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**Declaration of Blockade of the German East African Sea
Coast and the German Islands Adjacent Thereto**

I, WILLIAM DRUMMOND CHURCH, a Captain in His Britannic Majesty's Navy and Senior British Naval Officer East Coast of Africa, under and by virtue of the powers conferred on me by His Britannic Majesty's Government and all other powers me enabling hereunto do in the name of His Britannic Majesty hereby declare that as from midnight on 28th day of February, 1915, a state of Blockade shall exist in regard to the German East Africa sea coast, which shall be deemed to extend from CAPE DEIGADO in the South to VANGA on the North of the said sea coast, and in regard to all German Islands adjacent to the said sea coast, and I hereby further declare that from the said time or date all manner of communication with the said coast is forbidden

(Signed) WILLIAM D CHURCH,

Captain and Senior Naval Officer East Coast of Africa

The 22nd day of February, 1915