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St. Patrick's Day Message to the Congo.

In view of the fact that this Embassy is ^{our} the only one in Africa, I felt it would be desirable to send a message of greetings on St. Patrick's Day to the Irish Troops serving in the Congo. Accordingly, I sent the following message a few days before St. Patrick's Day to the Supreme Commander, United Nations H.Q., Leopoldville:-

"On the joyous occasion of St. Patrick's Day, I should be grateful if you would convey to the Irish Troops serving so gallantly in the Congo the greetings and good wishes of the Irish Embassy in Nigeria and our sense of deep pride in their contribution to the cause of peace in Africa."

In reply, General Maceoin sent the following telegram to us through the Nigerian Army H.Q. in Lagos:-

"For His Excellency the Ambassador of Ireland in Nigeria from Lt. Gen. Maceoin H. Q. United Nations, Leopoldville. Your greetings for St. Patrick's Day acknowledged with gratitude. Message had been conveyed to all Irish Troops in the Congo. Our best wishes to yourself, Mrs. Kennedy, and the staff Irish Embassy for a joyous St. Patrick's Day."

The message was brought to us at our St. Patrick's Day Reception by a number of officers of Irish origin serving in the Nigerian army here.

E. L. Kennedy
AMBASSADOR.