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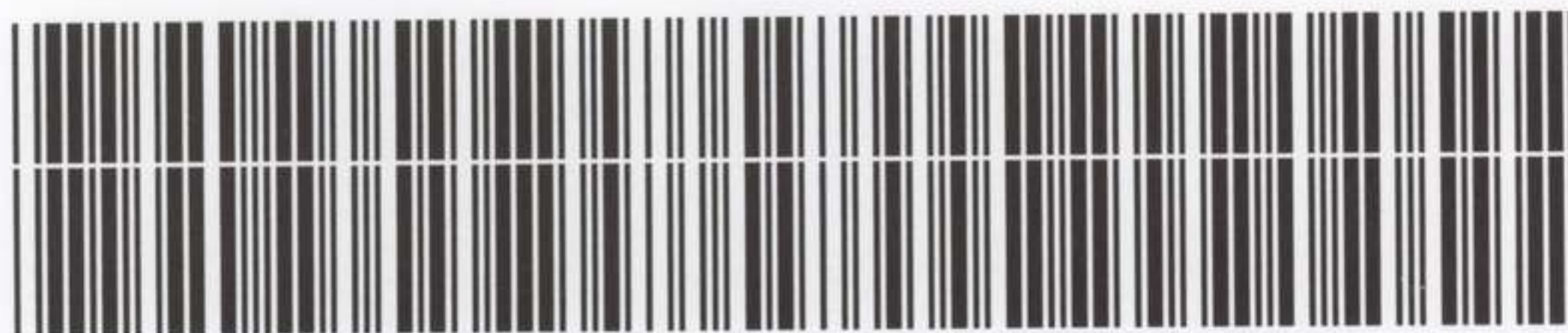
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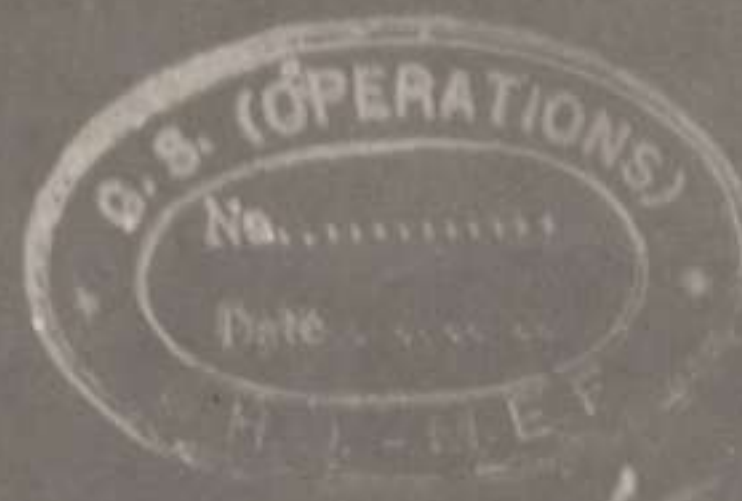
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January 1916



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From G.H.Q.

To LEVBASE.

O. 726.

27/1/16

Desp.

Your L.B.157 of 26th. This matter is being dealt with
in direct communication with Vice-Admiral Huddros.

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From:- CHIEF LONDON.

To:- CHIEF MEDFORCE.

12519.cipher.M.O.645.

26/1/18.
27/1/18.

Despd. 1925.
Recd. 0900.

Situation in MESOPOTAMIA is causing great anxiety. It may be necessary to reinforce that theatre with one of your divisions after the eight native battalions under orders for India have left. You should make necessary arrangements and notify me the division selected to go if required, and ask me for any information you need regarding organisation and equipment.

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

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From

A.H.Q. SALONICA Army.

To

Chief, LONDON. Repeated G.H.Q. and ATHENS.

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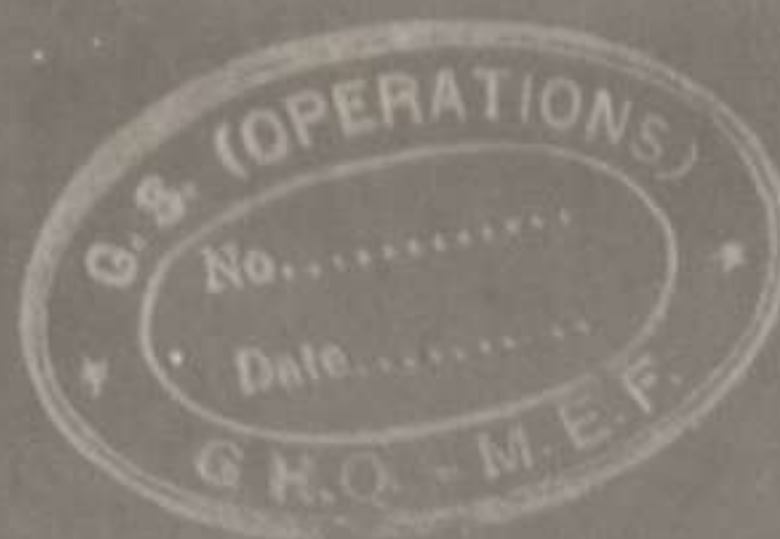
French aeroplanes MONASTIR January 23rd reported officially to have thrown 200 bombs apart from gun fire. German and Bulgarian General Staff buildings hit, also parts of the town occupied by soldiers. Travellers state damage very great and mentioned specifically buildings and quarters destroyed including barracks, military stores, occupied buildings, flour reserves and bakeries, municipality and mayor's house. Police station and agricultural school, 1500 military casualties. Attack also made on GHEVGHELI, NEGORSI and BOGDANCHI where bombs were dropped.

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1 " C.G.S.
2 " I.

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Gen Byng
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From CHIEF MEDFORCE.
To CHIEF WAR OFFICE.



A.M. 50.

27/1/16

Desp. 1455

On the departure of the 46th Division and eight Indian battalions from EGYPT I am re-organizing Medforce as follows :- 9th Army Corps. 11th Division, 39th Division, 48th Division, 10th Indian Division, (two brigades) Corps Troops; 4th Mounted Brigade, 2nd and 3rd Dismounted Brigades. A. & N.Z. Army Corps. 1st Australian Division, 2nd Australian Division, New Zealand and Australian Division. Corps Troops' A. & N.Z. Mounted Division. 15th Army Corps. 13th Division, 31st Division 58th Division. Corps Troops: 1st Mounted Brigade, 1st Dismounted Brigade. In consequence of this arrangement the 8th Corps ceases to exist. I am therefore sending home one Corps Commander and part of Corps Staff. As Byng is very anxious to serve in FRANCE I have selected him, subject to your approval, to proceed home with a portion of his staff, and am placing Davies in command of 9th Corps. My reason for retention of portion of the 9th Corps staff is that I shall require them if another Australian Division is formed, see my A.M. 35 of 21st and your 12466 in reply. As regards latter Corps, I propose to appoint General E.A. Fanshawe to command it, as being specially suited to deal with Australians.

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G.-in-C.

C.C.E.

"A"

A.M.S.

(Copy sent to Gen. Byng)

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From

Chief MEDFORCE.

To

Chief War Office.

