

From Lord Kitchener. London.

To Sir John Maxwell. Cairo.

Received 21.2.15.

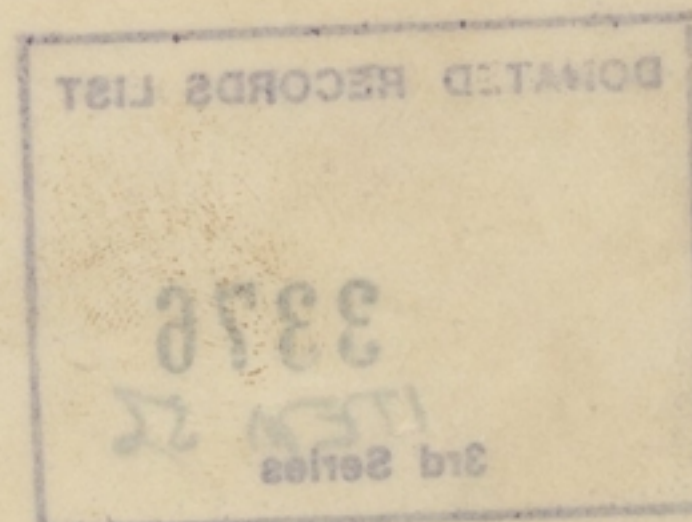
3180 Cipher. The bombardment of the Dardanelles is proceeding, during the first day one fort has been silenced, another severely damaged. In order, however to assist the Navy in their undertaking we are concentrating a force in LEMNOS Island to co-operate with the Navy as may be required, to occupy any forts that may be captured. 2000 Marines are concentrated on Lemnos Island now, they will be followed by 8000 more due at Lemnos about March 13th.

A force of approximately 30,000 men of the Australian and New Zealand Contingents under Birdwood to be warned to prepare for this service.

Transports will be sent from here to convey these troops to Lemnos, they should arrive at Alexandria about March 9th.

But as a considerable force may be required before that date you should communicate through the Navy with Admiral Carden commanding at the Dardanelles so as to send what he most requires. For this purpose you should take up any transports you can obtain and despatch units at once to Lemnos without waiting for the arrival of the transports from England.

You should keep Admiral Carden and myself informed of the numbers and despatch of any troops as they are effected. You should be careful to select specially competent Officers with this first detachment as they will have to act independently until the main force under Birdwood joins them.



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The details of the ships available for transport at Egyptian Ports you can obtain from Admiral Robinson.

At the outset Infantry will no doubt be most required and you should bear this in mind.

Some of the Indian Mountain guns had better accompany the force if you can spare them.

You should also send with the first detachment any Sappers competent in demolition as well as Special Officers for Intelligence work. The following Officers for Intelligence are being sent by the War Office. Major Doughty Wylie, Captain Deedes, Captain Smith.

Base Staff, details and supplies will be sent from England and will be telegraphed to you separately.



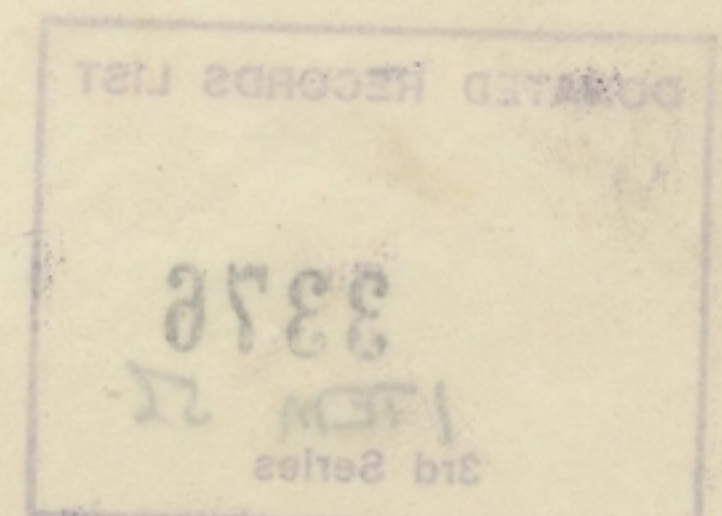
From Secretary. War Office. London.

To G.O.C.in C. Cairo.

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3181 Cipher. Reference 3180 Cipher. Three Ordnance Officers and one Company Army Ordnance Corps will proceed from home for duty with troops to be embarked for special service.

Telegraph as fully as possible what reserves and natures of Ordnance Stores and clothing should be sent out.



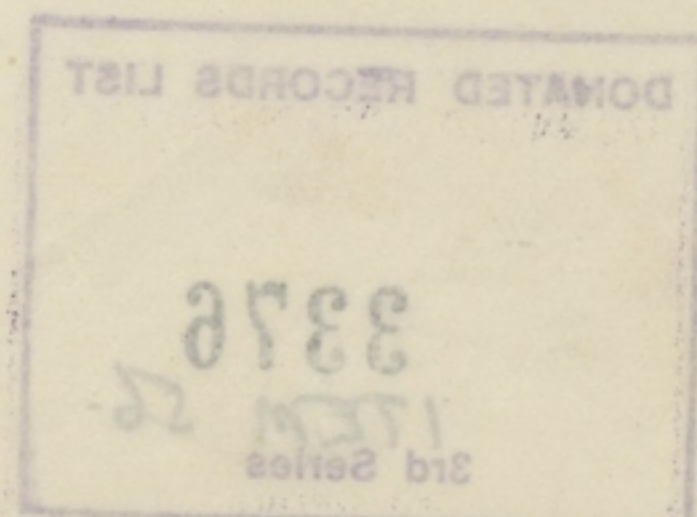
From Secretary. War Office. London.

To G.O.C.in C. Cairo.

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3182 Cipher. Q.M.G.6 Reference 3180 Cipher.

Reference expedition from Egypt mechanical transport will not be sent from England. Wire what additional transport if any should be sent from England bearing in mind amount obtainable locally. Two months complete supplies of food and forage including hospital supplies and disinfectants plus two months flour, two months frozen meat and one month's fuel wood will be sent from England. Ten days' voyage forage rations, seven days' landing rations will be sent out in transports. Headquarters of a base and headquarters administrative services and departments will be sent from England.



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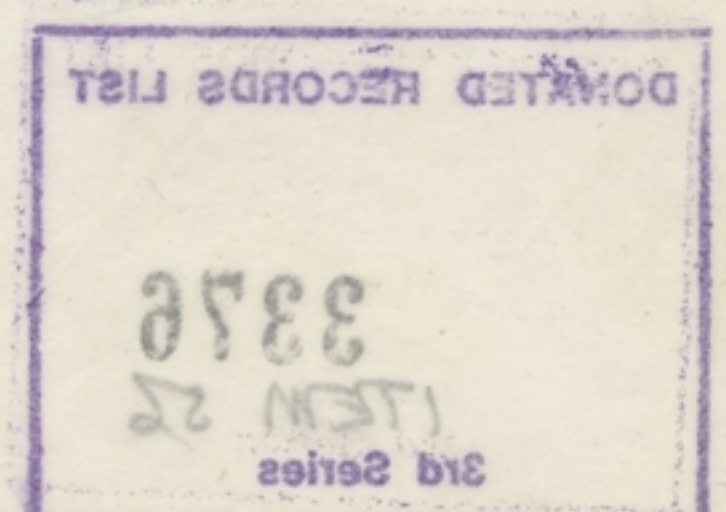
To, Superflux, Cairo.

Decode. 2792. With reference to my telegram of 20th February, 3180, Cipher Telegram, Headquarters of Administrative services and Departments War Establishments:-

Deputy Director of Supplies & Transport, Officers 1, Riding Horses 1. D.A.D. of Supplies, Officers 1, Riding Horses 1. D.A.D. of Transport, Officers 1, Riding Horses 1, Superintending Clerk 1, Clerks 6, Batmen 3. D.D. of Ordnance Services Officers 1, Riding Horse 1. D.A.D. of Ordnance services Officers 1, Riding Horses 1. Assistant Commissary Officers 1, superintending clerks 2, Clerks 4, batmen 3. Dr of Railway Transport Officers 1,, Riding Horses 1, A.D. of Railway Transport Officers 1, Supertending Clerks 1, Clerks 2, Batemn 2. A.D. of Works Offices 1, Riding Horses 1, Suptg Clerk 1, Clerks 2, Batmen 1. A.D. of Remounts Officers 1, Riding Horses 1, Clerks 1, Batmen 1. A.D. of Veterinary Services Officers 1, Riding Horses 1, Clerks 2, batman 1. D.D. of Medical services Officers 1, Riding Horses 1. D.A.D. of Medical services Officers 2, one of these for Sanitary Services, Riding Horses 2, Suptg Clerk 1, Clerks 2, Batemn 3. A.D. of Postal service Officers 1, Clerk 1, Batmen 1, Total Headquarters

Administrative services and Departments :-
 Officers 15
 Clerks 26
 Rank & File 15
 Riding Horses 12.

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From TROOPERS, LONDON to SUPERFLUX, CAIRO.

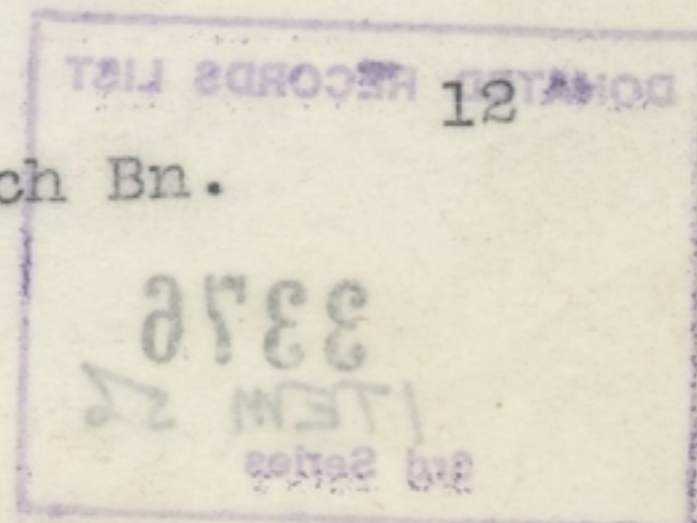
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2793: With reference to my cablegram dated 20th February, 3180 Cipher, Headquarters of Base Establishment as follows :-

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Riding Horses</u>
Commandant of Base	1	2
General Staff Branch -		
General Staff Officers (2)	1	2
A.Q.M.G.'s Department -		
A.Q.M.G.	1	2
D.A.A.G. (performs duties of A.P.M.)	1	2
D.A.Q.M.G. (one will be Mili- tary Landing Officer)	2	4
Administrative Services and Depts. -		
D.D. of M.S.	1	1
D.A.D. of M.S. (Sanitary)	1	1
Paymaster	1	-
Special appointment of Officer i/c Records	1	1
Deputy J.A.G.	1	1

M. M. P. -		
S.Sergts. & Sergeants		1
Rank and File		3
Riding horses		4
M. F. P. -		
S.Sergts. & Sergeants		1
Rank and File		6
*Clerks to G.S. Branch -		
Warrant officers		2
*Clerks to A.Q.M.G.'s Dept.-		
Warrant Officers		4
*Provided by A. S. C. included -		
S.Q.M.S.		1
S.Sergeants		1
Sergeants		1
Corporals		1
Lce.Corporals		1
Clerks to A.D. of M.S. -		
Warrant Officers		2
Clerks to Paymaster -		
Warrant Officers		2
Clerks to O.i/c Records -		
Warrant Officers		2
Superintending Clerks, W.O.		1
*R. A. and R. E. Section -		
Warrant Officers		5
*Provided by 1 clerk from each of the 3 Artillery Brigades, 1 from Divnl. Ammn. Column and clerk R.E.		
*Infantry Section -		
Warrant Officers		
*Provided by 1 O.R.Sergt. from each Bn. of infantry.		

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*A.S.C. and A.O.C. -	
Warrant Officers	1
*Provided by A.S.C.	
*R.A.M.C. and A.V.C. Sections -	
Warrant Officers	1
*Provided by R.A.M.C.	
Clerk to Deputy J.A.G. -	
Warrant Officers	1
Shoeing Smith Artificers	1
Acting Q.M.S's, S.Sgts. & Sergts.	1
Cook, R. & F.	1
Orderlies, R. & F.	3
Riding Horses	3
Batmen, R. & F.	17
Drivers, A.S.C. (Mech. Tpt.) R. & F.	10

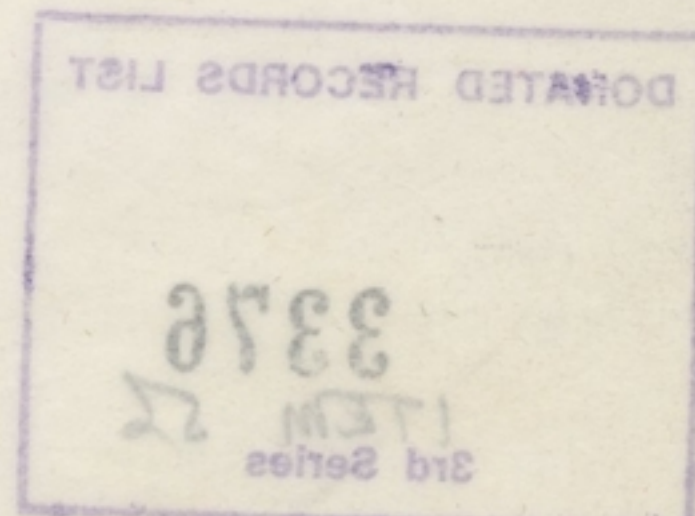
Total -

Officers	11
Warrant Officers	33
S.Sergts. & Sergts.	3
Artificers	1
Rank & File	40
Riding Horses	23
Transport - Motor Cars-	
Vehicles	2
Drivers	2
Transport - Lorries -	
Vehicles, (3 tons)	4
Drivers	8

(Drivers of motor cars and lorries provided
by A.S.C. Base Depot).

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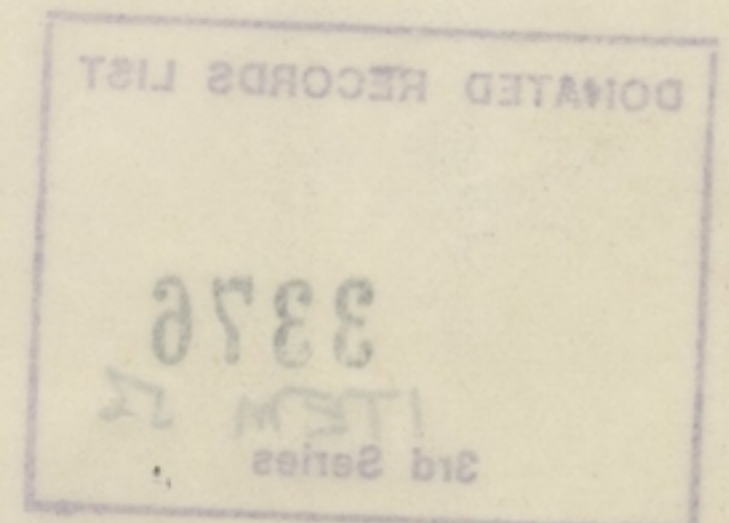


From Secretary War Office. London.

To G.O.C.in C. Cairo.

Received 22.2.15.

from
3201 Cipher. Following ~~for~~ Assistant Financial
Secretary for Command Paymaster . You should be pre-
pared to issue any English gold that Major Ormsby
A.P.D. who is leaving here on Wednesday next with troops
may requisition for. Initial requirements will not
probably exceed £5000. Charge his personal account
in Form 1 of General State.



From Secretary. War Office. London.

To G.O.C.in C. Cairo.

Received 22.2.15.

3206 Cipher. D.S.D. In continuation of telegram No. 3180 Cipher, the following units are being despatched direct to LEMNOS Island immediately:-

Headquarters of a Base, consisting of:-

- A Base Commandant.
 - 1 G.S.O.2nd Grade.
 - 1 A.A.G.
 - 1 D.A.A.G.
 - 2 D.A.Q.M.Gs.
 - 1 A.D.M.S.
 - 1 D.A.D.M.S.
 - 1 Paymaster.
 - 1 O.C.Records.
 - 1 Deputy Judge Advocate Genl.
- and complement of clerks, police and drivers.

Headquarters of Administrative Services & Depts,

consisting of:-

- | | |
|--------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 D.D.of S.&T. | Assistant Director of Works. |
| 1 A.D.of S.&T. | Remounts. |
| 2 D.A.Ds.of S.& T. | Vety, & |
| +++-- | Postal |
| 1 D.D.Ordnance. | Services. |
| 1 D.A.D.Ordnance. | |

All with complement of clerks.

Headquarters of an Infantry and combined General

Base Depot consisting of:-

Colonel, Adjutant, and small personnel.

5 Depot units of Supply as in War Establishments

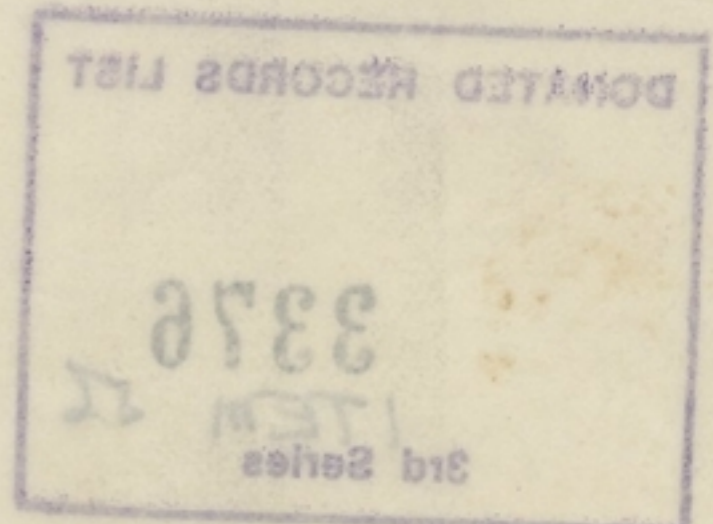
Part I 1914.

1 Signalling Section Lines of Communication consisting of 4 Officers and 86 other ranks.

Headquarters of main Supply Depot consisting of: 2 Officers.

