires me to ask you to furnish the Military Commandant, Sydney with names of persons in charge and location of Government motor cars and lorries with view to use by military authorities if required."

Letter to Commandant, 3rd Military District. 3.3.0 p.m. -

"It is notified for information that war has been declared against Austria-Hungary. Please act accordingly."

Telegram to Commandant, 2nd Military District. 4.45 p.m. -

"Approval has been given for appointing Colonel J.H.A. Lee as military embarkation and transport officer, Sydney. Please issue necessary instructions."

Letter to Commandants, all Military Districts. 4.15 p.m. -

Forwarding distribution of the 1st class of Cadets from Royal Military College, Duntroon for attachment to units of the Expeditionary Force.

Letter to Secretary, Prime Minister's Department. 4.45 p.m. -

Requesting that a cablegram in the following terms be despatched to the Secretary of State for the Colonies :-

"Approval given Major Foott temporarily replace Colonel Chauvel on his taking command of Light Horse Brigade of Expeditionary Force providing they have no objection."

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Letter to Secretary, Prime Minister's Department. 4.45 p.m. -

"Requesting that a cablegram in the following terms be despatched to the Secretary of State for the Colonies:-

"Reference Territorial and Officers Training Corps officers now in Australia does the War Office desire them to return England or report for duty India or permit service with Australian Forces. Sir Thomas Holland of Manchester University has Indian experience and willing serve there."

Letter to Secretary, Department of External Affairs. 4.45 p.m.

"With reference to the copy of a cablegram dated London 13th August, 12.35 a.m. received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, regarding outbreak of war with Austria-Hungary will you please suitable advise the authorities at Papua, Norfolk Island and Darwin."

Letter to Commandant, 3rd Military District. 5.0 p.m.. -

"With reference to your 14/5654 18/15 of 12th instant relative to the enrolment of "special reservists" of the Imperial Army you are informed that the conditions applying in the case of Imperial Reservists as set out in Defence Memo. 248 of 9th January 1911, also apply to "special reservists". They will therefore be dealt with in exactly the same manner as the Regular Reservists."

Letter to Commandant, 1st Military Commandant. 6.10 p.m. -

"With reference to your telegram P.2 of 4th instant Herewith is forwarded Warrant Authority No. 214 dated 7th instant for the undermentioned amounts to meet expenditure in connection with the Partial Mobilization ordered in consequence of the outbreak of war in Europe :-

Div.27 - Advance to Treasurer	£11,000
Pending appropriation under Division 75/1 Universal Training - Pay.	
Div.77/1 - Camps.	£4,000.
Covered by Treasurer's advance pending appropriation.	
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	£15,000.
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Extract from the conference between the Commonwealth and State Governments 11:8:1914.

Detention of German Officers and Reservists. -

The Prime Minister pointed out that the assistance of the States was desired in order to avoid unnecessarily harsh treatment.

After discussion it was considered that the matter could be met by giving more explicit directions to the Police, the States to undertake to see that the duties, while being well done, would be done with the least harshness."

Cablegram despatched to the Administrator, Norfolk Island,
dated 13th August 1914. 6.10 p.m.

"Secret and Confidential. You are authorised enrol members of Rifle Club and to place Quintal in charge members should take every opportunity to become efficient. Reasonable expenses necessary to put rifle range in proper order for practice immediately may be incurred. 200 spare rifles and 25,000 rounds of ammunition being forwarded to you by the earliest opportunity."

Letter to Secretary, Department of External Affairs. 6.10 p.m.

Requesting that a cablegram in the following terms be forwarded to the High Commissioner's Office :-

"With reference to your cablegram 12th August no objection officers on active list Military Forces of the Commonwealth offering services to War Office except Chauvel Blamey, Foott. War Office have been asked if services of first two can be made available on arrival our Expeditionary Force and Foott temporarily replace Chauval. Sergeant Christie may remain if desirous of serving."

Telegram to Chief Commissioner of Railways, Sydney. 6.10 p.m.

"Premier of New South Wales having offered to convey by rail horses etc., for Expeditionary Force, would you instruct stationmasters Albury and District to accept from Dalgety and Company orders for trucks on Commonwealth behalf acting as our agents."

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Telegram to Collector of Customs, Brisbane. 6.10 p.m. -

"Your telegram of 10th asking if proclamation prohibiting the export of carriage interstate of certain goods is to be applied to vessels arriving from Oversea via ports with original cargo to Brisbane and other States. Answer is no."

Telegram from Commandant, 2nd Military District. 6.10 p.m. -

"Reference your Oa 296. No German reservists on train from Melbourne this morning. Ventura due to leave Sydney 29th instant."

Telegram from Commandant, 5th Military District. 8.45 p.m. -

"Your Oa 227. Re leakage of information having coast patrolled sixty miles North of Perth. Two secret wireless stations established to check unauthorised wireless both under prominent officials postal department. Government wireless stations acting in concert. Despatching constable to dismantle wireless on Norwegian whaling ships lying off Point Cloates this the only known wireless station in this state."

Telegram to Commandants, all Military Districts. 8.50 p.m. -

"The Minister desires that every assistance be given to General Bridges and his representatives. At the same time all military preparations and training should be continued without any break and especially with senior cadets in Areas. Area officers should not be detailed for any other duty until you are satisfied with the officers to take their places. Area officers relinquishing appointments must have a clear adjustment of books and stores to which end the services of Audit Department will be requisitioned to expedite action (if necessary). Recommendations may be submitted of persons who are fit to act temporarily on the Instructional Staff during absence of permanent officers."

Telegram to Collector of Customs, Queensland, New South Wales,

South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania.

"Please arrange for following action in connection with British ships wireless. Not necessary to remove transformer and induction coil but in lieu thereof wireless cabin is to be locked and sealed by customs officer on the vessel entering port such seal not to be broken until clearance papers of vessel are given. The aerial to be lowered on entering port not to be re-erected until/

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Telegram continued. :-

until vessel beyond territorial waters of the Commonwealth. Captain to be held responsible for preservation of seals on wireless cabin. Please arrange for this action to be taken in connection with all British ships in ports of your State."

Telegram from Collector of Customs, Sydney.

"Re your wire 8th instant directing that no action need be taken to detain Austrian vessel "Turul" but that special vigilance should be exercised to ensure that no contraband goods are shipped. Permission was given for discharge and delivery of cargo at this port. Agents now ask for permission to send vessel to Newcastle to complete discharge of cargo there. In view of your verbal instructions when in Sydney this matter is submitted for directions as to whether request may be complied with. Please wire reply."

To the Comptroller-General, Trade and Customs, 10.0 p.m. -

"This vessel should be detained now as an enemy ship".

Telegram to Collector of Customs, Albany. 10.5 p.m. -

"Your wire of today clearance may be granted steamer Northern".

Telegram to Commandant, 2nd Military District. 11.0 p.m. -

Appointment of Area Officers to Expeditionary Force.

"With reference your telephonic conversation today Minister approves arrangement re Area Officers if absolutely essential so far as Colonel Holmes command is concerned but not with regard to Australian Imperial Contingent."

Telegram from Commandant, 5th Military District. 11.5 p.m. -

"Your O a 63 a Board has been assembled and having gone into the matter estimate that between 400 and 500 suitable horses could be obtained at present time. Let me know requirements in detail."

Telegram from Commandant, 5th Military District. 11.14 p.m. -

"Your O a 294. Five German officers and sixty-nine reservists held at present."

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Telegram to Collectors of Customs, all places. 12 midnight. -

"As war now exists between Austria-Hungary and Great Britain merchant ships of that nationality should be detained. Copy of Order-in-Council will be forwarded to you in due course".

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Letter to Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 4:8:1914.

3.55 p.m. -

"Presume your Government have no objection to Army Council approaching Commonwealth officers on duty in this country with a view to utilizing services if occasion arises."

Telegram sent in reply to Secretary of State for the Colonies, 5/8/14.

"Commonwealth Government concur in proposal."

Telegram from Newcastle and Hunter River Steamship Company, dated

10th August, 1914. 10.10 p.m. -

"Thanks for telegram. My application referred to despatch of steamers at night not entry at daylight. No difficulty as to entry desire despatch steamers at night. Would be glad if will consider application for despatch telegraph reply."

to which the following reply was despatched :-

"Sydney as naval port is absolutely closed to shipping from sunset to sunrise and regret no exception can be made. Understand will be no objection however despatch steamers at night from Newcastle."

Telegram received from Commonwealth and Dominion Line Steamships.

"Our steamer Hawkesbay under charter New Zealand Government conveyance of troops United Kingdom refused clearance by Sydney Customs because we cannot supply detail particulars cargo loaded London for New Zealand Ports which absolutely to furnish. Under the urgent circumstances we beg your immediate intervention. Please reply."

Telegram forwarded by Minister in reply. 11:8:1914. -

"Have wired customs re Hawkesbay".

Telegram forwarded to Collector of Customs, Sydney. -

"Through cargo in Hawkesbay London to New Zealand may be permitted to leave Sydney."

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Telegram to Collectors of Customs, all places. 12 midnight.

"As war now exists between Austria-Hungary and Great Britain merchant ships of that nationality should be detained. Copy of Order-in-Council will be forwarded to you in due course".

Letter received from Orient Line of Royal Mail Steamers.

"Regarding the probability of Commonwealth Government requiring tonnage for the conveyance of troops and war material overseas, and forwarding copy of a cable received from the London managers of the Line as follows :-

Arbitration Court specially appointed London will decide terms here ships requisitioned British Government suggest same court decide question terms our steamers taken Commonwealth Government shall require payment on account 10/- ton monthly urge acceptance this procedure as most expeditious method giving Commonwealth discretion employ ships as circumstances dictate quotation definite price requires knowledge of definite conditions please assure Government we desire place ships their disposal and assist utmost possibility without haggling over terms".

Reply to Orient Line of Royal Mail Steamers.

Thanking Manager for information.

Letter from Collector of Customs, Victoria.

"Forwarding copy of Circular No. 282 of 15th January 1913 issued by the German Company for Wireless Telegraphy Ltd., Berlin relative to the receipt on German trading vessels of wireless cypher telegrams without name or definite address-

"It has been decided in agreement with the Admiral Staff of the Navy that all cypher telegrams received on board German trading vessels which are directed to the ship without definite address or name of person are to be immediately submitted to the Master".

Letter to the Manager Small Arms Factory. 10 p.m.

"Approval given that employees remain at work at Small Arms Factory and that their services be considered as full compliance with their military obligations".

Letter to Mr R.P. Thomas, Valenz, Vaucluse, N.S.W. 10 p.m.

"I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter forwarding suggestion in connection with German possessions in New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and Samoa which have been noted".

Letter to Commandant, 3rd Military District. 10.5 p.m.

"Will you please furnish a return showing the names of all Veterinary Officers and Civil Veterinary Practitioners who have volunteered for service with Expeditionary Force This information is urgently required for Minister".

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Letter to Naval Secretary. 10.5 p.m.

"Colonel J.H.A. Lee (Retired) has been appointed Military Embarkation and Transport Officer, Sydney".

Letter to Engineer for Radio-telegraphy, Postmaster-General's Department, Melbourne. 10.5 p.m.

"I have to thank you for your information of even date No 8538 relative to British ships' Wireless and to inform you that the necessary instructions have been wired to Collector of Customs in each of the Capital Cities of the Commonwealth".

Telegram from Commandant, 2nd Military District. 12.20 a.m.

"All arrangements well in hand. Newcastle report many discharged Germans sailed south in condition bordering on destitution suggest State aid. What A.A.S. Corps details are to be provided for Imperial Expeditionary Force note of interrogation Supply depot necessary Monday next".

Telegram from Collector of Customs, Fremantle. 12.40 a.m.

"Just received eight o'clock this evening following wire from Customs Officer Sharks Bay. Three distinct smokes west of Dirk Hartog travelling south at great speed at sundown".

Telegram from Commandant, 5th Military District. 7.10 a.m.

"German reservists Rottnest Saturday. Special attention drawn to our G. 28. Reported from Sharks Bay seven o'clock tonight three steamers passed steaming hard south if steaming for Fremantle will arrive at five o'clock tomorrow afternoon".

Telegram from Commandant, 5th Military District. 7.18 a.m.

"Reference your O a 300. G. 26 Your O a 294 Five German Officers and sixty-nine reservists held at present".

Telegram from Commandant, 5th Military District. 7.30 a.m.

"Referring your O a 233. Telegrams found on Lieutenant Spitta reveal he was in communication with Lebandscheelf of Sydney who appears to be of considerable moment".

Telegram from Commandant, 5th Military District. 8.8 a.m.

"Our secret wireless reports German ship designated Garn probably Luneberg lying about 600 miles west of Fremantle was signalling in code to steamer Lubeck on ninth and to Wismer on twelfth night therefore in position to receive messages from Applecross. On tenth we intercepted message in plain language to Captain steamer Shropshire suggest that Garn patrolling to pick up and pass on information".

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Telegram from Commandant, 4th Military District, 8.20 a.m.

"Your O a 36 Notification against Austria-Hungary received. Necessary action taken regarding reservists and residents thereof".

Cablegram dated London, 13th August, 4 p.m. received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies. 9 a.m.

"Following for Minister of Defence from Army Council.- (Begins) With reference to offer of Australian Government of Expeditionary Force of one Division and one Light Horse Brigade on what would these troops be ready to embark assuming transport is available (Ends)."

Cablegram received from the High Commissioner's Office, London, dated 13th instant, 10 a.m.

"Australian Press representatives make urgent appeals as to censor delays at your end and hope that censor staff can be increased".

Letter to Quartermaster-General, 10 a.m.

"The Minister has approved of an order being placed for 40,000,000 rounds of .303" Ball cartridges with the Colonial Ammunition Company, delivery to be made in the quickest possible time. Please inform me what distribution to States is desired, so that this order may be placed".

Telegram to Commandant, 2nd Military District, 11 a.m.

"Arrange to send Intelligence Officer with Holmes and recommend. Accommodation may be required three press representatives".

Telegram from Collector of Customs Sydney, dated 13th August 1914. 9.41 p.m.

"Should duplicate of undertaking given by master officers etc., of enemy ships required by paragraphs 19 and 20 of secret instructions be handed to signatory. If not cannot understand why numbers in Book of Forms are duplicated. Please wire reply".

Telegram to Collector of Customs, Sydney, 11 a.m.

"Your telegram thirteenth original of undertaking should be retained by you and duplicate handed to signatory".

Letter to Secretary Prime Minister's Department, 11 a.m.

"I am directed to request that a cablegram may be sent to the Imperial Authorities to the effect that Lieut-Col. W.H. Tunbridge was appointed Deputy Chief Censor at Head-quarters from 10th to 16th August inclusive vice Col. McCay and that Col. J. Monash will take over the duties from the first-named officer from 17th instant".

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Letter to All Commandants. 11.15 a.m.

"Re scale of rates of pay for Expeditionary Force".

Telegram to Commandant, 4th Military District. 11.30 a.m.

"Army reservists may be accepted on mobilization provided he produces satisfactory evidence or makes a statutory declaration that he belongs to the Imperial Army Reserve?"

Telegram to Censors, G.P.O's Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide Perth. 12 noon.

"Inform me of all changes in censorship staff with rank duty dates of appointment and relinquishment from tenth August and onwards from time to time".

