

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 tenga-tenga. 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*

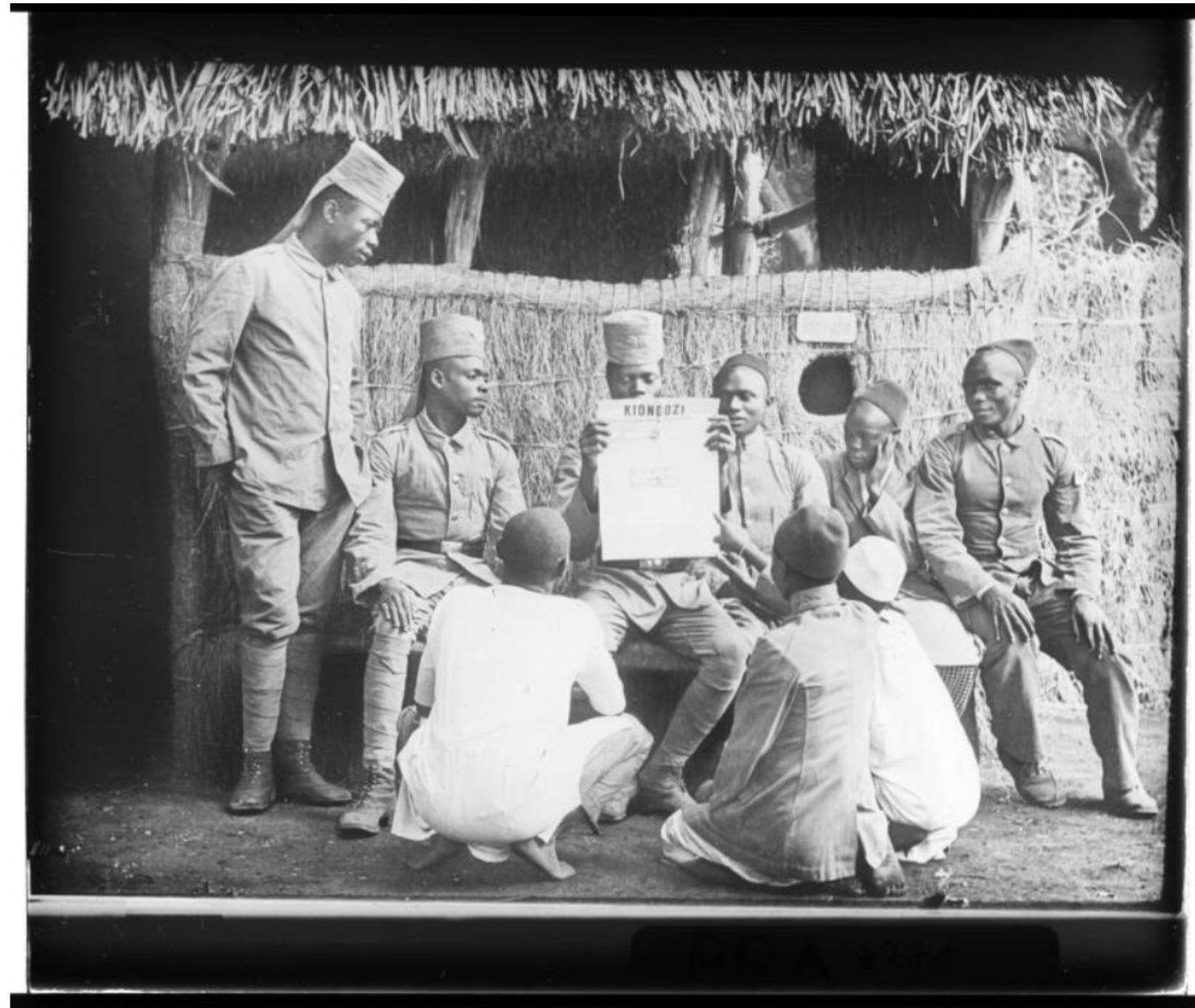


Image 2

*A Soldier and
Carriers in the
Jungle*



Image 3

Carriers



Image 4

*Carriers
Crossing a
River*



Image 5

*The Nigerian
Force Returns
Home*

