

Primary Sources: *Askari and Carriers Images*

Introduction

Soldiers in Eastern Africa, called askari, and carriers were a central part of the East Africa Campaign. They were recruited, often forcibly, into both German Kaiserliche Schutztruppe für Deutsch-Ostafrika (or Schutztruppe) and British King's African Rifles (or KAR) forces.

Because of the limited numbers of roads and railways, for every soldier, black or white, a number of carriers was needed, also known as porters or the watengatenga (sing. mtengatenga). African soldiers may need upwards of three carriers, while white officers may require as many as six. As a result, during the war hundreds of thousands of carriers supported the East Africa campaign.

Below are a series of images of askari and carriers, both during the war and towards its end.

Sources: Bundesarchive: <https://www.bundesarchiv.de/EN/Navigation/Home/home.html> and Imperial War Museum: <https://www.iwm.org.uk/>

Image 1

*Askari Reading
a Newspaper*

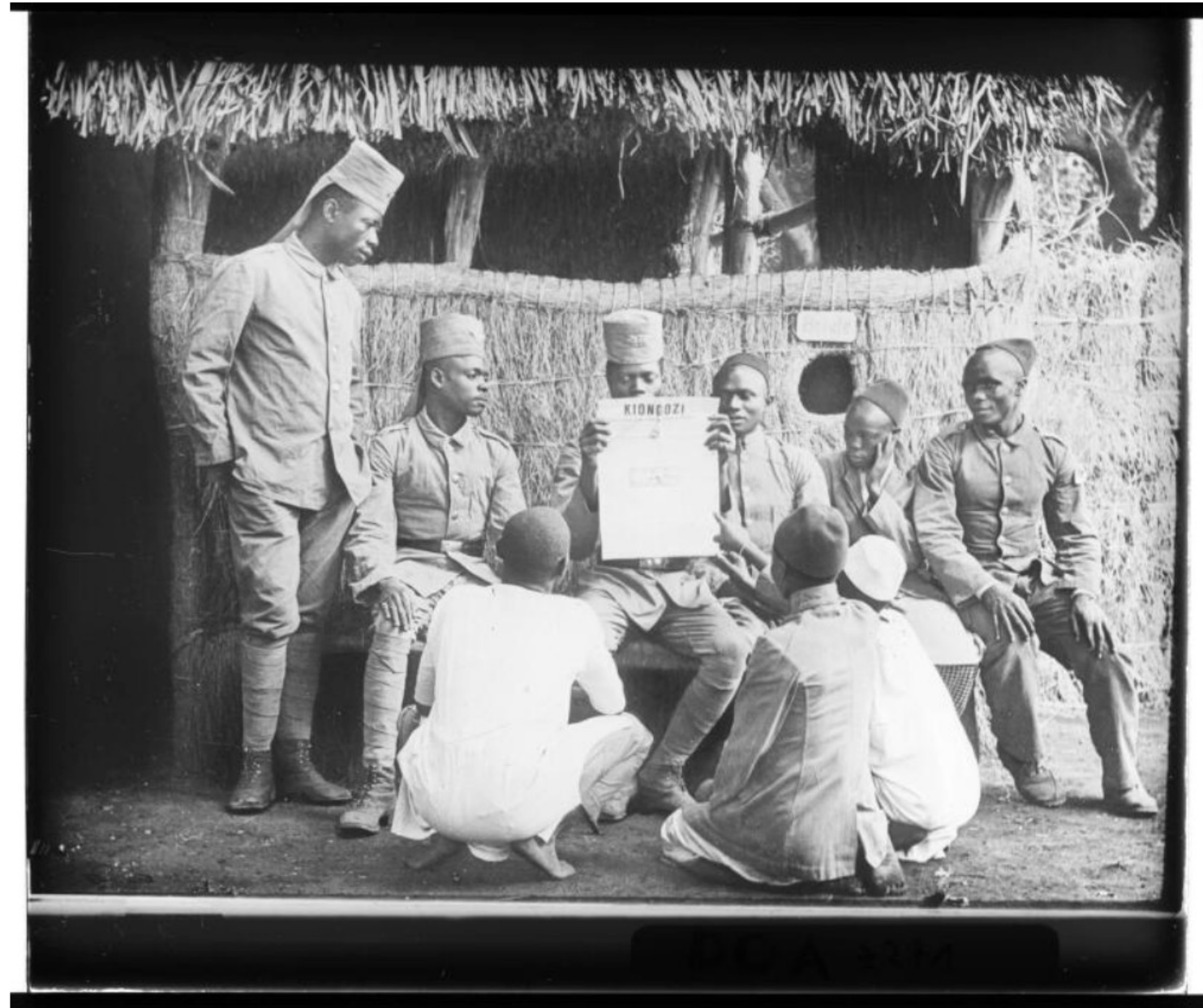


Image 2

*A Soldier and
Carriers in the
Jungle*



Image 3

Carriers



Image 4

*Carriers
Crossing a
River*



Image 5

*The Nigerian
Force Returns
Home*