Telegram to Commandant, 2nd Military District. 12.30 p.m.

"Issue free to D.H.O. Sydney 300 complete sets web equipment and same number water bottles and entrenching implements urgent issue today if possible".

Letter to All Commandants. 12.30 p.m.

"Re area officers volunteering services".

Letter to Commandants, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Military Districts. 12.30 pm

"Tables shewing the articles of equipment to be taken abroad by Light Horse Regiments and Infantry Battalions".

Telegram to Commandant, 1st Military District. 1 p.m.

"please arrange at once for the Cable Guard to protect wireless station at Townsville".

Telegram to Commandant, 2nd Military District. 2 p.m.

"Re arms Norfolk Island Make best arrangements possible".

Telegram to All Commandants. 2.35 p.m.

"Reference my wire signed White T 1877 examinations for Royal Military College are not affected".

Telegram to Secretary Government Railways Adelaide. 2.35 p.m.

"Your letter 11th instant restriction does not apply Land Transport".

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Letter to All Commandants, 3 p.m.

"Forwarded for information a complete list shewing details of A.A.S.C. Personnel to be raised in Districts for Expeditionary Force".

Letter to Mr D. Buchan, Sale, Victoria, 3 p.m.

"Acknowledging receipt of letter and thanking for information relative to German New Guinea".

Letter to Secretary Prime Minister's Department, 3.15 p.m.

"Requesting a copy of a communication addressed by Commandant of College to General Officer Commanding Defence Force of New Zealand may be forwarded for information of Dominion Government. List shewing names of cadets aggregate marks gained service recommended for and address of parent".

Telegram from Commandant, 1st Military District, 3.22 p.m.

"A. 9. Huxtable reports arrest German Naval Officer at Thursday Island. He is being sent to Townsville. Can he be given parole in terms of your W. 103".

Letter to Commandants, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Military Districts, 3.25 p.m.

"Attaching a distribution of personnel R.A.F.A. allotted to Australian Imperial Force".

Telegram to Commandant, 1st Military District, 4 p.m.

"Eighteen pounders guns numbers 165 and 190 not to be allotted Expeditionary Force. No. 3 Battery R.A.F.A. Guns should be retained for Light Horse Brigade Battery and brought up to full equipment with wagons".

Letter to Military Paymaster, Paddington, 4 p.m.

"Minister approves of issue in cash 5,500 pounds advance to Col. Holmes, O.C. Expeditionary Force Treasury asked wire you authority special advance Instructions W.L. 81 to apply where practicable copy should be handed Holmes. Outfit allowance fifteen pounds and free uniform and equipment each officer or payment for same on vouchers at Government rates also approved. Government Printer promises forward express Monday 1,200 soldiers small Pay Books addressed Col. Holmes, Railway Station, Sydney to be called for. Advise and assist Holmes every way possible".

Telegram to Commandant, Royal Military College, 5.25 p.m.

"Your telegram 13th approved that no H.C.O's be taken from the Royal Military College who cannot be spared by the Commandant".

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Telegram to Commandant, 2nd Military District. 5.25 p.m.

"Your S. 39 Guns Middle Head and George's Heights loaded lyddite shell Mark four The shell may remain in guns ten days instructions following by post".

Letter to Secretary, Department of External Affairs. 5.25 p.m.

"Requesting following cablegram be forwarded to High Commissioner's Office, London. -

With reference to my telegram of Colonial Ammunition Company have received advice that 20 tons cupro nickel may be released for shipment Can you arrange for a fair share of available nickel and electrolytic zinc to be allowed to be shipped to Company for urgent defence requirements. If possible sufficient for 8 million rounds per month".

Letter to Secretary Prime Minister's Department. 5.25 p.m.

"Requesting the following cablegram be sent to Secretary of State for the Colonies :-

"Following additional ships detained. At Melbourne German steamship "Hobart" tonnage 5923 about 13 knots at Sydney Austrian steamship "Turul" tonnage 3530 ten knots".

Letter to Secretary Prime Minister's Department. 5.25 p.m.

"I.O.M. in Districts are unable to carry out repairs could state railway workshops complete repairs. Suggest that State Premiers be asked that facilities be provided the Department".

Letter to All Commandants. 5.25 p.m.

"Instructions in regard to the clothing of the Expeditionary Force Australian Military Forces."

Letter to Secretary Prime Minister's Department. 5.25 p.m.

"Referring to a telegram received on 11th instant from the Acting Premier of New South Wales regarding the question of military protection of 620 tons of explosives at Broken Hill It is suggested that State police provide protection".

Minute from Adjutant-General. 7 p.m.

"For advice please. In view of the fact that no instructions have been received from the War Office for officers of Special Reserve relative to pay etc., it is at present desirable that they should be called up under para 95 "Regulations for officers of the Special Reserve of Officers 1911" (amended by A.O. 265/1912) which reads as follows:-

95. An Officer of the Special Reserve of Officers will be called up for army service at home or abroad either with his own unit or otherwise, at a time of national danger or when a national emergency appears in the opinion of the Army Council to be imminent.

An Officer of the Special Reserve of Officers of the R.A. will be liable on such emergency for service with any regular or special reserve unit of his own branch of the artillery".

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Telegram from Commandant, 1st Military District. 11.55 p.m.

"Your O a 337 How reservists now under arrest twenty-nine
men arrested but released accordance Copenhagen O a 265".

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Telegram received from Commandant, 2nd Military District.

dated 8th August, 1914, 12.20 p.m. (E. 392/2/49.)

"H.375 Defence memo. 13800 steamers on which eighteen waggons for Victoria, ten waggons South Australia were loaded have been detained here no steamers allowed to proceed outside Port Jackson. Instructions awaited re despatch of waggons."

Telegram to Commandant, 2nd Military District. -

"W.120. Your H.375 Comptroller General of Customs is suitably instructing Collector Sydney as to release of steamers."

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Cablegram, dated London, 12th August, 1914, 11.40 a.m. received
13:8:1914 from Secretary, War Office, -

"The reserve War Cypher "V" will be taken into use on
and after August 14th."

(Copy in possession of Secretary, Department of
Defence who will arrange for coding and decoding.)

Telegram from Commandant, 6th Military District. 7.50 p.m. -

"IG 6. Deputy Postmaster-General has requested
Intelligence Officer at Hobart to examine correspond-
ence with Germany and Austria. Please authorise him
to do so and instruct whether correspondence opened
should be labelled as directed in Staff Manual War,
page 55."

Cablegram dated London, 12th August, 3.10 p.m., received from
the Secretary of State for the Colonies. -

"With reference to your telegram 11th August Pacific
Phosphate Company has been informed that it is duty
to abstain wholly from shipping phosphates to
Germany. No objection to cargo being disposed of
in Australia or ship proceeding to a British or
neutral port."

Letter to Official Secretary to the Governor-General -W 389/2/211.

requesting that a cablegram be despatched to His
British Majesty's Consul General at Batavia in the
following terms :-

"German vessel "Roon" contains Australian cargo.
Should such cargo be landed at Batavia or other port
in Dutch East Indies please state where and how
cared for".

Letter to Commandant, 3rd Military District. A.I.F. 21/1/3.

"Forwarding a complete list showing the details of
A.A.S. Corps Personnel to be raised for the
Expeditionary Force."

Telegram from Commandant, 1st Military District. 11.35 p.m.

(W. 175/1/56.)

"Your O a 337 No reservists now under arrest twenty-
nine men arrested but released accordance Copenhagen
O a 265."

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Telegram from Collector of Customs, Albany, dated 13th August 1914. (W.389/2/182.) -

"Steamer Northern official number 132672 tonnage 4731 owners Century Shipping Co. Ltd., London Managers Harris and Dixon Ltd. London. loaded with wheat bound from Sydney to St. Vincent for orders under charter party to Louis Dreyfus am satisfied cargo for United Kingdom presume may grant clearance."

Telegram to Collector of Customs, Albany. (W.389/2/182).

"Your wire of today clearance may be granted steamer Northern".

Telegram dated 14th August, 3.9 p.m. received from Governor of Western Australia, Perth. - (W.389/3/5.)

"Reported from Sharks Bay on North West coast (guard) three ships evidently cruisers nationality unknown seen steaming south yesterday evening military authorities here informed."

Telegram from Commandant, 1st Military District. 1.20 a.m. (W.365/1/3)

"G. 54. Your W.333. Have been in communication Officer Commanding Thursday Island this evening at 7.30 p.m. He reports Kanowna can leave in 48 hours. Ship has coal sufficient for journey equal Thursday Island to Brisbane. Presume Navy will arrange further supply if necessary."

Cablegram dated Simla, 14th August, 7.0 p.m. received from

Viceroy and Governor-General India. - A.I.F. 200/1/8

"5262. Your unnumbered telegram of 13th August it is much regretted that we cannot spare the horses asked for we ourselves now have to purchase largely in Australia."

Telegram from Commandant, 5th Military District. 7.15 a.m.

(W.323/3/57.) -

Daily Progress Report. -

"G.34. H.M.S. Fantome entered Fremantle without flying signal and a shot was fired from the examination battery for her to fly the signal. Satisfactory progress made with medical inspection and enrolment of the expeditionary force."

Letter to Surveyor-General, Lands Department, Victoria. 11.5 a.m.

"Requesting the printing of 2000 copies of map of Belgium and N.E. France for use of Expeditionary Force."

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Letter to Commandants, 1st, 2nd, and 4th Military Districts.

12.30 p.m. -

"Forwarding copies of table shewing articles of equipment to be taken abroad by Field Ambulance of the Australian Imperial Expeditionary Force."

Letter from Secretary, Postmaster-General's Department. 1.0 p.m.

(W. 363/1/92.)

Stating that instructions are being issued to the Deputy Postmasters General to hand over all German and Austrian correspondence to the Censors in their respective States.

Letter to Secretary, Postmaster General's Department. 1.0 p.m.

(W. 363/1/84.) -

"I have the honour to inform you that in accordance with arrangements made with you by telephone I arranged to censor all German and Austrian mail from 13th instant. By German and Austrian mail is meant all letters from Australia addressed to Germans and Austrians abroad, and all letters from abroad addressed to Germans and Austrians in Australia."

Letter to prime Minister's Department. 2.0 p.m. (W.200/1/29.)

Requesting that a cable be sent to His Excellency the Viceroy of India in reply to his of the 12th instant as follows :-

"No embargo will be placed on horses being exported for Indian Government."

Telegram to Commandant, 1st Military District. 2.0 p.m. -

O a 332. "Re your A 9 Yes and police watch his movements."

Telegram to Commandant, 2nd Military District. 2.0 p.m. -

O a 333. "The expedition under Colonel Holmes will embark at noon Tuesday 18th August. Supply of small books will go by passenger train leaving Melbourne Monday addressed Colonel Holmes, Sydney Railway Station. They can be filled in during voyage. Confidential instructions will follow".

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Telegram to Commandant, 6th Military District. 2.0 p.m. -

O a 327. "Liberate all mail except letters addressed to Germans and Austrians as soon as possible. German and Austrian mail means all letters addressed to German and Austrians in Australia from abroad or abroad from Australia."

Letter to Commandant, 2nd Military District. 2.30 p.m. -

Regarding instructions to intelligence officers accompanying Pacific Expeditionary Force.

Letter to Comptroller of Customs, Melbourne. 3.25 p.m. -

Forwarding copy of a communication from the Secretary Prime Minister's Department relative to a shipment of a cargo of zinc concentrates to Swansea by the "Clan Davidson", for information".

Letter to Secretary, Prime Minister's Department requesting

that the Secretary of State for the Colonies be advised by cablegram that permission has been given to an Australian company to ship a cargo of zinc concentrates to Swansea by the "Clan Davidson" sailing from Sydney shortly and that advice is desired as to the wishes of the British Government in regard to future similar cases.

Letter to Professor D.A. Welsh, M.D. Sydney University.

Acknowledging receipt of letter offering to prepare vaccines against typhoid fever for use of Naval and Military Forces and informing him that same is to be brought under notice of Naval and Military authorities.

Letter to Secretary, Department of External Affairs. -

Informing him that the Commandant, 2nd Military District has been instructed to make best possible arrangements relative to supply of rifles and ammunition to Norfolk Island.

Letter from Censor, Brisbane. 7.5 p.m. -

"Referring to my S.B 6 advising that Mon Repos holds cable from Noumea re 4 steamers making South, I have the honour to forward herewith sketch of the coast shewing approximate position of steamers when sighted."

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Letter to Collector of Customs, Melbourne. 7.5 p.m. -

"With reference to the telephonic communication with this office relative to the sealed packet addressed to the Consul for Germany I beg to inform you that the same should be handed over to the Officer Commanding, Australian Intelligence Corps, District Head-quarters, Victoria Barracks, St. Kilda Road."

Telegram to Commandant, 2nd Military District. 7.5 p.m. -

"Your A.Z.22 No exceptions can be made in case reservists as imperial instructions on matter are definite".

Telegram to Collector of Customs, Darwin, Geraldton & Broome.

"As state of war now exists between England and Austria-Hungary, all merchant shipping of that nationality should be detained and particulars reported by wire to this office."

Copy of telegram sent to Comptroller-General of Trade and Customs for information.

Telegram to Commandant, 2nd Military District. 10.0 p.m. -

"Royal Military College cadets not available for Colonel Holmes force."

Telegram to Collector of Customs, Brisbane. 10.0 p.m. -

"Your telegram 14th make temporary arrangements for reasonable supply fresh meat and vegetables crews detained ships and advise weekly cost."

Telegram to Commandants, all Military Districts. 10.0 p.m. -

Instructing that Light Horse volunteers who are approved come camp should bring their own horses. Directions re purchase of by Government."

(Letter sent to all Commandants in continuation of above wire.)

Telegram to Commandant, Royal Military College. - 10.0 p.m. |

"Resignations Colonel Gwynne and Captain Waller accepted."

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Telegram to General Manager, Cockatoo Island. Sydney. - 11.30 p.m.

"Provisions of proclamation of 7th August referred to do not prevent Crown from purchasing. Payment should not be remitted to that country though may be made local agents."

Telegram to Commandants, all Military Districts. - 11.30 p.m. -

"Please cancel my telegram notifying Military College Examination postponed and substitute therefore Colonel Legge's wire to effect that examinations not affected."

Telegram from Brisbane. 11.50 p.m. - (No signature).

"G.58. Thursday Island reports three search-lights with oil engines necessary enable ships in anchor or channel to be seen. Neither lights nor personnel available here."

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Telegram dated Sydney, 15th August, 1914. 12.35 p.m. (W.393/2/15).

received from His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales. 8 a.m. -

"Referring to my despatch 14th August proclamation has been issued this morning declaring state of war to exist with regard to Austria-Hungary as well as Germany."

Telegram to Premiers, all States. (W.393/2/14.)

"Special gazette issued today containing following notification. Begins - It is hereby notified for public information that war having broken out between His Majesty the King and the Emperor of Austria, King of Hungary, His Majesty has been pleased to issue a proclamation applying to Austria-Hungary all proclamations made by His Majesty with reference to Germany, upon the outbreak of war with Germany. ends. Also proclamation in same terms as that issued in special gazette No. 52 of 6th August substituting in second line of preamble Austria-Hungary for Germany. Clause two second line "Saturday the fifteenth" instead of "Friday the seventh". Clause three seventh line "Saturday the twentysecond" instead of "Friday the fourteenth".

