

1. Congratulatory messages on Landing

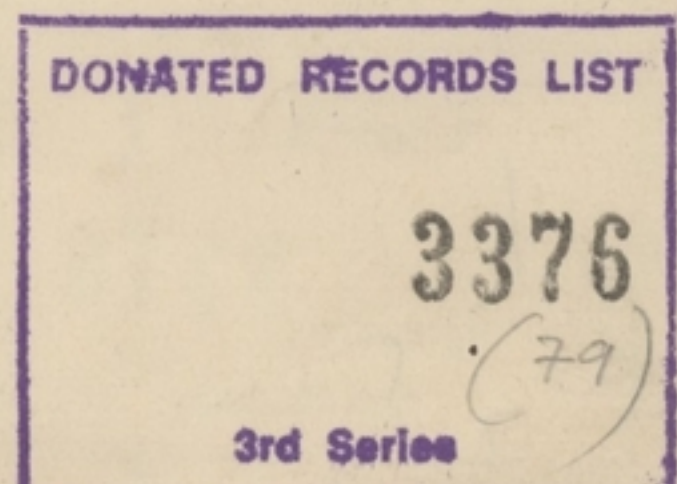
2. General Bridges's death.

3. King's Birthday Greetings.

4. Admiral Thursby's departure. Letter from Admiral Thursby.

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Lieut General Sir W R Bridges



Copies of telegrams between the First Lord of the Admiralty and the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Governor of New Zealand through the Colonial Office:-

First Lord's Message.

30-4-15

On behalf of the Board of Admiralty I express our heartiest congratulations on the brilliant and memorable achievements of the Australian and New Zealand Troops at the Dardanelles. The Admiral telegraphs that the fleet is filled with intense admiration at the feat of arms accomplished by the Army.

CHURCHILL.

Reply from Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

1-5-15

Will you kindly thank the First Lord and the Board of Admiralty for congratulations. To win the admiration of the British Tar is an honour worth having, and the participation of His Majesty's Australian Troops with the Navy in those great operations will cement their comradeship in arms.

R. MUNRO-FERGUSON

Reply from Governor of New Zealand

On behalf of myself, my Government, and the people of New Zealand, I desire to thank you and the Board of Admiralty for the very kind message of congratulations which you have sent. It is a source of great gratification to everyone in this Dominion to feel that their Troops have been so closely connected in those arduous operations with the Officers and men of the Royal Navy to whom the Empire owes so much.

LIVERPOOL.

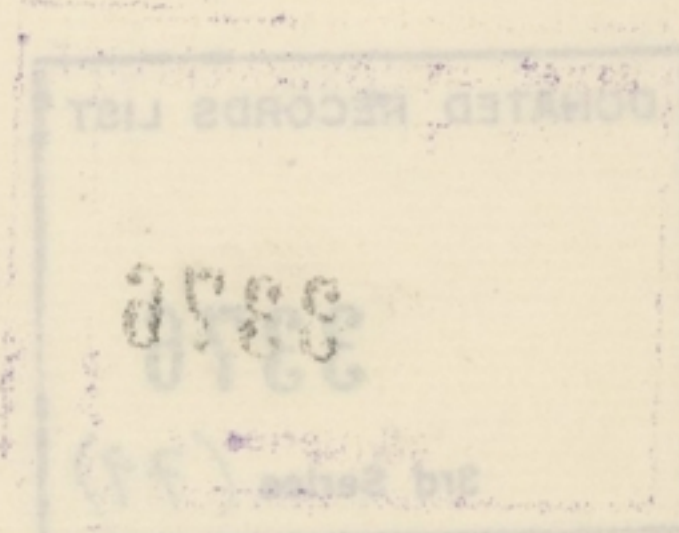
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Copy of a telegram sent by Sir Ian Hamilton to the
Governor General of Australia and the Governor of New
Zealand.

11th May, 1915.

May I, speaking out of a full heart, be
permitted to say how gloriously the Australian
and New Zealand contingent have upheld the finest
traditions of our race during this struggle still
in progress. At first with audacity and dash;
since then with sleepless valour and untiring
resource. They have already created for their
countries an imperishable record of military virtue.

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Copy of message received by Sir Ian Hamilton from His Majesty the King and the reply thereto. Published in General Routine Orders dated 2nd May, 1915.

It is with intense satisfaction that I have heard the success, which in the face of determined resistance, has attended the combined Naval and Military operations in the Dardanelles.