1 Advanced Horse Transport Depot consisting of 8 Officers and 100 other ranks.

1 Remount Squadron capable of dealing with 500 Remounts- Horses and consisting of 4 Officers and 170 other ranks.

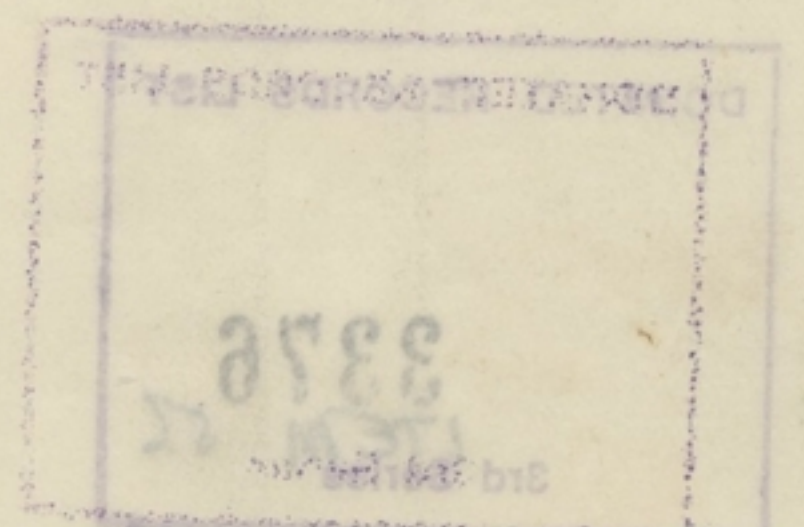


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Also 1 Field Bakery and 1 Field Butchery as in War Establishments Part I 1914.

Reference your 624 E. An Army hdqrs. Signal Company and 2 Cable Sections are being prepared and will be despatched as soon as ready.

Copy to General Birdwood.



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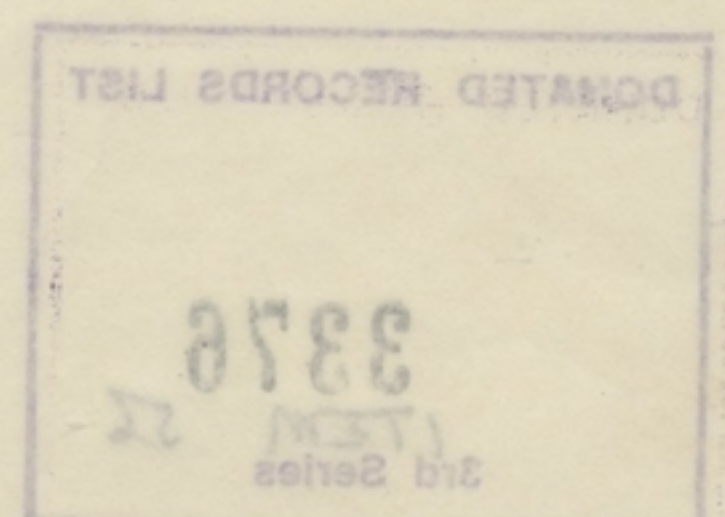
To Sir J. Maxwell. Cairo.

Received 23.2.15.

3220 Cipher. M.O.1 a. 174. Your 630 E. Your proposal is sanctioned.

Cannot you communicate with Carden through Flagship in Canal ?

Copy to Genl. Birdwood.

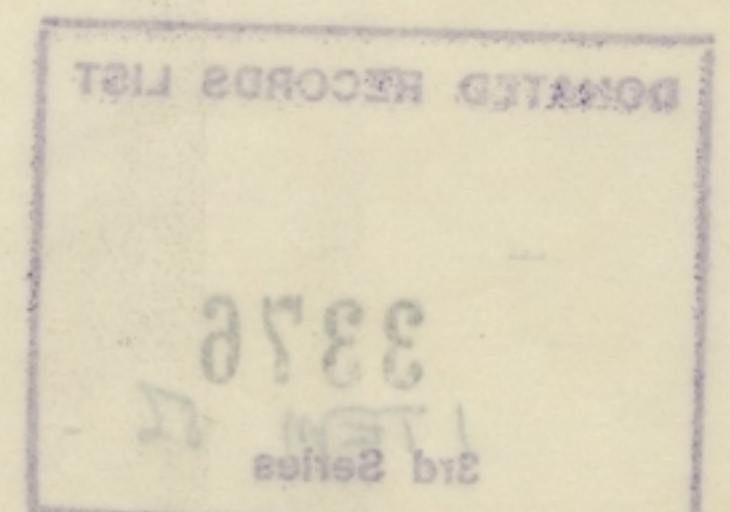


From Secretary. War Office London.

To G.O.C.in C. Cairo.

Received 23.2.15.

3221 Cipher. D.S.D. Your 634 E. Send all available
Hospital and Line of Communication units.



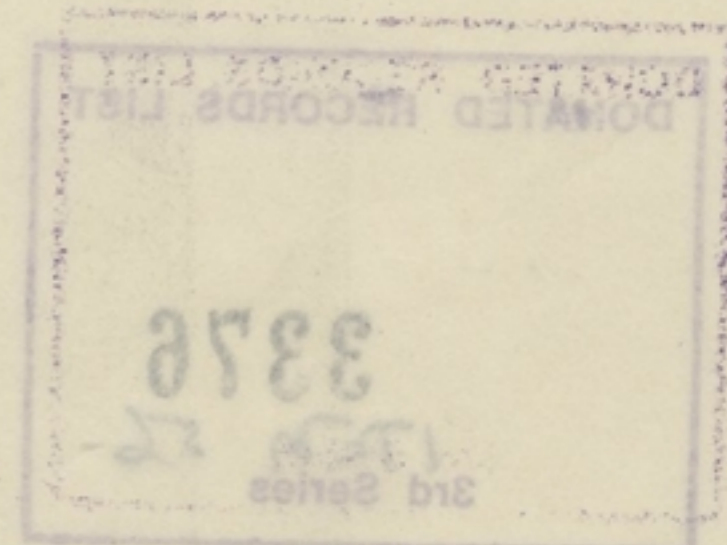
From Secretary. War Office. London.

To G.O.C. in C. Cairo.

Received 24.2.15.

3227 Cipher. Q.M.G.6 Reference expedition from
Egypt, it will be necessary to provide rations for
troops on board transports for period of voyage. Admir-
alty do not victual these ships.

Copy to Genl. Birdwood.



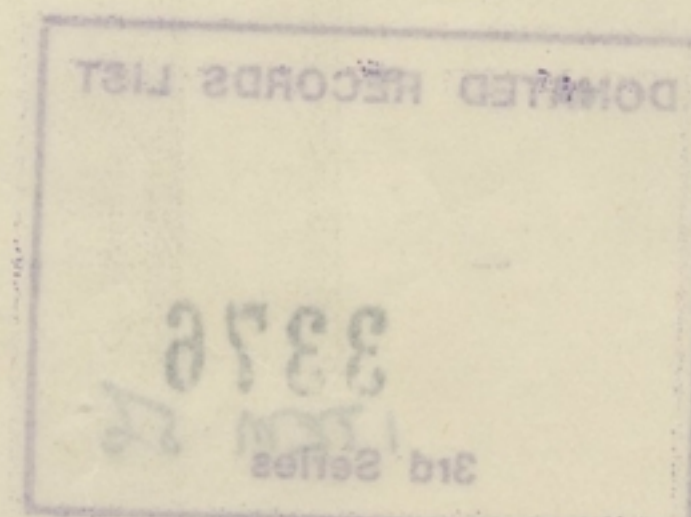
From Secretary. War Office. London.

To G.O.C.in C. Cairo.

Received 24.2.15.

3228 Cipher A.M.D.1 Your 634 E. Feby. 23rd. Can you possibly supply additional hospital accommodation to make up at least five per cent, Birdwood's force. Our resources at home very limited. Do you propose sending any patients home or can you deal with all at any rate for the present using Cyprus and Malta if necessary.

Copy to General Birdwood.



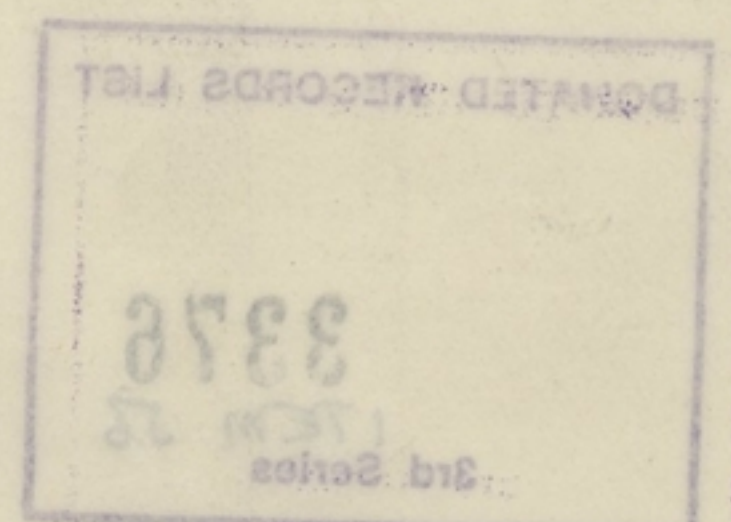
From Lord Kitchener. London.

To Sir J. Maxwell. Cairo.

Received 24.2.15.

3229 Cipher. The following message is for General Birdwood, Message begins:

You should proceed by earliest possible opportunity to consult Admiral Carden on the spot as to nature of combined Naval and Military positions to be undertaken in connection with forcing of Dardanelles and report result to me. It is important to ascertain from local information and observation numbers and composition of Turkish Garrison of Gallipoli Peninsula, whether Admiral considers employment of troops will be required to help him to take the forts and what force will be necessary, whether a landing force to take forts in reverse will be required of the troops, and generally what is the projected employment of the troops, will the BULAIR Lines have to be held and will any military operations on the Asiatic side be necessary or advisable ?
Message ends.



From Lord Kitchener. London.

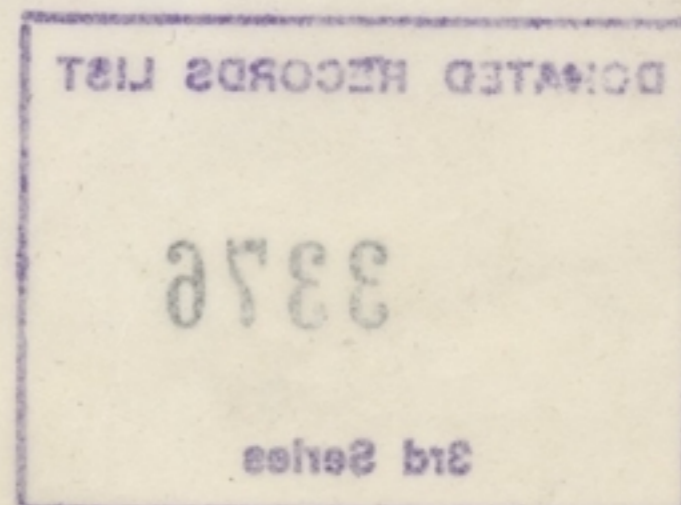
To Sir J. Maxwell. Cairo.

Received 24.2.15. 9 p.m.

Appendix 28

3261 Cipher. My 3229 Cipher crossed your 636 and 637 E. yesterday. General Birdwood's personal consultation on the spot with Admiral Carden is clearly essential. He should be guided in concerting operations by the following considerations.

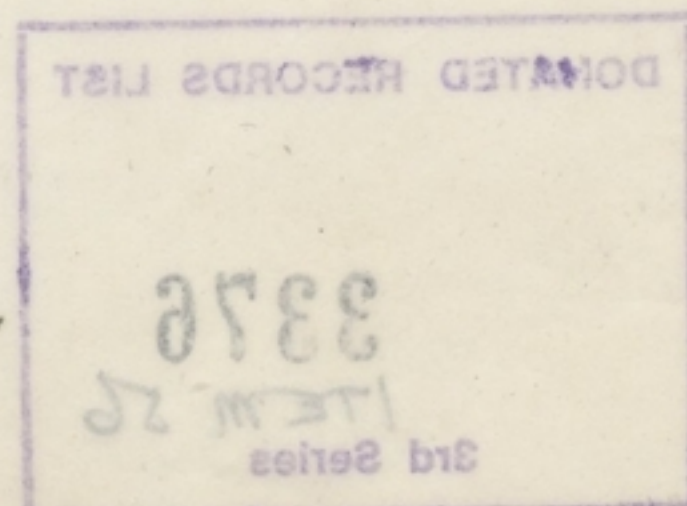
The object of forcing the passage of the Dardanelles is to gain an entrance to the sea of Marmora with a view to gaining possession ultimately of Bosphorus and overawing Constantinople. The forcing of the Dardanelles is an operation to be effected mainly by Naval means which when successful will doubtless lead to the retirement of the Gallipoli garrison. So far as our information of the situation goes, it does not appear a sound military undertaking to attempt a landing in force on Gallipoli Peninsula where there is reported to be a garrison of 40,000 troops, until naval operations for reducing forts have been successful and passage forced. Result of entrance of fleet to Sea of Marmora would probably have the effect of rendering Turkish position in Gallipoli Peninsula untenable and enable a force to occupy it if necessary. But to land with 10,000 men in face of 40,000 Turks while naval operations are still incomplete seems extremely hazardous. There would be no objection to employing military force to secure hold of the forts or positions already gained & dominated by naval fire, so as to prevent their reoccupation, or repair damage by the enemy, if this can be carried out without seriously compromising troops landed for the purpose. Having regard to the foregoing, the first step which seems to be desirable is that the Brigade



etc. (see your telegram No.636 E.) about to be despatched from Alexandria should be sent to Lemnos, where it will be close at hand in case of need, and to hold the remaining Australian and New Zealand force in readiness to embark at short notice.

General Birdwood should report as early as possible result of his conference with Admiral Carden . Birdwood should also give his views as to number of troops required for above purposes, and further, if it should be possible to send increased forces, he should report how he thinks they could best be utilised for prosecution of further enterprise after passage of Dardanelles has been forced, and what views are held on this subject by Admiral and others of local experience as to subsequent events in Constantinople.

He should also inform me privately whether he considers from the result of bombardment up to date the naval operations will succeed in forcing the passage without having recourse to a considerable landing party to take the forts in reverse.



From Lord Kitchener. London.

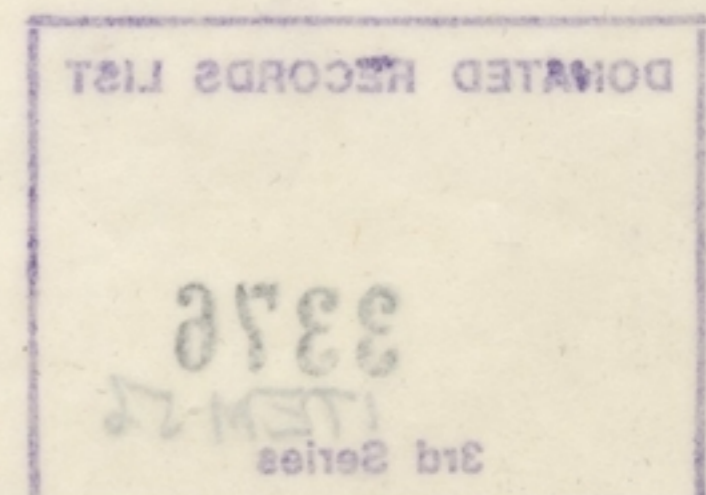
To Sir J. Maxwell. Cairo.

Received 24.2.15. 10 p.m.

Appendix (3)

3264 Cipher. Your 639 E. The project is that the Navy with gun fire should silence the guns and destroy the forts. It is not intended to land parties on the Gallipoli Peninsula except under cover of the Naval guns to help in total demolition when ships get to close quarters.

You can send the Brigade you suggest to Lemnos and await events with rest of the troops, holding them ready. Instructions have been wired you for Birdwood. Arrange cipher with him so that he can communicate confidentially with me through you.

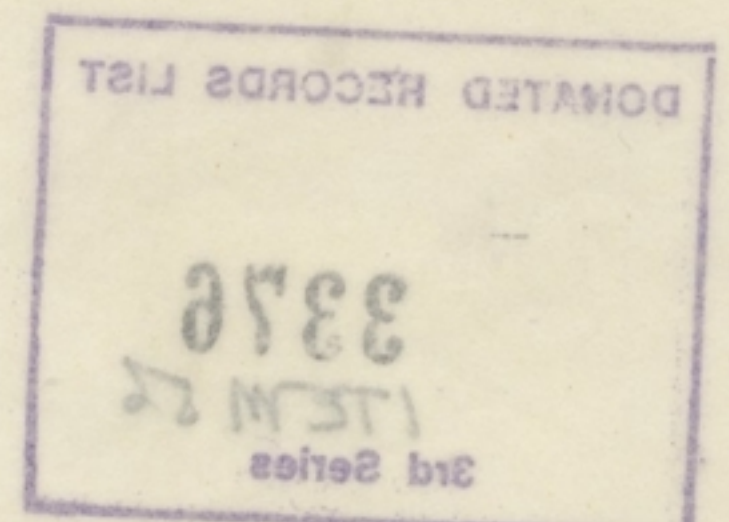


From Secretary, War Office, London.

To G.O.C.-in-C., Cairo.

Received 24.2.15. 10 p.m.

3266. Cipher. A.2. Your telegraph C.486, February 23rd. It is considered that the 18-pr. ammunition which Birdwood has, is sufficient for the operations contemplated. We will send you about 1000 rounds 4.5 ammunition later on. Only 550 rounds per file need be taken. Wire how much Birdwood requires from you to make up this amount.



From Secretary, War Office, London.

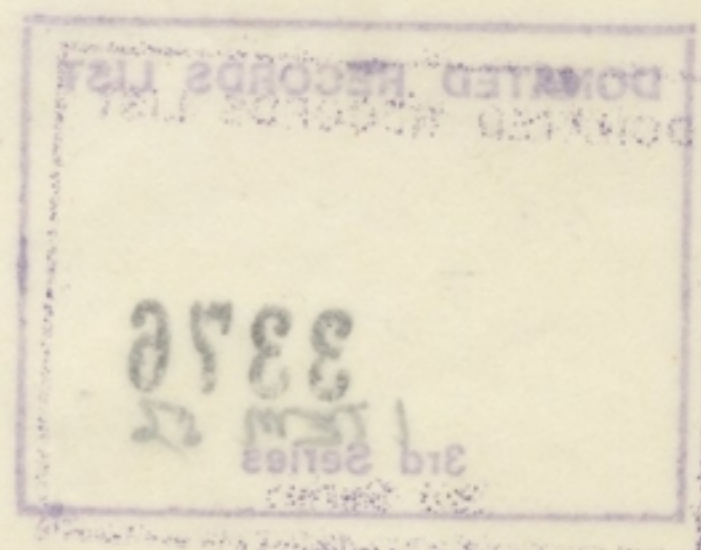
To G.O.C.-in-C., Cairo.