A.M.51.

27/1/16.

Desp. 1525.

Your 12519 M.O.845. I suggest that the remainder of the Indian Division should be sent to MESOPOTAMIA if the troops are considered suitable. This consists of 2 Brigades without artillery. If further reinforcements are required I hope it may be possible to send to MESOPOTAMIA two Infantry Brigades 46th Division, of which seven battalions are now close to SUEZ, instead of reassembling them in FRANCE. None of the troops from GALLIPOLI are fit, either from point of view of health or equipment, to send to MESOPOTAMIA at present. If my proposal regarding sending the remainder of the Indians and the infantry of the 46th Division to MESOPOTAMIA is not approved the only course is to send the 31st Division. I hope this may not be necessary as this Division is the backbone at present of my defences and it is fully organised. I should be glad if you inform me of any special steps to be taken as regards the organisation and equipment of troops sent to MESOPOTAMIA. If the Indians or infantry 46th Division are selected I could send two batteries pack artillery.

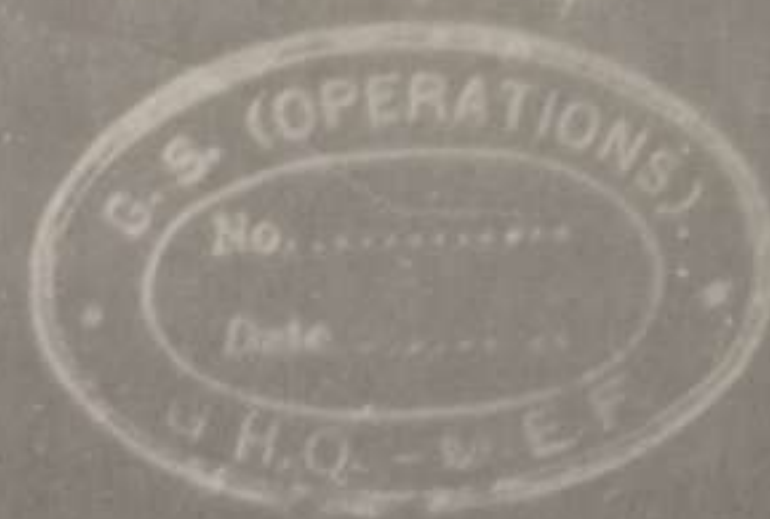
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Appt F.

From CHIEF MEDFORCE.

To CHIEF WAR OFFICE.

A.M. 53 Cipher.

27/1/16

Desp. 2000

Air reconnaissance of NEKHL carried out yesterday. In WADI MUKSHEIB and WADI EL BRUK few pools but no tracks. Near point 1800, ten miles N.E. of NEKHL there is a dam built across WADI EL ARISH and large reservoir of water. Further observation impossible owing to clouds and storm coming on.

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Appt G.

27th January, 1916

General Officer Commanding,
9th Army Corps.

In reply to your G.S.808 of 25th instant.

The question of these bridges has been taken up with the Canal Company and I enclose an advanced copy of instructions regarding procedure on the Canal, which contains a table of the hours at which bridges may be used. These instructions are about to be printed and circulated to all concerned.

We are endeavouring to get more suitable material for the bridges at KUBRI and SHALLUFA, and it is quite unsound to hold up traffic on the Canal for 3 hours while a bridge is being rigged. For instance, today the Canal Company expected you to begin work at KUBRI at 5 a.m., but found you rigging the bridge at 4 a.m., and some of their traffic was inconvenienced to a slight degree.

With reference to the memo from the Canal Defences (No. G.A.88 of 23rd January) which you enclosed, please see para. 4 of the instructions. It is quite unnecessary to obtain permission to throw bridges provided the times laid down are adhered to, but the nearest Canal Company's station should be informed. Cases of tactical emergency are governed by para. 2, sub-para. 5, the action taken being reported to G.H.Q.

(sd) W. G. Hillman

Brig.-General,
General Staff,
Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

Copy to E.-in-C.

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Appt H

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21st January, 1916

General Officer Commanding,

9th Corps.

15th Corps, and A. & N.Z. Corps.

A weekly progress report is required to be rendered
so as to reach this office weekly by Monday evening, showing:-

- (a) Detailed distribution of troops in your
Section both in entrenched lines, and in
reserve.
- (b) Progress made in the preparation of defensive
positions, roads, railways, pipe lines, etc..

(sd) A. Lynden Bell.

Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

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Appt J. 27th January, 1916

General Officer Commanding,

The Force in EGYPT.

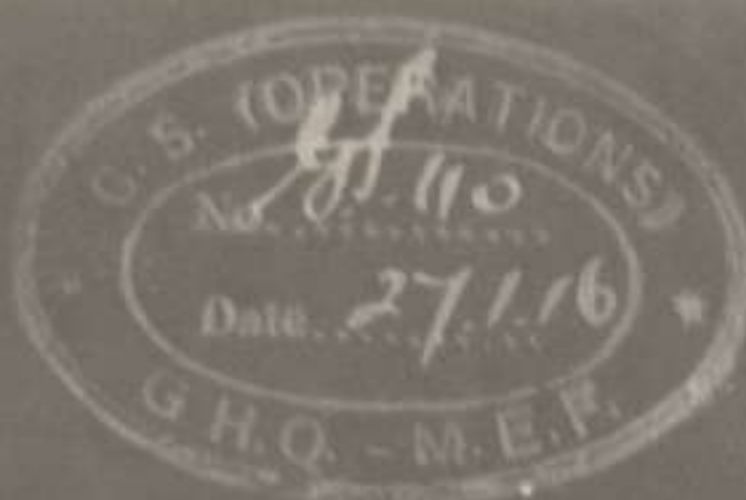
With reference to your G/486/18 asking for the return of the two Pack Wireless Field Stations belonging to the Westminster Dragoons, with their attached Camel Transport, the materiel and personnel in question will be sent back in the course of the next few days. It is noted that you wish them railed to ALEXANDRIA to report to the Base Commandant, W.P.F., Camp A.

With regard to the Coastguard detachment and camels it is regretted that these cannot be spared as they are indispensable for rendering wireless stations with this force mobile, and cannot be replaced.

(cc) G. P. Downey
Lieut. Col. G. P. Downey
General,

Commanding-in-Chief, Mediterranean Expeditionary
Forces.

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NOTES ON CONFERENCE HELD AT CAIRO 26th JANUARY, 1916, ON
EVACUATION OF THE WOUNDED.

1. Five Motor Ambulance Convoys ^(250 motor ambul) were considered necessary. It is understood that these will be available. These would be used back to the Clearing Stations, which are all on the East Bank, and also to get the wounded across the Canal to the trains or stationary hospitals as the case may be.

2. Hospital trains can be run down to KANTARA, BALLAH, FERDAN, ISMAILIA, SERAPEUM, SHALLOFA, KUBRI. Each hospital train should perform two journeys in 24 hours (reckoning CAIRO as the point of unloading). Besides the four hospital trains there will be ten ordinary trains available it is considered.

Hospital trains should carry 2,000 in first 48 hours,
Ordinary " " " 8,000 in first 48 hours,
to CAIRO and ZAGAZIG.