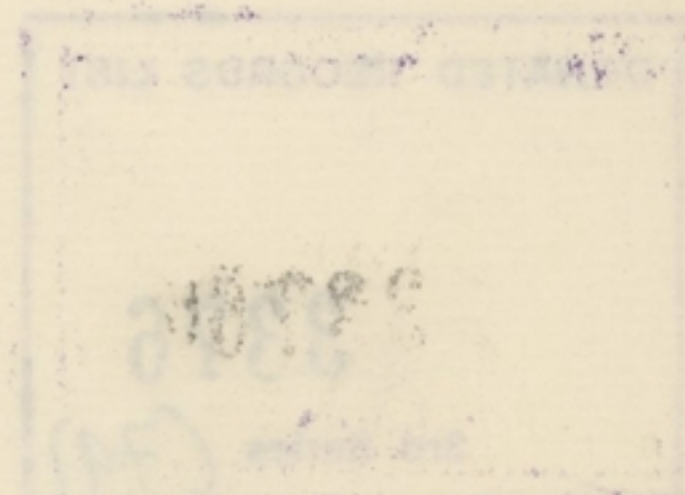
Please convey to all ranks, including those of our Allies, my hearty congratulations on their splendid achievement.

The KING,
Buckingham Palace, England.

Your Majesty's most gracious message will be at once communicated to the troops now engaged with the enemy. It will greatly hearten them in their arduous task.

Ian Hamilton.

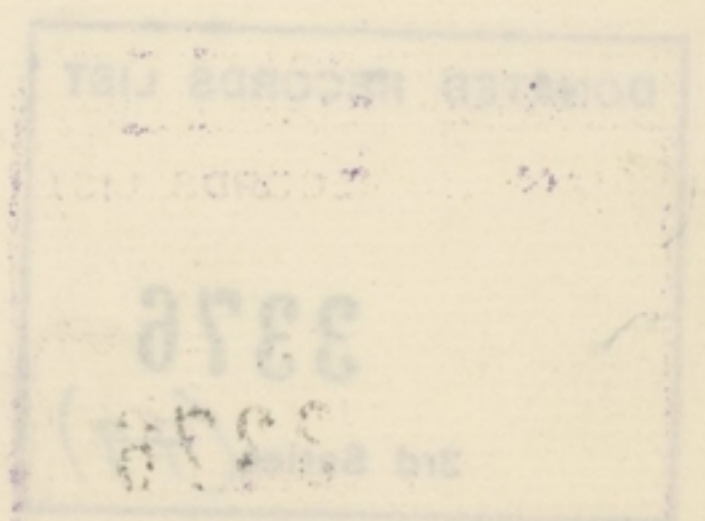
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Copy of message received by Sir Ian Hamilton from Lord
Kitchener. Published in General Routine Orders, dated 4th
May, 1915.

My best wishes to you and all your force in carrying
to a successful conclusion the operations you have before
you, which will undoubtedly have a momentous effect on
the war. The task they have to perform will need all
the grit Britishers have never failed to show, and I
am confident your troops will victoriously clear the
way for the Fleet to advance on Constantinople.

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Copies of cablegrams between High Commissioner for Australia
and General Birdwood.

12th May, 1915.

To General Birdwood.

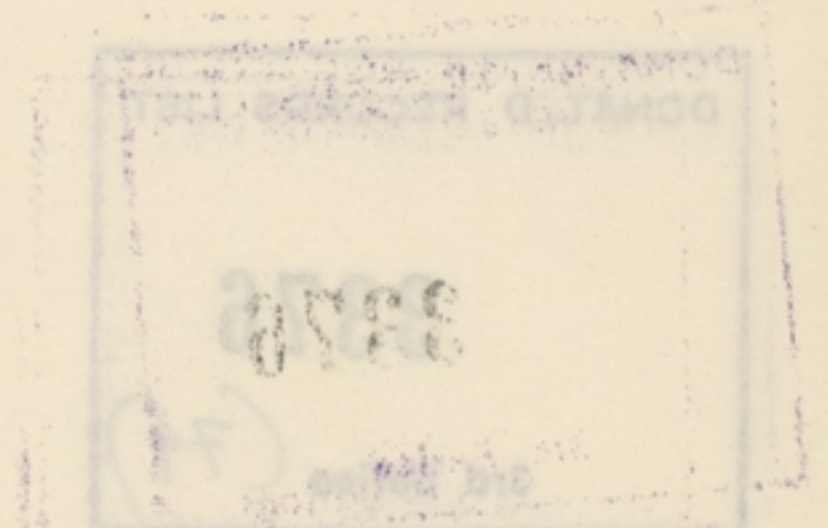
Details published today. All grieve for the
heroic dead and wounded and glory in the splendid
valour and achievement of officers and men.

