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TELEGRAMS

CURRENT NO.

NOTICE.

This form must accompany any inquiry made respecting this Telegram.

Amount to pay.

As.

PUBLIC

Handed in at (Office of Origin).

Date.

Hour.

Minute.

Service Instructions.

TO

Madras Revenue

Read here at

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Ostacum.

56/ War with permission you
in Council please afford
French Consul general facilities
to verify claim if any civil
disturbance of the kind has occurred

Handed in at (Office of Origin).

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Service Instructions.

TO

Madras

Read here at

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origin in Yacand. [Names of
such should be communicated
at once together with local
Government views and recommendations] Home

The name of the Sender.

111-50-10

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Telegram

To

470x

The Supl: Prisoners Camp
Yercaud

• W. S. P.
21/5

French consul general ~~will~~
expected to
probably visit Yercaud
soon to verify claims of
prisoners to Alsatian
He should be given all facilities
Lorrainer origin. Please
wire names all such
claimants with your
opinion as to truth of claim
and sympathies of claimant.

Drop

W. S. P.
21.5.19.

Post copy.

Copy by post to D. H. G.

Salem

by
21.5.19

all
21.5.19

W. S. P.
21.5.19

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TELEGRAPHS.

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Instructions

Words

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 your 470 of twenty first
 may [following claims about
 origine] mucker Born alsace
 french prior to transfer of
 Province to Germany.

N.B.—The name of the Sender, if telegraphed, is written after the text.
 Ed. Chaud & Sons—3419—5-9-18—2,65,000 Bks. (Edn. III).

believed sound Claim. le back
 home alsace native french
 fought on french side in war
 of 1870 but naturalised. Germany
 Supdt precan

N.B.—The name of the Sender, if telegraphed, is written after the text.
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Telegram

Home, Simla

Dr. W. P. 28/5

P.C. 28/5/19

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Your telegram 456 was
19th instant. Supdt
Yercaud camp wires
Begins [H.E portion in
brackets on page 3] ends.
This Govt's wires will
follow.

See
28.5.19.

28/5/19

Telegram

Supdt. Prisoners can
Yercaud.

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Dr. W. P. 28/5

Your telegram 26th
instant. Send full
report with copy of
claimants' deposition
and information
concerning language

Copy by post to Dr. Meyer.
Salvador

No.

STATION

Date 31. 5. 19 1852

CURRENT NO.

PUBLIC (Mar)

From J. R. Parter, Esquire

Superintendent, Prisoners War Camp, Gerand.



To, The Secretary

To Government, Rev. (Spl. War) Department,

Gotacamund

SIR,

Referring to your telegram

pp 4-5 ante
484, of 28th instant, directing me to submit
full report with copy of deposition of Prisoners
claiming to be of Alsace Lorraine origin.
I have the honor to submit herewith copies
of deposition of Mucker and ^{Libach} ~~Leback~~

2. In the case of Leback, I also venture to submit for perusal the following papers

Enclosure 4. Letter dated 20-8-15 from the

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Same Company addressed to the same
office

Enclosure 5 D. O. letter No 162 C, dated 10 August 16 1/2 p.m.
from Faridpur to the Prisoner Leback

Enclosure 6 D. O. letter No 164 C, dated 10.8.14
from ditto to ditto

Enclosure 7 D. O. letter No 208 C, dated 12.8.14
from ditto to ditto.

Enclosure 8 Confidential letter, dated 7.10.14
from Mr Bartley addressed to E Leback Esq

Enclosure 9 Form of license to travel
granted to Mr Emile Leback

Enclosure 10 Letter R. S 7415, dated 15.9.13
from the River Steam Navigation Co. to
Leback Esq

Enclosures 1 and 2 are the copies of the
depositions of Mucker and Leback respectively

3. Mucker has no papers to substantiate
his statements but I think they are true
in the main; he is a quiet man who
keeps himself aloof from the other
prisoners

4. Leback's case is peculiar; he is

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Certainly, by appearance, more a
French man than German - he is
a quiet gentlemanly man who is not in the least
Many of the prisoners here. He has -
photos of a handsome ^{little} ~~Ville~~ ^{Leback}
at Markerech or St Marie and mines
Also as also a big photo of the town
with the same ~~Ville~~ prominent on
a height above the town. I have no
reason whatever to doubt the truth
of his statements.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Yours most obedt servant

