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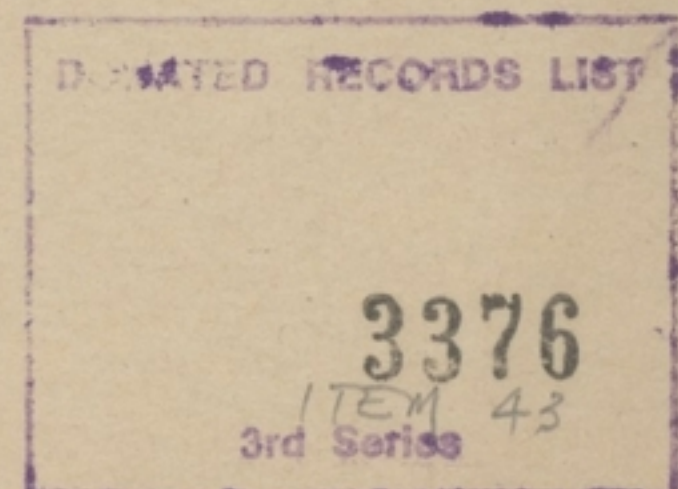
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Headquarters,

Dardanelles Army, M. E. F.

1st January, 1916.

General Brulard,
French Division.

My dear General,

I am anxious to bring to your notice the good services rendered to me by

During the time I have been in command of the Dardanelles Army, when it has been my honour to have had the French troops serving under you in my command, Commandant B. has been on my Staff, and has accompanied me on all occasions when I have visited you and your troops.

As you are aware, the shelling from the Asiatic batteries has been very heavy all this time, so that whenever we have landed, and gone up towards your trenches, we have naturally been subjected to this firing, and when visiting the trenches the same has of course been the case. On the last occasion, when I went to your front fire trenches from your right round to Kereves Dere, the Turkish gunners evidently discovered that a party of officers was there, and opened up a heavy and accurate fire upon us. On this and all other occasions Commandant B. invariably shewed his extreme coolness and thoroughly soldierly bearing, which has been on every occasion an example to all.

Commandant B. has been able to bring to notice the soldierly qualities displayed by his orderly on these occasions, with the result that he has been awarded the Croix de Guerre, but Commandant B. has naturally not been able to mention his own services.

It is now my great pleasure to be able to do this, and, if I may presume, I should like to recommend for your consideration that the name of Commandant B. might be forwarded and recommended by you to your Government for the highly prized decoration of the Croix de Guerre, which I think his conduct has so thoroughly well earned for him, and which I can assure you will be highly appreciated by the British troops here.

Please accept, my dear General, etc., etc.

General Brulard,
French Division.

Headquarters,
Dardanelles Army, M. E. F.
3rd January, 1916.

My dear General,

I am writing to thank you very much for your telegram telling me you were leaving Seddul Bahr for Mudros, and expressing your sincere wishes for the success of our coming, difficult operation. I thank you for your wishes, as I know how sincere they are, and by the help of God I have every hope and confidence that we shall be able to effect this difficult movement with success. The weather is the only element of which I am at all afraid, but I have faith in Providence that we shall again get the same favourable weather as we had at Suvla and "Anzac." Our progress is getting on well except, I am sorry to say, in the evacuation of horses, which is going very slowly, and we had the misfortune last night to have one of our lighters upset with all the animals in it, so that I still have nearly 4,000 mules to get away.

As a small memento, I am sending you a snapshot photograph of myself which was recently taken on board the "Lord Nelson," but I hope that this will not be the only memory of me you will keep.

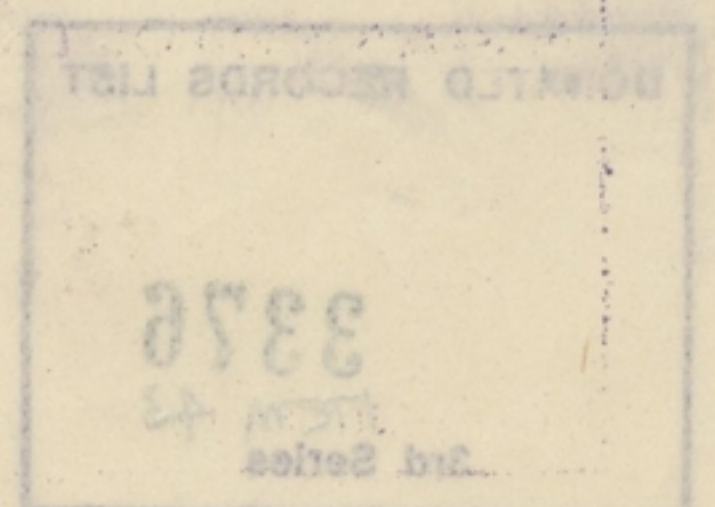
I must take this opportunity of thanking you so very sincerely for all the co-operation, help, and kindness, which I have received from you since the day it has been my good fortune that we have been serving together in the Dardanelles Army. I shall always look back to the time that I have been associated with the French troops as one of great pleasure, and I feel it to be a great privilege that I am one of the few English Generals who have actually had French troops serving under their immediate commands. It has always been such a pleasure to me to go about among
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your soldiers, and in your front trenches, and to see how keen and alert all have been and so anxious to do their duty for their beautiful Country. I shall also feel that the complete harmony with which we have worked has been entirely due to your kindness and the way you have met every suggestion I have had to put forward, and I shall be sure to inform my Government of this.

I shall always, as you know, extremely value the honour, which your President has been so gracious as to confer upon me, and in doing this I shall always remember your most kind thoughts in having recommended my name to the President as worthy of consideration.

I shall of course see you again before you leave Mudros, so I will not say goodbye. I feel it is too far to ask you to come here and have dejeuner with us one day, but I need hardly say that if you would do so, we should all be most delighted and proud to see you.