3. Beds vacant ^{at} before commencement of evacuation :--

5 Stationary Hospitals on W. Bank of Canal . .	1,500
1 General Hospital PORT SAID	1,000
1 General Hospital SUEZ (Indian).	400
TOTAL on Canal. . .	2,900

At CAIRO	10,000
At ALEXANDRIA	5,600
At ZAGAZIG	1,500
TOTAL behind Canal. .	17,100

That is 20,000 beds would be available (number required).

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4. It was calculated that in the first 48 hours the following numbers could be evacuated : -

To CAIRO and ZAGAZIG	10,000
To Hospital Ships (10)	5,000
To Stationary & General Hospitals on Canal. .	2,900
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	17,900
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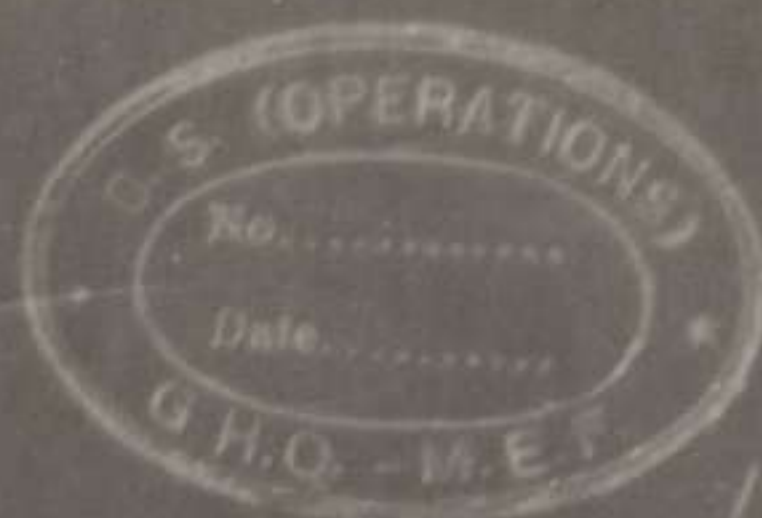
That is, all wounded would be dealt with in 48 hours excepting 2,100.

5. Points to be further examined -

- (a) Railway Time Table.
- (b) Organisation of Medical personnel for ordinary trains.
- (c) Work out in detail station requirements at CAIRO.
- (d) Organisation of food for wounded and personnel en route.
- (e) Possibility of ^{M.E.F.} evacuating 5,000 into Hospital Ships.

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PRIORITY.



From. A.H.Q. S.A.,

To. (addressed Chief, London, repeated G.H.Q. and Athens).

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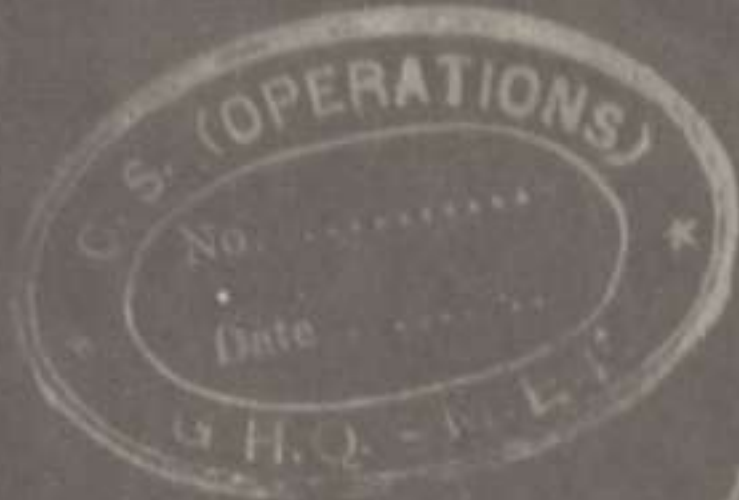
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SARRAIL just informed me (8p.m.) that acting on instructions from French Admiralty Fort KARABURUN will be occupied at 6 a.m. tomorrow by French Battalion and two batteries acting in conjunction with Fleets and covered by ships guns. No previous warning will be given to Greeks and if they resist the fort will be taken by assault. A force of which I am to provide two battalions assembles east of the town and will resist any attempt of Greek troops in the town to march towards the fort. Other parties will be posted about the town. As telephone will be cut it is improbable that any definite ^{news} will reach SALONIKA till some hours after the event. There will then be great excitement and indignation and possibly some disturbance. I greatly regret this step and particularly the methods about to be employed; they are in apposition to spirit of your instructions to me in W.O. 12312 of 21st., but I have not been consulted and the measures are now too far advanced to be modified. Some conciliatory action at Athens to-morrow might however relieve the tension which is certain to ensue.

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" " C-in-C.
" " C.G.S.
" " "I"

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From
Troopers.

Appx B.

V221

To
G.H.Q.

12549 cipher D.S.D.

27/1/16.
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Desp. 1625.
Recd. 0630.

Your A.M.43.

FRANCE raises objections and is hard put to it
as regards staff and is worse off in this respect than
Medforce at present. It is therefore regretted that
Game cannot be spared and must remain with 46th Division.

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1 " A.M.S.

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Canal Company reports that Great					
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having being swung at 0725					
today without warning thus blocking					
a petrol ship for 25					
minutes. The bridge was					
again swung from 0900 to					
1045 without warning and blocked					
the vice admirals yacht and					
the times at which the					
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are 0600 to 0700 1130					
to 1230 and 1700 to					
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From:- COMMUNICATIONS MUDROS.

To:- G. H. Q.

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L.G.255.

28/1/16.

Despd. 1545.
Recd. 2117.

Your O.A.93.

SALONIKA wants guns. They are still deficient of fittings lost in evacuation. Probably ready early next month. Understand from A.H.Q., D.A. wire Q.Z.19 of 13th that personnel and fittings being sent from ALEXANDRIA. Are they coming here or going direct.

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C. G. S.
M.G., R.A.
" Q ".

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28th January, 1916

General Officer Commanding,
9th Army Corps.
A. & N. Z. A. C.
15th Army Corps.

Officer Commanding Bikanir Camel Corps.

The BIKANIR CAMEL CORPS.

1. The Bikanir Camel Corps will be concentrated as soon as possible into three companies at EL KUBRI, ISMAILIA and KANTARA.
2. These companies will be attached to the 9th, A. & N.Z.A.C., and 15th Corps respectively.
3. In addition to such patrol or other work as the Corps Commander may direct, they will be made available as escort with survey parties, working under instructions issued from General Headquarters, East of the Front Line.
4. Arrangements for the concentration of the Camel Corps Companies at the above places will be made direct between the Officer Commanding Bikanir Camel Corps (Headquarters at present at KANTARA) and Corps Commanders.

(cd) G. P. Dawney
Lt Col W.

for
Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

Copy to "I".

"A".

"Q".

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G.S. 137.

525
28th January, 1916

General Officer Commanding,
The Force in Egypt.

I propose to organise the Bikanir Camel Corps at present on the eastern front, into three companies, attaching one to each Corps. There are at present only two English speaking officers available to command these companies.