Letter from Secretary, Prime Minister's Department - (W.389/2/238)

informing that the Governor-General has been requested to despatch a cablegram to the Secretary of State for the Colonies in the following terms :-

"Enemy merchant ships detained with cargo consigned to various ports in Australia merchants represent great loss might be avoided if ships permitted to be taken to the ports where cargo consigned under security of military guard and limited bunker coal. Can this be done."

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Telegram from Commandant, 5th Military District. 2.30 a.m. -

"G.40. His Majesty's Australian ship "Pioneer" captured steamer "Czumunster" and brought her into Fremantle at 10 o'clock this morning."

Telegram from Commandant, Thursday Island. 2.35 a.m. -

H. 8 " Troop ship with 500 infantry left Thursday Island at 10.30 p.m. sixteenth August. Have supplied troops with one month's supplies and ammunition sufficient food on board for three weeks in addition."

Letter to Naval Secretary. 8. a.m. -

"Referring to minute of 14th instant, the Reporting Officers at the following places are all furnished with the "Manual of Reporting Foreign Ships of War" which were issued to them on dates shown :-

Collectors of Customs or Sub-Collectors at

Sydney	on	25/4/1913.
Fremantle	"	25/4/1913.
Newcastle	"	23/7/1912.
Melbourne	"	23/7/1912.
Brisbane	"	23/7/1912.
Thursday Ild.	"	23/7/1912.
Townsville	"	23/7/1912.
Albany	"	23/7/1912.
Port Adelaide	"	23/7/1912.
Port Darwin	"	23/7/1912.
Port Pirie	"	23/7/1912.
Hobart	"	23/7/1912.

Chief Magistrate Norfolk Island on 23/7/1912. vide my S.86 to you on 23/7/1912. A copy of these instructions is in your possession. It will be seen that the last code is "Delucino". "

Memo. received from T. Howard, Manager, Telegraphs, Melbourne,

dated 17:8:1914. (W. 363/2/23.) 8.20 a.m.

"Perth W.A. advises that land line communication Perth to Broome and Wyndham radios interrupted 9.20 p.m. "

Telegram dated 16th instant, received from the Lieut.-Governor

Port Moresby. 9 a.m. (W.268/1/8).

"Leading lamps Port Moresby have been extinguished."

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Letter to Secretary, Department of Lands, Victoria. 11.0 a.m. -

"A copy of map of North-East frontier of France referred to by Major Reynolds forwarded. 1,000 copies of map to be reproduced by photo-lithography for issue to Australian Imperial Force."

Telegram to Commandant, 1st Military District. 11.5 a.m. -

"Your C.917. Only permit officers as selected available. Certain number of men from R.A.F.A. required balance not available. Guns, wagons, harness should be available for raising 10th Battery for Light Horse Brigade which Sweetland probably command. Question horses not yet decided."

Telegram to Commandants, all Military Districts. 11.5 a.m. -

"What are present arrangements re German reservists members of crews German vessels (a) who have given parole (b) who have not given parole. Give numbers (a) and (b)."

Telegram to Collectors of Customs, all places. 11.5 a.m. -

"Have all members of crews German vessels not reservists who have signed undertaking been released under police surveillance. If not is it practicable to do so. What are numbers of such."

Telegram to Collector of Customs, Fremantle. 11.5 a.m.

"Your two wires received regarding Neumunster matter now under consideration. Crown Law officers will advise later."

Telegram from Winchcombe, President, Chamber of Commerce, Sydney,

dated 17th August, 1914. 11.0 a.m. -

"Dearth of steamers for London owing so many chartered for troops chamber commerce food fund desires send foodstuffs British Government can you carry consignments for us by Troop Ships."

to which the following reply has been sent. 12 noon.

"So far as I can learn at present think there will be no difficulty sending foodstuffs by troop ships but before giving definite reply would have to know approximate quantities and description."

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Letter to Comptroller-General of Trade and Customs, Melbourne.

12 noon. -

"Reference No. 14/5981 of 12th instant, prohibition proclaimed in paras. 3 & 4 intended as absolute. Case of "Clan Davidson" referred to in para. 5 treated as special and authorized - further advice sought from Imperial authorities."

Telegram to Commandant, 2nd Military District 3.0 p.m. -

"Your G X 219. Instructions sent by special train today".

Cablegram received from High Commissioner, London. Telephoned

from Department of External Affairs. 3.0 p.m.

(W.393/3/2.)

"Official French Bavarians engaged Blumont, Ciry, Avincourt. French completely successful captured heights Andela French continue advance Vosges. State seige proclaimed Bulgaria."

Letter to Collector of Customs, Victoria. 3.20 p.m. -

"Relative crews detained German vessels information requested in accordance with attached copy of telegram which was sent to various Collectors of Customs. Have all members of crews German vessels not reservists who have signed undertaking been released under police surveillance, if it is practicable to do so. What are numbers of such."

Letter to Naval Secretary. 4.0 p.m. -

"Informing him that Commandant 5th Military District has been instructed to arrange for the military protection of the Wireless Station at Geraldton."

Telegram from Commandant, 4th Military District. 4.0 p.m. -

G.67 "Number maps and charts of German New Guinea and Islands seized by Censor are being taken charge of for you by Major Brand, leaving today. Advise Deputy Chief Censor."

Telegram to Censor, G.P.O. Perth (W.A.) 4.0 p.m. (W.363/1/93.)

Oa 349. "Employ temporarily when required reliable European who can read Japanese as interpreter."

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Cablegram received from the Prime Minister, New Zealand, dated

15th August, 1914, 8.15 p.m. -

"Limerick taken up for New Zealand troops. Will you please authorise re-erection of her wireless and facilitate her quick despatch in every direction."

to which the following reply has been sent - 4.0 p.m. -

"Limerick wireless arranged."

To Engineer Radio-telegraphy. 4.0 p.m. -

"I have told Comptroller-General Trade and Customs that wireless "Limerick" will be arranged. Will you please give necessary instructions."

Telegram to Commandants, all Military Districts except 3rd. 5. 0.p.m.

"Minister desires all operators of cables remain at post. They should not be enrolled for foreign service."

Telegram to Commandants, 5th and 6th Military Districts. 5.40 p.m. -

"In continuation this office telegram W.72 please wire whether Imperial Army Reservists have been medically examined and state number fit number unfit."

Letter to Secretary, The Electrolytic Refining and Smelting Coy.,

of Australia, 118 Pitt St. Sydney. 7.35 p.m. -

"Acknowledging receipt of letter of 11th instant relative to the protection of Refining Works of your Company at Port Kembla. The matter is receiving attention."

Telegram from Commandant, 2nd Military District. 10.0 p.m. -

"Forwarding recommendation for appointment of officers for Pacific Expeditionary Force."

Telegram to Commandants, all Military Districts. 10.0 p.m. -

"In continuation of W.369 Rifle Club detachments on cable guards should be relieved by trained militia if available and distance not excessive."

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Telegram from Commandant, 5th Military District. 3.0 a.m. (W175/1/68).

"Will probably be necessary to bring hundred fifty Austrian Reservists from Kalgoorlie to Rottneest. Is necessary account mixed population on the Eastern Goldfields. These men are taken exclusively from the mines and apart from expediency it will be found cheaper to intern these men at Rottneest and will necessitate fewer guards. Action has been taken to place a guard over the wireless station at Geraldton."

Telegram from Commandant, 4th Military District. (W.323/3/71.)

3.0 a.m..

"G.74 your Oa 36 Orders received yesterday commenced enrollment, instructions issued and Medical examination carried out in city today. Officer Commanding Light Horse Regiment and Infantry Battalion submitted provisional list of officers which have been sent to General Officer Commanding."

Telegram received from Commandant, 1st Military District. (W.323/3/72)

3.15 a.m. -

Daily Progress Report :-

"G. 61 your Oa. nothing further to report."

Letter from Commandant, 3rd Military District. (W.323/3/73). 9.0 a.m.

Daily Progress Report :-

- (1) Ten (10) Cadets from the R.M.C. Duntroon allotted to 3rd Military District reported for duty, and were disposed to their units.
- (2) Captain W.J. Smith, A. & I. Staff, reported for duty as General Staff Officer. Lieut. D. Paine reported for duty Central Administration.
- (3) Re ship "Ooma" Collector of Customs telephoned that he had the matter in hand and would report anything discovered, to the Military Authorities.
- (4) One wireless station dismantled and another will be dismantled within 24 hours at Kew, St. Kilda respectively.
- (5) Instructions to C.C.D. re relieving Units Port Phillip Defences.
- (6) Re "War Society" who meet at Cafe Boulevard, C.O., A.I.C. directed to take immediate action."

Telegram to Commandant, 2nd Military District. 11.0 a.m. -

"O.a 381. Names of officers for naval and military expedition have been passed by executive council for gazette."

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Cablegram dated London, 17th August 1914, 7.40 p.m. received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies . 11.0 a.m. (W.389/2/252.)

"August 17th. In reply to your telegram of the day before yesterday's date subject to directions of Prize Court to which application should be made Admiralty see no objection to ships being removed to ports to which cargo is consigned provided vessels when removed are in charge of Prize crew capable of preventing escape."

Letter to A.A.G. , 3rd Military District. 3.0 p.m. -

Consequent on appointment of Captain Crespin to the Expeditionary Force, it is requested that Captain McColl be transferred from Staff of Censor at Melbourne to that of the Deputy Chief Censor Victoria Barracks,. Captain McColl's successor to be appointed."

Telegram from Commandant, 1st Military District. (W.246/1/25.) 4.0 p.m.

"A.14 reference Defence Circular W.Q. 72. Lytton staff 5 officers. R.A.G.A., 2 officer 40 others armament artificers 1st and 2nd G.A. 3 officers 53 others 32nd Fortress Company 4 officers 41 others 8th Infantry 36 officers 375 others B section 2nd A.M.C. 3 officers 30 others 2nd A.S.C. 1 officer 7 others. Reservists R.A.G.A. 26. 32nd Fortress company 13 2nd A.S.C. 8, unallotted 100, horses 43, carriers 4, waggons 6. Staff at Base Brisbane 9 officers, Townsville 2 officers. Thursday Island Staff 6 officers 3 others. R.A.G.A. 3 officers 74 others. 1st G.A. 6 officers 105 others. 2nd Infantry 33 officers 991. 1st A.M.C. C Section 3 officers 63 others. 1st A.S.C. 1 officer 8 others, horses 27. Carriers 4, waggons 6. Cable and wireless guards South Port 1 officer 23 others Mon Repos 1 officer 23 others. Thursday Island 1 officer 29 others, Townsville 1 officer 9 others, Port Darwin 8 others. Censors Brisbane 1, Mon Repos 1, assistant censor, Brisbane 10."

Letter to Messrs. Morrison & Bearby, Engineers, Newcastle. N.S.W.

9.25 p.m. -

"Re your telegram of 11th instant repairs German steamer Wotan matter under consideration law authorities."

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Letter to Secretary, Department of External Affairs. 9.50 p.m. -

"With reference to your letter of 10th instant forwarding the subjoined decode of a cablegram dated 8th August received from the Administrator of the Northern Territory, Darwin, - "Several applications received from officers and men desiring to be enlisted for Expeditionary Force or Imperial Forces, Please advise.", I beg to inform you that these men could not now be selected, mobilized and equipped in time for them to embark with the Force."

Telegram to Commandants, all Military Districts. 12 midnight.

Stating number of horses required in several commands for Expeditionary Force.

Letter to G.H. Purlong, Esq. Natowla, Tasmania. 12 midnight.

"Acknowledging receipt of letter of 11th instant relative to German Possessions in Pacific Ocean and China, and thanking him for suggestions contained therein."

Telegram to Commandant, 5th Military District. 12 midnight. -

"Your G.42 No Light Horse are being sent from your command."

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Telegram to Collector of Customs, Thursday Island. 12.15 a.m.

"Your interpretation of telegram W.379 re wool and meat for Japan and Manilla correct."

Telegram to Collector of Customs, Hobart. 12.15 a.m. -

"Re your wire 17th consult Military Commandant re reservists "Oberhausen" who will deal with matter in accordance with instructions received."

Telegram to Commandant, 2nd Military District. 12.55 a.m. -

"Your unnumbered wire time expired militiamen. Men whose engagement is completed re-engage only under existing conditions. If time expired men were required to complete units below peace establishments called out for mobilization to complete peace establishments, they may be paid. They should be discharged immediately their units are relieved from duty. Units relieving those now serving are not to enlist or re-enlist time expired men. Pass to Paymaster."

Telegram from Commandant, 4th Military District. 7 a.m. (W 323/3/-)

Daily Progress Report -

"G. your O a 36. Imperial force camp pitched. Assembly starts tomorrow."

Letter to the Official Secretary to the Governor-General requesting

that a cablegram be despatched to the Secretary of State for the Colonies in the following terms :-

"Re Australian Expeditionary Force. Propose to start horses in slow ship in about a week other ships following soon as ready. Is convoy considered necessary? If so what arrangements can be made. What route does Admiralty recommend, Torres Straits Cape Good Hope or Suez?"

Letter from Commandant, 3rd Military District. (W.323/3/77.)

"In accordance with your L.W. 9 of 4:8:1914, the following is forwarded:-

- (1) C.O., A.I.C. directed to inquire into the action of certain suspected Germans at various places round Melbourne.
- (2) Instructions re relieving of troops at Port Phillip Heads forwarded to C.C.D. in accordance with Minister's decision.
- (3) German steamer "Windenfels" detained in Examination Anchorage; later allowed to proceed to Melbourne.
- (4) Lt.-Col. L.Long, O.C. 4th (Div.) L.H.Reg't., A.I. Force, reported for duty.

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Letter to Secretary, Navy Office. 9.0 a.m. -

"I am in receipt this morning of advices from my Censor, Brisbane, to the effect that a cable to Noumea has been silent since 8. o'clock on Tuesday morning. The operator, on going to the test house, found the cable broken 40 miles from Mon Repos, but not in contact with salt water. The cable officials state that a repairing steamer is required, and the electrical engineer at Brisbane Post Office has been notified. Above is forwarded for your information."

Letter to Censor, Melbourne: 9.0 a.m. -

"Confirming my telephone message this morning, please revive my instructions concerning Captain McColl, who will report to me at this office at 9.30 a.m. tomorrow, the 20th instant."

Cablegram, dated London, 18th August, 1.20 p.m. received from the

Secretary of State for the Colonies. 10.0 a.m. -

"I am informed that islands Angaur and Feys in Pellew group contain valuable deposits high grade phosphate worked by German Company your Ministers will no doubt consider in communication with naval authorities whether operations of the expedition to the Caroline Islands should be extended to the Pellew group." (Copy sent to Prime Minister).

C.G.S. Referred. A copy has been forwarded to the Naval Secretary.

Cablegram dated London, 18th August 7.40 p.m. received from the

Secretary of State for the Colonies. 3.0 p.m. -

"August 18th. In connection with the expedition against German possessions in Pacific British Flag should be hoisted in all territories occupied successfully by His Majesty's forces and suitable arrangements made for temporary administration. No formal proclamation of annexation should however be made without previous communication with His Majesty's Government."

