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Description: Reporting his presence in Aburi and the fact that for several months they had heard in Abetifi rumours that the Asantes were buying up arms and ammunition - he mentions Snyder rifles specifically - but that at the moment when letters come to him from Buhl and Eisenschmid advising their evacuation from Abetifi in view of the likelihood of war Kwahu was peaceful. However in view of the fact that his wife was unable to walk any distance Ramseyer felt that it was his responsibility to take his wife away from the station while they could easily get carriers. Dilger was already at Begoro for a short holiday. He obviously feels that rumours are endemic in Akan society, although he places some credence in the idea that some Kwahu chiefs are keen to restore links with Asante (partly to restore their lost prestige, and partly in order to be again empowered to execute the death penalty). However the 'young veople' comprising 2/3 of the population, are against them. Providing the changeover did not happen after a war, he is quite prepared to see Kwahu come under Asante rule, and does not think it would harm their work.

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