The detachment of the Bikanir Camel Corps at present at WADI NATRUN, has with it two English speaking officers, and I would be very grateful if you would allow one of these officers (Major Moti Singh) to be transferred to the force under my command.

(sd) A. Lynden Bell
C.B.S.

for
General,
Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

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28th January, 1918

Appt F
General Officer Commanding,

9th Army Corps.

In answer to your letter A.1804 of the 22nd inst.,
the Royal Australian Naval Bridging Train are required by
the A. & N.Z. Army Corps for work on the Canal, and it
is regretted that they cannot be replaced at your disposal
as Corps Troops.

(od) G. R. Dawney
for Lt Col. H. L.

Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.



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24.1.16
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PROCEEDINGS OF A COMMITTEE ASSEMBLED BY ORDER OF
LIEUTENANT-GENERAL E.A. ALTHAM, C.B., C.M.G., INSPECTOR-GENERAL
OF COMMUNICATIONS, M.E.F., AT HEADQUARTERS, LINES OF COMMUNICATION,
H.E.F., CAIRO ON 28th JANUARY, 1916, TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF THE
EVACUATION OF WOUNDED FROM THE SUEZ CANAL ZONE.

The following officers were present:-

Lieut-General E.A. Altham. C.B., C.M.G.,	I.G.C.,
Surgeon-General W. Babbie, C.B., C.M.G.,	P.D.M.S.,
Surgeon-General R.W. Ford. D.S.O.,	D.M.S., Force-in-Egypt.
Brig-General R. Ford. C.M.G., D.S.O.,	D.S.T., Levant Base.
Colonel E.T.F. Birrell. C.M.G.,	A.D.M.S., M.E.F.,
Colonel Sir G. Macaulay. K.C.M.G.,	D.P.T.,
Lieut-Colonel G.C.M. Hall. D.S.O.	A.D.R.T.
Lieut-Colonel E.N. Broadbent.	A.Q.M.G., Force-in-Egypt.
Major C.S. Speng.	P.O., Egyptian State Railways.
Captain R.B. Butler	D.A.Q.M.G., M.E.F.,
Captain R.P. Varwell	G.S., M.E.F.
Lieut-Colonel R.H. Wetherell.	A.Q.M.G. (Secretary).

1. The problem to be considered as put forward by the General Staff, M.E.F., was as follows:-

That provision should be made for the evacuation of 20,000 wounded, half of these casualties might be expected in the sector SERAPEUM - KANTARA, and half in the sector SHALUFFA - SUEZ.

The period during which these casualties might be expected to occur was discussed, and it was decided that forty eight hours should be taken for purposes of calculation.

2. The following factors connected with the problem were then considered.

HOSPITAL TRAINS.

It was assumed that Hospital Trains would load at one of the Intermediate Stations between ISMAILIA - SUEZ and ISMAILIA - PORT SAID, or at ISMAILIA.

There are four hospital trains available each of which can accommodate:-

104 cases lying down or
50 cases lying down and 210 sitting.

The following calculations as to duration of journeys from place of entrainment to CAIRO, ZAGAZIG and ALEXANDRIA were made:-

TO CAIRO.

Loading with wounded	-	-	-	2 hours.
Journey to CAIRO	-	-	-	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Detraining	-	-	-	$\frac{1}{2}$ "
Preparation of train for return journey	-	-	-	1 "
Return journey	-	-	-	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
				<u>12 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours</u>

Say 12 hours, or two trips in 24 hours.

TO ZAGAZIG

Loading with wounded	-	-	-	2 hours.
Journey to ZAGAZIG	-	-	-	2 "
Detraining	-	-	-	$\frac{1}{2}$ "
Preparation of train for return journey	-	-	-	1 "
Return journey	-	-	-	2 "
				<u>7$\frac{1}{2}$ hours</u>

Three trips in 24 hours.

TO ALEXANDRIA.

Loading with wounded	-	-	-	2 hours
Journey to ALEXANDRIA	-	-	-	6 "
Detraining	-	-	-	$\frac{1}{2}$ "
Preparation of train for return journey	-	-	-	1 "
Return journey	-	-	-	6 "
				<u>15$\frac{1}{2}$ hours.</u>

Three trips in 48 hours.

From the above it was calculated that by using Hospital Trains only, each train doing two trips a day, it would take five days to evacuate 10,000 wounded to CAIRO.

The necessity of using ordinary trains was then considered, reserving the Hospital Trains for lying down cases.

It was found that by using four Hospital and ten ordinary trains, 4,000 wounded could be evacuated in 24 hours and that if 14 ordinary trains in addition to the 4 Hospital Trains could be used, 5,000 men could be moved in 24 hours.

The Director of Railway Transport was asked to consider the possibility of running four Hospital Trains each doing two journeys and 14 ordinary trains each doing one journey in 24 hours.

It is assumed that all ordinary traffic, both civil and military would be suspended.

ACCOMMODATION IN HOSPITALS ETC.,
VACANT BEDS.

On the assumption that full notice of warning for evacuation were given, the general conclusion arrived at was, that during the first 48 hours it might be assumed that wounded could be accommodated as follows :-

On or near the Canal.

Five Stationary Hospitals @ 300	=	1500
Port Said - one General Hospital	=	1000
Suez & one Indian General Hospital	=	400

Other than on or near the Canal.

Zagazig* one General Hospital	=	1500
CAIRO and vicinity	=	8500
ALEXANDRIA by Hospital Ship from Port Said	=	5000
		<u>17,000</u>

* To be established at ZAGAZIG.

Leaving 2,100 in Field Ambulances and Clearing Stations.

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HOSPITAL SHIPS.

It was assumed that ten Hospital Ships in reserve, or their equivalent in Ambulance Carriers (i.e. black ships used as temporary hospital depots) would be available to carry 5,000 wounded on the short voyage from PORT SAID to ALEXANDRIA.

CONVEYANCE OF WOUNDED BY CANALS.

The Director of Supplies and Transport, Levant Base, stated that he had been offered two steamers each capable of carrying 80 wounded.

He was instructed to provide at least six of those steamers for work on Suez Canal and Lakes.

The evacuation of wounded by inland canals was considered and found impracticable.

MOTOR SERVICE.

SUEZ - CAIRO.

A motor service on this route was considered and found impracticable.

3. STAFF ARRANGEMENTS.

It was considered :-

- (a). That G.H.Q., M.E.F. should be responsible for all arrangements for evacuation up to and including the placing of wounded in Hospital Trains and Ships, or in Hospital at PORT SAID and SUEZ: including the movement of wounded by barge or steamer on the Canal.
- (b). That the I.C.O., would be responsible for all subsequent action, and that either he or his representative should be present at G.H.Q., during the action in order to keep in close touch with the situation at rail head.