High Commissioner for Australia.

To High Commissioner for Australia.

Many thanks your kind wire much appreciated.
Behaviour and gallantry of officers and men in
effecting landing in face of determined opposition
and seizing very difficult position was beyond all
praise.

General Birdwood.



Copy of memorandum received from General Headquarters,
Mediterranean Expeditionary Force, dated 16th May, 1915.

The General Commanding wishes you to inform the Army Corps under your Command how much he appreciates the spirit in which they are carrying out the important duty allotted to them. Sir Ian is fully aware that the operations of a containing force, employed in such a manner as is the Corps under your Command at present, are not as attractive as a more active offensive would be, but he wishes your men to be informed of the extreme importance of their present role, containing, as it does, a large force of the enemy, and proving a constant menace to the enemy communications. The importance of the gallant efforts of your men is greater far than is locally here apparent, and the General Commanding hopes that, before long, their sustained and successful efforts may be crowned by a vigorous and successful offensive which, however, can hardly rival in result the splendid stand they are now making in the services of their King and Empire.

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Copy of Letter from Rear Admiral C.F.Thursby, Commanding
No. II. Squadron, to General Birdwood.

H.M.S. "QUEEN"
18-5-1915.

My Dear General,

It is with the greatest regret that I
find I have to leave you before we are able to bring
our combined operations to a successful conclusion.

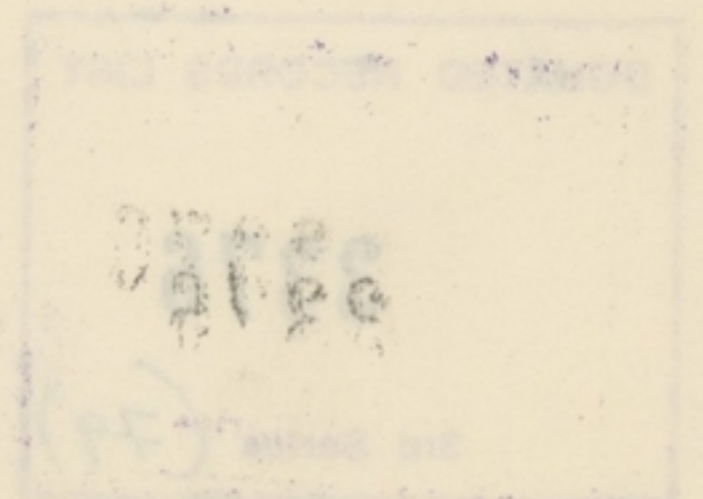
On behalf of myself, my officers and men
I wish to thank you and the Army Corps under your
Command for the loyal and ungrudging manner in which you
have worked with us, making our task easy.

We are ^{all} full of admiration for the gallantry
and daring of your troops. The dashing way in which
you took your present position will become historic, and
we all hope that your further advance will not be long
delayed.

Although no longer able to work with you
we shall follow your progress with the greatest interest
and wish you a short and successful campaign and the
victory you so thoroughly deserve.

Will you please convey to all ranks the
honour we feel in having been allowed to co-operate
with the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps and the
regret with which we leave them.

With my very best wishes,
Yours very sincerely,
C.F.THURSBY.