Received 24.2.15. 11.30 p.m.

3268. Cipher S.D.2. Your telegram 628.E not understood. Number of rounds to be taken in Brigade Ammunition columns should not exceed those given on pages 6 and 7 War Establishments, Part I, 1914. It is proposed to despatch a special Divisional Ammunition ^{Column} complete in all respects to carry 126 rounds per gun for 12 18-prs., 44 rounds per gun for 4 howitzers and 50 rounds per rifle for two brigades of Infantry, and one regiment of Mounted Rifles.

It is presumed you can provide Brigade Ammunition Column to carry 76 rounds per 18-pr., 48 rounds per howitzer, and 80 rounds per rifle. If not wire your requirements in full detail.

Wagons, carts, and personnel asked for to complete first line transport of Corps Headquarters and New Zealand Division are being got ready and will be despatched as soon as possible, except that limbered G.S. Wagons will be substituted for travelling kitchens.



Copy of cablegram received 25-2-15.

From. Troopers, London.

To. Superflux, Cairo.

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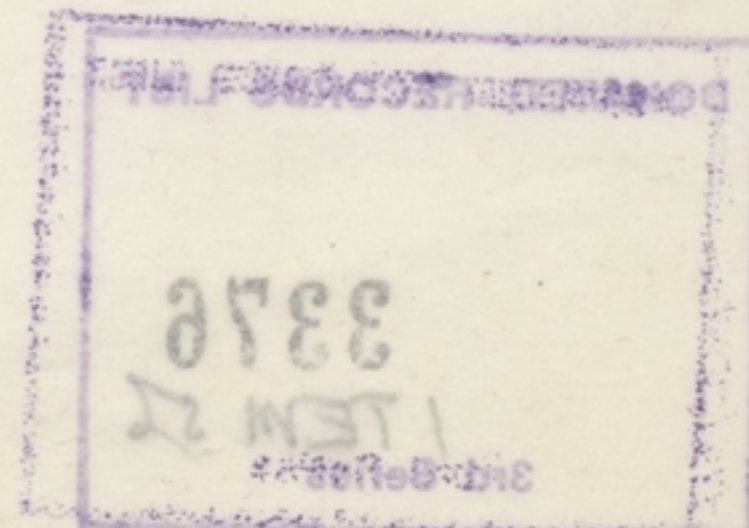
3088. Your 621 E following maps go ^{to} you Gallipoli
 Peninsular maps scale 1 inch = 1 mile Turkey maps scale
 1/250000 series Constantinople Rodosto and Gallipoli sheets 700
 copies of each also 250 copies of maps of Lemnos go with
 naval division who also take 1000 copies of Constantinople
 1 inch maps in four sheets of which 700 intended for you
 twentyfive copies of all maps scale 1/250000 series and of
 secret editions of Constantinople and Gallipoli maps also being
 sent.

Action. Copy to G.O.C. 25-2-15.

" " G.S.

*Copy to D of M.I. 25-2-15
 Vice Admiral. H.M.S. "Koralyne." Port Said.*

Lt. Gen. Asst. Army Corps Shepherson Hotel.



From Secretary. War Office. London.

To G.O.C.in C. Cairo.

Received 26.2.15. 1 a.m.

3289 Cipher. K 1477 M.O.5 A. Brigadier-General
McGregor has received one Copy of Cipher 'T' from- for
General Birdwood who should use this Cipher in commun-
ications with Egypt and War Office.

Lists of key words for use with Playfair Cip-
her have been issued to General McGregor Captain Deedes
and G.O.C. Royal Naval Division.

From Secretary. War Office. London.

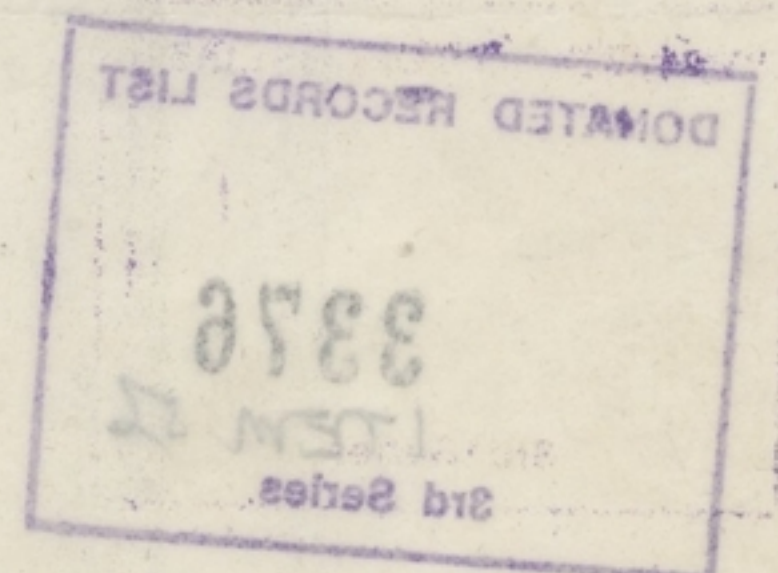
To G.O.C.in C. Cairo.

Received 26.2.15.

3290 Cipher M.O.177. Feby. 26th. Your 639 E.

Difficult to send you resumé of General Staff studies
of Gallipoli. Suggest your consulting Admiralty reports
of Turkish coast defences, Part II, of which all war ships
have copy. Ten copies of Military Report 1905 Eastern
Turkey in Europe being sent you to-day by bag.

Supplied to Security copies.

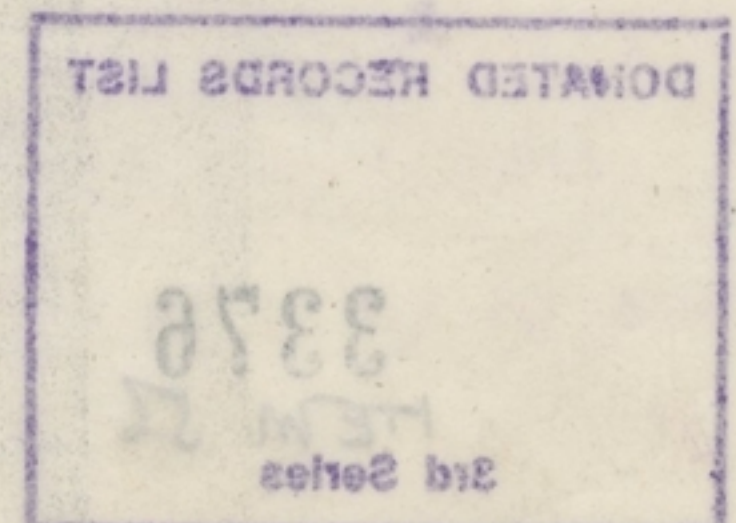


From Admiral. Port Said.
To G.O.C.in C. Cairo.
Received 25.2.15. 11 p.m.

Following telegram received from Vice-Admiral commanding ~~the~~ Mediterranean Detached Squadron, Begins:
Reference your telegram of February 23rd please send me 10,000 troops to Lemnos whence they would be ready to land⁺ operate at short notice. BRAEMAR CASTLE and CAWDOR CASTLE not available as transports. They should be independent of my Squadron for all supplies and live on board transports, landing for exercise. I have informed Admiralty by telegraph of the purport of this telegram.

From Admiral, Port Said.
To G.O.C.in C. Cairo.
Received 26.2.15.

Following message received from Senior Naval Officer at MUDROS begins: For G.O.C.Egypt. I am unable to effect any satisfactory arrangements for fresh provisions for some time to come. Troops should therefore be self-supporting for as long as possible. If able to arrange later on I will inform you.



From Lord Kitchener. London.

To Sir J. Maxwell. Cairo.

Received 27.2.18.

3299

~~3299~~ Cipher M.O.178. Please transmit the following

message in Cipher to General Birdwood Message begins:
 From Earl Kitchener to General Birdwood M.O.178 Feby.
 26th. ^{stop} My 3261 February 24th to Maxwell has been commu-
 nicated by him to you. ^{stop} In amplification ^{of} instructions con-
 tained therein, please note following. Forcing of Dar-
 danelles is being undertaken by the Navy and as far as
 can be foreseen at present, the task of your troops, until
 such time as the passage has actually been secured, will
 be limited to minor operations, such as final destruct-
 ion of batteries after they have been silenced under cov-
 er of fire of the battleships. It is however possible
 that there may be concealed Howitzer Batteries inland
 with which the ships cannot deal effectively and you might
 have to undertake special minor operations from within
 the Straits for dealing with these if called upon ^{by} Admiral
 Carden. Remember however that there are large Enemy mil-
 itary forces stationed on both sides of the Straits and
 you should not commit yourself to any enterprize of this
 class without aerial reconnaissance and assurance of
 ample covering fire by the fleet. At any time during the
 bombardment of the Dardanelles you can of course apply
 for and obtain any additional forces ~~to which~~ from your
 Corps in Egypt that you may require up to the total of its
 strength. It is anticipated that when the forcing of the
 narrows is practically assured the Turks will probably
 evacuate the Gallipoli Peninsula and a small force at Bul-
 air will then be able to hold it. ^{stop} You should take note
 of positions at which you may be able to land Artillery
 in order to dominate the east ~~of~~ side ~~of~~ so as prevent
 enemy on that side from harassing shipping passing up and

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twenty fourth

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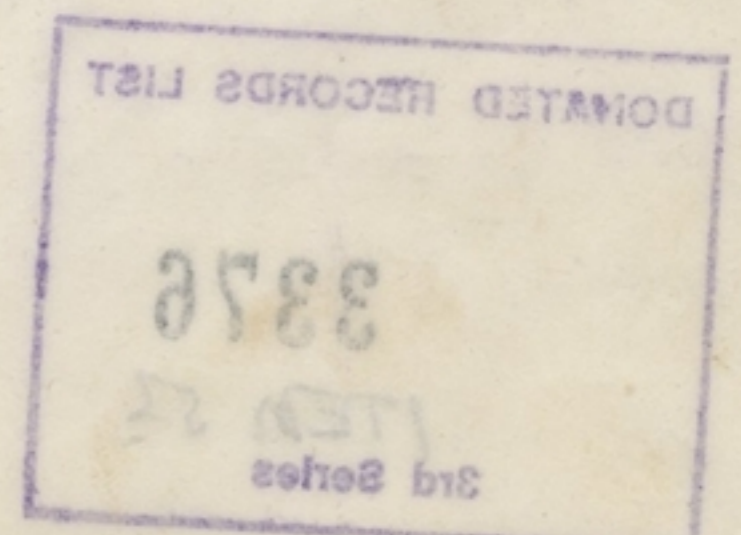
down the channel. ^{stop} I anticipate that the gradual over-
powering of the batteries by naval fire will exert great
moral effect on the Turk and the more gradual and certain
the naval operations, the greater will be effect produced.
The Admiral is arranging for a ship to watch Bulair and
it might ^{be} well to induce enemy to believe landings are
under consideration at this point threatening his retreat
out of the Peninsula. ^{stop} Please keep me fully informed of
your operations referring to War Office map G.S.2285.

I should like to have from you as soon as you can get into
touch with local information an appreciation of what will
be likely to happen in Constantinople and whether you
consider that more than 64,000 troops will be required ~~for~~
for operations at Constantinople after the channel has
been forced. Your troops while at Port Mudros should ~~be~~
practise rapid disembarkation and embarkation on any
beaches that may be available for carrying out the op-
eration under service conditions and in face of pretend-
ed opposition. You might especially earmark ^{one} 1 Brigade
and perfect it in such work.

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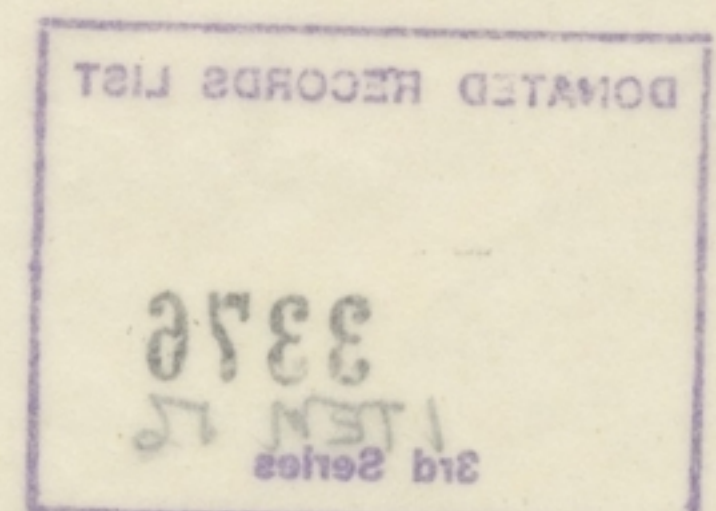
From Secretary, War Office, London.

To G.O.C.-in-C., Cairo.

Received 27.2.15

3313. Cipher. D.S.D. Your 649.E. We will increase size of Divisional Ammunition Column mentioned in our 3268 Cipher to include vehicles for 50 rounds per rifle for two Mounted Brigades. Will also send you 7 limbered G.S. Wagons and 4 Ammunition wagons with limbers to complete New Zealand Field Artillery Brigade Ammunition Column with vehicles for carriage of ammunition for one Infantry Brigade and one howitzer battery. It is understood that personnel, teams and harness are not required for these vehicles.

We will also send 3 bicycles, one water cart, 14 limbered G.S.Wagons, and 12 G.S.wagons, complete teams and harness for S.A.A. sections of Brigade Ammunition Column for 2nd. Infantry Brigade and 2 Mounted Brigades.



From Lord Kitchener. London.

To Sir J. Maxwell. Cairo.

Received 27.2.15.

3311 Cipher. Your 659 E. Please wait for Bird-wood's report.

From Secretary. War Office. London.

To G.O.C. in C. Cairo.

Received 27.2.15.

3319 Cipher M.O.1 B. We have been informed that the German Minister at the Hague has stated that with respect to the Dardanelles Forts that the German Marine Artillerymen had constructed an entirely new line of batteries in perfectly concealed positions.

From Secretary. War Office. London.

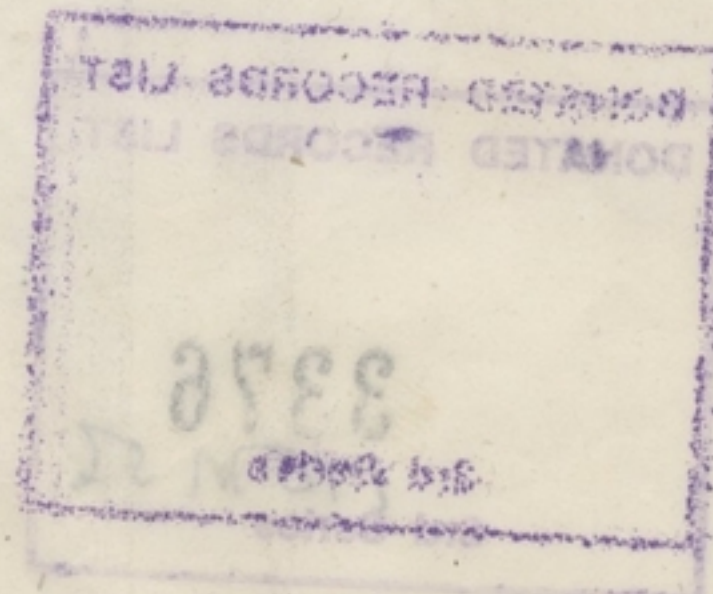
To G.O.C. in C. Cairo.

Received 27.2.15.

3324 Cipher. M.O.179. Your 653 E. Feby. 26th.

Admiralty believe Naval escort to be unnecessary but decision on this point rests with Chief Naval Officer who is cognisant of local circumstances and whom you should consult.

Navy have four aeroplanes besides seaplanes off Dardanelles. We have none available.



From Secretary. War Office. London.

To G.O.C. in C. Cairo.

Received 1.3.15.

3340 With reference to your telegram of 26th
February 654 E. Send by earliest opportunity one
Stationary Hospital to follow troops mentioned therein
Will be required by Naval Contingent.

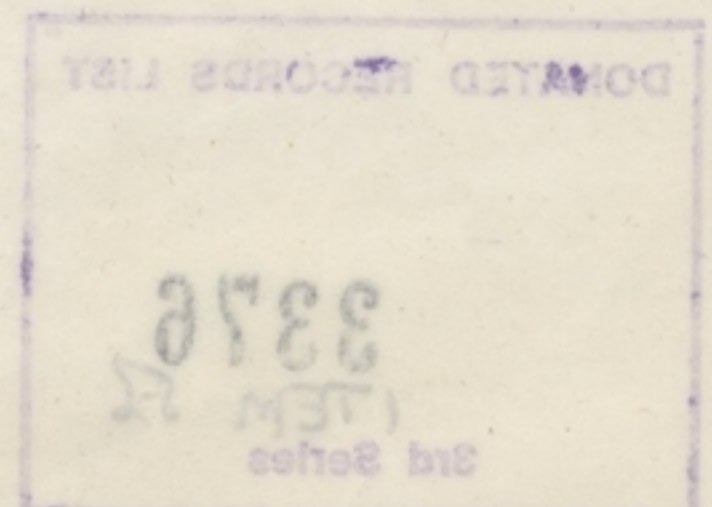
654 E. Copy is in Gen. Birdwood's file here.

From Lord Kitchener. London.

To Sir J. Maxwell. Cairo.

Received 1.3.15.

3341 Cipher. Private and Secret. Do not allow
numbers and destination of troops you are sending to
Lemnos be made public, as it might be advantageous if
the impression in the Levant existed that a larger force
had been sent.



From G.O.C. in C. Cairo.
To Secretary. War Office. London.
Despatched 1.3.15 $\frac{1}{2}$

664 E. March 1st. Reference possible expedition-
ary Force, will Egypt be considered General Headquarters
with reference to F.S.R. Part II. Chapter 16.