(Copy sent to Prime Minister.)

(The message has been a good deal mutilated in transit and a repeat is being obtained.)

(Copy sent to Naval Secretary for information of Commander Naval and Military Expedition.)

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Telegram to Commandant, 1st Military District. 5.25 p.m. -

"Your E.977 you were informed by telegram W.234 to stop Ordnance pay to Imperial Reservists from date following cessation duty and by telegram W.394 to pay at rates laid down for Citizen Forces at Defended Ports not including separation allowance."

Telegram from Admiralty, London. dated 11.15 a.m. 19th August 1914, received 6.45 p.m. -

"Replying your telegram of 16th August following operations should be undertaken by Australian expedition and squadron from Port Moresby when Rear Admiral considers the local Naval situation will admit. Seize and occupy Rabaul as a base. Detach three expeditions to occupy Nauru, Yap and Anguar in order to break enemy's line of intelligence in Pacific Ocean. The seizure and occupation of Kaiser Wilhelm's Land to be considered later. Give orders for total destruction of their wireless stations if any chance of enemy recapturing them."

(Naval Secretary reports that telegram received from Commander-in-Chief, China stated that the wireless station at Yap was destroyed on 12th August.)

Letter to Naval Secretary that information be transmitted to Military Commanders on transport ships "Berrima" and "Kanowna".

Telegram to Collector of Customs, Brisbane. 7.30 p.m. -

"Harbour authorities should provide suitable place where detained ships can be safely moored pending such provision Harbour Authorities should arrange tentative place of mooring if owners wharves make charge. They should be informed that you will receive claims but do not admit any liability to pay."

Letter to Commandant, 3rd Military District. 8.40 p.m. -

Daily return showing the number of troops mobilized number required and number in excess for each arm.

Telegram to Collector of Customs, Fremantle. 9.15 p.m. -

"W. 602. Is Neumunster fitted with wireless. If so have you taken necessary action in matter"

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Telegram from Commandant, 6th Military District. 10.30 p.m. (W246/1/28)

"G. 5 reference Ca 397 please advise if return required is in connection with troops mobilized for expeditionary force or for Hobart defences."

Telegram to Commandant, 6th Military District in reply. -

"Re your G.5 return is for defended ports."

Telegram dated Sydney, 7.5 p.m. received from His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales. - (W.112/4/-

"August 19th secret. I have sent the following telegram to Secretary of State for the Colonies begins -

"August 19th. With reference to your telegram August 17th Harman returned today he states he left Samoa July 25th nobody apprehended war there are about 400 Germans 200 English no troops no guns but the German squadron was expected at Samoa August 1st coal supply barely for a small ship of war Germans suspected to have a reserve coaling station Bismarck Islands or at New Guinea Harman had little anxiety as to British subjects from German aggression but he apprehends that the Chinese coolies will be rising and pillaging if supply of rice fails natives might rebel asking for permission to return to Samoa with rice by the Missionary Steamboat John Williams but the Federal Government will not allow of wireless telegraphy installation open Samoa July 25th."

"From other sources I learn that large German merchant Vessel has put into American Samoa of and that cable to New Caledonia is cut seventy miles from Queensland end of message".

of Message mutilated - corrections to follow.

(Copy of message sent to Prime Minister).

Telegram from Collector of Customs, Brisbane, dated 19th August, 1914, 11.0 p.m. - 11.30 p.m. -

"Q 11. Subcollector Cocktown wires master "Matunga" reports passed steamer with lights burning standing to northward at 7.45 p.m. 18th in latitude point 138 S. longitude 146 E. immediately put ship in darkness turned round and ran to North-West. He seemed under easy steam and her position seemed a very unusual one."

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Letter to the Official Secretary to H.E. the Governor General from Secretary Prime Minister's Department. W.112/2/42.

"Requesting that following cablegram be despatched to the Secretary of State for the Colonies :-

Referring your telegram 4th August Presume Commonwealth Government may similarly utilise services Imperial Officers in this country if occasion arises".

Cablegram from High Commissioner, London, dated 18th August. W.393/3/4.

"Official: Britain Japan opinion action necessary protect interests Far East contemplated alliance especially viewing independence integrity China. Understood action Japan does not extend Pacific beyond China Seas except where necessary protect Japanese shipping Pacific nor beyond Asiatic waters westward China Seas nor foreign territory except German occupation continent Eastern Asia".

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Telegram from Commandant, 4th Military District. 1.15 a.m. W.325/3/78.

Daily Progress Report. "Precautionary stage completed. Imperial Force Camp started. Citizen Forces enrolment satisfactory, country enrolment not yet received".

Letter from Commandant, 3rd Military District. 7 a.m. W. 325/3/80.

Daily Progress Report. 1. C.O., A.I.C., instructed to enquire into and report upon certain Germans leaving Melbourne by the "EURIPIDES" and the "DEMOSTHENES for DURBAN.

2. E. Scott - Seymour Road, ELSTERNWICK, instructed to dismantle wireless plant within 24 hours.

3. Correspondence forwarded re blocking of channels in Port Phillip NOT recommended by Head Quarters, 3rd Military District, at this juncture".

Cablegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, London, dated 19th August, 1914, 5.50 p.m. 10 a.m. W.246/2/99.

"August 19th. Referring to my telegram 2nd August communicated in cypher it is not intention of Admiralty to utilise services of officers of Royal Naval Reserve serving in Merchant Vessels abroad at present. In the absence of summons (?) from His Majesty's Naval Officers or further communication from me they should not therefore be removed from their employment".

Cablegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, London, dated 19th August, 6.10 p.m. 10 a.m. W.112/2/43.

"Referring to your telegram 14th August neither territorial nor officers training corps officers in Australia are required to return home. There is no objection to their being attached to local corps".

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Cablegram from Secretary of State for the Colonies, London, dated 19th August, 7.50 p.m. 10 a.m. W.112/4/38.

"My telegram of August 18th following policy for offensive operations against the German Pacific possessions is suggested for the concurrence of your Ministers. From the reports received it appears that the Germans are fully prepared for surprise attacks by warships on wireless telegraph installations and arrange to hide instruments in order to start wireless telegraph installations again when the danger is past. It is therefore suggested that as soon as naval situation permits Rabaul should be occupied by the Australian Commonwealth Forces as a base and when this has been done subsidiary expedition should be sent at once to occupy Nauru Yap and Angaur. When these objects have been achieved further operations should be taken to occupy mainland of German New Guinea and as many as possible of the more valuable outlying islands such as Feys. Troops occupying German territory need not anticipate attack by hostile military expeditions carried oversea nor from enemy warships which can do little damage without landing parties which they could ill afford to do. As His Majesty's ships cannot be continuously employed for protecting coastline of occupied territory it is intended to set warships free for their proper function as soon as military expeditions have been safely conveyed and established at their destination. Admiral is being informed direct by Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty in this sense".

Letter to Secretary, Prime Minister's Department. 10.15 a.m. L.W.648.

"Forwarding copy of correspondence between this Department and Engineer for Radio-telegraphy relative to wireless station at King Island, Bass Strait and to request Premier of Tasmania may be communicated with by telegram as follows :-
'With reference to wireless station King Island, Bass Strait, Commonwealth Government approves of station being permitted to work on distinct understanding that at no time is station to communicate with any ship at sea nor with any other station than Melbourne Radio-telegraph Station provided always that this permission in no way imposes any obligation on Commonwealth to take over the station at any time during or after present war".

Letter to Engineer for Radio-telegraphy. 10.15 a.m. L.W. 649.

"Reference memo. of 18th instant No. 8773 informed of approval of recommendation re wireless station at King Island, Bass Strait, permitted to work on understanding that at no time is station to communicate with any ship at sea provided Commonwealth under no obligation to take over station during or after the present war.
The Premier of Tasmania, informed by telegram".

Letter to Secretary Postmaster-General's Department. 10.15 a.m. L.W.650.

"Forwarding copy of correspondence between this Department and Engineer for Radio-telegraphy in regard to wireless station at King Island, Bass Strait."

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Telegram to Collector of Customs, Sydney. 10.15 a.m. W.610.

"Release cargo on board Cairnhill belonging to Pacific Phosphate Company".

Telegram to Collector of Customs, Sydney. 10.15 a.m. W. 611.

"Please permit Amalgamated Wireless Limited to ship to New Zealand by S.S. "Mahene" one set wireless telegraphy gear".

Telegram to all Collectors of Customs except Victoria. 10.15 a.m.
W. 612.

"Instructions having now been received from Imperial Authorities with regard to censorship of inwards and outwards correspondence and parcels of Germans and Austrians should occasion arise for you at any time to take action in this connection please consult the censor your State and also issue any necessary instructions in matter to your sub-collectors".

Telegram to Commandant, 6th Military District. 10.15 a.m. W. 613.
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"Reference your W.3 28 4 when submitting next/troops called out please show each defended port separately".

Telegram to all Collectors of Customs except Victoria. 10.27 a.m.
W. 621.

"With reference to my wire of thirteenth instant re outbreak of war between Austro-Hungary and Great Britain date in para 2 of proclamation is fifteenth August and date in para 3 22nd August."

Letter to all Collectors of Customs. 10.27 a.m. L.W. 629.

"Confirming telegram of 13th instant" W. 316 As war now exists between Austro-Hungary and Great Britain Merchant ships of that nationality should be detained. Copy of Order in Council will be forwarded to you in due course" and to enclose copy of Commonwealth Gazette No. 59 containing copy of Proclamation with regard to Order in Council referred to in Appendix I of Instructions regarding the treatment of neutral and enemy merchant ships in time of war. Please acknowledge receipt".

Letter to Naval Secretary. 10.57 a.m. L.W. 651.

"Reference your memo of 18th confidential, re steamer "Neimunster" the recommendation of the Naval Board that letter referred to therein should be opened and read is concurred with. The necessary action is being taken accordingly. Please see copy of cablegram from Secretary of State for the Colonies of 18th instant forwarded to you today".

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Letter to Naval Secretary. 10.57 a.m. L.W. 652.

"Forwarding copy of correspondence as under relative to
Wireless Station, King Island, Bass Strait -

Minute to Mr Balsillie on 16/8/14.

Reply from " " 18/8/14.

Necessary communications in the matter are being addressed to
Premier, Tasmania and the Secretary, Postmaster-General's
Department".

Letter to Engineer for Radio-telegraphy. 11.50 a.m. L.W. 654.

"Informing him that Collector of Customs Sydney has been
instructed to permit shipment of the set of wireless telegraphy
gear referred to therein to New Zealand by "Maheno"."

Telegram to Collector of Customs in each Port acting as D.O.S. 11.50 am
W.621.

With reference to my wire of 13th instant re outbreak of war
between Austro-Hungary and Great Britain date in para 2 of
proclamation is 15th August and date in para 3 22nd August".

Letter to Secretary Prime Minister's Department. 11.50 a.m. L.W. 661.

"Requesting following cablegram be sent to Secretary of State
for the Colonies:- Following German merchant ships detained
at Melbourne "Lothringen" 5008 tons about 13 knots, "Wildenfels"
5512 tons about 12 knots at Fremantle "Neumunster" 4224 tons
speed 12 knots latter sent by prize crew from H.M.A.S.
"Pioneer".

Letter to Secretary South Clifton Coal Mining Co., 89 Pitt St., Sydney
12.50 p.m. L.W. 674.

"Acknowledging letter of 17th instant forwarding lists giving
results of tests of Australian Coals made by American War
Department".

Telegram dated 19th August, 11.46 a.m. from the Premier of Western
Australia. 3 p.m. W. 389/2/276.

"Papers of Neumunster captured by Pioneer lodged with
Registrar of our Court with affidavit and Marshal proposes to
take possession our Crown Law Officers are willing to assist
in proceedings for condemnation but require instructions from
you before taking action".

(A copy of the above has been forwarded for the advice of the
Attorney-General's Department).

Telegram to all Commandants except 3rd. 3.20 p.m. W. 628.

"Reference defence telegram W.395 of 15th instant paragraph
34(f) section 8. Part III Standing Orders for mobilisation
will not apply at present to units relieving those called up
for defended ports and guards. Any men previously enrolled
in units called up to be discharged immediately their units
relieved from duty".

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Letter to Messrs Houlden Bros, Steamship Buildings, Collins St.,
Melbourne. 4.30 p.m. L.W. 681.

"Re enquiry of 13th re steamers taking coal and stores to
Ocean Island, it is not considered desirable that ships
should be cleared for Ocean Island".

Telegram to all Collectors of Customs. 4.30 p.m. W. 692.

"Forwarding books containing Forms of "Undertaking" and
"Warning of Blockade", Treatment of neutral and enemy
merchant ships in time of war".

Letter to Comptroller-General of Customs, Melbourne. 4.30 p.m. L.W.693

Pacific Phosphate Company have on board German steamer
"Cairnhill" now detained at Sydney a cargo of phosphates
for Nauru originally consigned to Rotterdam and for Stettin.
As there appears to be no doubt that the Company is British
and that the cargo belongs to them the Collector of Customs
has been instructed to release it. It is understood the
Company intend to dispose of cargo in Australia".

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Telegram from Collector of Customs, Brisbane. W. 389/2/248.

"Considerable difficulty being experienced mooring detained vessels stop Saturday last they broke away from their moorings which necessitated placing them alongside wharf steps being taken by harbour authorities to provide suitable mooring the expense already involved for pilots tugs etc is pretty considerable and the wharf owners notify they are going to make a charge of one half-penny per day on the registered tonnage whilst they remain alongside Please advise if payment to be made".

Telegram to Collector of Customs, Brisbane. W. 599.

"Harbour authorities should provide suitable place where detained ships can be safely moored pending such provision harbour authorities should arrange tentative place of mooring if owners wharves make charge they should be informed that you will receive claims but do not admit any liability to pay".

Cablegram from Troopers, War Office, London, via Eastern, dated 19th August. 1.17 a.m. A.I.F. 112/2/25.

"Reference to offer of Australian Government of Expeditionary Force what are numbers of officers, other ranks and horses composing the Force. end of message".

Cablegram dated London 19th August to External Affairs, 4.35 p.m. W. 393/3/5.

"Eighteen Official Admiralty report sinking Amphion fifth Struck mine Flames enveloped bridge and rendered the Captain insensible. Recovered consciousness but impossible to reach bridge or flood the fore magazine. Men muster without confusion Within twenty minutes crew leave ship Within few minutes mine explodes fore magazine Fifteen minutes ship disappeared".

Cablegram dated London, 20th August, 12.10 a.m. W. 393/3/5.

"External Affairs. Nineteen reliable Fierce fighting along extended frontier also near Antwerp Russians after several hours fighting seriously damaged Austrians who retired pursued by Russian Cavalry Men joining British Army rate nine thousand daily Smart".

Telegram from Lieut-Governor Papua, dated 8th August 1914 (Received 20th August 1914) 5.30 p.m. W. 268/1/9.

"Re defence of wireless telegraph and using services of constabulary against possible attack by land but cannot be defended against artillery fire stop Position of wireless telegraph possibly will protect in case of attack by warship from the outside but not in case of attack within Port Moresby stop No means or materials for laying mechanical mines for protection of passage in reef but the wireless telegraph operator competent to undertake the work laying them if provided stop Passed legislation for commencing recruitment of civil population stop Am sending this message through Thursday Island as radio-telegraphic message can be intercepted".