4. The following points were reserved for further consideration by officers as stated, and it was agreed that the I.C.O., should be informed when those points had been worked out with a view to a second meeting being held -

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| D.R.T.
A.Q.I.G. | (1). Railway time table to be worked out. |
| P.D.M.S. | (2). Medical personnel for ordinary trains and extra personnel for Ambulance Trains. |
| D.M.S., F-in-E.
D.R.T.
D.S.T. | (3). Work out in detail, station arrangements at CAIRO for reception and removal of wounded. |
| D.M.S., F-in-E.
D.R.T.
S.T. | (4). Composition of ordinary trains and feeding arrangements for wounded and Hospital Staffs. |
| D.Q.M.G.,
G.H.Q. | (5). Method of removal of 5,000 wounded from Clearing Stations to Hospital Ships distributed say -
One at SUEZ
Three on LAKES.
Six at PORT SAID.
or such distribution as may be considered more convenient. |

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D.S.T. (6). Provision of Hospital Steamers for Canal.
H.B. Six at least to be provided.

D.M.S., (7). Calculation as to the necessary provision of
H.B.F., motor Ambulance convoys, one of which must be
allotted to CAIRO. The conference were
informed that G.H.Q., were replying to a
War Office telegram on that subject.

Cairo

27.1.16.

Reginald Wetherell

Lieut-Colonel,
Secretary.

SECRET

W.D.

Appx A



From:- CHIEF LONDON.
To:- CHIEF MEDFORCE.

12588.cipher.M.O.651.

28/1/16
29/1/16

Despd. 2241.
Recd. 0010.

Your A.M.51 of January 27th.

Cannot approve either the 46th or Indian Divisions and there is some risk in sending the untried 31st Division as it is essential that if a division goes at all it should consist of tried troops. Hope therefore you can arrange to send the 13th Division. It will probably not be required to go for at least two or three weeks from now and therefore should be well rested before it is again actively employed. I am aware that it has not yet all arrived in EGYPT. A telegram will be sent later regarding organisation and equipment.

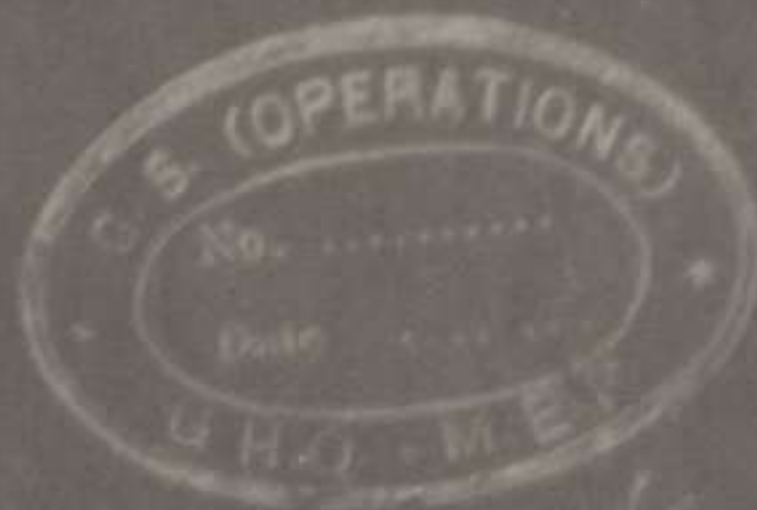
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PRIORITY.



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From:- CHIEF MEDFORCE.

To:- CHIEF WAR OFFICE.

A.M.54.

29/1/16.

Despd. 0910.

Your 12586.cipher.M.O.651.*

I will arrange for 13th Division to be held in readiness as desired. I ordered suspension of movement of 46th Division for 24 hours pending receipt of reply to my A.M.51 but no actual delay occurred as railways are already fully occupied with other important movements. I am now hurrying on embarkation of 46th Division as rapidly as possible.

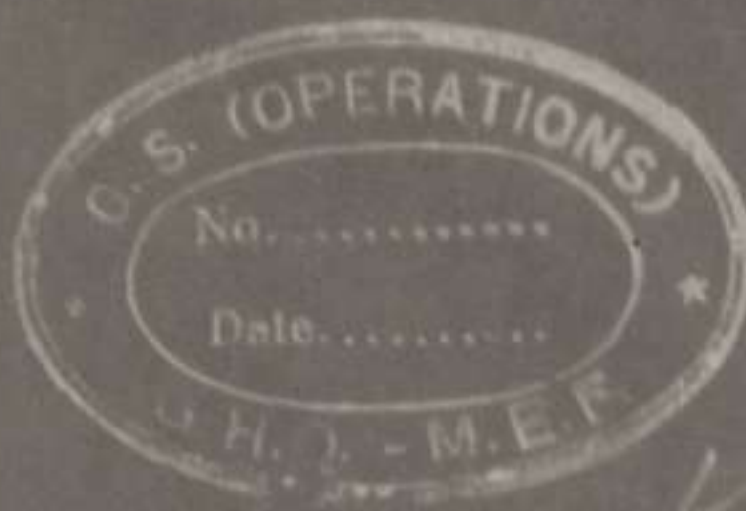
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"I".
E.-in-C.
M.G.,R.A.
D. A. S.

Filed G.S. 132.
G.S. 127.

NOTE. * This telegram asked for 13th Division to be prepared for despatch to MESOPOTAMIA.

Blair

SECRET



From:- A.H.Q. S.A.

To:- G. H. Q.

App B

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G.A.315.cipher.

28/1/16
29/1/16

Despd. 1955.
Recd. 0156.

W.O.11606.D.S.D. dated December 31st informed me that a Mounted Brigade less 3 Squadrons already here had been ordered from EGYPT. Can you say when they may be expected; owing to changes in distribution of Greek troops since destruction of STRUMA bridges, frontier N. of our line is now unguarded. The 6 Squadrons Yeomanry here are quite inadequate -

- (1) to carry out their normal duties as divisional cavalry along the frontier of 50 miles.
- (2) to police large area in rear of our line containing Greek, Bulgarian and Turkish villages of doubtful neutrality and
- (3) to watch Greek frontier from DOIRAN to SERRES as will now be necessary.

As previously reported cyclists practically useless in this country. Cyclist Companies have accordingly been formed into temporary battalion of Army Troops for employment in vicinity of town.

Copies to : "O".
C.-in-C.
C. G. S.
"A".

Filed G.S. Z/6.

~~CC~~ ~~WD~~ WD
Kp74 C
1/234
From:- CHIEF LONDON.
To:- CHIEF MEDFORCE.

12323.cipher.S.D.2.

28/1/18.
29/1/18.

Despd. 2205.
Recd. 0830.

My 12371.cipher of 22nd.

A representation has been received from Admiralty asking that ~~some~~ anti-aircraft guns should not be withdrawn from IMPROS. Hope you will be able to come to a suitable arrangement with Naval authorities pending arrival of the 38th Anti-Aircraft Section.

Copies to :

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C.-in-C.
C. G. S.

Q

6.1.56

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From CHIEF MEDFORCE.

To CHIEF LONDON.

A.M. 56 Cipher.