From Secretary. War Office. London.
To C.O.C. in C. Cairo.
Received 2.3.15. 1.45 a.m.

3361 Cipher. D.S.D. Your 664 E. For purposes of
Field Service Regulations, Part II Chapter 16, Egypt
will be considered General Headquarters so far as troops
whose records are at present dealt with in Egypt, are
concerned. For all other troops our own will be consid-
ered as General Headquarters.

From Admiral, H.M.S. Euryalus, Port Said.
To G.O.C. in C. Cairo.
Received 1.3.15. 11 p.m.

Telegrams for Admiral Wemyss could be sent by cable
via SYRA addressed British Admiral at MUDROS. Please
communicate direct with him in future. This provides
an alternative method of communicating with Admiral
Carden as MUDROS have wireless installation.

From Secretary. War Office. London.

To G.O.C.in C. Cairo.

Received 2.3.15. 9 p.m.

3368 Cipher M.O.182. Following for General Birdwood begins: Athenian reports indicate that there is no water at Mudros Bay. Admiralty are making special arrangements for distilling and for tank ship but there may be some delay. Please report on the subject after consultation with the Naval Authorities on the spot.

Communicated to S.N.O. Mudros for transmission to Gen, Birdwood, 11p.m. 2.3.15.

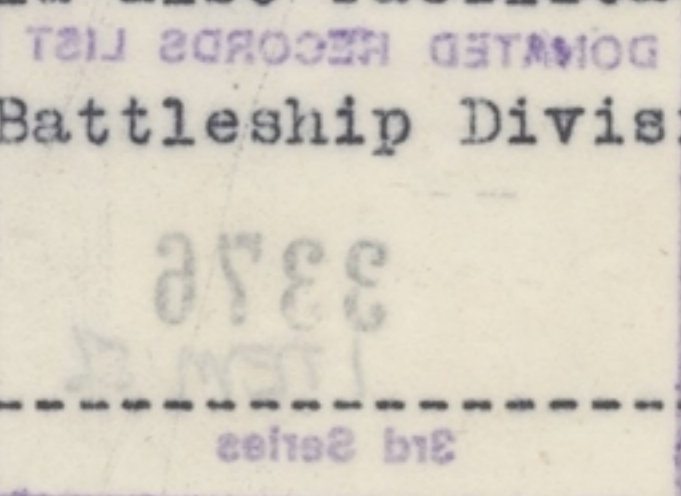
From Secretary. War Office. London.

To G.O.C.in C. Cairo.

Received 2.3.15.

3370 Cipher. M.O.5. Your 671 E. March 1st.

Arrangements are being made with Eastern Telegraph Company to open telegraph stations at LEMNOS and TENEDOS enabling communication to be kept open with Birdwood from Egypt. Use of Wireless Telegraphy for military purposes to be deprecated when cable is available. For Admiralty purposes no objection to your proposal to get direct communication by Wireless with ships in the Dardanelles but you should consult with Admiral and employ wave length which will fit in with existing Naval organisation and not less than 4300 metres. You should also facilitate communications between Paris and French Battleship Division on the Syrian coast.



From Admiral, H.M.S. Euryalus, Port Said.

To G.O.C. in C. Cairo.

Received 2.3.15.

Following message received from Senior Naval Officer
at Mudros. Begins: Hope you will send everything you can
in the way of lighters horse-boats and ^{*}brows with contin-
gent.

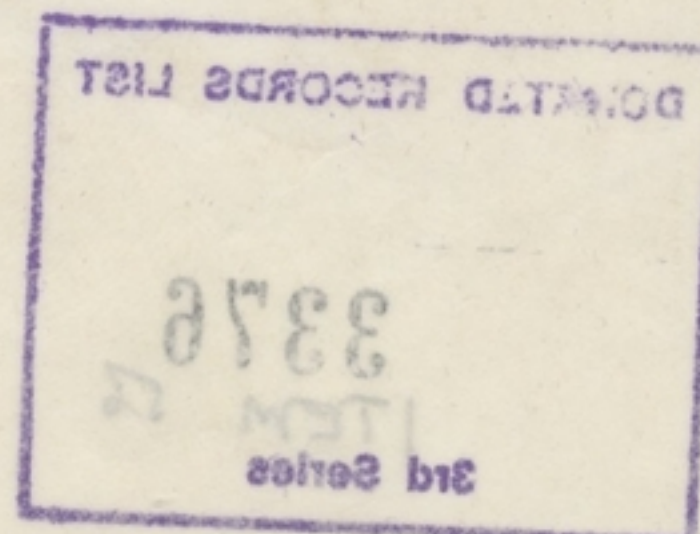
** Brows are gangways.*

From Admiral, Malta.

To G.O.C. in C. Cairo.

Received 2.3.15.

Your 107 N. Long 5-letter code telegram and 104 N
of February 28th were transmitted, former by cablegram to
Mudros, latter by wireless.

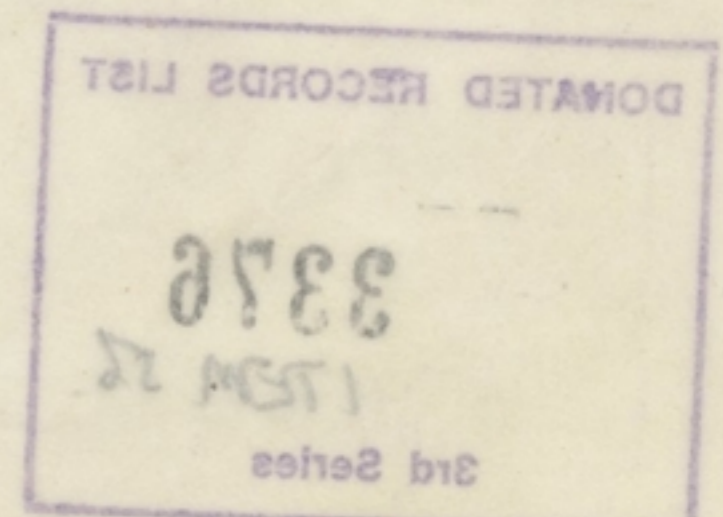


From Lieut Gen Birdwood.

To Sir John Maxwell, Cairo.

Received -2-3-15.

G.A.X.4, Please transmit the following to Lord Kitchener. Message begins. Reference your 3229 and 3261 of 24th February, I have now seen Admiral CARDEN and discussed situation. I have also carried out personal reconnaissance as far up the straits as possible. It is practically impossible to determine strength of troops on either side of DARDANELLES, as numbers are constantly varying. Turks keep troops on board transports at Constantinople ready to bring down at any moment, while others have recently arrived from ADRIANOPLE. However there are probably 40,000 troops in vicinity of Dardanelles. Admiral Carden, under instructions he has received to force passage as purely Naval operation, intends to effect this if possible. If the fleet is unable to silence guns in hidden positions the alternative would then appear to be for the Navy either to ignore the damage inflicted or to cooperate with the army to destroy them. As my force cannot be ready to disembark at Dardanelles before March 18th at earliest it would appear depend on the urgency of the operation as to whether there is time to wait for the latter alternative. If assistance of troops is required my proposals, with which Admiral agrees, are that Navy should make strong demonstration accompanied by available transports with troops not required for immediate disembarkation against the BULAIR LINES, from about 16th. Admiral will probably also demonstrate off SMYRNA. I would then land a strong force at BELLES Point to work northwards up to a point from which the main batteries on the European side of the NARROWS could be taken in reverse and concealed batteries elsewhere dealt with. I understand that this line which forms a magnificent holding position has been very heavily entrenched across the peninsula, and is supported by guns and howitzers. If I fear it may be necessary after this line is forced has been taken to transfer a good part of my force to the Asiatic side to deal with ground in rear of CHANAK and adjoining batteries in vicinity of which we have information that there are guns, but if this ground can be satisfactorily dealt with from European side it will be done. Action indicated will of course depend on progress made by Navy up to eighteenth but in any case my troops will all be moving in the right direction. It will probably be necessary to keep a strong force entrenched covering position from KEPHEZ Bay to NAGARA on Asiatic side to protect the NARROWS. Having secured the line across the NARROWS there may not be much further opposition until we reach BULAIR LINES which I understand has been considerably strengthened and is held in force, but with the co-operation which the Navy could give from both sides I do not anticipate much difficulty there, if indeed the enemy hold it at all. If not held GALLIPOLI would seem a good place to concentrate my force for further action leaving behind force to hold BULAIR Lines and if necessary the covering position Asiatic side as already mentioned. I will wire again regarding further action but it seems impossible to obtain any local experienced information here, as no communication from and to the mainland is possible, such as comes from Athens. Shall be glad to hear of organization of Marines. I presume they will bring first line transport. Message ends.



From Admiral, Madros.

To G.O.C. in C. Cairo.

Received 3.3.15.

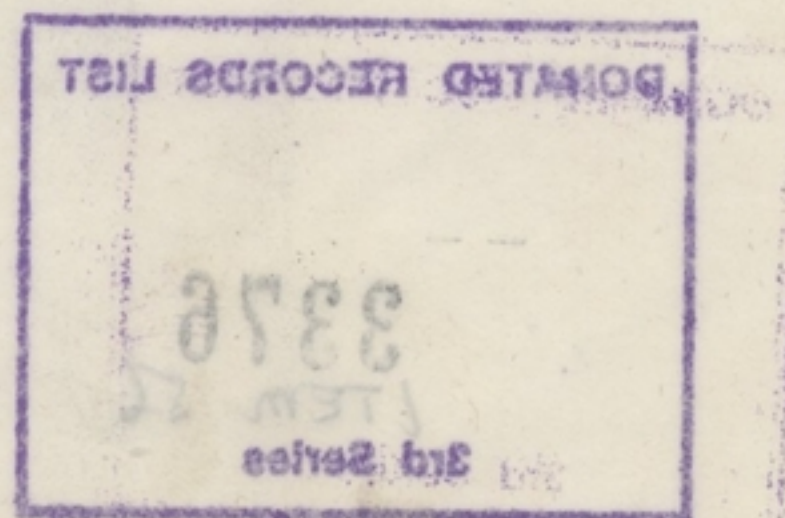
From Birdwood. March 2nd. 103 just received.

Leaving in Minerva this evening, arrive Port Said 4th about 6 p.m. If following is taken up at once, it will accelerate despatch of expedition. Firstly all possible information points to force being at first mainly dependant on pack transport for supplies and ammunition Hope you will be able to spare mules as many as possible fully equipped with drivers and at least double allowance of loading rope.

Secondly Horse brows essential: if Egypt can help to supply it will assist greatly. Brows should be fitted with side screens battens and coir matting and large reserve of mats is required for lighters.

Thirdly. Some simple form of oil fed flares for night work is required. ~~These~~ Can these be taken in hand 200 needed with posts.

? Fifthly materials for floating jettées should be collected and prepared in lengths for putting into transports. Anchors and supplies of piles for mooring at jetties where possible also required. If details transports due 9th Alexandria have not yet arrived may they be telegraphed for in order to enable allocation of troops in transports to proceed quickly.

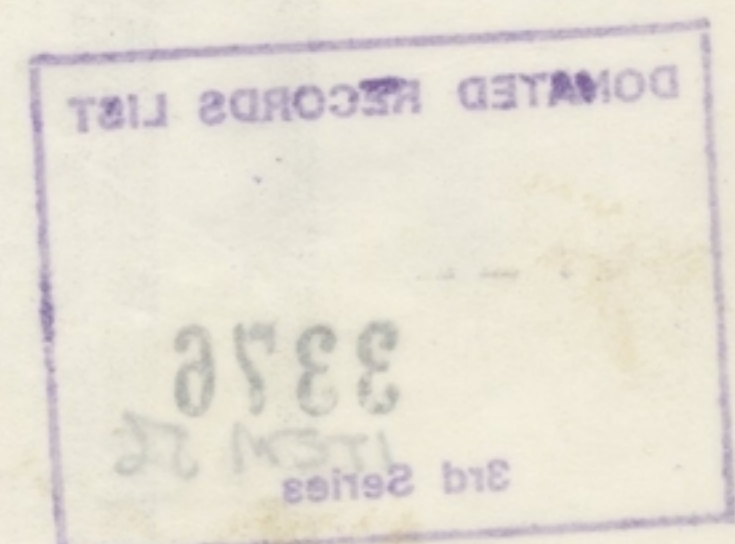


From Secretary. War Office. London.

To G.O.C.in C. Cairo.

Received 3.3.15.

3384 Cipher. M.O.5 Your 665 E. Eastern Telegraph
Compnay London have been informed of the whole situation
and will order cable ship from Egypt to Dardanelles if
required.



From Secretary, War Office, London.

To G.O.C. in C. Cairo.

Received #3/3/15.

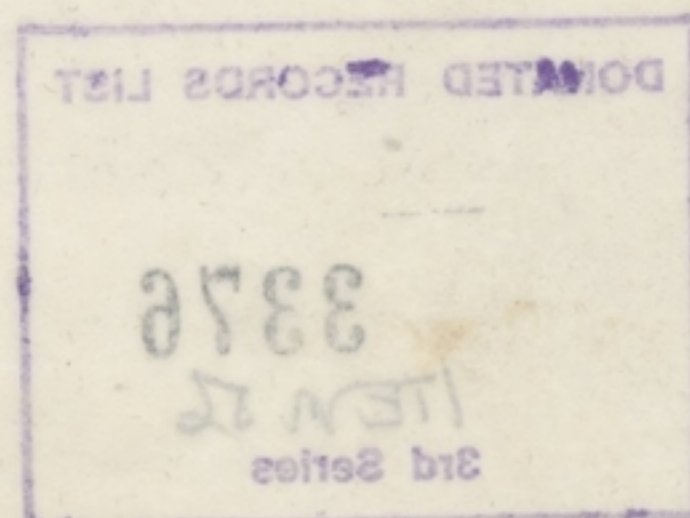
3531 Cipher. Q.M.G.2. Destination of units embarked on the undermentioned transport is as follows:

DUNLUCE CASTLE All units for L.of C. Birdwood's Force.

MINNEWASKA All units for Naval Division.

The general Hospital will disembark at Alexandria.

MINNETONKA Ammunition column for New Zealand Contingent
Remaining units for Naval Division.

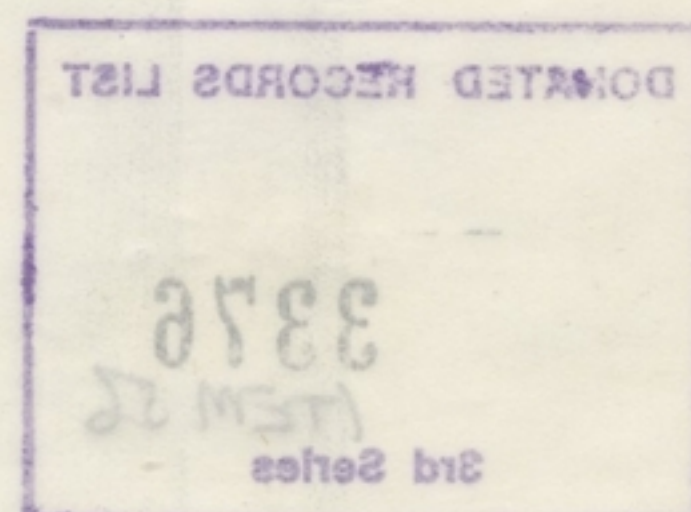


From Admiral Wemyss. Mudros. Lemnos.

To G.O.C. Egypt.

Received 3.3.15.

Your message 109 N received and understood.



From Admiral. H.M.S. Muryalus. Post Said.

To G.O.C. in C. Cairo.

Received 4.3.15.

Following from Birdwood begins: ^{GAX 9} Your 103 of 28th
Please transmit following to Lord Kitchener: Begins.
Your 3299 received. Most points would seem to be covered
by my telegram of March 2nd and my proposal seems to be
generally in accordance with your views.

GAX 4
I anticipate that if required to land by Navy, in taking concealed guns or howitzers it would not in any way be possible to restrict movements to minor operations, as any guns are sure to be in strong position, abounding everywhere and being covered by strongly entrenched Infantry whom in places would doubtless be able to command coast fort guns which might have been reduced by Navy.

I shall probably be taking my whole Corps with me in the first instance with the exception perhaps of two Mounted Brigades for whom there will not be much scope in first instance and one of these lately arrived from Australia is but little trained. I shall certainly try to dominate Eastern side from Gallipoli Peninsula as I am particularly anxious to avoid placing troops on Asiatic side if this could be avoided, as not only do I realise fully the danger of placing a more or less isolated force there, but from personal observations I know the country is big and difficult and even a whole division would soon lose itself; so you can rely on my avoiding isthmus if possible.

You will have seen that arrangements have been made already on the lines you have indicated regarding threats on Bulair Lines. Also before receiving your telegram I had issued orders in practically identical terms regarding embarkation and disembarkation practice at Mudros Bay. It is probable only the advanced Brigade would be able to take much advantage of this.

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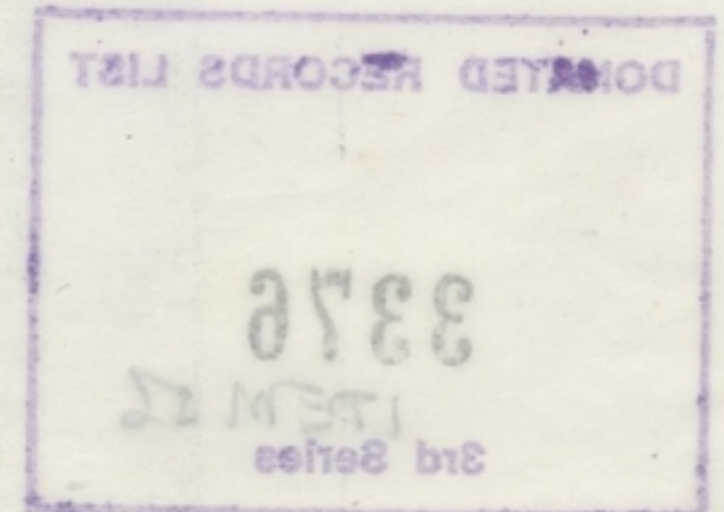
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If I get in touch with local information later on, I will wire appreciation but as I said in my former telegram this is not feasible at present and it is impossible to say what troops may be in vicinity of Constantinople when Dardanelles have been forced. I cannot help thinking once the Fleet arrives before Constantinople the threat of Bombardment would cause collapse of opposition there. (9 groups of message undecipherable here.)