W. Mag. Esq
Superintendent

E. S. T. G
Copies submitted to the District Magistrate
Salun.

Encl. VI

I was born 15 August 1870 in Saverne in the
Bas Alsace. My father Edward Mueker was
a non commissioned officer in the French Navy,
on the Imperial yacht Eagle. In 1868 he had
2 years furlough and he married in Alsace.
My family is an old French family. I was
educated and brought up in Nancy in the
College Eccl. de desirables de L'Est and
was not after my 18 years allowed to go
back to Alsace by the German Govern-
ment. When I was 19 years old I left for
Venezuela South America. When my
military time was over I was for some time
in Germany and between 1893 and 1896
I spent some of my time in Germany, some
in France and some in Switzerland.
I then left Germany in 1896 for political
reasons and have not since returned
to Europe. One of my uncles is a French
Bishop of the same Mission as Brother
French who is one of the Brothers a prisoner
in the Grange. My uncle was formerly Bishop
in Madagascar. He is now I believe in Paris
his name is Corbet. My Cousin Armande
Mueker who left Saverne at the same time
and under some condition as myself is now
a priest in the same Mission as his uncle
in France. I have had no communication
with my family for 26 years. This was due to
political

Political not Family Causes. Whenever
I have been since 1896 I have never been
registered by any Consul.

In 1896-97 I was in ^{France} ~~France~~ after that
in Portuguese colony. In 1898 I was in Tangier
East Africa. In 1900 in Djibuti near Aden
From Djibuti I went to Hong Kong was there for
2 years. 1903 to 1911 I was in Siam. From
1911 to 1914 I was in Dutch Borneo. and from 1914 to
17 I was again in Siam. I was employed
while in Siam from 1903 to 1911 and again
1914-17 by the Siamese Government. When
the war started I was teacher in the Royal
Medical College Bangkok. During the war
I had a ^{fight with} ~~light~~ ~~was~~ in German in
Bangkok and then I had the under German
jurisdiction. When the Germans in Siam
were interned I was not interned for
weeks later. I was not on the list of German.
Some evil-disposed person had I believe been
sending letters to the French Consul in
my name. Up to time of my internment
in Siam on 2nd August 1917 I had papers
to show my nationality but the Siamese phis
broke open my box and took them and I never saw
them again.

(24) Drucker
taken down by me, read out to deponent and
admitted to be correct.
(24) T.B. Bartle
(true copy) ^{Superintendent} ~~24-528~~
W. S. ²⁴⁻⁵²⁸
Superintendent

Send no. 2

year 28-5-9

To The Superintendent Civil Camp.
Yereau.

Sir.

I have the honor to make the following

statement.

- I. That undersigned was born on the 28th July 1885
at Arolsen Province Waldeck.
- II. That undersigned's father was of French
descent but his mother of German origin.
- III. That undersigned's home is in Marperen
Alsace, where his family possess landed
and other property of considerable value.
- IV. That undersigned went to sea at the age of 18,
never exercised any rights of German
citizenship nor served in the German army
or Navy in any capacity.
- V. That undersigned's as well as his family's
sentiments & ideas, have been undeviatingly
been all along "Pro-British".
- VI. That from the time undersigned first left
home, he served in British Ships
British Companies only.
- VII. That confirmation of undersigned's service
in India, of his loyalty and good be-
haviour during that time could be obtained
by reference to the British India Steam
Navigation Co. Ltd, with whom he served from
1890 to 1903, & to the River Steam and India
General Navigation and Railway Co. Ltd

in Calcutta, with whom he served up
to the 15.11.1915 when he was ordered to be
interned in Ahmednagar.

I have the honor to be

Sir

your most obedient servant

(Sd) E. Lebach

(Enclosure)

Superintendent

31.5.14

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
MACNEILLS, CALCUTTA.

No. R.S. 62194

Encl 3.

RIVERS STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LD.
(INCORPORATED IN ENGLAND.)
2, Olive Ghat Street,

Calcutta, 16th August 1915

The SECRETARY to the
Government of Bengal,
Financial Department,
Commerce,
CALCUTTA.

Sir,

We are informed by our Agent at Rampur Boalia, Mr. E. Lebach, that he has been warned to prepare for repatriation within one month and a copy of his petition dated the 14th inst to your address, has been sent to us with the request that we will confirm certain facts stated therein. You will recollect that we have already addressed you on this subject vide our letter No. R.S. 11753 dated 20.11.14 and your letter No. 6072 C.M. dated 17.12.14.