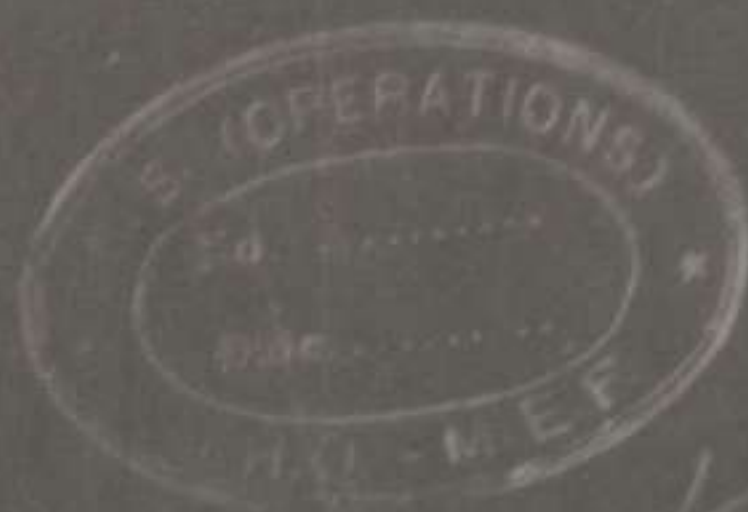
29/1/16

Desp. 1215.

Your 12623, S.D. 2. There are only 4 Anti-Aircraft Sections to divide between M.E.F. and SALONICA Force; of these the 32nd and 24th are at or on their way to SALONICA and I propose to allot the 30th and 38th to M.E.F. I cannot, therefore, afford Admiralty any Anti-Aircraft guns. I believe all ships of the Navy have now got guns for dealing with Aircraft and at no time has MUDROS had military anti-aircraft guns.

Copy to "O"
O.G.S.
M.G.R.A.
"A"

Filed G.S. /86.



Barbery

Approved



1/236

From V.A., HUDROS.
To CHIEF MEDFORCE.

28/1/16

Desp. 1245
Recd. 1615

Your cable Navy, Hudros, reference 6-inch gun, Mark VII on field mountings. There is some mistake and Naval 6-inch gun number 2110 E.O.C. was sent to S.N.O. ALEXANDRIA for storage only and is in charge of Navy. Have requested C.-in-C. East Indies to have guns forwarded at earliest opportunity.

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C.G.S.

M.G.R.A.

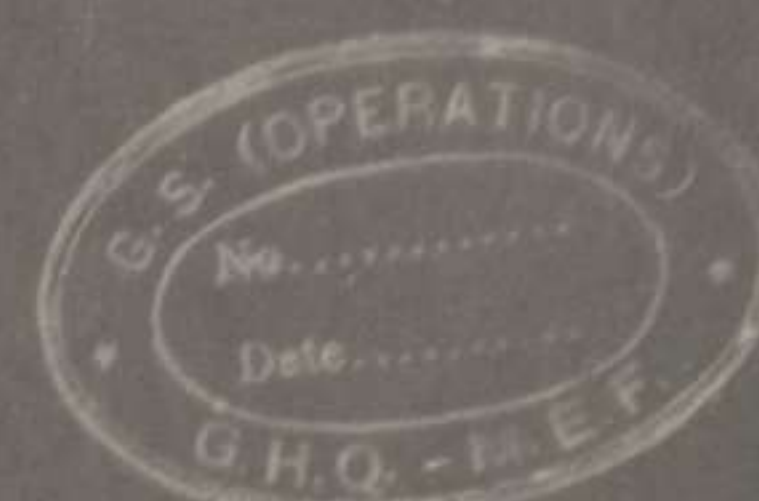
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(with request for his remarks)

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From CHIEF MEDFORCE.
To CHIEF LONDON.

A.M. 58 Cipher. 29/1/16 Desp. 2120.

Your 12577 Cipher, S.D. 2. Units of 3 dismounted
Brigades as follows. 1st Dismounted Brigade, 1st, 2nd
and 3rd Scottish Horse, Ayr Yeomanry, Lanark Yeomanry
with Scottish Horse Signal Troop, and Scottish Horse &
Lowland Field Ambulances. 2nd Dismounted Bde, Royal
Devon, North Devon, West Somerset and Fife and Forfar
Yeomanry, 1st and 2nd Lovats Scouts with South Western
Signal Troops. South Western & Highland Field Ambulances.
3rd Dismounted Brigade, Welsh Horse, Norfolk, Suffolk,
East Kent, West Kent and Sussex Yeomanry with South
Eastern Signal Troop and Field Ambulance.
This also answers your 12592 Cipher, M.O. 652 of 28/1/16.

Copy to "O"
C.-in-C.
C.G.S.
"A"
A.M.S.

Filed G.S. 129.
G.S. 10/1

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From CHIEF MEDFORCE.

To CHIEF LONDON.

A.M. 59 Cipher.

29/1/16

Desp. 2145.

Evening report. Air reconnaissance made east of BIR EL JIFJAFI today. Five bell tents seen in WADI EL HEGAILIB between points 1106 and 1124 and five more tents near JIFJAFI. Further east saw good road half mile west of MIRM EL HOSSAN which was however in unfinished state just east of that place.

No signs of workmen.

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C.-in-C.
C.G.S.
"I"

Filed Z/29.

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Ampt H.

29th January, 1918

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General Officer Commanding,

9th, ~~10th~~, and 15th Army Corps.

The Vice-Admiral Commanding-in-Chief, East Indies and Egypt, has asked if 12 officers could be sent to him for training as Observers in sea-planes.

His requirements are:-

Age not to exceed 30 years.

Height not to exceed 5' 10".

Weight not to exceed 11 stone.

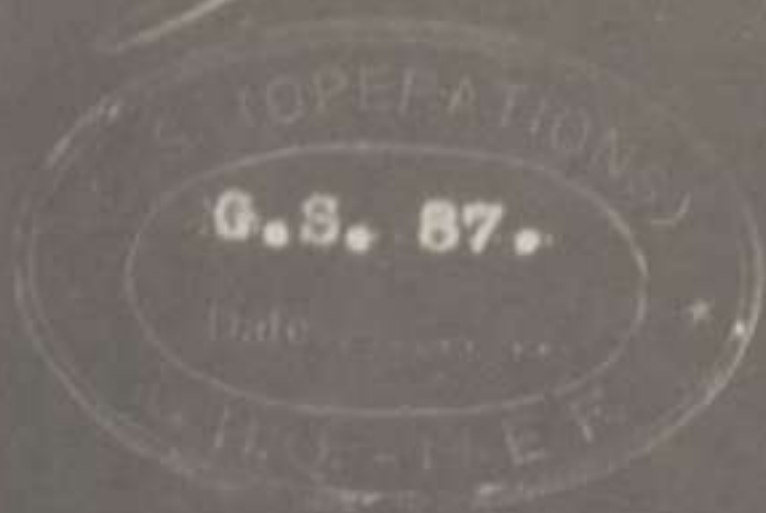
Officers recommended should have good eyesight, war experience; knowledge of military formations, camp, transport, mapwork, etc. They should not be disinclined for mechanical work and must be prepared to learn Morse, Wireless Telegraphy and Photography.

Please submit as early as possible names of officers recommended by you for this service.

(sd) A. Lynden Bell

Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

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Mypt J.

29th January, 1916

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General Officer Commanding,
8th Corps.
9th Corps.
15th Corps.
A.N.Z.A.C.

With reference to Tables of Musketry Courses,
forwarded with G.S. 87, dated 24th January, the
following amendments are made.