I have at present no information to guide me in advising as to operations after the Gallipoli Peninsula has been taken nor have I yet got map of the country.

I strongly recommend immediate despatch of man lifting kite or captive balloon for use of Navy as this would not only give great assistance in helping spotting of long range fire but I should be able to detect concealed batteries which already trouble the Navy. Message ends.

I am not in a position to know if this would result in any laying down of arms by Turkish Armies



From Secretary. War Office. London.

To G.O.C.in C. Cairo.

Received 4.3.15.

3387 Cipher. Q.M.G.2. Hospital ship SICILIA should be detained at Suez. Sanction is being obtained from Commander-in-Chief India to utilize her (for Birdwood's force) between Near East and Alexandria.

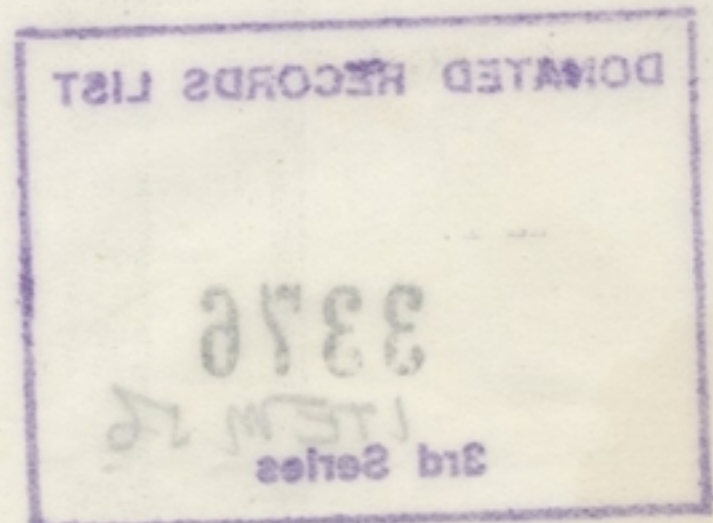
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From Lord Kitchener. London.

To Sir J. Maxwell. Cairo.

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Received 4.3.15.

3389 Cipher. I am still awaiting Birdwood's report.



From Secretary. War Office. London.

To G.O.C.in C. Cairo.

Received 4.3.15.

3390 Cipher Q.M.G.2. Following line of communication
units sailed in transport DUNLUCE CASTLE on Feby.27th.

Headquarters of a base. Special services Officers 3.

Headquarters Administrative Services & Departments.

Headquarters of a combined Infantry and General Base Depot ⁵

Five depot units of Supply. Signal Section. Head-

quarters main supply depot. Advanced horse transport

depot. Base horse transport depot. Remount squadron.

Ordnance Company. Field Bakery. Field Butchery.

Headquarters

Numbers are as follows: 15 Officers. 420

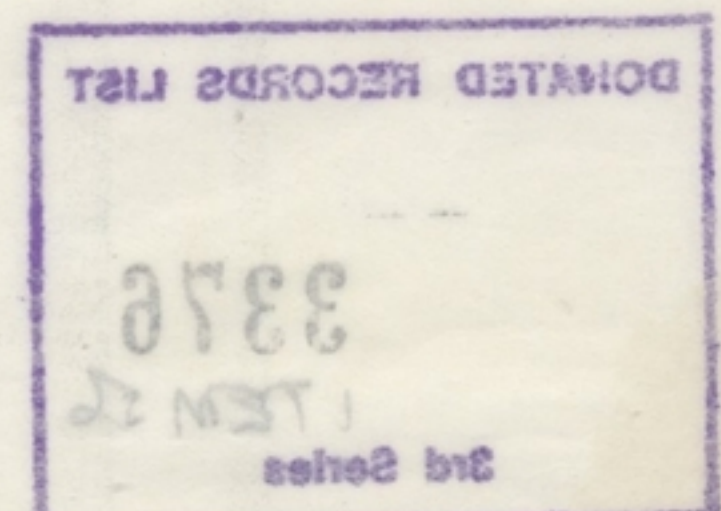
other ranks. Royal Engineers 1 Officer 6 other ranks.

A.S.C. 25 Officers 292 other ranks. R.A.M.C. 5 Officers

A.V.D.1 Officer. A.O.C. 5 Officers. Postal Service 1

Officer. A.P.D. 1 Officer. Base Depot 2 Officers.

Signal Company 4 Officers.



From Secy. War Office. London.

To G.O.C. in C. Cairo.

Received 5.3.15.

3402 Cipher. Q.M.G.2 Your 676 E. The answers to the points raised by Birdwood are as follows:-

(1) It is impossible for us to spare any pack-saddlery from here and if pack transport is used, you must buy animals and equipment locally. I am ascertainin whether the A.T. Carts now with Indian troops in France can be made available as these will probably be much better than pack transport.

(2) 50 to 70 horse boats have already been sent etc. and as many brows as possible together with mats will be sent.

(3) 200 flares of 100 candle power can be sent out by transport leaving on March 9th and more powerful ~~can~~ flares can be ordered if required.

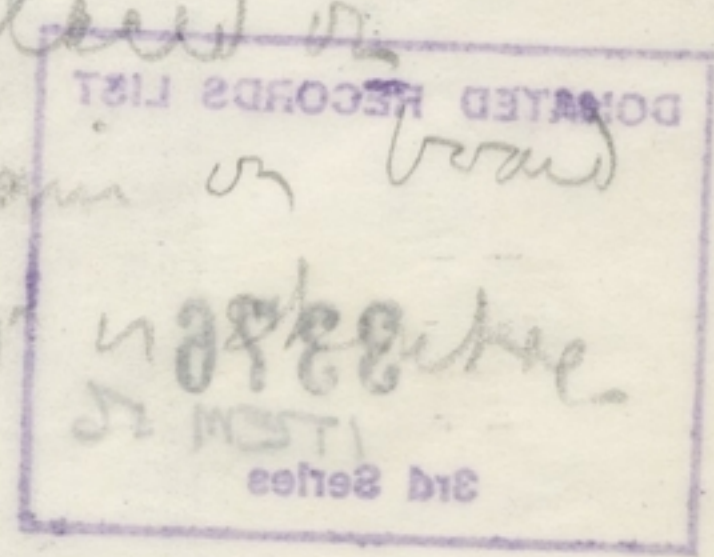
(4) Arrangements will be made for obtaining materials for floating jetties, anchors and piles.

(5) As regards transports 10 ships are due at Alexandria between 9th and 14th which will accomodate approximately 8800 men and 3960 horses as follows:-

ATLANTIAN	(?)	18 men and 670 horses.
CALIFORNIAN		87 men and 500 horses.
INDIAN		94 men and 600 horses.
GALEKA		2100 men.
AUSTRALIND		1384 men and 318 horses.
CARDIGANSHIRE		960 men and 500 horses.
CITY OF BENARES		380 men and 360 horses.
LAKE MICHIGAN		1866 men and 260 horses.
NOVIAN		1700 men and 356 horses.
KELVIN GROVE		75 men and 400 horses.

The figures as regards men indicate the normal accomo-
dation ready on ship plus 50 % in view of short voyage.

But 50% additional can not be placed on transports if men have to remain on board for indefinite period at present



Spec. will speak to the Council re the Corps

Note

From Lord Kitchener. London.

To Sir J. Maxwell. Cairo.

Received 5.3.15. 4.30 a.m.

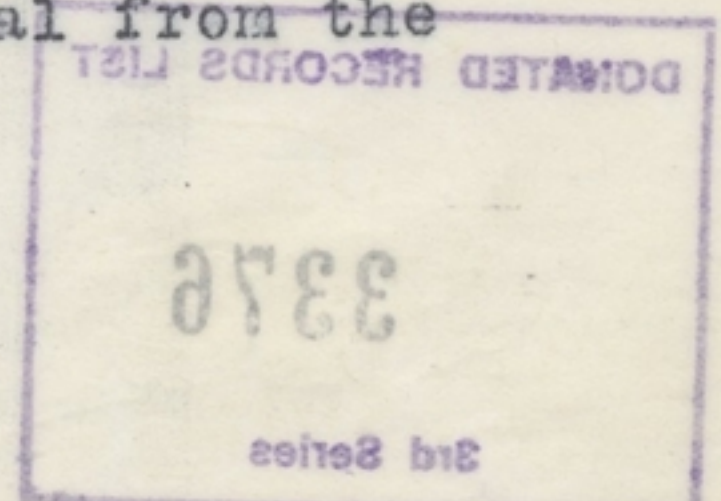
3403 Cipher. Following for Birdwood begins:

As I understand from the Admiral's estimate that by March 20th he will have probably accomplished the forcing of the Dardanelles, it will be possible to concentrate at Lemnos by March 18th the whole of your Australasian Contingent, as well as one Division of French troops and 10,000 Naval Brigade, a total approximately of 65,000 men but if anything should occur to upset this calculation I will let you know.

As it is evidently objectionable to keep troops in transports at Lemnos longer than necessary, we do not intend to issue orders for any more troops than the Brigade now there and the Naval Division to start for Lemnos till the 12th which will give us time to judge the progress made in clearing the passage and to obtain another and clearer estimate from the Admiral of the time when he will have passed the Straits. There is no intention of using these troops to take the Gallipoli Peninsula unless the Navy are convinced they cannot silence the guns in the Straits without military co-operation on a large scale, in which case further orders will be issued.

In such a case more troops might be required ^{to} force the Turkish positions and you might have to wait for further reinforcements from here, the number and composition of which force will be communicated to you probably on March 10th when a decision will be taken.

In the meantime while the Fleet are successfully silencing the forts only small bodies of troops will be required for subsidiary operations and these you should supply in accordance with the Admiral from the Brigade now at Lemnos.



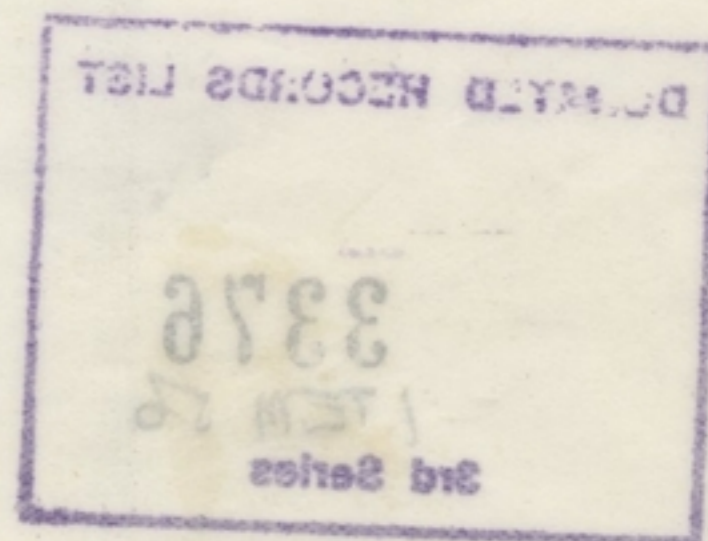
If about March 18th it appears that the Fleet has successfully silenced the forts and is about to proceed to Constantinople, it should be followed at close interval by the transports conveying the whole force for operations at or near Constantinople or on the mainland on the European side wherever it may be found advisable.

The reinforcements from England mentioned above would of course follow and join the forces later.

It is almost impossible to foretell what situation the passage of the Dardanelles by the Fleet will create in European Turkey. It is anticipated that the Turk will abandon the Gallipoli Peninsula as soon as the Fleet passes the Dardanelles and it will most probably only be necessary to leave a force sufficient to hold the Bulair Lines.

The concentration of troops at the entrance to the Dardanelles therefore is not so much for operations on the Gallipoli Peninsula as for operations to be undertaken subsequently in the neighbourhood of Constantinople

The first duty of the Fleet after sinking the Turkish Navy on arriving at Constantinople will be to open the Bosphorus for the entry of the Russian Fleet which will be accompanied by a Corps of Russian Troops probably 40,000 strong and it will be in cooperation with these forces that the operations on land will take place.



From Secretary. War Office. London.

To G.O.C.in C. Cairo.

Received 5.3.15.

3405 Cipher. M.O.187. Your 678 E. of March 4th.

Please communicate following to Bird wood, Begins:

Marines have taken both first and second line transport
Marine Division consists of 3 Brigades, each about 3000
men, 3 Battalions to each.

2 Field Companies.

Divisional Signal Company.

Cyclist Company.

Divisional Train.

3 Modified Field Ambulances.

Gun Detachment, comprising 1 6-inch Howitzer
3 4.7 guns
2 12-pounders.

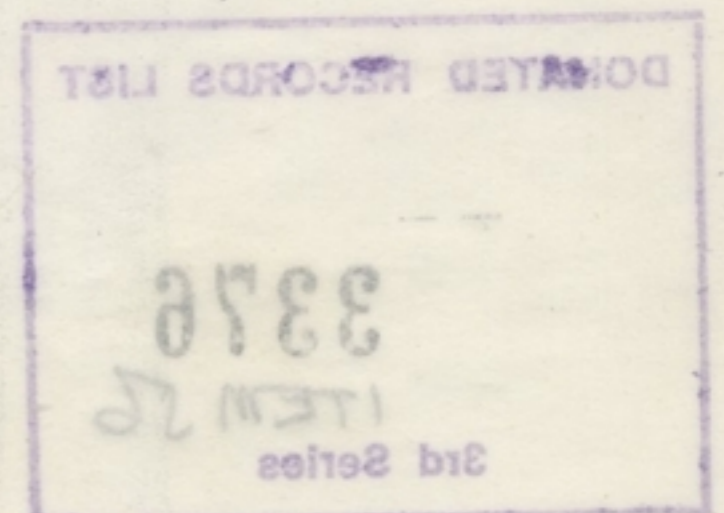
Ordnance Company.

Maxim Brigade 24 Machine Guns.

Total about 410 Officers, 10561 other ranks, 1266 animals
mostly mules, 193 wagons.

550 rounds per rifle, 21,500 rounds per machine gun.

X 20,000 rounds deficient -



From Secretary. War Office. London.

To G.O.C.in C. Cairo.

Received 6.5.15.

3410 Cipher. Q.M.G.2. My 3387 Cipher. Commander-in-Chief, India, agrees to employment of Hospital ship SIC-ILIA between Near East and Alexandria. Issue necessary instructions.

To D.A.Q.M.G.

G.O.C. A.& N.Z. Corps.

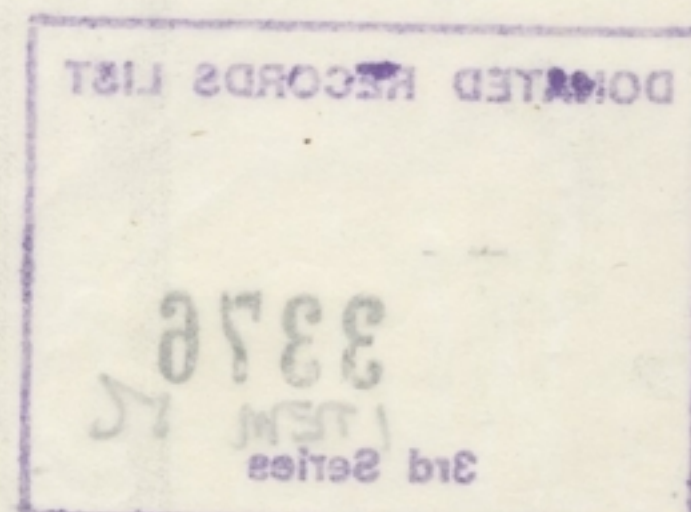
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From Secretary War Office. London.

To G.O.C.in C. Cairo.

Received 6.3.15.

3412 Cipher. Q.M.G.2. Your 693 E. DUNLUCE CASTLE or-
dered to call at Malta for orders.



From Admiral Wemyss. Mudros. Lemnos.

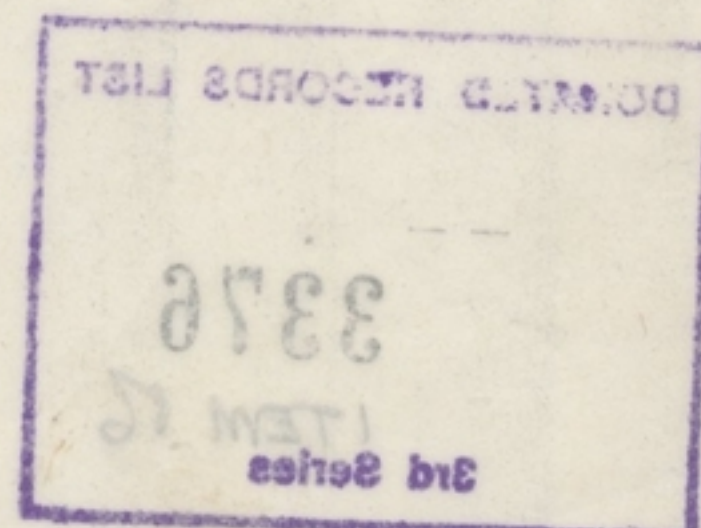
To G.O.C. Egypt.

Received 6.3.15.

Your 112 N. Convoy arrived. Water supply at MUDROS
not satisfactory at present. Further investigation being
carried out.

I would like telegram to be sent to
Admiral Wemyss.

Your wire of 6th. If on further
investigation water supply at
Mudros proves unsatisfactory
will you please consider possibility
of exploring water near Kastros
as it may ^{perhaps} be necessary to ~~obtain~~ ^{obtain}
considerable number of boats &
houses at Island, and it will
obviously be inadvisable to keep
them on long on board transports -



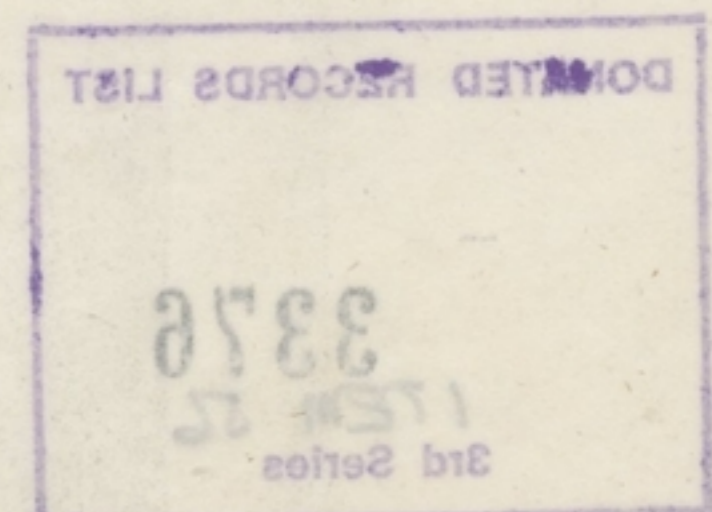
From Secretary. War Office. London.