Mr. Lebach has been in the employ of this Company since 1903 & prior to that was, we understand, with the B.I.S.N. Coy, but a reference to that Company could, if necessary, be made.

We confirm the total loss of the "BUCKLAND" in October 1909, on which vessel Mr. Lebach states he had his private papers & records.

We also have pleasure in confirming that to the best of our knowledge Mr. Lebach's family home is at Markirch, Alsace.

In complying with the request of Mr. Lebach, viz.- that we would address you on these points, we have pleasure in adding that during the entire period of service we have found his conduct

RIVERS STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LD.
(INCORPORATED IN ENGLAND)
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(INCORPORATED IN ENGLAND)
2, Clive Ghat Street,
Calcutta.

exemplary and character very good.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servants,

Macneill
Agents.

Not in original.

Copy to E. Lebach Esq., Rampore Boalia.

B. N.

20th August 5.

Encl. 4.

G.5786.

The SECRETARY

To The GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL,

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT (COMMERCE).

Sir,

We are informed by our Agent at Rampur Boalia, Mr.E.Leback that he has been warned to prepare for repatriation within one month and a copy of his petition dated the 14th instant to your address has been sent to us with a request that we will confirm certain facts stated therein.

We confirm that Mr.Leback has been connected with this Company in various capacities since March 1903.

We confirm the total loss of the Buckland in October 1903 on which vessel Mr.Leback states he had his private papers and records.

We have further pleasure in adding that during the period Mr.Leback has been connected with this Company his conduct has been exemplary and character very good.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servants,

Managing Agents.

Copy to Rivers Company.
Copy to E. Leback Esqr.
(not appeared in original)
A.

D.O. No. 162 C.

Faridpur, the 10th August, 1914.

Dear Leback,

I have written you officially today requiring you to register your name and that of your wife with me and I have also under instructions issued the usual warning. As regards naturalisation, I would refer you to XXX of 1852. You should submit a memorial to Government praying that the privileges of naturalisation may be conferred upon you. Such memorial should state to the best of your knowledge and belief your age, place of birth, place of residence, profession, the length of time during which you have resided within the territories of the Government of India and that you intend to settle within these territories. This memorial must be accompanied by an affidavit sworn by you, verifying the truth of the statements contained therein. This affidavit may be sworn before the Sub-Divisional Officer of Rajbari or if you prefer it before me at Faridpur. I will then forward your memorial together with the affidavit to Government for necessary action. If your wife also wishes to become naturalised she should adopt the same procedure.

Yours sincerely,

C. Leback, Esq.,

Offg: Mail Superintendent,
R.S.N. Co., Coalundo.

Copy to Rivers Company.
Copy to R. Leback Esq.
(not appeared in original)

The Secretary

To The Government of India

Financial Department (Comptroller)

Sir,

We are informed by our Agent at Rajbari, Mr. R. Leback, that he has been warned to prepare for registration within one month and a copy of his petition dated the 14th instant to your address has been sent to us with a request that we will confirm certain facts stated therein.

We confirm that Mr. Leback has been connected with this Company in various capacities since March 1903. We confirm the fact that on the 10th of October 1903 on which vessel Mr. Leback states he had his private papers and records. We have further evidence in adding that during the period Mr. Leback has been connected with this Company his conduct has been exemplary and character very good.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Managing Agent.

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D.O. No 164 C.

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Faridpur, the 10th August, 1914.

Dear Sir,

I understand from your letter of yesterday's date that you are a German subject, ^{though of} ~~as~~ your French descent. I must, therefore, call upon you to register your name as well as that of your wife and your addresses with me. I am also further directed to warn you against giving any naval, military or other information under penalty of immediate deportation.

Yours faithfully,

M. M. M. M.
District Magistrate. 10/8/14

To

The Mail Superintendent,

R.S. Co., Goalundo.

CONFIDENTIAL.

D.O. No 208 C.

Faridpur, the 12th August, 1914.