P.S. It will be noticed that the telegram which was only received in this Department this morning, is dated 8th August It has evidently been sent by boat to Thursday Island and telegraphed from there.

Since the 8th instant several radio telegrams have been received from Port Moresby i.e. that of the 13th instant asking whether the Lieut-Governor should resist any attack upon the wireless station at the risk of bombardment".

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Letter to Secretary Prime Minister's Department. W. 12/1/15.

"In reply to the telegram from the Governor-General of South Africa dated 14th instant, I am directed to ask that the following cablegram may be despatched:-

'Regret can only spare five million rounds Mark VI .303" ammunition which will be despatched first available ship stop Will increase quantity later if possible' "

Minute to Q.M.G. W. 12/1/15.

"The Minister has approved of five million rounds of .303" ammunition being despatched to the Union Government of South Africa at the earliest possible opportunity. Will you please arrange shipment accordingly by first available steamer".

Telegram to all Collectors of Customs, dated 20/8/14. W. 398/1/8.

"In my telegram of 13th instant re wireless telegraphy for words "not to be reerected until vessel beyond territorial waters of the Commonwealth" substitute "But may be reerected on ship clearing the pilotage waters until she enters pilotage waters of port of destination".

Telegram from Commandant, 2nd Military District. W. 246/3/64. 9.30 p.m.

"Officer commanding Artillery and the Area Officer at Albury at the instance of police request guard on railway bridge over Murray. This will mean mobilising half company 44th Infantry at Albury. Victorian Railways have two fettlers guarding at night considered inadequate by above officers Please instruct".

Cablegram to Secretary, War Office, London, 20th August, 1914, midnight.
W. 12/1/16.

"T four. Re cable August 9th from Secretary of State for Colonies quantity ammunition requested with the expeditionary force will unduly deplete supply here stop Will 15 million rounds .303 and 40,000 rounds field artillery ammunition be sufficient stop Stock cupro nickel for .303 exhausted stop At request South African Government 5 million rounds .303 being sent South Africa stop All our .303 ammunition is mark six".

Telegram from Commandant, 1st Military District. 21/8/14, 1 a.m.
W. 323/3/81.

Daily Progress Report. "Cable service between Mon Repos and Noumea temporarily suspended owing cable having been broken forty three miles from Mon Repos. Nothing further to report".

Telegram from Commandant, 5th Military District. 21/8/14, 1.15 a.m.
W. 246/2/102.

"Accordance with your W. 597 employing Imperial Army Reservists on guard at Rottnest".

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Telegram from Commandant, 4th Military District. 7.50 a.m. W. 323/3/82.

Daily Progress Report. "Imperial Force concentrating and training commenced".

Message from C.C.D. 9 a.m.

"German steamer Altona entered the Heads at 2.25 a.m. today and proceeded to Melbourne".
G.S.O. 3rd Military District informed.

Letter to Naval Secretary, 9 a.m. W. 363/1/114.

"Instances of overlapping appear to have occurred in Sydney between Naval and Military Authority as regards censorship. The Minister desires that Naval Officers be informed that the Military Department is responsible for all censorship except wireless".

Cablegram dated London 19th August, 3.20 p.m. from Secretary of State for the Colonies. 10 a.m. W. 389/2/263.

"With reference your telegram of 11th August your telegram 18th August His Majesty's Government are advised that as regards German(y) merchant vessels in British ports at outbreak of war or entering in ignorance of hostilities His Majesty's Government are bound by Articles two four first paragraph and five of Hague Convention Number six of October 18th 1907 but they are not bound by articles three and four second paragraph as to which Germany made reserves. His Majesty's Government are advised that there is no contradiction between article nine Ordeyn Council August 4th regarding detention merchant vessels and the Convention as though ships are liable to capture and adjudication the adjudication need not be followed by condemnation see Prize Rules Order twenty eight rule one. This has been explained to Government of United States and should be brought to notice Prize Courts. At the same time it might be well to inform Prize Courts that at midnight August 7th Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs formally notified Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty that articles three to eight of Order in Council would not come into operation as regards Germany. Further telegrams will be sent respecting Austrian ships".

Cablegram dated London, 6 p.m. the 20th instant from Secretary of State for Colonies, 12.30 p.m. W. 389/2/277.

"Referring to your telegram 7th August Norwegian Minister has made representations in favour of allowing Norwegian vessel "Ferm" which is loaded with coal bound for Chili to proceed to her destination. He states that the charterer of vessel - a Hamburg firm - has telegraphed to ship-owners in Norway that coal has been for a long time Chilian property. Would be glad to receive by telegraph any observations which your Ministers after communicating with State Government may wish to offer on question whether action can be taken under Order 13 of new Prize Court rules."

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Telegram from Commandant, 6th Military District. 2.40 p.m. W. 389/2/282.

"District Naval Officer detaining officer and myself in consultation concerning prisoners of war. Please instruct whether I am justified in detaining crew of Oberhausen consisting 30 Reservists and 4 others on board they having signed undertaking Appendix 9".

Telegram to Commandant, 6th Military District. 3.10 p.m.

"Your I.G. 7 - All Reservists are to be treated alike other members of crew should be released at once".

Telegram to Collector of Customs, Port Adelaide. 3.20 p.m. W. 690.

"Your wire today Pacific Phosphate Coy's steamer Imperial transport no further action necessary at present".

Letter to Naval Secretary. 3. 20 p.m. W.L. 724.

"Forwarding copy of translation from a German newspaper submitted by censor at Perth".

Letter to Naval Secretary. 3.20 p.m. L.W. 742.

"The Minister desires that the Captain in charge at Garden Island should be requested to keep the undermentioned confidentially informed of any chance which may present itself for despatching mails to New Britain or Samoa. The Rev. J.G. Wheen Methodist Missionary Secretary, 139 Castlereagh St., Sydney".

Letter to Naval Secretary. 3. 20 p.m. W.L. 740.

"Please advise as soon as possible what space there will be in the various ships selected as transports for frozen meat".

Letter to Commandants all Districts, except 4th. 3. 20 p.m. W.L. 741.

"Relative to Mobilisation Instructions for Rifle Clubs the following is the procedure to warn and call out members for active service - 'Members will be warned and called out in the order in which they are shown on R.C. (M) Form C.1. Unmarried men (or married men without children) between the ages of 18 and 35 are to be selected first and then each succeeding class until the required number of medically fit men have been obtained".

Letter to Secretary Postmaster-General's Department. L.W. 751. 3.45 p.m.

"Copy of cablegram forwarded to Secretary of State for Colonies forwarded for information - 'My cablegram 3rd August Lieut-Col. W.H. Tunbridge was appointed Deputy Chief Censor at Headquarters from 10th to 16th August inclusive vice Col. McCay. Col. J. Monash will take over duties from first-named officer from 17th instant".

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Telegram to Commandant, 2nd Military District. 3.45 p.m. W. 692.

"Understand you have Germans boarded by Salvation Army at 10/- per week are they prisoners? If so how is safe custody enforced".

Telegram to Manager Kodak (Australasia) Ltd., 379 George St., Sydney.
3. 45 p.m. W. 754.

"In continuation of letter of 14th relative to certain negatives of German New Guinea in your possession asking for prints under conditions named in your letter of 12th instant".

Letter to Secretary, Department of External Affairs. 3.45 p.m. L.W. 755.

"Reference to memo 17th No. 14/14168 re transporting a number of Reservists of French Army. Arrangements are being made for Imperial Army Reservists to be sent to England and there will be no objection to French Reservists travelling with them".

Letter to Secretary Department of Home Affairs. 4.50 p.m. W.L. 764.

"Construction of Sea Wall Nepean Peninsula asking for supplies to continue construction".

Telegram from Troopers, London, dated 21st August, 2.25 p.m. 112/2/28.
5. 15 p.m.

"560 Army Council would be glad to know date when contingent will be ready to embark as Admiralty are anxious to make necessary arrangements in advance for the convey of the troops".

Telegram to Collector of Customs, Brisbane. 5.15 p.m. W. 701.

"Your Q.4 of 13th August, Department of External Affairs have arranged for Malay and Chinese members Pring Sigismund to leave Brisbane by Taiyuan on 24th instant. Make temporary arrangements for reasonable supply fresh meat and vegetables detained ships and advise weekly cost".

Telegram to Commandant, 5th Military District. 5.25 p.m. W. 703.

"Is crew of Neumunster being treated same way as crews of other German vessels detained".

Telegram to all Commandants, except 3rd Military District. 5.25 p.m.
W. 704.

"Return requested in my O a 397 is only to refer to troops mobilised under Defence Scheme and is not to clash with return required for troops mobilised for Expeditionary Force".

Telegram to Commandant, 2nd Military District. 6. 45 p.m. W. 707.

"Administrator Darwin requires 25 safety electric low tension fuzes and necessary detonators for gelignite explosives arrange for supply to be shipped by Montoro sailing from Sydney tomorrow Customs have been instructed to authorise shipment".

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Letter from Commandant, 3rd Military District. W. 323/3/83.

Daily Progress Report. "Three (3) wireless stations were dismantled and six (6) persons with wireless stations were ordered to dismantle their masts etc., within 24 hours".

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Letter from Commandant, 3rd Military District. W. 323/3/83.

Daily Progress Report. "Three (3) wireless stations were dismantled and six (6) persons with wireless stations were ordered to dismantle their masts etc., within 24 hours".

Telegram, dated 13th August, 1914. from the Collector of Customs, Brisbane. W. 389/2/187.

Q. 4. Question raised as to provisioning crews on board German steamers detained this port all officers and crew are under parole but still on board also please advise action regarding Malay and Chinese members crew of PRINZ SIGISMUND necessary if crews allowed remain on board be served with fresh provisions about twice a week Copy of this wire has been sent Secretary External Affairs.

To which the following reply has been sent: 21/8/1914.

Collector Customs, Brisbane.
W. 701. Your Q. 4. of 13th August Department of External Affairs have arranged for Malay and Chinese members PRINZ SIGISMUND to leave Brisbane by TAIYUAN on 24th instant. Make temporary arrangements for reasonable supply fresh meat and vegetables detained ships and advise weekly cost.

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Telegram from Commandant, 5th Military District. 5 a.m. W. 323/3/84.

Daily Progress Report. "G. 56. The following messages have been received from the D.N.O. British Merchant Vessel "Imperial Transport" arrived at Wabberoo (? Wallaroo) from Albany reports seen name of unknown presumed war vessel August, 15th 11.30 p.m. latitude 35 east, longitude 122, we signalled with morse lamp name unknown war vessel then disappeared. Last night intelligence officer Singapore reports reliable information Banjowangi Java German ship Roon and also two unknown cruisers off port today message ends. Request answer whether gift horses be accepted can be taken into depot after training finished will greatly facilitate training at very small cost."

Cablegram dated London the 21st instant, 6.35 p.m. received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies. W. 389/2/290. 9a.m.

"Prize Court (s) should be informed that Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs notified Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty August 15th that Articles three to eight of Order-in-Council of August 4th which was extended to Austro-Hungarian merchant vessels by proclamation dated August 12th will come into operation (with regard to?) Austro-Hungarian ships. These articles will accordingly come into operation with the provisions of the Order-in-Council and the proclamation of August 12th referred to in my telegram of 14th August".

Cablegram from High Commissioner's Office, dated London.

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Cablegram from High Commissioner's Office, dated London 21st August,
1914. 6.15. a.m. 9.a.m.

"Twentytwo Weight of Germans being thrown against left flank
allies Belgians retired upon Antwerp Germans occupy
Brussels French continue effective offensive Alsace Lorraine"

Letter to Commandant, 3rd Military District. 11.45 a.m.

Minister has approved of 5 million (5,000,000) rounds of .303"
Ammunition being despatched to the Union Government of South
Africa at the earliest possible opportunity. Will you arrange
shipment first available steamer.

Telegram to Sir Thomas Holland, Sydney. 1.20 p.m.

"W. 734. Territorial and Officers Training Corps Officers not
required to return England at present but may serve in Colonies".

Letter to Commandant, 2nd Military District. 1.20 p.m.

W.L. 852. Will you please obtain full particulars from Mr.
Lelbius Hordern concerning his patriotic offer of placing his
hydro aeroplane unreservedly at the disposal of the Military
Authorities."

Telegram to G.Wynne, Sydney. 3.15 p.m.

"W. 736 Monoplane referred to not required on terms mentioned".

Telegram to Rawdon, Hunter St. Sydney. 3.15 p.m.

"W. 735 Glad if you will furnish particulars as to what is
meant by with mechanics what are terms of this engagement".

Telegram to Collector of Customs, Sydney. 4. p.m.

"W. 7.40 Proposed to grant release to Austrian ship "Turut"
but before issuing you instructions necessary to know what
neutral port master is desirous of proceeding please ascertain
and wire".

Telegram to Collector of Customs, Newcastle. 4. p.m.

"W 737 Norwegian barque "Ferm" may be released and pass given
that she must take direct track Newcastle to Valpariaso and
warned that vessel liable to seizure if she departs from that
track or calls at any ports or islands on the voyage".

(Similar information forwarded to Vice-Consul for Norway,
Attorney General's Dept., Comptroller General of Trade and
Customs, Prime Minister and Naval Secretary).

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Telegram from Premier, South Australia, dated 19th August, 1914.
W. 175/1/82. 4.55 p.m.

"Suspected German spy Ulrich Meier arrested on board steamer Pilbarra on 9th Inst. at instance of W.A. authorities still in hands of police. No charge having laid against Meier by Military Authorities We propose to release him unless otherwise directed by you".

Letter to Prime Minister suggesting telegram in reply in following terms

"Re your telegram 19th re suspected German spy. Waiting full particulars from W.A. but those so far to hand make it obvious he should be detained. Will wire you further in few days time please hold under arrest".

Telegram to Commandant, 2nd Military District. 4.55. p.m.

"Understand several Germans proceeding America by Ventura get into communication with Agents and enquire as to whether they should be detained".

Cablegram dated London, 21st August, 11. p.m. received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

"Admiralty state that British ship Franklin is held in port at Newcastle, N.S.W. Admiralty do not see any reason why ship should not be permitted to proceed at once and they suggest that permission should be given".

Telegram to Collector of Customs, Newcastle, N.S.W. 11.50 p.m.

"W. 771 Do you know anything of British ship Franklin said to be held in port Newcastle if so what is cause of detention".

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Cablegram dated London, 19th August, 11.55 a.m. received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies. A.I.F. 112/2/26.

"Your telegram 12th August Army Council will gladly make available services Blamey and Chauvel".

Letter from Collector of Customs, Melbourne. 9 p.m. 20/8/14.

"Reporting German steamer 'Wildenfels' arrived Melbourne and detained, tonnage 5,512, speed 11 knots per hour".

Telegram received from the Premier of South Australia, dated Adelaide, 20th August, 3.10 p.m.

"Most urgent understand instructions given by Military Department to have all correspondence addressed to German and Austrian names opened and censored stop Strongly protest against such action without utmost discretion and need such action will affect and cause grievous dissatisfaction to many thousands of naturalised and native born citizens including Attorney-General members of Parliament and other people who cannot possibly be suspected".