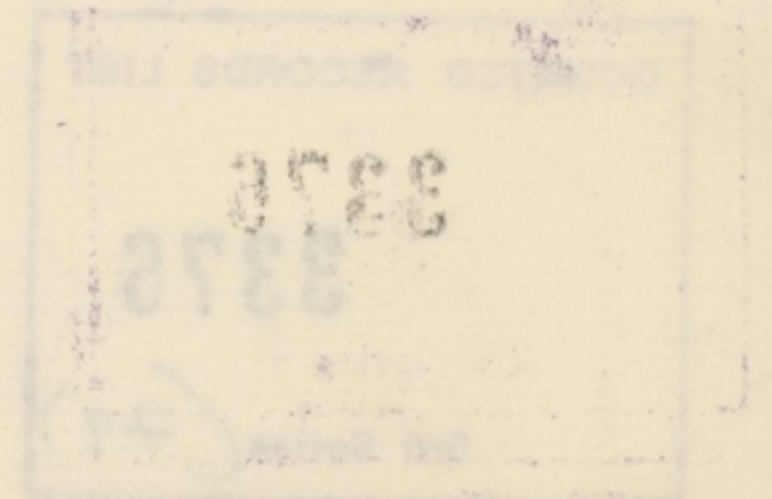


Extract from a letter from Sir Ian Hamilton to General Birdwood. Published in Special Army Corps Order dated 20th May, 1915.

I want you and more especially your regimental officers and men who have not, and cannot possibly have, a wide view of the war chess board in their ken, to realize the full importance of the work they are making good at the hourly risk of their lives.

To them it must seem a very inadequate reward to hold a few square miles of worthless, scrubby mountain, but it is not so, and the maintenance of the position of Sari Bair may prove to be the fulcrum for the lever which will topple over Germany and the pride of the Germans.

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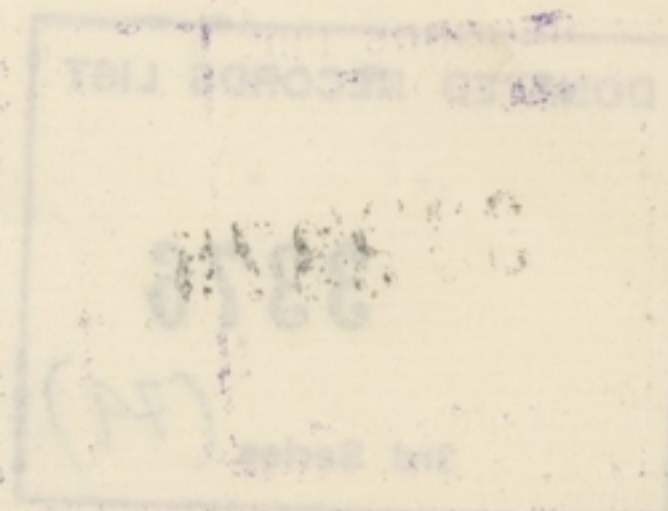
Extract from a letter received by General Birdwood from the Private Secretary to His Majesty the KING. Published in Special Army Corps Order dated 20th May, 1915.

The Australians and New Zealanders have indeed done splendidly and proved themselves gallant sons of the Empire.

We shall await detailed information of your achievements by which the landing, in spite of a strenuous opposition, was carried out.

The KING is indeed proud of the performance of your Corps.

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Copies of Cablegrams between General Birdwood and the
Governor General of Australia on the death of Major General
Sir W.T.Bridges, K.C.B., C.M.G.

20th May, 1915.

To Governor General of Australia.

It is with the deepest regret I have to
announce the death on the 19th instant of General
Bridges who has proved himself the most gallant of
soldiers and best of commanders. I am quite unable
to express what his loss means to the Australian
Division, which can never repay the debt it owes
him for his untiring and unselfish labours which
are responsible for the high state of organization
to which the Division had been brought in every
detail.

The high ideals he placed before the boys
trained at Duntroon and which he succeeded in
attaining as far as my knowledge of those now
serving with the Australian forces in the field
is concerned, will I hope go down to the honor of
his name as long as the Military history of
Australia lasts.

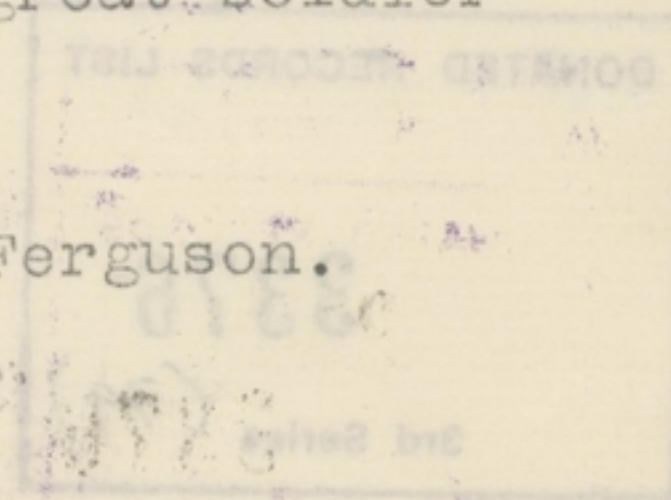
General Birdwood.