Dear Lebach,

Vide the notification published in the Gazette of India (extraordinary) dated the 8th of August, 1914. The Governor General in Council have directed that the provisions of section V and subsequent sections of the Foreigners' Act III of 1864 be enforced for a period of six months in British India from the date of the publication of the Gazette. Section 10 of the Act reads as follows:-

" Any foreigner wishing to travel in or pass through any part of British India in which the provisions of the Act for the time being in force shall possess a license *. Would you kindly therefore apply to the Secretary of the Local Government through me for a license ? Your application should state your name, your nationality and the districts through which you wish to travel. The possession of the license will prevent you from being subject to any inconvenience in case you should have to travel from Goalundo to other parts of the Province on business. Your wife should also apply for a license.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

C. Lebach, Esq.,

Offg: Mail Superintendent,

R. S. N. Company, Goalundo.

CONFIDENTIAL

Faridpur, the 12th August, 1914.

D.O. No. 808 C.

Dear Lebach,

Vide the notification published in the Gazette of India (extraordinary) dated the 8th of August, 1914. The Governor General in Council have directed that the provisions of section V and subsequent sections of the Foreigners' Act III of 1864 be enforced for a period of six months in British India from the date of the publication of the Gazette. Section 10 of the Act reads as follows:- "Any foreigner wishing to travel in or pass through any part of British India in which the provisions of the Act for the time being in force shall possess a license." Would you kindly therefore apply to the Secretary of the Local Government through me for a license? Your application should state your name, your nationality and the districts through which you wish to travel. The possession of the license will prevent you from being subject to any inconvenience in case you should have to travel from Gwalior to other parts of the Province on business. Your wife should also apply for a license.

Yours sincerely,

C. Lebach, Esq.,

Off: Mail Superintendent,

R.S.M. Company, Gwalior.

Confidential

Faridpur,
7.X.14.

Dear Lebach,

Your d.o of the 6th regarding your visit to Calcutta.

I have nothing definite on the subject but I am of opinion that you should see either the Commissioner of Police or one of the Deputy Commissioners at Lal Bazar Police Office.

It is of course a mere formality and you will I am certain not be worried.

I have written privately to Lowman who is I think in charge.

Yours sincerely,

J. Lebach

E. Lebach Esq..

FORM OF LICENCE

Under section 12 of the Foreigners Act, 1864 (III of 1864) I, L.S.S.O'Malley, Esq., I.C.S., District Magistrate of -- Rajshahi (Bengal) having been specially authorised by the Governor-in-Council, under Notification No. ¹¹¹⁴⁹ 6490-P., dated the ^{21st Nov} 11th August, 1914, published in the Calcutta -- Gazette Extraordinary, Of the ^{25th Dec} same date, to grant, under section 11 of the Foreigners Act, 1864 (III of 1864), --- licenses to persons of *German* nationality desirous of -- travelling in or passing through any part of British --- in which all the ~~provisions~~ provisions of the said Act are for the time being in force, do hereby grant this license to you, *Emile Sebach (Mr)* and do further permit you to travel *from Rajshahi to Calcutta* on 15th - 16th November 1915.

Subject to the following conditions:-

- (a) that you engage to travel in and pass through ~~in~~ that part of British India only which is specified in this license.;
- (b) that you engage that, if you break your journey at any place, you will forthwith report yourself ~~x~~ to the Magistrate of that place, or, if there is no Magistrate, to the officer in charge of the ---- nearest Police station;
- (c) that you will similarly report yourself on arrived at your place of destination, stating your residence and business at such place;
- (d) that you will leave the said place without ----- obtaining a similar license.

~~2. This license shall have effect for one week from the date of issue hereof.~~

L.S.S.O'Malley

Signature of District Magistrate, Rajshahi.

12/11/1915

D. R. No.

Dated the 7th October 1914.
Police Office, Rajshahi.

DESCRIPTION.

Full name) Emile Lebach

Age 50

Residence Rampur Boalia

Occupation Steamer agent

Nationality Alsatian (German subject)

Smalley 12/11/15
Signature of District Magistrate,
Rajshahi.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
MACNEILLS, CALCUTTA.

No. R.S. 7415

E. Lebach Esq.,
Joint Agent,
Rampore Boalia.

Dear Sir,

Your G 8467 of 13th September.

We thank you for your advice in this matter, and are arranging for your relief. We think we should advise you that in the peculiar circumstances of the case, and considering the uncertainty of the future we have decided to appoint a permanent and not an officiating Agent at Rampore Boalia. Your future employment in our service will depend entirely on our position in regard to staff when the War is over. We cannot guarantee employment then.

We would like you to know that your work has not in any way influenced us in coming to this decision. Your work has been done at a uniformly high level, and we have pleasure in certifying to your energy and capacity.

Yours faithfully,

MacNeill
Agents.

B.N.