To G.O.C.in C. Cairo.

Received 6.3.15.

6.30pm

3415 Cipher. Q.M.G.2. Your 680 E. No objection to
the ships conveying Australian troops being detained and
used as necessary after disembarking above troops at
Alexandria.



From Secretary. War Office. London.

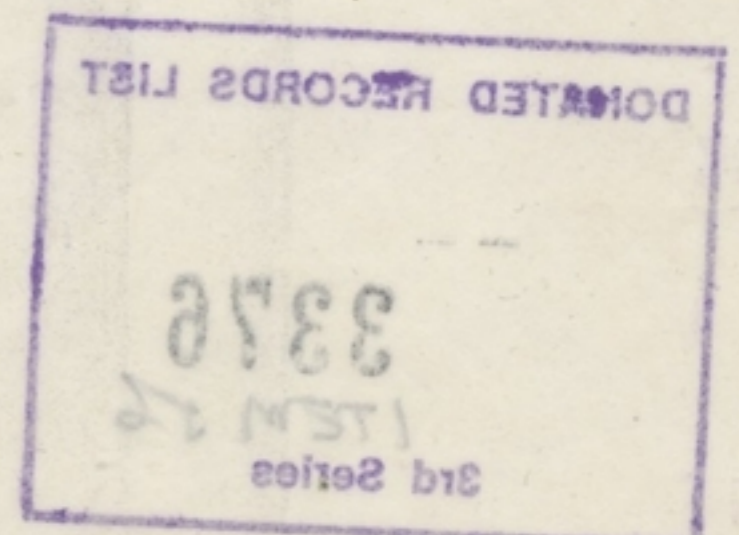
To G.O.C.in C. Cairo.

Received 6.3.15.

6.30 pm

3416 Cipher. M.O.191. March 6th.

Please report after consultation with General Birdwood and with Admiral Carden if necessary whether it is considered necessary to retain at Lemnos the transports which conveyed thither the Brigade etc. now there. If these transports can be set free to return to Egypt, they will materially assist in conveying remainder of Birdwood's Corps should that become necessary. but it is fully recognised that Carden and Birdwood may consider it preferable to keep them at Lemnos for rapid transfer of troops thence to mainland in case of sudden emergency.

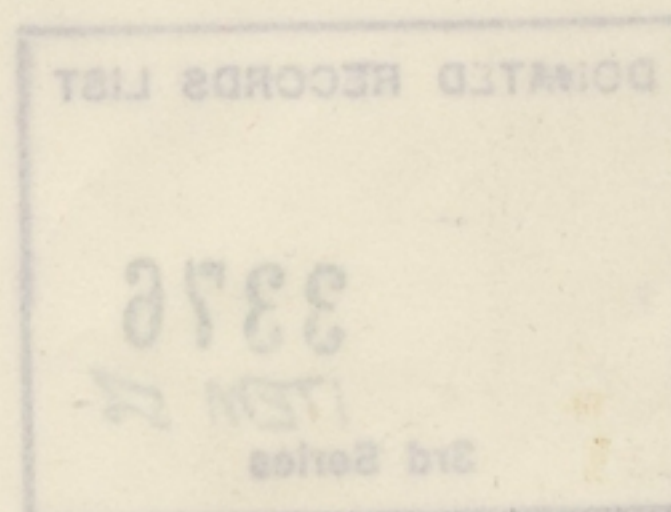


From Lord Kitchener

To Sir John Maxwell

Received 6/3/15. *Wpm*

3422 Cipher.M.O.190. Your 689 E 5th and 694 E 6th. Instructions given you only authorise Troops belonging to Birdwoods Corps to be employed for Dardanelles operations. The addition of Indian M.A. or Indian Infy. Bde. is not at present contemplated and no steps to despatch them should be taken without instructions from me.

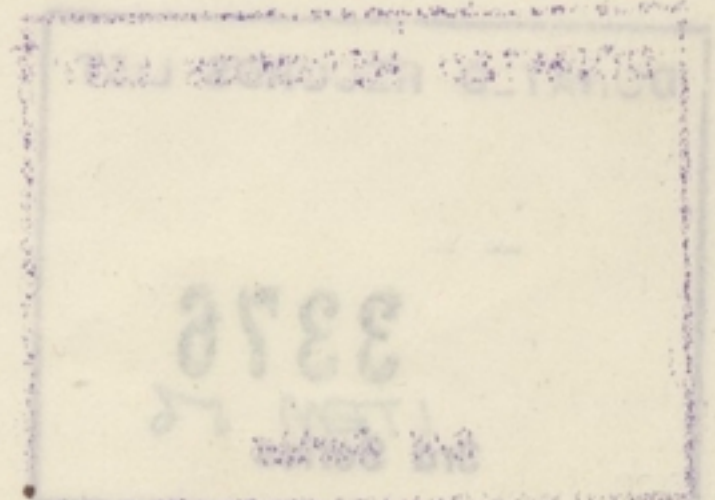


From Secretary, War Office.

To G.O.C. in C.

Received 7/3/15.

No 3425 Cipher.Q.M.G. 2. Your 698 E. Full instructions have
been sent by Admiralty to Admiral Robinson. Ask him for a
copy of the cable.



Four Copies. 2 to Admiral Robinson, 1 to G.O.C. Aust. & NZ AC.

Received from Admiralty 7th March 1915.

There is great difficulty in obtaining fresh water at..... and no distilling ships are available. Transport must be supplied with as much fresh water as they can accommodate, and troops cautioned to exercise strict economy of water.

Dated 6th 9 pm.

Following empty ships have left England for Egypt. Accommodation as shewn, but 75% can be added officers and men for short voyage, and spare horse stalls about 5% can be filled.

Ship.	Date.	Officers.	Men.	Horses.
Kelvingrove.	24th February	2	45	400
Cardiganshire.	25th "	12	628	500
City of Benares.	25th "	35	220	560
Lake of Michigan.	25th "	240	1000	260
Novia (?)	26th "	9	1130	356
Australind.	27th "	6	950	318
Atlantian.	28th "	2	76	670
Galeka.	2nd March.	64	1344	-
Californian.	3rd "	2	56	500
Indian.	5th "	2	67	600

All Australian Transports are being hurried and following should be available by 14th instant,-

Pera.	Clan MacCorquodale.	Karoo
Anglo-Egyptian.	Hessen.	Clan MacGillivray
Mashobra.	Chilka.	Saldanha

At least 50% officers & 5% horses can be embarked over number now carried. Mennewaska calling Alexandria about 14th has room 600 men 550 horses.

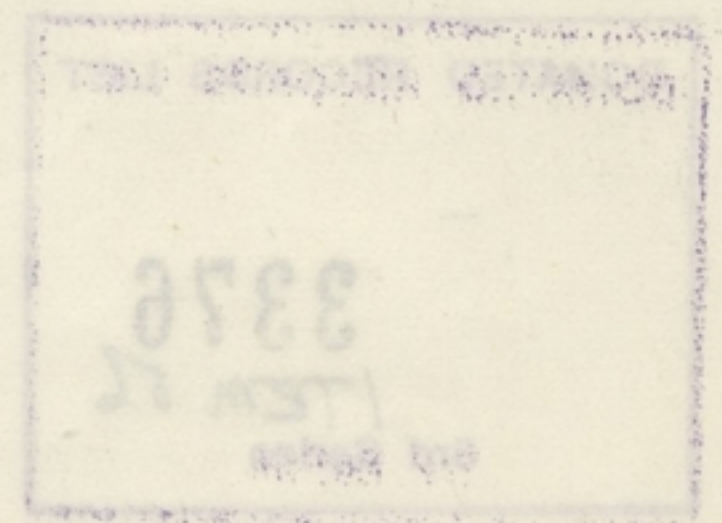
Estimate total accommodation provided by above with Derfflinger and Sudmark 18,000 officers and men, 9,000 horses. Four men can be put each spare horse stall. Total force for which accommodation must be available by 15th March 27,000 officers and men, and 8,850 horses. Ships must be obtained rendezvous No 25 for balance unless other Australian ships which have been expedited can arrive in time

Any ships in the neighbourhood may be requisitioned.

Military Egypt have been asked whether the five ships which took men and horses to P.M. can be sent back to Alexandria by the 15th. Consult military as to this.

Report action being taken and whether you can meet demand and keep me informed of position

Remaining force from Egypt will be carried later in second trip of ships above.



SECRET

Diary No 2099

Telegram P No Z.C.4. dated 8.3.15.

From Colonel MacLagan,

To ANZAC.

Received 6.30.p.m 8.3.15.

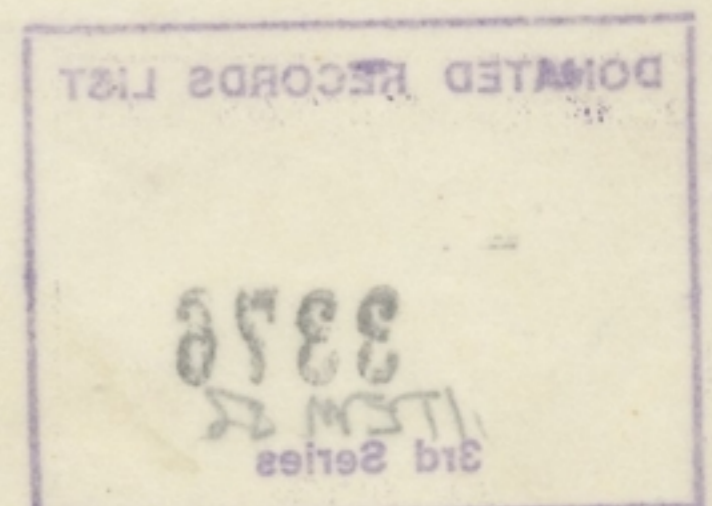
From reconnaissance of water supply made today, it appears that a camp for 5000 men near Port Mudros, requires an engine and pump of capacity 5,000 gallons per hour, lift 100 feet, suction 20 feet. Apparatus is required for well sinking including construction of pump. Storage by iron tanks is suggested. There are no stop valves here, suggest 10 **3**-inch, and 6 2-inch.

Copies to G.O.C.

Q.

C.E. Egypt.

Genl Walker saw Col. Wright. Chief Engineer -
C.E. promised to look for tanks. And to get
into touch with Colonel Lobbiniere re pumps.



From Secretary. War Office. London.

To G.O.C.in C. Cairo.

Received 8.3.15.

3440 Cipher. Your 696 E. I will send instructions
later. Nothing should be done at Present.

* Correspondent accompanying
A. + H 2 Corps

From Secretary. War Office. London.

To G.O.C.in C. Cairo.

Received 8.3.15.

3443 Cipher. M.O.192. March 8th. Your 683 E. March
4th last paragraph. Admiralty are sending out 12 aero-
planes and 12 pilots, also 1 kite balloon section.

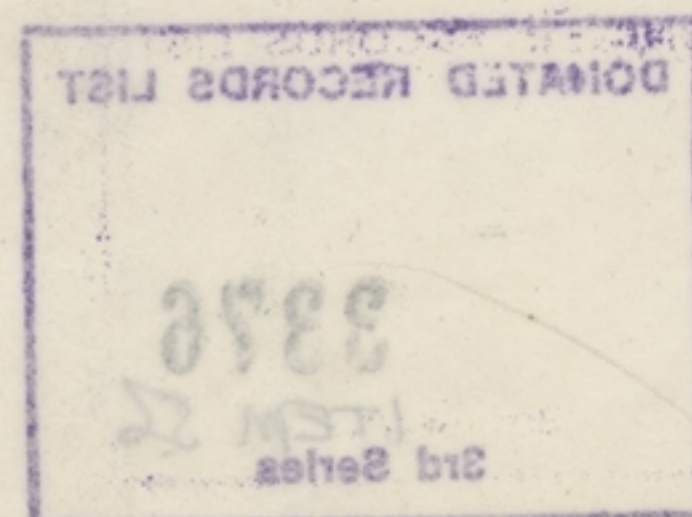
From Secretary. War Office. London.

To G.O.C.in C. Cairo.

Received 8.3.15.

3444 Cipher. M.O.5. Your 691 E. March 5th. Lt-Col.
Doughty Wylie as Chief Intelligence Officer should take
up this duty as soon as such appointment becomes nec-
essary.

* Chief Field Census

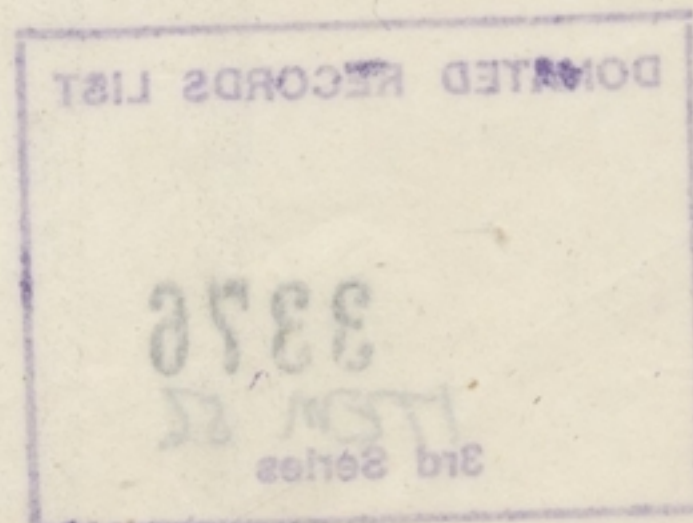


From Admiral. Mudros. Lemnos.

To G.O.C.in C. Cairo.

Received 8.3.15.

Your telegram 118 N. Transports cannot be spared.



From Admiral, Carden, (via Mudros.)

To G.O.C.in C. Cairo.

Received 9/3/15.

Your 119 N. As water supply in LEMNOS is not yet assured it is considered that no more troops should be sent from Egypt for the present but that remainder of 30,000 should hold themselves in readiness there.

French Division and Naval Division are commencing to arrive at LEMNOS. General MASNOU with advanced guard of French Division will arrive there shortly.

30th 3376
15th 2

Confidential.



In code.

Copy of cablegram received 9/3/15.

From Secretary, War Office, London.

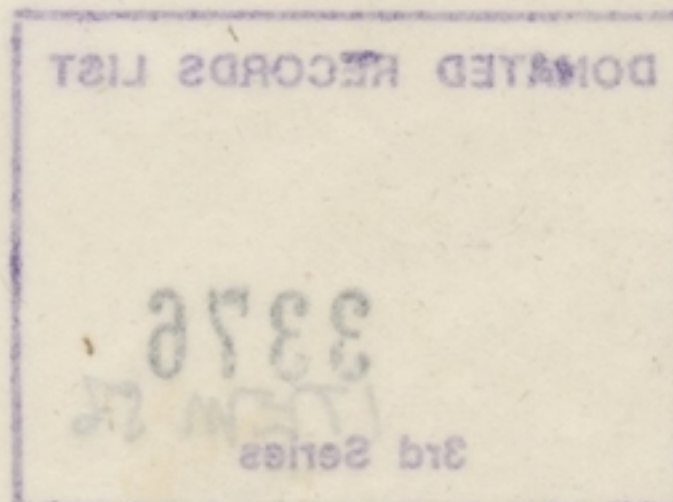
To G.O.C.-in-C., Egypt.

4008. Your 710 E. Following maps have been sent from here. :-

Gallipoli, scale 1" to 1 mile.)	
Constantinople, scale 1/25,000.)	700 copies on
Rodosto, ")	"Dunluce Castle".
Gallipoli, ")	
Gallipoli, 1" squared with)	1000 copies on
1000 yards squares.)	"Mimnetonka".

All the troops from home will be supplied with similar maps.

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Copy to G.O.C.'s file. 10/3/15.
Copy to Maps Officer. "



Copy of Cablegram received from War Office, 9/3/15 10/20pm.

Superflux, Cairo.

3474 Cipher. (Q.M.G.2). Transport "Minnewaska" sailed for Egypt on March 5th. Has on board the following :-

Army Headquarters Signal Company,

5 Officers. 81 O.Ranks.

6 Bicycles. 18 Motor Cycles. 1,1-ton ~~motor~~ Lorry

3 30-cwt Lorries

Two Cable Sections.

2 Officers. 76 O.Ranks. 60 horses.

2 Bicycles. 4 Cable Wagons. 4 Limb.RE.Wagons.

Advanced Medical Stores.

1 Officer. 5 O.Ranks. 1 horse.

Base Depot Medical Stores.

2 Officers. 8 O.Ranks.

Sanitary Section.

1 Officer. 39 O.Ranks. 1 horse.

1 30-cwt Lorry.

No 15 General Hospital, to disembark Alexandria.

39 Officers. 251 O.Ranks.

200 Tons stores.

Base Depot, Veterinary Stores.

1 Officer. 6 O.Ranks.

10 Tons stores.

1st Line Transport.

4 Officers. 175 O.Ranks. 15 horses
300 mules.

13 Forage Carts. 6 Water Carts. 2 Maltese Carts.

55 G.S.Wagons.(four horse). 8 GS Limb.Wagons.

15 Sets of Saddlery. 300 Sets Mule Harness.

Veterinary Section.

2 Officers. 113 Other Ranks.

11 Horses.

Mobile Veterinary Section.

1 Officer. 26 O.Ranks. 24 horses.

2 four-wheeled vehicles.

Advanced Depot Veterinary Stores.

4 O.Ranks.

Brigadier General Stanton.

2 Horse Brows. 50 Coir Mats.

Accommodation of Minnewaska,

First Class 200. Troops 800. Horses 900.

Accommodation of Dunluce Castle.