24th May, 1915.

To General Birdwood

Your tribute to the late General Bridges
will be recorded in the Australian Military annals.
His services in the re-organization of our Military
Forces had long been recognized and the Country is
proud to know that in the Field he was equally
distinguished and proved himself a great soldier
and a fine Commander.

R.Munro-Ferguson.

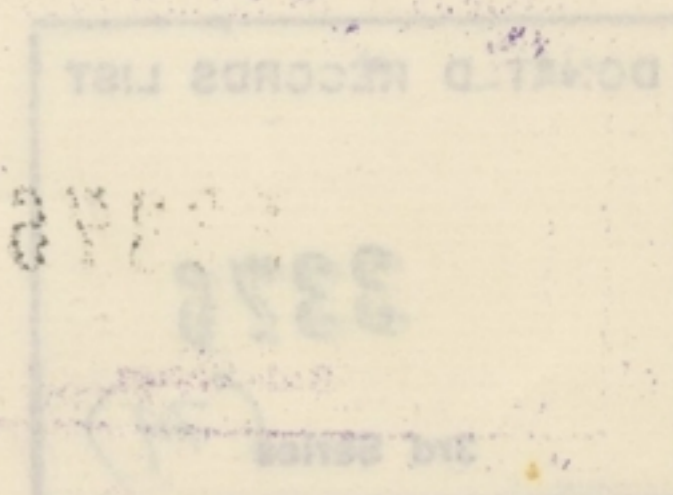


Copy of a letter dated 22nd May, 1915, received from the
Chief of General Staff, Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

As the General Commanding had no opportunity of
seeing the Australian and New Zealand Brigades before
their return to you, please tell them how much Sir
Ian appreciates their gallant conduct during the
operations in which they took part when detached to
the South end of the Peninsula.

In the battle which took place on the 6th-8th May
both these Brigades played a conspicuous part, and,
especially on the 8th, the Australians and New
Zealanders carried out the attack in admirable order
and with the greatest gallantry, and were mainly
instrumental in gaining the success which was obtained
in the centre of our line.

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Copies of messages between Sir Ian Hamilton and
the Governor General of the Commonwealth of Australia.
Published in General Routine Orders dated 23rd May, 1915.

Governor General of Australia.

Bridges died on passage to Alexandria. Whole
force mourns his irreparable loss. Avenged yesterday
in brilliant action by his own troops who inflicted
loss of seven thousand on enemy at a cost of less than
five hundred to themselves.

Ian Hamilton.

Sir Ian Hamilton.

Army and Nation mourn with forces in the field
the irreparable loss of Major General Bridges whose life
was consecrated to the military preparations which enabled
us to at once raise the troops under your command who
by their brilliant achievements are doing honour to
their late Commander.

R.M.Ferguson.

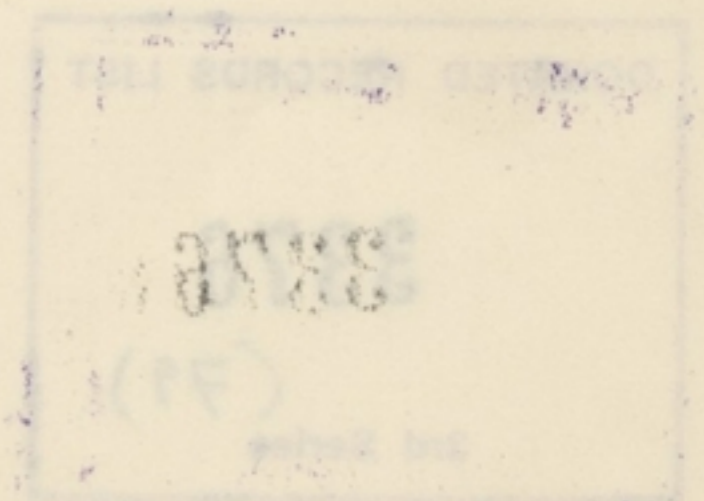


Copy of cablegram received by General Officer Commanding-in-Chief. Published in Army Corps Orders dated 26th May, 1915.