R. S. 1.
RIVERS STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LD.
(INCORPORATED IN ENGLAND.)
2, Olive Ghat Street,

Calcutta, 15th September 1915

RIVERS STEAM NAVIGATION CO. LTD.
(INCORPORATED IN ENGLAND)
2, CHURCH STREET, CALCUTTA

Calcutta 15th September 1915

Joint Agent,
Rampore Boats,
Dear Sir,

Your letter of 15th September.

We thank you for your advice in this matter, and the
arranging for your relief. We think we should advise you that
in the peculiar circumstances of the case, and considering the
uncertainty of the future, we have decided to appoint a permanent
and not an officiating agent to Rampore Boats. Your future
employment in our service will depend entirely on our position
in regard to staff when the War is over. We cannot guarantee
employment then.

We would like you to know that your work has not in
any way influenced us in coming to this decision. Your work
has been done at a uniformly high level, and we have pleasure
in certifying to your energy and capacity.

Yours faithfully,
Agents

W. G. G. G.

Rajshahi.

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Telegram

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Desk
5/6

Your letter of 3rd
wire what is natural
language Mucker and
Lebach and written
Mucker served in German
army.

Lu.

5.6.15

To

Superintendent

Prisoner Camp Urcand

P.T.O.

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TELEGRAMS

CURRENT NO.

2932 1937

NOTICE.

This form must accompany any inquiry made respecting this Telegram.

PUBLIC (MIXED)

Office Stamp.

Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
Yercaud	6	12	30	ste	29
TO				Read here at	14 H. 45 M.

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512 your wire 50 fine natural
language both Netach and
mucker french mucker has
not served in german army
Superintendent Prisoners

N.B. - The name of the Sender, if telegraphed, is written after the text.
Lal Chand & Sons - 3410-5-9-18-2,65,000 Bks. (Edn. 111)

of war camp, Yercaud

Revenue (Spl.) War Deptt.

C No. 1632 - From the Govt. of India, telegram dated the 19th May 1919.

Subject - Alsations and Lorrainers in Yercaud Camp.

C.7
The telegram from the Govt. of India does not state when the French Consul General will be coming to Yercaud. The D. M., Salem, and the Supdt., Yercaud Camp, may be asked by telegram to afford him all facilities when he comes.

2. With regard to the latter portion of India's telegram it is submitted that there are only two Alsations in the Yercaud Camp - vide pages 17 and 20 of Letter No. 35 dated the 28th January 1919. The recent quarterly return of changes in the list of names and other particulars of hostile foreigners interned in the camp does not contain any further names of prisoners ~~born~~ of Alsatian or Lorrain origin.

It is not however clear from the telegram on what ~~main~~ points India want our views and recommendations. Presumably they wish to know whether there is any necessity to treat ~~any~~ ^{Alsations & Lorrainers in the camp} any longer as German subjects or suspects. If so, the Dist. Magte, Salem, may be asked to submit at once a report about the history and sympathies of men belonging to the above category who are in the Yercaud Camp. For orders.

S. V.
20-5-19.

20.5.19

I submit a draft telegram. It may go direct to the Supdt., copying going by post to the D. M. Magte.

all 20.5.19

20.5.19

Emmenecker Mucker

Since released
20.5.19

Quite obvious, I think.
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(Telegram N° 470 8 21. 5. 19)

(C. 1718)

From the Supdt, Yercand camp 8 26. 5. 19

The Supdt. Yercand camp telegraphs about two prisoners (viz) Orucker and Leback.

Orucker. The claims of this man to Alastian origin are believed to be sound.

Leback. He is a naturalised German though born in Alsace.

[The Supdt. has not included the name of Emmenecker, presumably because he does not claim to be Alastian.]

The Supdt. says nothing definite about the sympathies of Orucker and Leback, but they have apparently French sympathies. For orders whether a further reference need be made on this point or whether we may wire at once to the Govt of India describing the claims of these men to French nationality ^{and} ~~and~~ recommending that they need no longer be treated as Germans or suspects.

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27.5.19

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Trina facit a man who has voluntarily naturalised as a Frenchman ought not to be given the benefit of French citizenship

Since released
8000 1069
cf p 1 ante
10-5-19

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but one does not know the circumstances.
These claims are to be investigated by
the French Consul-general & we are
only asked for an opinion. They are
communicated this wire to India stating
that this Govt's views will follow. We
might then wire to Yereand for a full
report with a copy of the claimants'
depositions & information concerning language
& affinities.