"Trained Soldier's Course" Practice 5, Remarks
Column - for 30 seconds substitute 1 minute.
Note 2 - "in practices 3 and 5 or 6 hits
in practice 7" should read "in practices 3 and 7
or 6 hits in practice 5".

(Sgd) A.B. Robertson

Major

for

Major General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

Don't Destroy

G.S. 130

Amx K



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28th January, 6

General Officer Commanding,
The Force in Egypt.

With reference to your letter No. I.G./0131 of 24th January, the system of ranging devised by M. Vincent Colovitch does not appear sufficiently practical and it is not considered that the results would be any improvement upon those obtained by the present service methods. The memorandum, however, is being kept unless you wish it to be returned to you.

(Sgd) G. P. Dawney
R. Col. C.
for General,
Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

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G.S. 104.



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1/24/16

27 January, 6

Officer Commanding,

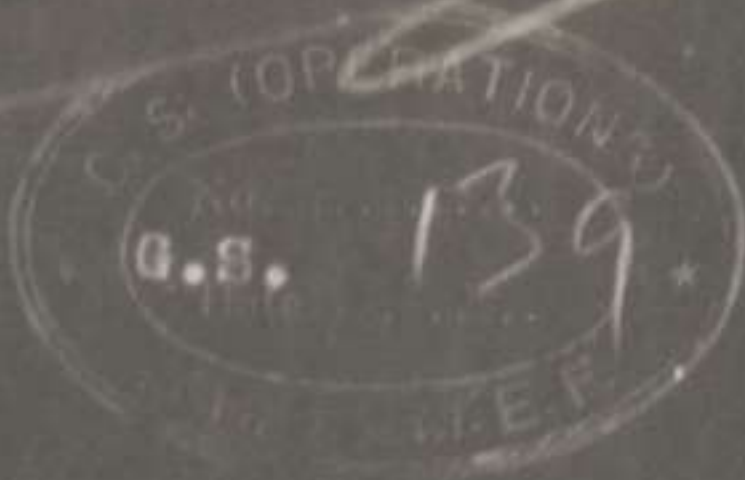
V Wing, Royal Flying Corps.

With reference to your letter No.17 dated
18th January, 1916, about a shed and offices at KANTARA,
a contract has been signed for the erection of the necessary
buildings under the supervision of the Director of Works,
SUEZ Canal. Instructions have also been issued to the
15th Corps for the construction of cook-houses and latrines.

(Sgd) D.V. Bernard Capt.

for
Lieut-Colonel,

G.S.



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Appt M.

29 January, 1916

Brig-General W. A. Watson, C.B., C.I.E.,
Commanding L. of C, Defences, ISMAILIA.

With reference to Force Order No. 5 of 27th January, paragraph 8, in accordance with instructions received from the War Office to-day the 1st Battalion, West India Regiment, is allotted to the Force in EGYPT instead of to the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force. It will therefore not form part of your command.

It is understood from your Order No. 1, a copy of which was received at this office to-day, that the above alteration will not necessitate a revision of the distribution of your troops.

(Sgd) G. P. Dawney
Lt. Col. G.S.

for
Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

G.S. 132.

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App N

29

January,

6

General Officer Commanding,

15th Army Corps.

In accordance with a telegram received from the War Office to-day it is possible that the 13th Division may be required to proceed at short notice to MESOPOTAMIA, though it is unlikely that this move will be begun, if finally decided on, for 2 or 3 weeks.

In these circumstances you should keep this Division, so far as possible, concentrated near PORT SAID, so as to facilitate its rest, re-organization and re-equipment. It is understood from your Corps Order No. 1 that it will not be widely distributed in the process of taking over the line as far South as kilometre 30 from the 31st Division. At present, in any case, the 13th Divisional Artillery should be kept concentrated.

In the event of orders being received for the movement of the 13th Division out of this Command, the 11th Division will revert to your Army Corps.

Further instructions will, if necessary, be issued regarding special equipment.

(Sgd) G. P. Dawkins Lt. Col. G.S.

for
Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

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Appx 0.
29th January, 1916
General Officer Commanding,
9th Army Corps
15th Army Corps.
a. n. z. a. b.

Twenty copies of the measures in force for working in conjunction with the Canal Company are enclosed.

The Commander-in-Chief desires that these instructions should be communicated to all troops on the Canal.

(sd) W. Gillman

Brig.-Gen.
General Staff,
Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

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MEMORANDUM OF THE MEASURES TAKEN BY THE SUEZ CANAL
COMPANY WITH THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES.

1. Canal Staff.

The Staff of the Canal Company, who have to move about on duty on the Canal banks, are provided with military passes stipulating the nature of the work on which they are employed.

2. Stoppage of Navigation.

Navigation is stopped every night in the SUEZ section between PORT TEWFIQ and GENEFFE.

Vessels must not enter this section after 3 p.m. and navigation does not recommence on the following morning until the Canal Company is informed from General Headquarters that the Canal is clear.

Besides the daily stoppage in the SUEZ section, navigation may be stopped in certain parts of the Canal especially when the presence of suspicious objects has been reported. The search for these objects is carried out by the military authorities.

In ordinary cases stoppages of navigation are ordered by the military authorities through the Canal Company who give the necessary orders to the ships concerned. In urgent cases the Canal Company may take the initiative, but will inform the military authorities of their action.

In cases of extreme urgency navigation can be stopped at any part of the Canal by the military authorities on the spot, either by waving a red flag in front of the vessel concerned or by shouting out verbal orders to stop at once and tie up.

The order to resume navigation is communicated to the ships by the Canal Company.

3. Work and Movement of Company's Floating Plant.

The Company's Plant - dredgers, pile-driving pontoons, floating pumps, etc., - carry passes issued by the military authority. These passes authorise the crews to land whenever the necessities of their work require it. (N.B. The pass is granted to the master of the vessel and not to each individual member of the crew.)

The Floating Plant of the Company moves freely up and down the Canal even when the transit of other vessels is suspended. Whenever the Company's vessels have to move by night by searchlight, notice is given to the military authorities.

The captain or master of each vessel of the Company must reply "Canal Company" when challenged by a sentry; on a second challenge he must stop his vessel at once and come alongside the bank to be identified. He must obey any instructions given him by the military authorities even if it involves interrupting the work on which he is engaged.

/Row-boats

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Row-boats belonging to the stations on the Canal or to ships of the Company must be tied up by night by a chain and the chain must be padlocked.

however in a row-boat
If a stationmaster has to go on the Canal at night, he must ask the nearest military post to provide him with an escort to accompany him and to answer all challenges by sentries and patrols.

In every case when row-boats move at night they must carry a lantern showing a white light all round. Should the occupants be challenged the procedure is the same as that laid down for larger vessels of the Company.

4. Bridges and Ferries.

The bridges and ferries on the Canal are exclusively under the control of the military authorities. No ferries are to cross, nor are bridges to be swung, in front of ships moving along the Canal. The pace at which large vessels move is deceptive, and it must be explained to all soldiers that it is not possible to stop these ships quickly.

