

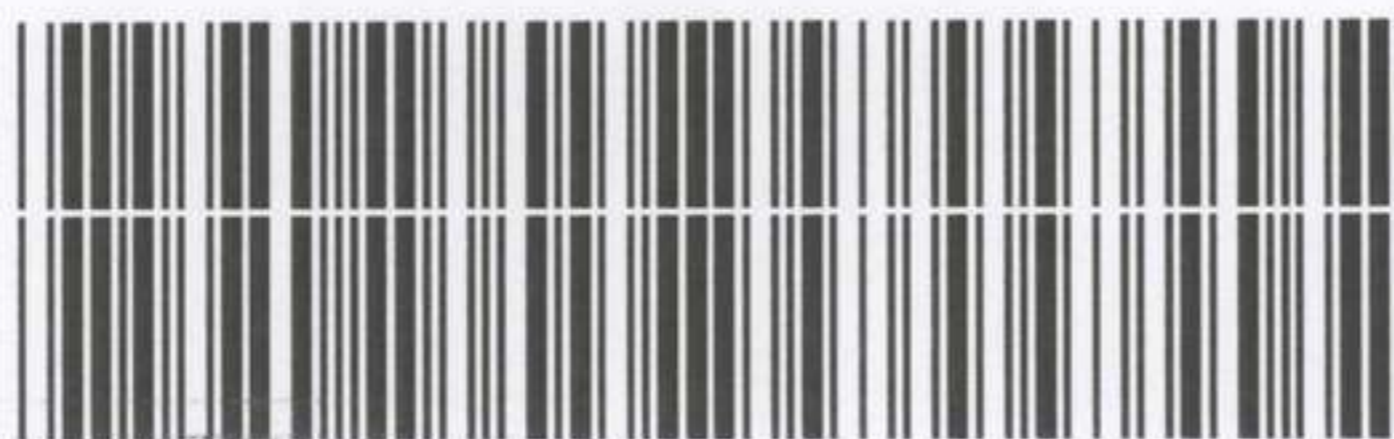
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1st December, 1914.

Cablegram to the Secretary of State for the Colonies. W. 389/2/792.

"Referring to your cablegram twenty sixth September and in continuation mine 14th October following are particulars of further Prize Court proceedings to date. Orders for temporary delivery of vessels to Admiralty as follows: Turul second November, Signal eleventh, Tiberius twenty third. Orders made for detention of vessels pending further Orders of Court as follows: Oberhausen 30th October, Turul 2nd November, Griefswald 6th, Scharzfeld 19th. Writ issued out of Supreme Court of New South Wales 23rd November against German barque Ernst."

Cablegram to High Commissioner's Office, London. A.I.F. 95/1/36.  
W.L. 10478.

"Referring to your cablegram 25th November proposed appointment General Birwood to command Corps of Australians and New Zealanders very satisfactory to this Government."

2nd December, 1914.

Telegram sent to Administrator, Rabaul, W. 398/4/82. W. 7570.

"Please send a working party to wireless station at Bitia Parlia to clean up the stations buildings grounds and overhaul the engines stores &c., and prepare for arrival wireless engineer in Eastern."

Cablegram from Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated London, 2nd December, 1914 - 2.35 p.m.

"December 2. With reference to my telegram 3rd October Prize Court Rules Order in Council passed November 28 embodying rules to which provisional operation was given under Section 2 of Rules Publication Act 1893 by order of September 30."

3rd December, 1914.

Cablegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 3rd December 1914. 3.45 p.m.

"With reference to your telegrams 23rd and 27th November "Kyarra" United States Ambassador has been asked by despatch dated November 30 to make necessary notification to enemy Governments with as little delay as possible. Your Ministers cannot count upon special status of vessel being recognised by enemy Governments before this notification has reached them officially."

Cablegram from Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated London, 2nd December, 1914. 2.30 p.m.

"December 2. Your Ministers may announce fact that the Australian and New Zealand Contingents have disembarked in Egypt to assist in the defence of that country and to complete their training there and that they will go direct to the front to fight with other British troops in Europe when training is completed."

3rd December, 1914.

Cablegram from High Commissioner, dated 2nd December, 1914.

"Lord Kitchener advises that troopships arrived Suez last night!"

5th December, 1914.

Cablegram to His Excellency the Viceroy of India. A.I.F. 378/3/101.

"With reference to your telegram of 29th November would be glad if ships can be sent to this country as early as possible, and advice telegraphed of probable date of their arrival."

Cablegram from the Administrator, Rabaul, received 4/12/14.

"Wireless station Nauru not damaged mast still standing see my wireless report to Minister 16th instant also despatch."