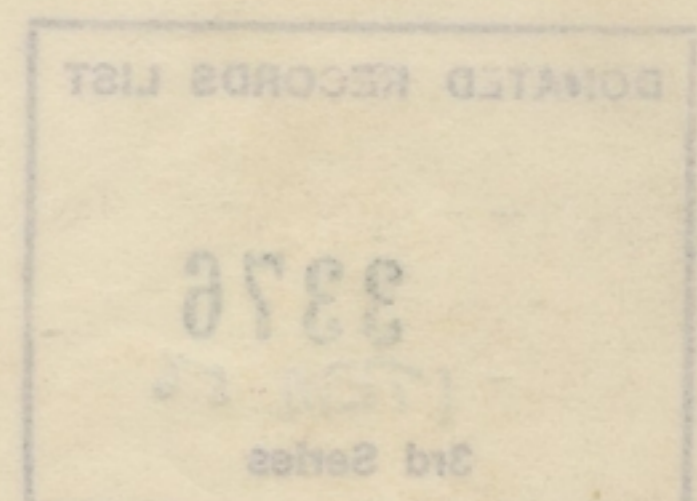
First Class 160 Troops 610. Horses 400.

Copy to G.O.C.

Copies to "A" "G" and "Q"

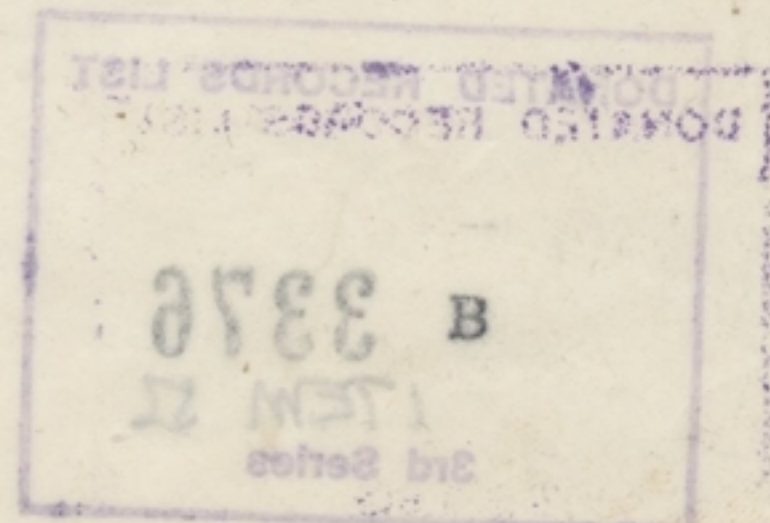
Copy to G.O.C. A & NZ Army Corps.

Copy to Admiral Robinson.



From Admiral Wemyss, Mudros, Lemnos.
To G.O.C. in C. Cairo.
Received 10/3/15.

Your 123 N, 1000 troops and all horses ashore, remain-
ing troops living in transports.



From Secretary, War Office, London.

To G.O.C. in C. Cairo.

Received 11.3.15.

3509 Cipher. Q.M.C. The MINNETONKA which sailed on
March 8th for LEMNOS following units on board.

Divisional Ammunition Column.

Officers	10.
Other Ranks	268.
Horses	40.
Mules	383.
2-wheeled vehicles	4.
4-wheeled vehicles	83.
Bicycles	6.

Small Arms Ammunition Column.

Officers	4.
Other Ranks	157.
Horses	20.
Mules	144.
2-wheeled vehicles	1.
4-wheeled vehicles	32.
Bicycles	4.

Supply Column.

Officers	6.
Other Ranks	242.
Horses	19.
Mules	285.
2-wheeled vehicles	2.
4-wheeled vehicles	64.

Army Postal Department.

Other Ranks	14.
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R.A.M.C. for duty on board.

Officers	1.
Other Ranks	3.

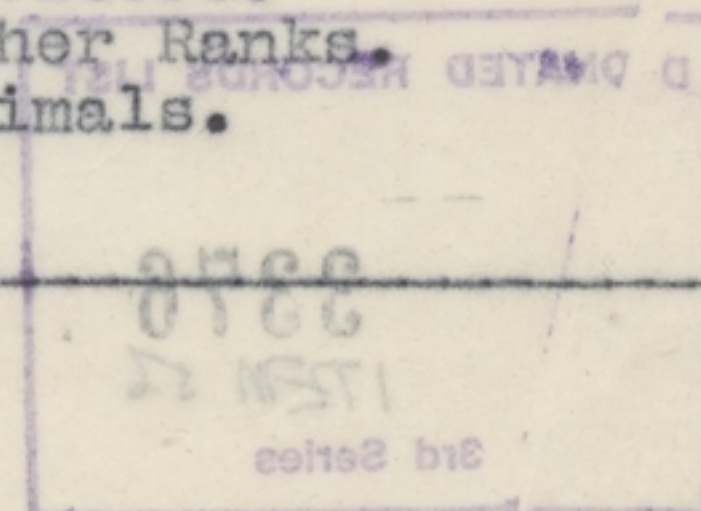
Lieutenant Davies, Royal New Zealand Artillery.

2 36-foot Horse Brows.

22 cases of maps.

Of above 6 4-wheeled vehicles shut out of MINNETONKA
were shipped in COMEDIAN which sailed on MARCH 9th with 10
truck loads of forage, 3000 drums of oil burning, 3 truck
loads of camp equipment, 1 truck load of flashlights and poles.

Accommodation on MINNETONKA.	200 Officers.
	800 Other Ranks.
	900 Animals.



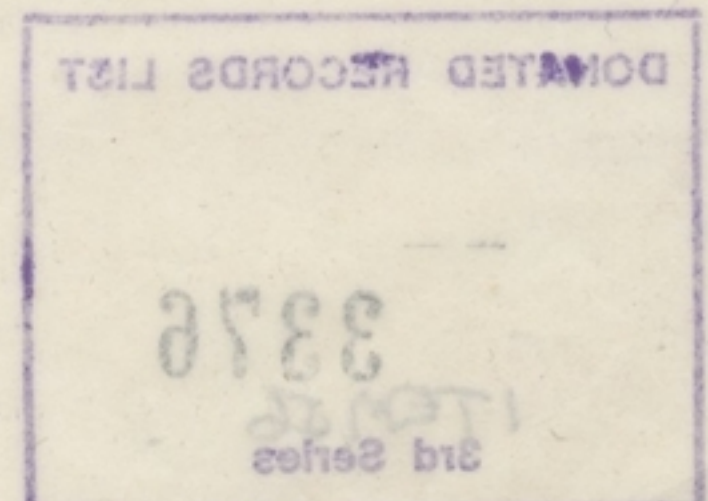
From Admiral Wemyss, Mudros, Lemnos.

To G.O.C.in C, Cairo.

Received 11.3.15.

Your 123 N. March 9th. Lotbiniere reports water supply for 10,000 men and their horses available but when rain ceases very problematical for large force. I am building landing stages and hawse wells. Disembarkation very difficult and long with appliances at disposal. Embarkation would be still more. Suggest troops from Egypt should be held in readiness at Alexandria, Port Said, Ismailia and Suez. These troops could be embarked and reach given point from Egypt in one third time they could from here if disembarked. Yesterday landing horses impossible. Could not arrange water supply for large force under 3 weeks.

For General Birdwood. Brigadier-General MacGrigor commanding base and L.of C. with Headquarters and Administrative Services and Colonial and Remount Squadrons arrived Lemnos today.

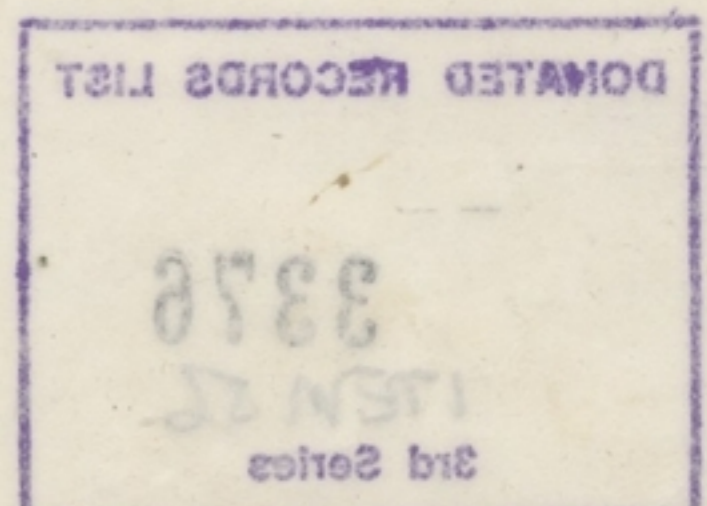


From Admiral Wemyss, Mudros, Lemnos.

To G.O.C.in C. Cairo.

Received 11.3.15.

Reference Colonel Lotbiniere's report forwarded to-day,
please note that Vice-Admiral Commanding, Colonel McLagan
and myself concur therein.

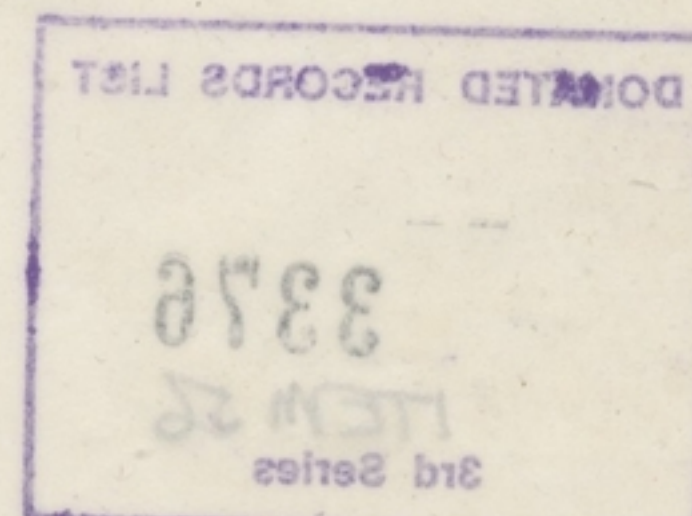


From Lord Kitchener, London.

To Sir J. Maxwell, Cairo.

Received 11.3.15.

3513 Cipher. SECRET. To be communicated to General Birdwood. As the number of Allied Troops that will be concentrated in the neighbourhood of Constantinople for operations will amount to approximately 120,000 I have appointed General Sir Ian Hamilton to command. Birdwood will continue in command and will supply Admiral's requests for troops as hitherto until General Sir Ian Hamilton arrives.



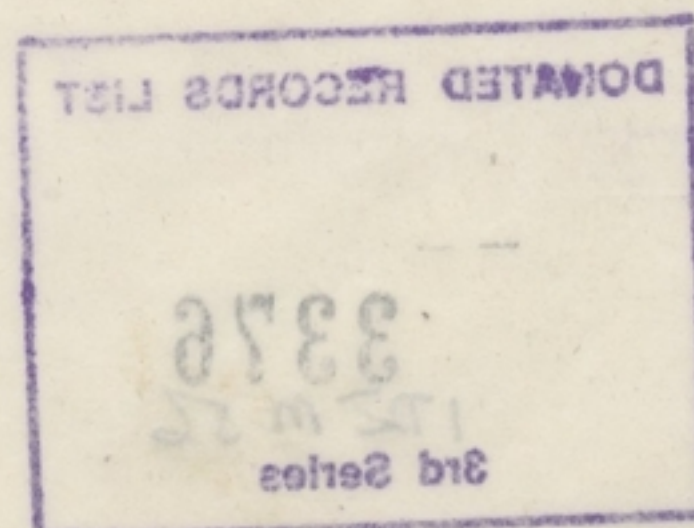
From Lord Kitchener, London.

To Sir J. Maxwell, Cairo.

Received 13/3/15.

3532 Cipher. The suggestion contained in your 724 E. that troops should be held in readiness and not embarked until necessary, is in entire accord with instructions in my telegram 3403 Cipher March 4th, the further orders therein mentioned should still be awaited. Your 715 E, and 725 E, are answered by the foregoing.

*not in file
but repeated as usual
in my telegram*



Telegram No M.F.2 dated 14th March 1915 9-55,pm.

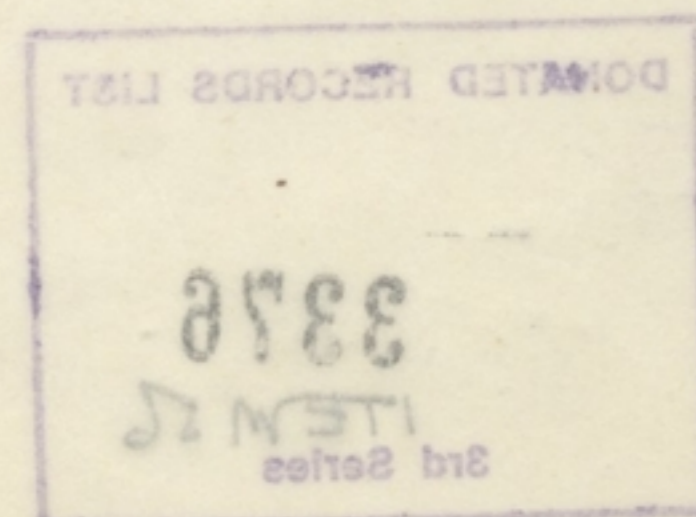
From C.G.S. Expeditionary Force , Marseilles.

To General Birdwood, c/o Sir John Maxwell
Cairo
Egypt

Received 7 p.m.

M f 2 14th Ian Hamilton leaving Marseilles daylight March
15th in H.M.S. PHAETON to confer Admiral Carden.

Would like you to be present if this arrangement will not
interfere with your military plans.



From Secretary, War Office, London.

To G.O.C.in C. Cairo.

Received 15/3/15.

3567 Cipher. Q.M.G.2. Your 729 E, The following units
are for the Naval Division .

Sanitary Section which also includes two sanitary
squads.

Base Depot Veterinary Stores. Veterinary Section.
Mobile Veterinary Section. The first line transport is for
Headquarters and New Zealand Division. Your assumption as
regards remainder is correct.

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From Secretary, War Office, London,

To G.O.C. in C. Cairo.

Received 15/3/15.

3569 Cipher. M.O.201. Remainder of Birdwood's force is, I understand, ready to embark at Alexandria for operations at Dardanelles. You should keep close touch with Admirals Carden and Wemyss and send these troops off when Carden requires them.

Following telegram is being sent by Admiralty to Admiral Wemyss, Lemnos. Message begins:

1. Has the first French convoy of their Division consisting of 5 or 6 ships arrived at Lemnos where they were due yesterday? If so what troops have they on board?

2. The British force at Lemnos consists of a Brigade of Australians and 11,000 Naval Division, Is there sufficient water for these and French troops above mentioned?

3. To-morrow rest of French Division should arrive off Dardanelles. The Admiral will therefore have at his disposal on the spot 18,000 French and 16,000 British and on call at Alexandria remainder of Birdwood's force about 25,000.

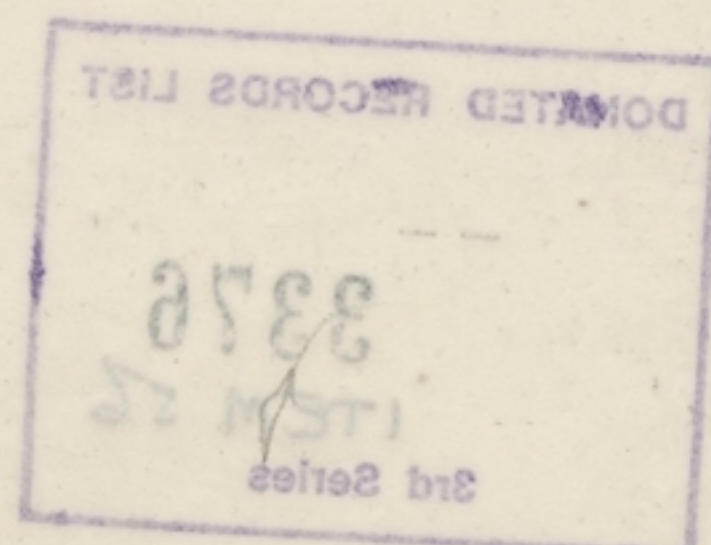
4. Under the circumstances consult with Admiral Carden whether it is advisable to concentrate whole of Birdwood's force at Lemnos now or would such a concentration create congestion and difficulties in your water supply?

5. General Sir Ian Hamilton will arrive to take over command of combined forces on the night of March 16th.

6. This telegram is being repeated to Sir John Maxwell.

Message ends.

29th Division leaves here to-morrow.



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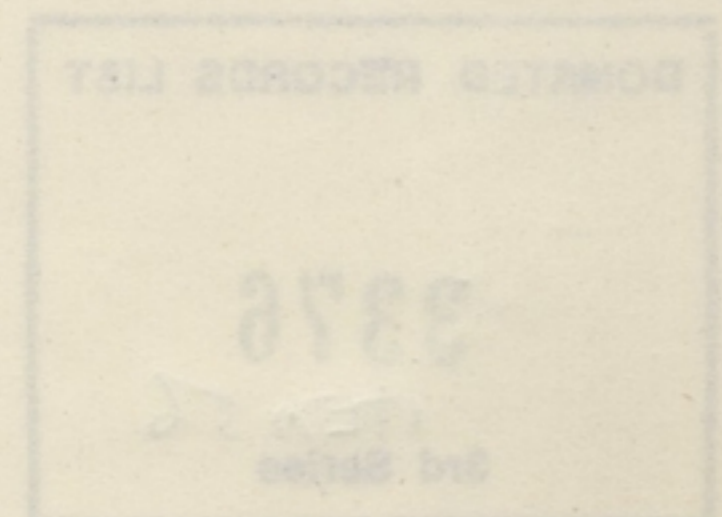
From:- Secretary, War Office, London.

To :- G. O. C. in C., Cairo.

Received 16/3/15.

3570 Cipher. Q.M.G.H.No.688. Your 736 E.

Provision of labour from Egypt authorised. As guide labour companies in France consist of gang of 25 with ganger, sub-section 2 gangs, foreman. Section 2 sub-sections Subaltern. Company 5 sections Captain.



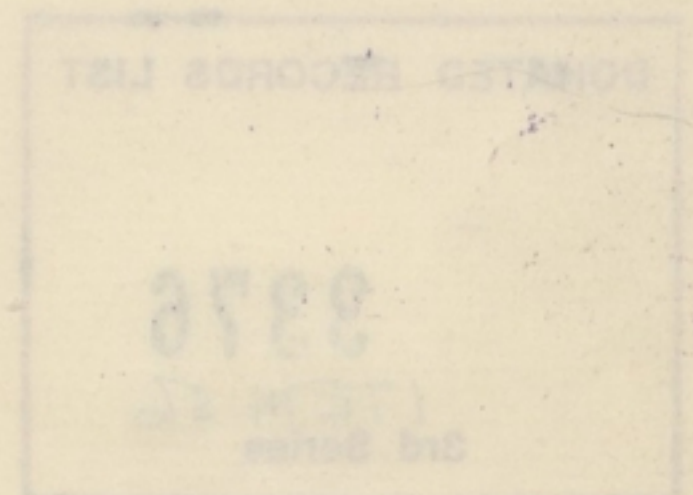
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From:- Vice Admiral Commanding, E. Mediterranean Squadron.