Reply to Premier of South Australia. W. 363/1/15. (Suggested reply)

"Instructions issued by Home Government to all Dominions require that all correspondence to or from Germany and Austria shall be censored and in the interests of national safety this course has already been proved to be necessary in Australia. Good citizens bearing names of German or Austrian origin or even only similar to such, and who are corresponding with Germany or Austria will surely realise that the opening of their correspondence is the only method by which hostile or traitorous information may be stopped from falling into enemy hands. All censors are bound to absolute secrecy and their only effort in a trying duty is to safeguard the interests of the Nation".

Letter from Collector of Customs, Melbourne. 21/8/14. W. 389/2/286.

"Reporting German steamer 'Altona' arrived Melbourne and detained, tonnage 4,312, speed 11½ knots".

Cablegram from Secretary, War Office, dated London, 21st August, 1914.

"570 Cypher Army Council will be glad if you can some or all the following units complete with transport and equipment
Begin Ammunition Park mechanical transport, supply column
mechanical transport, reserve park: horsed wagons, clearing
hospital two stationary hospitals two general hospitals,
railway supply detachment Army Pay Corps details and two depot
units supply full stop Organization and numbers in accordance
with War Establishments Part one Expeditionary Force 1914".

Telegram from Collector of Customs, Sydney, 21/8/14. 9.40 p.m.

"German steamship 'Berlin' 4196 tons speed 11 - 12 knots arrived at Sydney this morning and has been detained".

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Cablegram received from High Commissioner, dated 21st August, 1914.
W. 389/1/26.

"Board of Trade informed me yesterday had given promised instructions as to insurance cargo troopships but say some owners troopships raising difficulties about their risk as carriers of private cargo on troopships stop Have strongly appealed to Board to see that promise fulfilled".

Cablegram dated London, 21st August, 11.30 a.m. received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies. D. 48/3/4.

"With reference to your telegram 13th August Army Council agree as to Bott".

Cablegram dated London, 21st August, 6.40 p.m. received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies. W. 389/2/301.

"Your telegram August 19th Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty assuming that facts are as reported consider severest possible measures should be taken if 'Zambesi' is a British vessel she could apparently be proceeded against at least for trading with the enemy and if 'Frithjof' is Norwegian she would seem to be open to conviction of neutral service".

Minute to Secretary Department of Defence from Colonel J.G. Legge, C.M.G.,
W. 112/4/47.

"With reference to the troops on the Kanowna and Berrima, as the supplies provided by the Military Department are preserved or tinned, and fresh food is always preferable, could the Navy Board be asked to give fresh supplies of meat to the troops whenever it is convenient to do so. Of course this is only possible while a vessel with cool storage is present at the place of issue, there being no facilities for storage ashore".

Letter to Naval Secretary. 23/8/14.

"Referred for favour of remarks".

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Letter from Secretary Department of External Affairs, W. 363/2/33.
9 a.m.

"In cabling to the High Commissioner in London this Department addresses its messages to "Houstoun" London; the address "Crotonate" London, being used for the Official Secretary.
2. In accordance with instructions from the censor all messages sent to London, whether intended for the High Commissioner or the Official Secretary have been addressed to "Crotonate". A request has now been received from Sir George Reid for all messages intended for him to be sent as usual addressed to "Houstoun" and I shall be glad if arrangements can be made for the censor to pass messages so addressed".

23rd August, 1914.

Telegram from Collector of Customs. Brisbane, dated 23rd August, 1914.
10.35 a.m. W. 389/2/291. 11 a.m.

"German steamer signal from Ocean Island cargo phosphates arrived this port this morning seized and detained further report following".

Telegram received by Comptroller-General of Customs from Collector of Customs, Brisbane. W. 389/2/287.

"Sub-collector Thursday Island advises Sultan Van Lankat oil ship owners British Imperial Oil Company on voyage west left order that port for provisions on return 18th instant Has not yet arrived".

(Telephoned from Central Customs 3 p.m. 22/8/14)

(Telephoned to Naval Secretary, 22/8/14)

To which the following reply was sent on 23/8/14.

"Collector of Customs, Brisbane. W. 774 Your wire even date am informed that return voyage Sultan Van Lankat has been cancelled".

Cablegram received from Secretary, War Office London, dated 22nd August, 1914. 5.5 p.m.

"590. Referring your telegram of August 20th 40,000 rounds field artillery ammunition and 15 million rounds .303 ammunition will meet the case".

Cablegram dated London, 22nd August, 5.45 p.m. received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies. W. 389/2/298.

"August 22nd. With reference to your telegram of 17th August Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty and Army Council welcome shipments of zinc concentrates to this country. Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty add that there is considerable shortage of spelter in this country at present and that regular shipments from Australia would relieve pressure".

Telegram from Commandant, 2nd Military District. 12.29 p.m. A.Z. 61.

"Notification received from Secretary External Affairs that Walter Pass German subject not liable for military service has taken oath of neutrality and may be allowed proceed New York Government having no objection. Is this procedure to be followed in similar cases".

Telegram to Commandant, 2nd Military District. 3 p.m. W. 175/1/90.

"Your A.Z. 61 Re German subject desiring to proceed to New York Reply is yes".

Letter to Secretary Prime Minister's Department. W. 389/2/286. 4.25 pm

"L.W. 877. "Requesting following cablegram be sent to Imperial Authorities :- "German steamship Altona detained Melbourne, 4312 tons about 11½ knots".

24th August, 1914.

Cablegram forwarded to Secretary of State for the Colonies.

"Expeditionary Force 500 at Port Moresby and further 1500 at Palm Island both designed for action New Guinea and other German Possessions. Government request that in disposition of Naval Forces desirability of moving Expeditionary Forces as early as practicable be borne in mind".

Cablegrams received from High Commissioner.

"23 London 21st Official. Germany imposes war contribution eight millions upon Brussels. Reliable. French encountered Germans frontier near Bale repulsed enemy five hundred dead Germany effecting important concentration movement Belgium after twenty days warfare unsuccessful carrying operations French territory Servians claim burned five Austrian ships near Stara Maldava".

"24 London 21st Reliable. Germans occupied Alost Wetteren midway Brussels Ghent arrival Ghent imminent crowds proceeding Ostend Russians passed Prussian frontier occupied Lyck marching Lotzen twenty corps led Nicholas participating invasion Austria issues levy mass summoning last reserves Women children leaving Tsingfu anticipating bombardment Japanese Sunday failing Germany's favourable reply. French British Russian ambassadors Constantinople informed Port undesign territorial integrity Turkey. Unconfirmed report. British French warships conjunction Montenegro batteries Mount Loween bombarded fortification Cataro fall imminent".

"25 London, 22nd Official. Government ask public remember present alleged victories only minor importance comparatively no achievement either side deserves name victory present situation military sense satisfactory French sink Austrian battleship Zrinyi Adriatic".

"26 London 23rd Official. Steamer Maryland Copenhagen struck mine Friday night main trade route thirty miles land foundered fate of crew uncertain steamer Breberg searching crew next morning mined sunk crew saved".

Letter to Naval Secretary. W.L. 917. 1 p.m.

"Referring to your memo. 18th instant relative to two of the Pacific Phosphates Company's steamers, herewith copy of cablegram forwarded to the Secretary of State for the Colonies and copy of reply from Home Authorities dated 21st instant :-
'Cablegram to Secretary of State for the Colonies through Official Secretary to H.E. the Governor-General, 19/8/14. -
'Pacific Phosphates Coy registered in London is under suspicion on account of two steamers in their services having been placed at disposal of Germany subsequent to outbreak of war.
'Zambesi was seized carrying German despatches and wireless telegraphy gear from Nauru to Rabaul having left former port after outbreak of war. She is being sent Sydney for adjudication. Steamer Frithjof under charter to same company also incriminated. Please inform Admiralty and High Commissioner'.
Cablegram dated London 21st instant 6.40 p.m. received from Secretary of State for the Colonies, 22/8/14.
'Your telegram August 19th Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty assuming that facts are as reported consider severest possible measures should be taken if Zambesi is a British vessel she could apparently be proceeded against at least for trading with the enemy and if Frithjof is Norwegian she would seem to be open to conviction of neutral service".

Copy sent to Prime Minister.

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Telegram to Commandant, 2nd Military District. W. 785., to Commandant
5th Military District, W. 786., to Commandant, 6th Military District.,
W. 789. 2.40 p.m.

"My O a 397 required you to send daily states by wire giving
strength of garrison at Defended Ports. Please expedite".

Telegram to Commandant, 2nd Military District. W. 797. 2.40 p.m.

"My telegram 21st were fuzes for Darwin shipped by Montoro
if not repeat instructions on to Commandant Brisbane".

Telegram to Collector of Customs, Thursday Island. W. 389/2/289. 2.40 pm.

"W. 798. No objection clearance Tasman and Houtman".

Telegram to Commandant, 5th Military District. W. 799. 3.15 p.m.

"Please facilitate work of Censorship Staff by approving
necessary expenditure which is certified by senior censor and
which Commandant is satisfied is necessary".

Telegram to Commandant, 5th Military District. 4 p.m.

"Your A.I.C. No. 1914/209 wire urgently address of Muller to
whom Mertgens letter addressed was Mertgen arrested".

Telegram from Collector of Customs Semaphore, South Australia. 4 p.m.

"Imperial transport left Wallaroo 3 p.m. today believed for
Port Adelaide Have informed Albany will advise hour arrival".

Telegram to Collector of Customs, Newcastle. W. 389/2/302. 7.20 p.m.

"W. 816. If not already issued no occasion pass 'Perm' If
issued obtain its return and merely give clearance to vessel.
Please reply".

Telegram to Rawdon, Sydney. W. 824. 11.25 p.m.

"Regret unable to accept aeroplane under terms offered. No
vacancies for mechanics".

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Telegram from Commandant, 5th Military District. 3 a.m.

"G. 63 Aeberhard, a Swiss subject, now in arrest, was in possession negative Fort Arthur Head. Crown representatives advise prosecution under Official Secrets Act. Best advices a dangerous man. Kindly instruct".

Telegram from Commandant, 5th Military District. W. 323/3/95. 3.15 a.m.

"G. 66. Report August 24th. Everything satisfactory. Check wireless last night reports very distant Telefunken or rotary gap signed S., evidently from a ship of considerable size. Best opinion it was from large warship using rotary gap. Facts reported to D.N.O."

Cablegram dated London 23rd instant, 2.35 p.m. received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies. A.I.F. 378/1/30.

"August 23rd Please inform your Ministers Army Council have requested that they may be informed as soon as possible as to the names and number of vessels which it is proposed to engage for the transport Expeditionary Force to England and the ports from which it will sail".

Cablegram from High Commissioner. W. 393/3/7.

"27 London 23rd Official. Referring last message Admiralty state Germans continuing scattering mines indiscriminately ordinary trade routes unconforn conditions Hague convention Within twenty-four hours two Danish already reported two Dutch sunk Gulf Finland Admiralty have laid no mines endeavouring keep sea routes open peaceful commerce reserve right retaliation against new form warfare".

Cablegram from High Commissioner dated London 23rd August, 5 p.m.
9 a.m.

"Twenty-eight reliable. German advance guard near Lille Namur invested French hold upper portion Alsace Valleys Vosges sharp check French advance Lorraine Servian victory Austrians Dorina and Save confirmed German occupation Brussels orderly official Japan declares war Germany".

Cablegram from High Commissioner dated London, 25th August, 3.5 a.m.
10 a.m.

"Thirty-four. Official: British forces successfully reached new position. Movement executed great skill by Commanders first second Army Corps. Fighting continuous. Enemy has not effectively harassed British operations. Casualties unable to estimate not heavy British opposed two German Army Corps two Cavalry Divisions enemy suffered heavily Position now occupied well protected Allies firmly established original line defence Two French divisions suffered severely Main body untouched German losses considerable".

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Letter from Secretary Department of External Affairs. W.363/1/134.
10 a.m.

"In compliance with the request contained in your secret memorandum of the 19th instant, No. W. 363/1/108 the following telegram was sent, in code, to the Lieutenant-Governor of Papua on the 20th idem :-

'Secret and Confidential. With reference to your telegram of 18th August German mail. Please appoint assistant censor who should be able to read German. Instruct him to open German mail in question to extract any useful information which you can use or forward by telegram. German mail should then be resealed and forwarded to Military Authorities Headquarters, Melbourne. Telegraph name of assistant to censor for approval'.

2. The following telegrams, both dated 22nd instant have now been received from the Lieut-Governor :-

'Nothing likely to be useful can be found German mail. Resealed German mail being forwarded as directed'.

'Latimer Clerk serving at Department of Government Secretary appointed as assistant to censor for German mail'."

Letter to Chief Inspector of Explosives, Melbourne. B.153/1/34. 12.15 pm.

"W.L. 991. With reference memo. of 15th May last re certain boxes of Q.F. Ammunition for Sydney and Melbourne per S.S. 'Nerehana' some of which were not port marked Matter reported to High Commissioner and reply stated that the Royal Arsenal, Woolwich instructed each package to be marked with name of port".

Letter to all Commandants. 1 p.m.

"W.L. 1021. Circular issued by A.G.'s Department re Pardon of Deserters".

Letter to J.O'Rourke, Gutta Gutta, Dulacca, Queensland. W. 216/1/34.
1.30 p.m.

"W.L. 1041. Acknowledging receipt of letter of 14th instant re German possessions in the Pacific Ocean which has been noted".

Telegram to Dillon, Mayor of Cairns, Queensland. 2 p.m.

"W. 843. No reason why dependents should not be receiving portion of pay if men arranged before leaving am instructing Commandant, Brisbane to do what is necessary".

Telegram to Commandant, 5th Military District. W. 840. 2 p.m.

"Are crews detained German vessels who are reservists and not on parole with others at Rottnest Island".

Telegram to all Commandants, except 3rd. W. 841. 2 p.m.

"Reference my wire O a 36 Progress reports in futuse need only be furnished when considered necessary".

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Telegram to Commandant, 1st Military District. W. 842. 2 p.m.

"Mayor of Cairns wires Minister that wives and children of riflemen away on active service destitute arrange for portion of pay to be paid to dependents wire if any difficulty but matter requires prompt action".

Telegram to Censor, G.P.O., Brisbane. O a 448.

"You may release money orders to Germany and official lists connected therewith dated up to 6th instant".

Telegram to Commandant, 2nd Military District. W. 862. 4 p.m.

"Please forward immediately details of all equipment and stores taken by military quota Naval and Military Expeditionary Force".

Cablegram dated London, 24th instant, 7.30 p.m. received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies. 4 p.m.

"Your cypher telegram August, 18th Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty consider is (it?) to be most unadvisable that any portion of Expeditionary Force should be sent at once. There are on the route of transports German warships which have not been yet definitely located and until they are destroyed or hunted off route transports should not leave without a convoy. Convoy is not at present practicable as the greater part of the Australian and New Zealand squadrons are engaged in offensive operations in the Pacific. When the force does start it should go preferably in one convoy and probably by Seuz Canal".

Telegram to Censor, G.P.O. Sydney. O a 449. 7 p.m.

"Your letter 23rd about objectionable newspaper Minister consulted but directs postponement action pending his further consideration".

Telegram to Commandant, 2nd Military District. 10 p.m.

"Referring to my O a 334 of 14th regarding LEBANDSCHEELE stop Please report action to date".