Lu.
27 V 19

Yes
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Draft telegrams are subd.

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28.5.19

Done
Lu.
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(Telegram to the Govt of India) 28.5.19

(Telegram to the Supdt. of War camp Yereand) 28.5.19

(C. 1852) From the Supdt. of War camp Yereand
31.5.19

pp 7-8 CF

pp 9-12 CF

Please see para 3 and 4 of the Supdt's
letter. and the written statements by the
two prisoners - mecker and deback.

In the circumstances stated it is for orders
whether ~~mecker and deback~~ may also be treated

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we may tell the Govt of India that there is no need to treat the two men any longer as German subjects, ^{furnishing} ^{time with} furnishing them at the same ^{time with} copies of the prisoner's statements and documents ^{forwarded} ~~enclosed~~ by the Supt.

See
4.6.69
OK
1.6.69

P.

Kucher's statement is entirely unsupported by docs & he does not say ~~definitely~~ definitely whether he served in the German army or not; apparently not; but this is a point which the Supt. might have elucidated. In written cons has the Supt. reported what is the language of the claimants - a most important omission, since an Alsatian of really French sympathies does not, if he can help it, speak German.

There seem to be no grounds for affirming that Kucher is French in sympathy or real nationality. Probably he is a Prussian, but that is another matter.

May we wire to the Supt. or ask him

(a) What is the ~~man's~~ natural language of both?

(b) Whether Kucher served in the German army?
 15.6.69

Ger
all
S.B. 4

C. 10.6.19
B. 13
A 10/6

24 Issue Telegram below.
Lu
5.6.19

(Telegram No 12 of 5.6.19)
(C. 1931) Telegram From the Supdt. In g war camp, Yarcand
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Submitted for orders.

Lu
7.6.19
OK
7.6.19

Draft to India summarizing
the information in both cons
r recommending that they
be treated as Aborigines.
Lu
7.6.19

Letter to the G. P. S.
Draft order is subd

Lu
9.6.19
OK
10.6.19

See R. S.
10.6.19
all
10.6.19

H.M.

10.6.19
Issue
for all
10.6.19

Revenue (Special) Dept.

Letter No. ~~163210-18-10-6-19~~
266 of 10-6-19

To
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Home Department.

Sir,

In continuation of my telegram No. 483, dated the 28th May 1919, I am directed to ^{append brief} ~~enclose~~ statements containing particulars of the original career, national sympathies etc. of Mucker and Lebach, the internees in the civil camp at Yercaud who claim Alsatian origin. I am to observe ~~that the information available shows that from the evidence before this Govt. the two men appear to be of Alsatian origin and to recommend that they need not in the circumstances be treated any longer as German subjects.~~

I have etc

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Remarks

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Born in 1870 in Saverne in the Bas Alsace. Father who belonged to an old French family was a non-Commissioned Officer in the French Navy. Was educated in Nancy. Was off and on in Germany until 1896. Left Germany in 1896 for political reasons and has not returned to Europe since. Entered the service of the Govt. of Siam in 1903, where except for a period of about three years when he was in Dutch Borneo, he remained till his internment. His uncle is M. Corbet who was Bishop of Madagascar and is believed at present to be in Paris. Had documents to prove his nationality but they were taken away by the Siamese Police when he was interned on the 2nd

given as reported by the men themselves. The Capt of the camp reports believes that the account which these men give of themselves to be substantially correct & notes that they keep themselves aloof from the other prisoners.

H.E. in C. M.D. prefer however that their claim shd. be further tested by the French Consul General with reference to documents produced & detailed statements recorded

Name Age.

Mucker 49

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August 1917. Alleges that his internment was due to some misrepresentations made to the French Consul. Has not served in the German Army. Native language is French. ~~He~~ ^{the} ~~Sup.~~ ^{reports} that he is a quiet man and keeps himself aloof from the other prisoners. ~~Lebach~~ ^{Lebach} was born in 1865 at Arolsen Province, Waldeck. Father was of French descent but mother of German origin. Home in Markirch Alsace where his family possess landed and other property of considerable value. Went to sea in his 18th year. Never exercised any rights of German citizenship nor served in the German Navy or Army in any capacity. After leaving home served only under British companies. The B.S.M. Company and the River Steam and Indian General Navigation and Railway Company, Calcutta will testify to his loyalty to British Govt. Native language French.

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