To :- G. O. C. in C., Cairo.

Received 16/3/18.

General Hamilton will arrive at Dardanelles March 18th.
I will send H.M.S. Dartmouth leaving tonight 16th to bring Birdwood
and Michell, unless I hear to the contrary.



From Secretary War Office London.

G.O.C in C, Cairo. Repeated C.in C, India.

Received 16-3-15, 10 pm.

3586 Cipher M.O. , The following is our estimate of present distribution of Turkish troops:

In Thrace, Bosphorus, Dardanelles, and Western Anatolia- 210,000: composed of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Reserve, and 6th Active Corps; also Fortress Artillery.

In Caucasus- 260,000: composed of 2nd and 3rd divisions 1st Active; 8 regiments of each of 3rd and 4th Active; 14th and 15th divisions of 5th Active; all 6th Reserve; and 2nd, 9th, 10th, 11th Active, 2 divisions of 8th Reserve; 37th division of 13th Active.

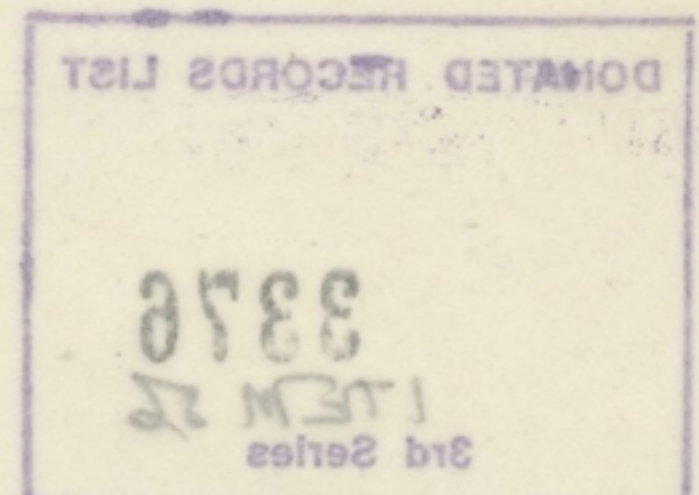
In Mesopotamia- 63,000: composed of all 12th Active; 38th division of 13th Active; 1st division of 1st Active; and 13th division of 5th Active.

In Syria, Palestine and Sinai.- 50,000: composed of 8th Active; 27th division of 8th Reserve; 25th regiment of 3rd Active, and 28th regiment of 4th Active.

In Adana Vilayet- about 10,000.

In Southern Yemen and Aden- about 5,000.

Grand total- 598,000: exclusive of Hedjaz and Asir Independent divisions and part of 7th Active Corps.



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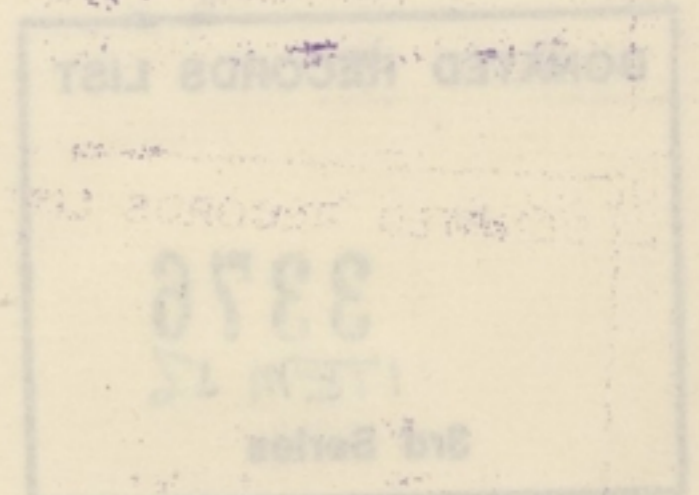
From:- Secretary, War Office, London.

To :- G.O.C. in C., Cairo.

Received 16/3/15.

3593 Cipher. 2124A.G.6. Reference 3531 Cipher. Direct Officer Commanding Ammunition Column for New Zealand Contingent on S. S. MINNETONKA to forward at once nominal rolls for all Officers, N.C.O's, and men.

Draft cable forwarded to Hdqrs Egypt for
Transmission to OC Base MUDROS
17 ³/₁₅
Despatched via Admiral Kempes 18 ³/₁₅



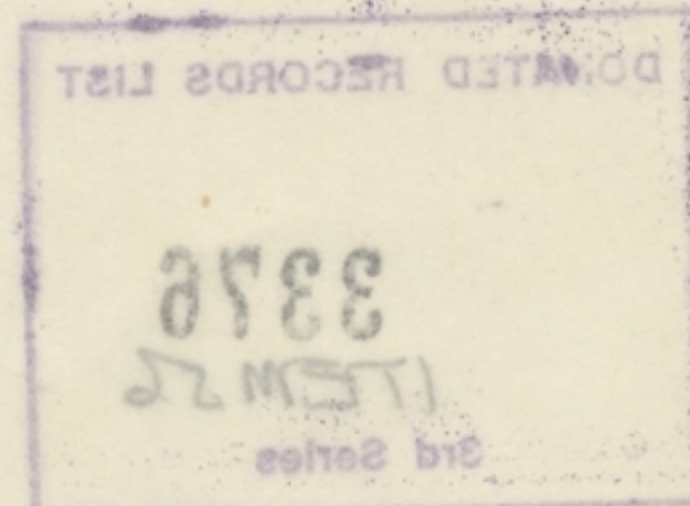
From Secretary War Office London

To G.O.C in C. Cairo

Received 21 3 15

3669 Cipher Q M G ² ~~22~~ Your 756E ⁺ Before we can comply with your requirements we must know whether you propose to send Australian and New Zealand sick and wounded to United Kingdom or Australia. If to U K it is considered that the SICILIA, with the GLENGORM CASTLE, GLENART CASTLE, GASCON, and GUILFORD CASTLE should suffice and these ships could run on a regular service between U K ~~and~~ Egypt and Base taking Indian cases from U K and bringing British and Australian cases back from base. If all cases are to be taken back to Egypt, the GUILFORD CASTLE and SICILIA might do ferry ship duty see my telegram No 3⁴¹ ~~410~~ cipher and the remaining three ships convey British cases to U K but you should state how Australian cases are to be sent from Egypt to Australia. Cable which arrangement you prefer. You must understand the provisional additional Hospital Ship will be a great difficulty and a lengthy process otherwise.

^x Asked for 2nd Hospital ship for A and N Z AC



Confidential

To General WALKER ; ANZAC ; CAIRO.

Despatched from MUDROS 3- p.m. 22nd.March.

B.1. Am returning EGYPT to-morrow. Stop. Please inform General Maxwell and ask him to retain artillery of Australian Division in CAIRO for the present as ALEXANDRIA may be congested with troops. BIRDWOOD.

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To Headquarters, Forces in Egypt.

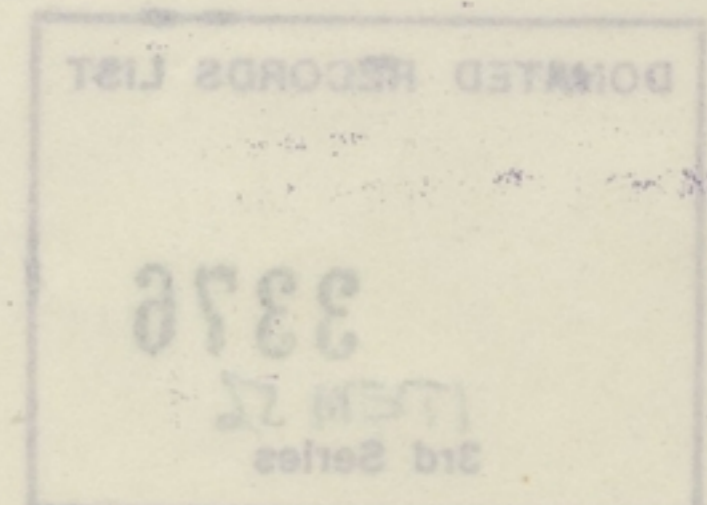
Memorandum.

The above is forwarded for General Maxwell's information.

Ad
for

Brig.General
G.S.

23.2.15



Ports and Lighthouses

(Copy)

Administration.

Alexandria 22nd March 1915.

TRANSPORTS AND SIGNAL BOOKS.

Sir,

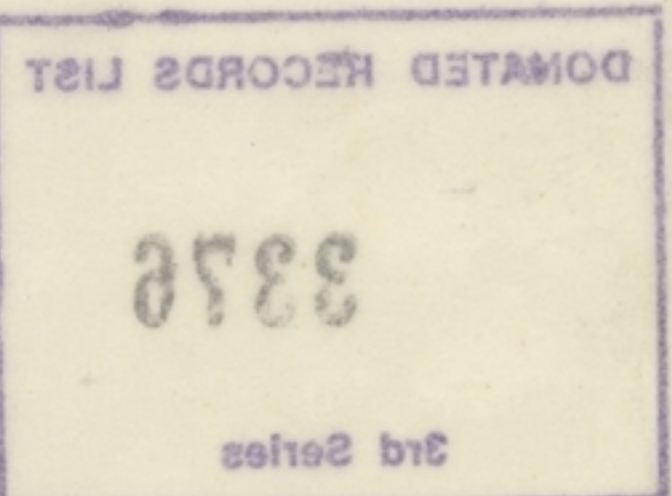
In answer to your letter of 19/3/15, I have the honour to submit hereunder a list of Transports and the books they have on board for signalling between other merchant ships and vessels of H.M. Royal Navy.

I.C. means International Code.

B.S.M. means British Signal Manual,

M. & T. means Secret Code given to Australian Transports for merchant ships and Transports.

"ASCOT"	I	I.C.	I	B.S.M.	
" HESSEN"	I	I.C.	I	B.S.M.	I M. & T.
" HYMETTAS"	I	I.C.	I	B.S.M.	I M. & T.
" MINNEWASKA"	I	I.C.	I	B.S.M.	
" ANGLO EGYPTIAN"	I	I.C.	I	B.S.M.	I M. & T.
" SUDMARK"	I	I.C.			
" MASHOBRA"	I	I.C.	I	B.S.M.	
" DERFLINGER"	I	I.C?			
" OSMANIEH"	I	I.C.			
" GALEKA"	I.	I.C.	I	B.S.M.	
" CALIFORNIAN"	I	I.C.	I	B.S.M.	
" CARDIGANSHIRE"	I	I.C.	I	B.S.M.	
" ATLANTIAN"	I.	I.C.	I	B.S.M.	
" NOVIAN"	I	I.C.	I	B/S.M.	
" INDIAN"	I	I.C.	I	B.S.M.	
" LAKE MICHIGAN"	I	I.C.	I	B.S.M.	
" CITY OF BENARES"	I	I.C.	I	B.S.M.	
" HINDOO"	I	I.C.			
" UMFULI"	I	I.C.			
" GOSLAR"	I	I.C.			



"ANNARBERG"	I I.C.	
"AUSTRALIND"	I I.C.	I B.S.M.
"CLAN Mc GILLVRAY"	I I.C.	I. B.S.M. I M. & T.
" KAROO"	I I.C.	I B.S.M. I M.& T.
" CLAN Mc CORQUADALE"	I I.C.	I B.S.M. I M. & T.
" PERA"	I I.C.	I B.S.M. I M.& T.
" ARMADALE"	I I.C.	I B.S.M. I M.& T.
" ACHALA"	I I.C.	
" LUTZOW"	I I.C.	
" KATUNA"	I I.C.	I B.S.M. I M. & T.
" HAIDAR PACHA"	I I.C.	I B.S.M.
" SALDAHNA"	I I.C.	I B.S.M. I M. & T.

I have the honour to be,

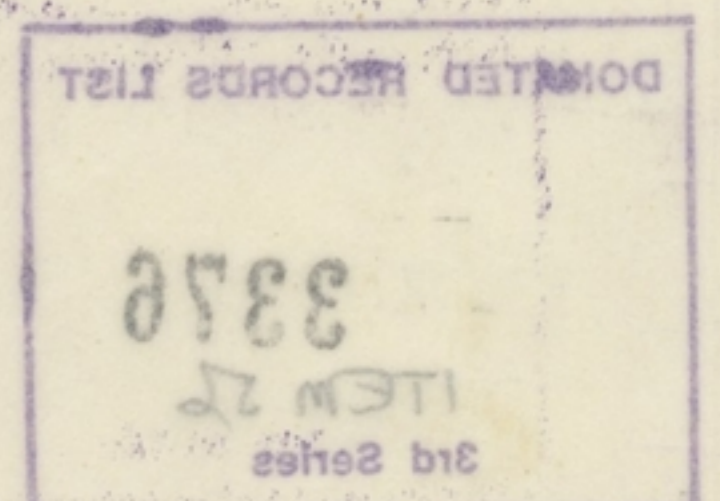
S i r,

Your obedient Servant,

Sgd. (Illegible)

S.N.T.O.

Admiral H.R. Robinson
Ministry of Finance
CAIRO.



No. Q.

Copy of memo No. 6172 Q. dated 23/3/15.

From: Headquarters, Egypt.

To: G.O.C. Aust. & N.Z. Army Corps.

In reply to your question re codes for use between the Naval Authorities and Transports for the force under your command, I beg to forward herewith a letter sent to me by the S.N.T.O. to whom I referred the matter.

The International Code is apparently the only one which all the transports carry, the remainder not being obtainable here.

Please return the attached letter when done with.

Sgd. E.N. Broadbent.

Headquarters,

23/3/15

Major.

D.A.A. & Q.M.G..

Telegram from Lt. General Birdwood

To H.Q. Army Corps

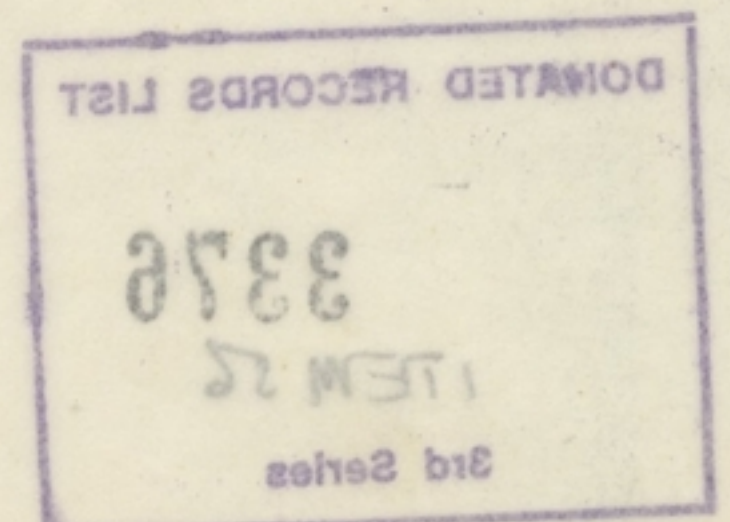
Received 3 p.m. 24th March 1915

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Arriving Friday Alexandria in FRANCONIA with Sir Ian Hamilton
stop.

Please arrange accommodation on his special train to Cairo and
rooms hotel for us five stop.

Ascertain timings and send motors Cairo Station.



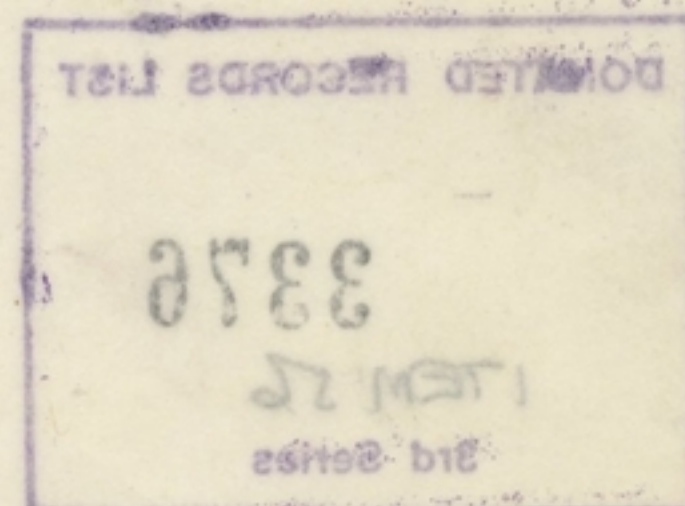
Paraphrase.

Telegram from Lt. General Birdwood

To ANZAC

Received 4-30 p.m. 25th March 1915

B9. Asks that Colonel Knox may be directed to meet General Birdwood on Friday on the Franconia at Alexandria.



By No 4032

To G.O.C. Aand N.Z. Army Corps

G.H.Q. Cairo

No. O(a) 8

28/3/15

1. No Mounted Units are in the first unstance to form part of the A. and N.Z. Army Corps for service in the forth-coming operations. If, during a later peroid of the operations, mounted Units are required, they will be sent for.
2. It is understood that permission has been received for the employment of the Indian Mountain Artillery Brigade and Section Indian Field Ambulance with the Mediterranean Exleditionary Force. These Units will therefore be attached to your command, and all arrangements for their embarkation should be made by you.
3. In view of the possibility of your being required to land on an open beach in face of opposition, on any portion of the coast line, you should dispose your troops to transports in such a way that one Infantry Brigade with one Field Company and a proportion of signalling and medical Units can be landed as a covering force, to be followed by the remainder of the Army Corps as required., It may at first only be possible to disembark from four transports simultaneously; subsequently it will be possible to disembark from six transports simultaneously.
4. The horses, bicycles and vehicles to be landed in the first instance must be cut down to a minimum; as much equipment as possible being carried by hand.
5. All troops disembarking on the first day should carry one days rations and two iron rations. Infantry should carry 200 rounds ammunition.
6. The following reserves of ammunition and supplies must be landed during the first day:-
150 rounds per rifle and gun landed
7 days rations per man landed
7 days forage per horse landed.

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