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Telegram from Commandant, 5th Military District..

"X 43 Your W. 804 August Mueller Rangtree Avenue Mildura Victoria Mertgen arrested now at Rottnest".

Telegram from Commandant, 1st Military District. 9.55 p.m.

"Q. 29 - Thursday Island reports reference water - Begins Water vibration being renewed from under reservoir floor. Supply sufficient present - is diminishing daily - uncertain how long will last. Hundred days supply in sight. We require complete condensation plant capacity 5,000 gallons daily make quite satisfactory ends. I am informed that is optimistic. Condensation plant probably costly approximately £900. Following proposal submitted - 'S.S. Prinz Sigismund detained here by Customs and has plant capable condense 5,000 gallons daily should take Thursday Island and remain there to supply garrison with fresh water' ".

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Cablegram from High Commissioner dated London 25th August 12.5 a.m. to Minister for External Affairs.

"Thirty-two. Official. Russian Commander in Chief confirms battle near Gumbinnen driven back three German army corps two days engagement large number guns captured Russians pursuing retreating Germans French War Office states huge extent renders impossible follow movement each army necessary await termination first phase struggle giving definite news Liege forts still hold out".

Cablegram from High Commissioner dated London 25th August 1.55 a.m. to Minister External Affairs.

"Thirty-three. Official. Destroyer Kennet chasing German destroyer S ninety Saturday afternoon approached too close battery Tsingtau three killed seven wounded Kennet not materially damaged".

Cablegram from High Commissioner dated London 25th August, 5.30 p.m.

"Thirty-five. Official. Belgian Minister startling statement long list outrages committed German troops Vouched committee inquiry Belgian troops resisting attack German Cavalry killed German officer No civilian took part yet village Linsmeau invaded German Artillery Cavalry machine guns notwithstanding assurances burgomaster no recently fired guns found houses burnt peasants divided groups afterwards found ditches skulls fractured butt rifles German Cavalry entered Velm inhabitants asleep fired houses looted seized undressed women shooting husbands old man hanged headlong burned alive children outraged wounded soldiers hanged Belgian Commander Van Damme severely wounded finally murdered German infantryman fired into mouth report includes many report includes many similar atrocities".

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Cablegram from High Commissioner dated London 25th August, 11.55 p.m.

"Thirty-six. Official. British casualties two thousand. Kitchener's first speech Lords congratulated troops praised Dominions assistance offered. Scale of new Field Army thirty divisions. In Commons Asquith Government will not resume the right to capture enemy's merchandise in neutral ships. Reliable Zeppelin dropped bombs Antwerp twelve fatalities Minor encounters Antwerp Ostend".

Cablegram from High Commissioner dated London 26th August 12.5 a.m.

"Thirty-seven. Official. French reports no further engagements Condition troops satisfactory. Germany orders boys sixteen nineteen military training retired officers instructors".

Letter to J. Little Esq., Dartford St., Flemington. W. 389/2/299.
12.45 p.m.

"W.L. 1090. In reply to your letter of the 22nd instant regretting that export of horses to Bankok Straits Settlements cannot be sanctioned".

Letter to Secretary Department of External Affairs. L.W. 1088.12.45 pm.

"Following cablegram to be forwarded to High Commissioner :-
'Reference I.G.S. Australia 207 dated 19th June please arrange for additional parts to modify two Marconi pack sets to await arrival Contingent in England' ".

Telegram to Commandant, 2nd Military District. W. 883. 3.10 p.m.

"Please reply to my wire 22nd re Germans proceeding America by Ventura. Urgent".

Telegram to Manager Small Arms Factory, Lithgow. W. 882. E. 164/7/34.
3.10 p.m.

"The following cable received from High Commissioner begins -
With reference to my telegram 18th instant War Office unable to proceed with order 16 Small Arms Factory as manufacturers and Enfield entirely absorbed executing work for War Office. Your further instructions are awaited".

Telegram to Commandant 2nd Military District and Collector of Customs Sydney. L.W. 1126. 3.30 p.m.

"Communication received from Mr Ferdinand Kabus, Hotel Australia, Sydney, who desires to secure passage of steamer "Ventura" leaving Sydney on 29th instant for San Francisco. He states he is a commercial man 38 years of age a German subject resident in the United States that he arrived in Brisbane on 5th instant by steamer "Prinz Sigismund" on a business trip to Australia. He has signed the parole and complied with other regulations re German subjects in Australia He is exempt from military service in Germany. He was informed that on satisfying you and Collector of Customs that he has given the usual undertaking of neutrality there will be no objection to him proceeding to a British or neutral port".

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Letter to Ferdinand Kabus, Hotel Australia, Sydney. 3.30 p.m. L.W. 1125.

advised "Acknowledging receipt of letter of 20th instant and informing him that Military Commandant and Collector of Customs Sydney have been advised that they are satisfied that he has given the required undertaking as to neutrality and there is no objection to him proceeding to a British or neutral port. The original documents (2) forwarded with letter are returned herewith".

Telegram to all Commandants. W. 890. 4 p.m.

"Reference O a 397 Wire daily number of troops officers and others each arm mobilised defended ports your District stop Number required and number in excess not necessary."

Cablegram dated London 25th August, 1914 received from War Office. 4 p.m.

"Referring to your telegram of August 19th and August 23rd transport vehicles. Important that force lands here complete as possible. Difficult to obtain service pattern transport vehicles here. Bring local pattern where possible. Telegraph details of technical vehicles and harness required on landing which cannot be procured or ed in Australia. Bicycles binoculars and other small stores should be obtained locally".

Telegram dated London 25th August received from War Office. 5 p.m.

"Army Council desire know name officer selected to command Australian Expeditionary Force".

Reply -

"Your cypher 644 Brigadier General W.T. Bridges".

Telegram to Officer Commanding Thursday Island. 6 p.m.

"Your telegram concerning water supply as received here not clear. Report number of days supply existing and quantity minimum required daily Inquire concerning condensing plant reported existing Thursday Island".

Telegram to Commandant, 1st Military District. 6 p.m.

"German passengers transhipped from Roon at Java to Dutch packet Houtman due Brisbane 30th August".

Telegram to Commandant, 2nd Military District. 6 p.m.

"German passengers transhipped from roon at Java to Dutch packet Houtman due Brisbane 30th August Sydney 2nd September".

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Cablegram received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated London 25th August, 1914. 6.30 p.m. W. 389/2/338.

"With reference to my telegram of 13th August, Prize Courts, please telegraph immediately what Prize Courts have been proclaimed and whether new rules inclosed in draft in my despatch 5th December, 1913 as altered in accordance with my telegram of 13th August have been brought into force and who has been authorised to act as proper Officer of the Crown as defined in order one of new rules".

Letter to Official Secretary to the Governor-General. W.112/4/51.

"Requesting that a cablegram be despatched to the Secretary of State for the Colonies in the following terms :-

'Would greatly appreciate if early convoy possible New Guinea Expedition. Already on its way North and must be delayed some time unless convoy available". "

Letter to Secretary Attorney-General's Department. W. 389/2/331.

"The Minister would be glad to be favoured with advice as to the power possessed by the Crown to requisition an enemy merchant ship, and the procedure necessary to be followed for so doing".

Cablegram from High Commissioner's Office to Minister for External Affairs 26th August, 1914. 5.10 p.m.

"Thirty-eight official. Allies waiting German attack in new position. Last three days battle enemy suffers tremendous losses. No news situation between Sedan Nancy. French again take offensive Lorraine. French evacuating Alsace concentrating elsewhere. French reinforced British Mons. Russian advance unchecked Austria declares war Japan Asquith in Commons said not proposed establish national service. Germans attack in force Southern frontier Tuesday repulsed all along the line".

Cablegram from High Commissioner's Office to Minister for External Affairs dated London 27th August, 1914. 12.10 a.m.

"Thirty nine. Reliable. Four Russian armies invaded Germany Austria First Eastern Prussia Second direction Posen Third Eastern Galicia Fourth Eastern Galicia occupied Kopilitza Tarnapol Official: Togoland surrenders unconditionally."

Cablegram from High Commissioner.

"British Government has received communication from British Consul-General Lorenzo Marquez that British passengers from German ship "Zieten" stranded at Mozambique. Foreign Office has arranged to send them Lorenzo Marquez by Portugese ships with a view to transpor to Durban or Capetown."

Telegram to Commandant, 2nd M.D. 9.20 p.m. W. 910.

"Regarding G.X. 264. It is not proposed at present to call out any troops to guard the Albury Bridge".

Telegram to Commandant, 1st M.D. 9.20 p.m. W. 911.

"Minister approves of your action re cable guards in letter 66/2/179 of 20th August".

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Telegram to Commandants, All Districts. (except 3rd M.D.) 10.p.m. W.917.

"Please wire respective numbers Germans and Austrian reservists (a) granted parole to date (b) total in actual internment and place on 26th inst."

Memorandum to Naval Secretary, Comptroller General of Customs, and All Commandants. 10.p.m. W. 389/2/263. L.W. 1172.

"Forwarding copy of correspondence regarding the detention of Enemy ships for information".

Cablegram from the War Office, dated London 25th August, 1914.

"Referring to your telegram of August 19th and August 23rd transport vehicles. Important that force lands here complete as possible. Difficult to obtain service pattern transport vehicles here. Bring local pattern where possible. Telegraph details of technical vehicles and harness required on landing which cannot be procured ored in Australia.

Bicycles, binoculars and other small stores should be obtained locally."

Letter from Secretary Postmaster-General's Department. W. 363/2/34.

Forwarding copy of a confidential communication received from the Acting Manager in the Pacific, The Pacific Cable Board, Sydney, viz:

"A fault has occurred in our Norfolk-Suva Cable reducing the speed of working over such section.

The traffic however continues to pass satisfactorily, Government and ordinary full paid traffic passes over the line reliably at a very considerable rate, but encroaches considerably on the times usually allotted to messages given "deferred" classification, and this latter traffic is consequently considerably penalised.

The temporary prohibition of code language has largely increased the average length of messages and has used up to a great extent the margin that existed.

The Board's repairing ship "Iris" left Vancouver on August 17th, and will, I hope, be on the point of fault at an early date".

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Cablegram from London dated 24th August, 1914. 6.35 p.m. through the Prime Minister. 112/2/35.

"334. Army Council desire to know whether arrangements being made Expeditionary Force include pay and accounts branch and whether Divisional Ordnance Officer armourers armament artificers being brought".

Cablegram from High Commissioner's Office, London, dated 25th August, 1914 378/1/35.

"Admiralty require to know at once form of charter party under which all the transports have been engaged also if cargo other than government cargo is being conveyed conditions under which this is being done".

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Cablegram from High Commissioner's Office, London, dated 21st August, 1914 relative to the insurance of cargo in troop ships, the following is a copy of a further cablegram received on the subject:-

"Glynn in continuation my cable 21st August Board of Trade now say did not know troopships would be under charter which makes Government the ship owner for the time being owners say Government take all risks of voyage therefore all cargo should be carried on Government account and not on private account as that leads to serious complications whichever may settle board states rest assured cargo will be insurable with the Government office at rate prevailing they are trying to clear matter up with the Admiralty."

Letter to the Secretary, Prime Minister's Department. 11.45 a.m.
W.246/3/64.

Requesting that a letter be sent to the Premiers of the several states to the following effect.

"A number of suggestions have been received by the Minister for Defence with respect to guards for main railway lines and other public works. To provide such guards however, the calling out of the whole of the Defence Forces and even with all the men available not providing an absolutely certain protection to the whole extent of the great public works. Further the fact of such measures being adopted would probably operate by suggestion to induce men of enemy nationality to make an attempt to inflict damage at some point not so well guarded as others. Under these circumstances it is not desirable that such measures as may be necessary should be taken without publicity, and it is asked that the police, the employees on railways and those in the employ of the public water services should be instructed to exercise the greatest vigilance to prevent damage".

Letter to the Secretary Attorney-General's Department. W. 389/2/302.
12.30 p.m.

"Adverting to your memo of 24th instant re Norwegian Barque "Ferm" at Newcastle, you are informed that in accordance with your advice no pass or warning has been issued regarding the ships destination. She has been simply given her clearance".

Letter to Collector of Customs, Melbourne. W.L. 1207. 4 p.m.

"For purposes of filing affidavit under Section 17 of Naval Prize Act will you please inform Crown Solicitor Melbourne the names of officers or persons present on each occasion and their addresses, when enemy merchant vessels were detained under Proclamation of 6th and 15th instant. Vessels should be handed over to the Marshal of the Court as required by Section 16 Naval Prize Act. Please advise action taken".

Letter to Comptroller-General of Trade and Customs. W.L. 1210. W.389/2/311

"Copy of telegram and reply from Collector of Customs Sydney on 22nd and 26th instant relative to the Austrian steamship "Turul". The Attorney-General's Department has been asked for advice in matter. Copy of telegram dated 22/8/14 sent to Collector of Customs, Sydney - W. 740 Proposed to grant release to Austrian ship "Turul" but before issuing your instructions necessary to know what neutral port master is desirous of proceeding. Please ascertain and wire.

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"To which the following reply dated Sydney 26/8/14. was received - Your wire 22nd re "Turul". Master states he is prevented from making arrangements at present for sailing as he is unable to get into communication with his owners at Budapest owing to Postal Authorities declining to accept any cables to Austria-Hungary".

Letter to All Commandants. W.175/1/84. 4.p.m.

Copy of memorandum addressed to Commandant 3rd Military District re German and Austrian subjects who are exempt for service in their respective Armies and Navies is forwarded for information.

"With reference to your minute of 20th No. D.H.Q.14/5654 I have to inform you that there is no objection to German and Austrian subjects who are exempt from service in Army and Navy being allowed to leave the Commonwealth for a Neutral or British Port provided they give the usual understanding not to bear arms against the Allied Forces or unless there are reasons within the knowledge of the authorities to justify withholding such permission".

Telegram from Huxtable, Thursday Island. 8. p.m.

"435 Your O.a. 471. Thirty seven days supply existing in tanks and wells. Minimum quantity required daily 4,300 gallons. Water is at present being pumped into reserve tanks from a soak (?) the amount in which is not ascertainable and the flow from which is diminishing daily. Condensing plant on pier (?) is incomplete and consists of two old ten horse power engines but no coil".

Telegram to Collector of Customs, Fremantle. W. 389/2/326. W.968.
9.30 p.m.

Re your wire 26th Officers and crew of Griefswald and Neumunster who are not reservists may go ashore. In case reservists please consult Military Commandant".

Telegram to Commandant, 5th Military District. W. 389/2/313 9.30 p.m.

"W. 969. District Naval Officer being instructed to hand over to you for detention Rottnest German crews who are reservists".

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Letter from Prime Minister's Department to Official Secretary to H.E.
the Governor-General. W. 389/2/328.

"Requesting that a cablegram in the following terms be despatched to the Secretary of State for the Colonies -

Your telegram 25th instant Prize Courts have been proclaimed in all States of the Commonwealth. New rules already brought into force or on point of being brought into force in all States. Telegraphic advices from two States not yet received. Crown Solicitor of the Commonwealth has been authorised to conduct prize proceedings on behalf of the Crown in all Prize Courts in the Commonwealth".

Cablegram from High Commissioner London 27th August, 5 p.m.