Please convey to General Officer Commanding, Australian Corps, the following resolution passed by both Houses, Victoria Parliament:-

That this House desires to place on record its unbounded admiration and pride in the magnificent fighting qualities displayed by Australian Imperial Forces at the Dardanelles and to congratulate them on their splendid achievement.

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Copy of message from Lord Kitchener to Sir Ian Hamilton
and reply. Published in General Routine Orders dated 27th
May, 1915.

Sir Ian Hamilton.

Give my congratulations to the troops, including the
French forces under your command, on the splendid
fighting which is the admiration of all here.

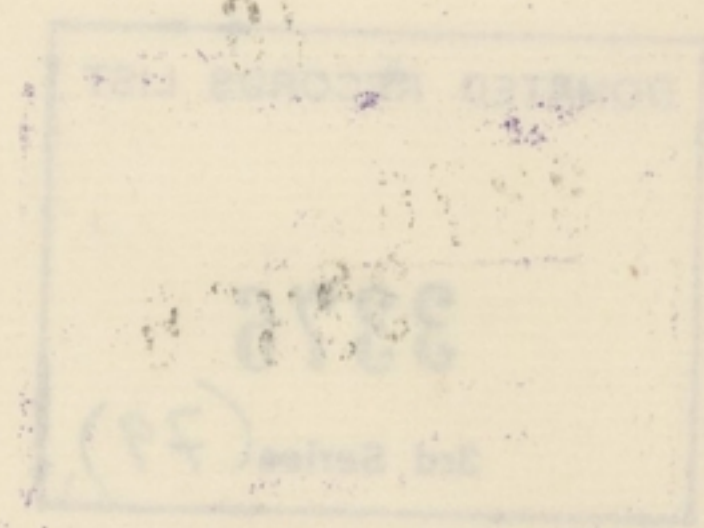
Lord Kitchener.

Lord Kitchener.

Your congratulations to the troops will be published
at once and will be very greatly appreciated and put fresh
vigour into all ranks.

Ian Hamilton.

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Copies of telegrams despatched and received on the anniversary of His Majesty the King's Birthday (3rd June).
Published in Army Corps Orders dated 5th June, 1915.

To Sir Ian Hamilton.

Australians and New Zealanders forming part of the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force here request me to convey their respectful duty and salutations to his Majesty the King on his Fiftieth birthday. Will you kindly telegraph home.

General Birdwood.

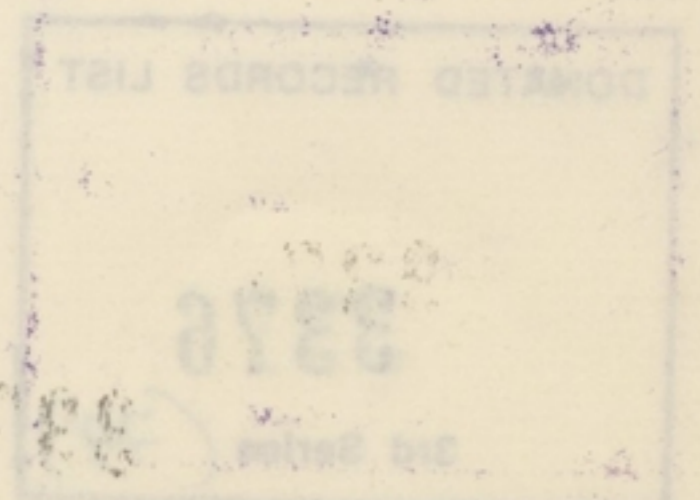
To General Birdwood.

Following from His Majesty the King begins

I am gratified by special message you send me on behalf of the Australians and New Zealanders under your Command on the anniversary of my birthday. In thanking all ranks for their good wishes tell them how much I appreciate their gallant services by which they have done honour to my Army and to themselves,

ends.

Secretary, War Office.



Copies of cablegrams between High Commissioner for Australia, London, and General Birdwood. Published in Army Corps Orders dated 5th June, 1915.

To General Birdwood.

Great meeting of Australians in London passed resolutions of ardent admiration of your forces and sympathy with relatives of the fallen heroes. There will be Australian Memorial Service at St. Pauls Archbishop of Canterbury giving address.

High Commissioner for Australia.

To High Commissioner for Australia

Thank you for your telegram. All ranks of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps fully appreciate your message as they realize how sincere and heartfelt the resolutions passed at your great meeting are. All of British blood may indeed be proud of the valour of the troops here.

General Birdwood.