With my best wishes, and again my grateful thanks for all you have done.





From,
General BRULARD

To,
General BIRDWOOD.

No.17.0

5th January 1916

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1. Je suis bien heureux vous annoncer que le Général Commandant en Chef les troupes françaises a décidé que la dignité de Grand Officier de Legion d'Honneur dont je vous ai fait part vous conférerait en même temps la Croix de Guerre avec palme.
2. Le Général JOFFRE tenant compte également de votre bienveillante proposition a décidé que la Croix de Guerre serait attribuer au Commandant BERTIER.
3. Général en Chef troupes françaises me prescrit diriger le plus tôt possible sur PARIS Commandant BERTIER à qui il va confier une nouvelle mission.

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From:- General BIRDWOOD.

To:- General BRULARD.

6th January, 1916.

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Je désire vous éxprimer, mon cher General, mes ^emilleurs remerciements pour votre aimable dépêche que je viens de recevoir, m'annonçant les hautes distinctions que votre Gouvernement vient de me conférer. Je vous prie de bien vouloir transmettre a S.E. le Généralissime, l'expression de la grande appréciation que j'éprouve pour ces honneurs. Ils me seront toujours un souvenir des hereux moments inoubliables que j'ai passé avec les vaillants soldats sous votre commandement.

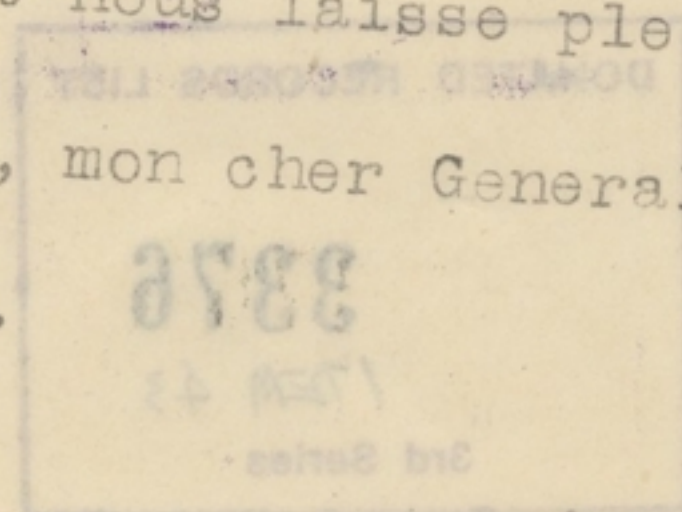
Je réalise que ces distinctions m'ont été conférés par l'entremise de votre aimabilité et je suis fier que vous avez jugé que mon travail avec vous, vous a justifié de me recommander aupres de votre gouvernement. La Croix de Guerre avec Palmes me restera toujours comme un insigne des combats auxquels nous avons assistés ensemble.

Je suis tres héreux d'apprendre que la Croix de Guerre a été également conférée au Commandant Bertier qui a tellement merité cette haute distinction pour le bon travail qu'il a accompli.

Je donnerai des instructions pour que le Commandant Bertier se présente chez vous afin qu'il puisse se mettre en route pour Paris pour prendre possession de son nouveau Poste.

Je pense qu'il pourrait partir d'ici en 4 ou 5 jours.

Le Commandant Bertier partira avec nos grands regrets. Il a été plus que utile et tout son travail loyal a été de la plus grande valeur. Je sais qu'en disant adieux au Commandant Bertier, je salue un ami, qui en partant nous laisse pleins de régrêts et mes sentiments seront de même, mon cher General, quand j'aurai le chagrin de vous dire adieu.



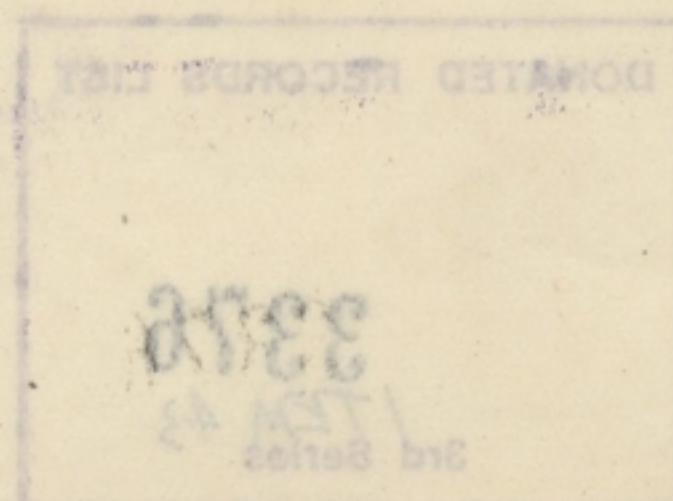
From, General BIRDWOOD

To, General BRULARD

7th January 1916

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Dans le cas ou vous pensiez venir me voir ici je voudrais vous informe que je me rends a HELLES demain 8 crt. Tout autre jour je serais enchante de vous accueillir. Suis sans ordres jusqu'ici mais crois quitter sous peu.





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From, General BRULARD

To, General BIRDWOOD.

No, 71

9th January 1916

Desp. 1010
Recd. 1022

De tout mon coeur de Français, de soldat, et d'ami, je vous adresse mes plus chaleureuses félicitations pour heureuse réussite de cette dernière opération qui était singulièrement difficile et même périlleuse. Merci aussi du soin que vous avez pris de nos détachements restés les derniers dans la Presqu'île avec vos braves soldats. Et maintenant en route vers de nouvelles destinées, j'espère que celles-ci nous replaceront encore côte à côte pour nous conduire à la grande définitive victoire.

Copy done to Col Wagstaffe for Army Command

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