"40 Official. Highflyer sunk German Cruiser Kaiser Wilhelm Grosse off coast Africa. General French reports engaged yesterday superior forces. Troops fought splendidly. Considers general position impending battle satisfactory. Strong British force Marines occupy Ostend surrounding district unopposed".

Cablegram from High Commissioner London 27th August, 10.15 p.m.

"41 Official. Five ships including Danish Norwegian two British trawlers mined thirty miles British coast. Five British killed. Jellicoe behalf fleet congratulates French magnificent stand. Reliable. Result Navy clearing routes Siberian butter eggs timber usually sent Germany coming England. Anglo French lines slightly withdrawn frontier German advance resisted engagements proceeding Cambrai Cateau front general impressing favourable. Russians advancing East Prussia converging forces. Advance Galicia rapid. Austrians driven beyond Lypa".

Cablegram from High Commissioner London 28th August, 1.10 a.m.

"42 Official. French operations war extending two hundred fifty miles necessitated changing position. British troops now occupy strong line supported French both flanks to meet German advance. Morale both armies good".

Telegram from Commandant, 5th Military District. W. 175/1/125. 7.30 a.m.

"G.78 Your O a 377 Joseph Bishofs mission priest Broome Presbytery German subject born Limburg has forwarded most complete report to German Government respecting the North West. Have intercepted same. Report evidently part of system German foreign information bureau not necessarily military".

To which a reply was telegraphed to Commandant 5th M.D. 2.15 p.m.

"W. 985 Regarding your G.78 Please forward report here".

Letter to Commandant, 3rd M.D. W.L. 1371.

"Particulars re German and Austrian Reservists in your District to be furnished -

- (a) Respective numbers granted parole to date.
- (b) Total in actual internment to date and place".

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Letter to Secretary Prime Minister's Department. W. 12/1/18. W.L. 1358.

"Following cablegram to Governor-General of South Africa -
With reference to your telegram 22nd August ammunition will probably be shipped by "Ladover" about 10th September".

Letter to Tarrant Motors Pty., Ltd., Melbourne. W. 400/6/128. 12.34 p.m.

"W.L. 1269. Reference to your letter of 17th instant Minister has great pleasure in accepting offer of a seaplane of Australian production as a gift to this Department Arrangements will be made by Military Authorities to supply necessary engine and propeller and Lieutenant Harrison will assist you in every possible way".

Letter to Naval Secretary. W. 175/1/71. 12.34 p.m.

"W.L. 1272. Reference to your memo of 18th re a Mr Faibain German Government Treasurer at Rabaul, The Commandant, New South Wales reports that this official has been registered by the Provost Marshal and has taken oath of neutrality. His address in Sydney is 114 Phillip Street".

Letter to Naval Secretary. W. 112/4/46. 12.34 p.m.

"L.W. 1281. Asking that Colonel W. Holmes D.S.O., O.C., the Naval and Military Expedition be kept informed as to the general Naval and Military Situation".

Telegram to All Commandants. 4.15 p.m.

"O.a. 494. Commandants are authorized to prohibit all enemy subjects from proceeding overseas from Australia unless satisfied such persons not intending return Germany or Austria for Naval and Military service. No reservists however to be passed without special sanction of Minister."

Letter to Comptroller General of Trade and Customs. W. 389/2/25. 3.30 p.m.

"Re yours of 24th reporting confusion caused by instructions given direct to Collectors by me or the Naval Secretary on matters re detention of enemy or neutral ships and asking that instructions be sent through you.
The system agreed to in March, 1913 and at present in use is to be adhered to".

Letter to The Technical Manager, Amalgamated Wireless (Australasia) Ltd. "Wireless House", 97 Clarence Street, Sydney. W.L. 1350. 5.p.m.

"Re your letter of 19th inst. relative to instructions from Postmaster General Melbourne requesting masts etc. of Experimental Wireless Station at Devonport, Tasmania, to be dismantled. The Naval Secretary and the Engineer for Radiotelegraphy consider the installation should be dismantled".

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Telegram from the Commandant, 5th Military District. 9.30 a.m. W.389/2/345.

"G. 83 H.M.S. Pioneer Brought German steamship "Ringenin" Fremantle this morning at 7.15 a.m. (?28th)"

Telegram to All Commandants. 12.35 p.m.

"W. 1047 Who is Commanding Defended Ports".

Telegram to Commandant, 4th Military District. 12.35 p.m.

"W. 1048. Is there any objection to officer commanding infantry battalion on duty being appointed officer commanding Adelaide Defended Port in addition to his battalion duties".

Telegram from Commandant, 6th Military District. 7.45 p.m. W.363/1/164.

"I.G. 88 Reference O a 202 Censors here ask for more detailed instructions as to what shipping messages should be marked for consideration at Melbourne. Please instruct!"

Letter to the Naval Secretary. 10.15 p.m. W. 389/2/318.

"W.L. 1404. With reference to your minute of the 24th relative to the release of the crews of the German Steamships "Griefswald" and "Neumunster" your proposal is concurred in and the Military Comdt. has been advised accordingly".

Cablegram from the War Office, London, dated 28th August, 1914. 3.25p.m.
A.I.F. 325/2/15.

"27th August. C.7. Imperial Reservists cannot be spared for incorporation Australian Expeditionary Forces if reservists cannot be sent with Expeditionary Force they should be sent first opportunity".

Cablegram from the High Commissioner, London, dated 28th August, 1914.
6.45 p.m.

"Forty-three. Official. Asquith Commons reports Wednesday's fighting between Cambrai and La Cateau five German Army Corps two cavalry divisions reserve corps guard cavalry and second cavalry division about three hundred thousand (300,000) attacked British Forces. Our second army corps bore brunt of cavalry attack. First army corps attacked on right inflicted tremendous losses enemy British casualties heavy Numbers unknown Behaviour admirable The French Commander congratulates British troops for protection given French flank Kitchener in House of Lords announces that two divisions cavalry division and other troops being sent from India First division on its way Crewe explains desire Indian soldiers insistent native troops included Expeditionary Force.

Great enthusiasm here concerning Commonwealth's Force. Belgian Foreign Minister reports Tuesday Germans act revenge drive forty five thousand (45,000) inhabitants from Louvain Fire town now heap ashes".

Cablegram from the High Commissioner, London. 28th August, 1914. 9.50 p.m.
W. 393/3/19.

"Forty-four. Official. Early this morning concentrated operation was attempted against the Germans in Heligoland Bight. Strong forces of destroyers, light cruisers, battle cruisers and submarines attacked German destroyers and cruisers guarding the approaches to the German coast. Operation was fortunate and fruitful.

29th August, 1914.

Continuation of Cablegram from the High Commissioner on previous page.

"The British destroyers heavily engaged the enemy's destroyers. All British destroyers reported afloat and returning in good order. Two German destroyers were sunk and many damaged. Enemy's cruisers engaged by British cruisers and battle cruisers. First light cruiser squadron sank "Mainz". First battle cruiser squadron sank a cruiser of "Köln" class. Another cruiser disappeared in a sinking condition. All German cruisers engaged thus disposed of. Battle cruiser squadron although attacked by submarines and floating mines evaded them successfully undamaged. In light cruiser squadron no casualties, but "Amethyst" and "Laertes" damaged. Other vessels not seriously injured. The British loss of life was not heavy".

Cablegram from the High Commissioner, London. 29th August, 1914. 12.55 a.m. W. 393/3/19.

"Forty-five Cruiser returning with nine Officers and eighty men, German wounded".

Cablegram from the High Commissioner, London, dated 30th August, 1914. 12.55 a.m.

"Forty-seven. Reliable. Paris reports that the situation of the allies' front at Somme and Vosges unchanged. German seem slackened in their march. Both sides suffered heavy losses and are exhausted by continuous fighting. In one instance only sixty Germans survived out of a force of six thousand. Estimated German losses two hundred thousand. Reported from Amsterdam that a hundred and sixty trains of Germans passed through Belgium northwards to strengthen force against Russians. Report that Allies abandoned Boulogne is unconfirmed. Official: British have not laid mines".

Cablegram to the Secretary, War Office, 29th August, 1914.

"C.10. Referring to telegram from Secretary of State for the Colonies August 23rd Total number of Transports estimated at 24. Names in numerical order of those already allotted are as follows:- Hymettus, Geelong, Orvieto, Pera, Omrah, Janus, Medic, Argyllshire, Shropshire, Karroo, Oscanus, Saldanha, Katuna, Euripedes, Star of England, Star of Victoria, Port Lincoln, Wiltshire, Afric, Hororata, Marere, Rangatira, Ports of embarkation Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Hobart, Adelaide, Fremantle".

Telegram to All Commandants. 11.30 a.m.

"Special confidential you are to be prepared to embark Australian Imperial Force troops by 12th September".

Telegram to Commandant, 1st Military District. 11.30 a.m.

"Your Q. 29 Give earliest date condensing plant four thousand five hundred gallons daily can be constructed and delivered at Thursday Island. Thursday Island wire supply for 36 days only. Use every expedition and reply immediately information available".

30th August, 1914.

Cablegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated London, 29th August, 1914. 3.20 p.m. W. 389/2/354.

"Representations have been made to Admiralty with regard to cargoes zinc and lead concentrates shipped by Australian Metal Coy. Ltd. Melbourne and Sydney to various German houses in German Ships, it appears that part of these cargoes is in S.S. "Osnabruch" detained at Sydney. In view of heavy requirements of zinc in particular for munitions of war Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty would be grateful if your Government could take any steps possible to facilitate transfer of cargoes in "Osnabruch" or in other vessels which may be brought into Australian Ports as prize into British bottoms with a view to shipment to this country should report to me by telegram any action taken".

Letter to the Comptroller-General of Trade and Customs. W. 389/2/354.

"The Minister would be glad to know the position as regards the cargo of this ship and what prospect there is of the Admiralty's wishes being met".

Cablegram to War Office, London. 29th August, 1914.

"C. 9. Wish to issue to force before embarkation Earl Kitchener's address to troops published 19th August if approved please cable full text".

Cablegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies dated London. 29th August, 1914. 4.50 p.m.

"With reference to your telegram 25th August Army Council regret cannot fortell date when commercial codes can be allowed".

Telegram from Commandant, 2nd Military District. 12.25 p.m.

"G X 286 Special. Carbon supply for electric searchlights Sydney Heads running short After consultation with Naval Authorities have decided run only 2 lights instead of 4 as present this will enable run about 57 days. Can Melbourne supply carbon? None here!"

Letter from the Secretary to C.G.S. 1.20 p.m.

"Port War Signal Station reports :-
2 Cruisers convoying Transports (number not stated) passed Wilson's Promontory this morning. Will pass Port Phillip.....!"

Forwarded to 3rd Military District. 1.25 p.m. 30/8/1914.

Letter to Secretary, Prime Minister's Department. W. 200/1/22.

"Requesting cablegram in the following terms be forwarded to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.
130 Small unbroken horses purchased in Queensland prior to War for shipment to Bangkok for King of Siam. Is it considered desirable that permission should be granted".

Letter to Naval Secretary. W. 389/2/317.

"WL 1416. With reference to your memorandum of the 25th inst., re the "Franklyn" the Sub-Collector of Customs, Newcastle, was asked by wire of the 26th idem to inform the master that "Considered to be minimum of danger in proceeding to Guayaquil".

Letter to the Secretary, Prime Minister's Department.

30th August, 1914.

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"W.L.1429. Requesting that a cablegram in the following terms be forwarded to the Secretary of State for the Colonies:-

Imperial Reservists who have reported and are attached local forces pending arrangements for transport are being paid same rates as Australian troops up to date of embarkation. What does War Office desire with regard to advances particularly married men and what rates of pay are they entitled to".

Letter to Comptroller-General of Trade and Customs, Melbourne.W.175/1/95.

"With reference to your minute of the 21st inst. No. C. 5482, relative to the clearances of the American steamer "Ventura" I am directed to inform you that the Military Commandant, Sydney, was, on the 23rd inst. informed by wire that there was no objection to the passengers of German nationality being allowed to proceed, provided his enquires in the matter were satisfactory".

Cablegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated London, 30th August, 1914. 1.35 p.m. W. 112/4/62.

"With reference to your cypher telegram of August 25th arrangements have been made for Admiral Australia(n) and other ships to convoy New Guinea Expedition as soon as Samoa has been taken".

31st August, 1914.

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Cablegram from the High Commissioner, London, dated 30th August, 1914.
6.25 p.m.

"Forty-eight. Official. Kitchener reports battles 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, August. During whole of this period British occupied in resisting German advance and withdrawing to new line of defence. Battle began Mons Sunday during which day and part of night German attack stubbornly pressed and repeated was completely checked on British front. On 24th Germans made vigorous efforts with superior numbers to prevent withdrawal British and drive them fortless Manbeuge This effort frustrated by steadiness and skill in British retirement and as on previous day heavy losses, far in excess of those suffered were inflicted upon the enemy who in dense formation and enormous masses marched forward again yet again to storm British lines. British retirement proceeded 25th with continuous fighting night 25th. British occupied line Cambria Landrecies le Cateau and it was intended resume retirement daybreak 26th, but German attack five army corps so close and fierce impossible carry intention until afternoon. Battle August 26th Necere of desperate character. British offered superb and stubborn resistance against tremendous odds, finally extricating themselves in good order but serious losses under heaviest artillery fire. Guns untaken by enemy except where horses killed. Estimate 23rd to 26th British losses five to six thousand German losses owing to their attacks across the open and dense formation out of all proportion. In Landrecies alone 26th German Infantry brigade advanced in closest order in narrow street. Our machine guns swept away head of column causing frightful panic. Nine hundred dead and wounded Germans in this street alone German guard and cavalry division charge British twelfth infantry brigade Germans thrown back great loss and disorder. These notable examples taken place over whole front during engagements. Germans paid extreme price in every forward march made since 26th. Apart from cavalry fighting British unmolested, rested, refitted and with reinforcements already joined are ready for next encounter. Unlimited strength and undaunted spirit of French armies acting vigorously on British right and left have for time brought German attack to standstill. General French reports twentyeighth fifth cavalry brigade fought routed and speared German cavalry twelfth Lancers Scots Greys in particular".

Cablegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated London 30th August, 1914, 11.45 a.m. A.I.F. 378/1/49.

"Admiralty understand from High Commissioner for Australia that 15 transports have been chartered for transport Expeditionary Force. In connection with war insurance scheme they are anxious to know conditions for example form of charter parties under which transports have been engaged and if cargo other than Government cargo is being conveyed conditions under which this is being done".

Telegram from the Commandant, 1st Military District, 9.10 p.m. W.365/1/22.

"Q. 30 Your W.1053. Earliest date condensation plant could be obtained and working Thrusday Island approximately six weeks cost one thousand pounds. Again recommend that Prinz Sigismund with two engineers and two assistant engineers be sent up and kept there to supply water. Authority will be required to purchase spare parts. Can send this steamer away in ten days if approved. Wire if she can be used".

Letter to the Secretary, Prime Minister's Department.

"Requesting that cablegram be forwarded to the Secretary of State for the Colonies in the following terms :-

German steamers Signal 1449 tons 9 knots detained Brisbane and Thuringen 4994 tons 10½ knots brought into Fremantle by Prize Crew H.M.A.S. Pioneer".