The following hours are the most convenient for throwing bridges. Leave from G.H.Q. is not required for the use of bridges during these hours, but the head of the nearest Canal Station should be informed beforehand that the bridge will be required.

KANTARA.	0700 to 0830.	1500 to 1630.
BALLAH.	0700 to 0830.	1500 to 1630.
EL FERDAN.	0700 to 0830.	1500 to 1630.
FERRY POST.	0700 to 0800.	1200 to 1300. 1600 to 1700.
SERAPEUM.	0600 to 0700.	1130 to 1230. 1700 to 1800.
SHALLOUFA.	0600 to 0900.	
KUBRI.	0600 to 0900.	

Bridges can often be thrown at hours other than the above without impeding navigation. In this case the procedure should be as follows:-

The officer wishing to do so should communicate with the head of the nearest Canal Station. The latter will within 10 minutes tell him the most convenient hour for throwing the bridge. As much notice as possible should always be given.

Permanent detachments should be detailed for bridging work, in order that they may become expert at their duties.

5. Fishing Boats.

The movement of fishing boats along the Canal is forbidden except in the case of certain special boats, the masters of which have been given military passes.

6. Communication with the Canal Company.

The medium of communication with the Head Office of the SUEZ Canal Company is an officer specially detailed at G.H.Q. No correspondence is to be addressed direct to the Head Office, but must be referred through G.H.Q.

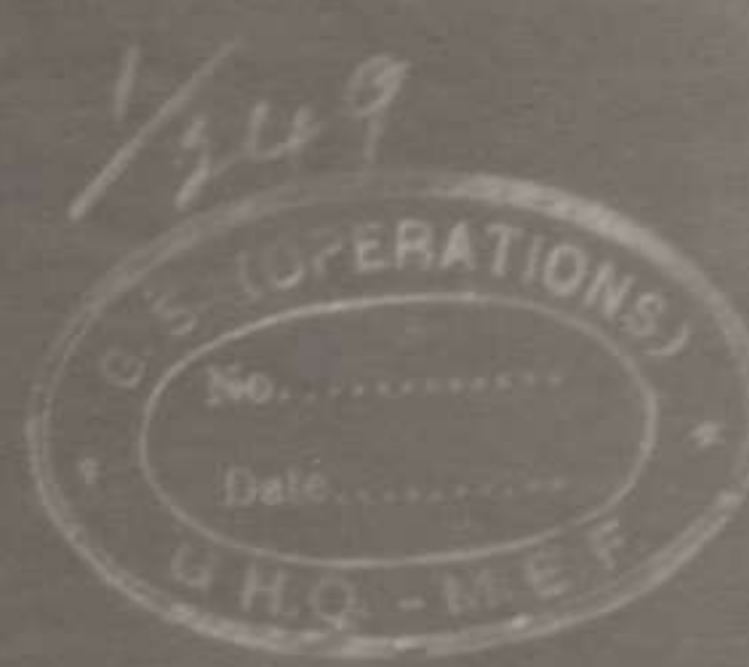
W. Gillman
for R. G. G.

General Headquarters.
January 30th, 1916.

Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

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Map A



From:- TROOPERS.

Addressed G.H.Q.
Repeated LEVBASE.

12654.cipher.Q.M.G.9.

29/1/16
30/1/16

Despd. 2200.
Recd. 0645.

Following received by ADMIRALTY from V.A. begins:

141. It is very desirable that the R.N.D. should be kept ready in all respects for immediate active service. Although their duties at present only consist in garrisoning the islands, they should be ready for contingencies which may arise. In view of this can arrangements be made with the War Office for the future supply of ordnance stores such as sand-bags, bombs and carriers, picks and shovels, rifles, grenades &c. I consider these stores could be more easily supplied if the G.O.C., R.N.D. had authority from War Office to draw on Levbase in the event of his division becoming engaged in active operations. Stores are of such a character that the Navy are unable to supply without special purchase. ends.

No objection here to this proposal provided that only stores certified as really necessary are supplied. Perhaps you can settle with him direct and wire results.

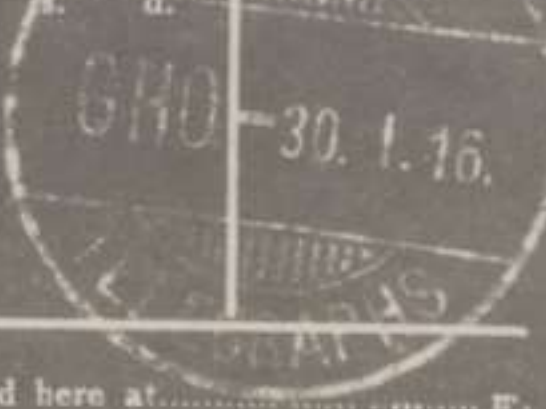
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Take their place and they also
furnish the only horses on
which officers of 42nd Division
and Corps staff can visit
admiral's place. These troops
now patrol sweet water canal
and railway to a point
five miles west of
Shallufa and are at disposal
of the commander of the
area. General Station according to
his orders requires lancers chiefly
to take the patrol and

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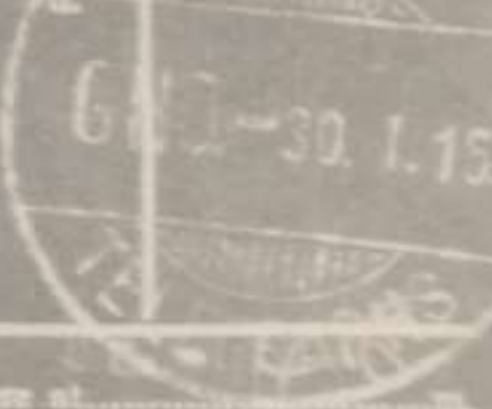
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See my for 105 and 9th 106
are just obligatory only can
they be on return this
evening when my staff officer
telephoned and I told that
the removal of PATIALA lancers
from EAST of canal may
be recommended and they are
performing valuable work in
fronts and patrols and are
an example to my 9th 228
of the way the mounted troops

FROM

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TIME

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guards from 22nd Engineers who
were to have been to
Pier at once and were
not until we were
at 22nd Engineers has been
temporarily postponed and they will
not reach here as far
as can be seen until
as late as 12th
So what for is being in
from them and I hope
if also be postponed

FROM	406 9th Corps
PLACE	
TIME	2030

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Myssore Jagers informs me that
Orders have been received from
Gob Loff Defence to march
from Kantara on Tuesday a/c
It will not be advisable
to move the whole regiment
until replaced by mounted Division
aaa suggest that one squadron
be ordered to remain at
KANTARA and one at FERDAN
until I can relieve them at
end of this week

FROM.....	15 forps 2015
PLACE.....	
TIME.....	

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App+C 30th January, 1916

General Officer Commanding,

9th Army Corps.

In reply to your G.S. 795 of the 22nd inst.
which reached General Headquarters on the 27th inst.,
the Commander-in-Chief does not propose to raise this
question with the home authorities at present, and
therefore the whole matter must remain in abeyance.

(sd) A Lynden Bell

Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

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30th January, 1916

Administrative Commandant,

ISMAILIA.

The M.E.F. Machine Gun School will shortly commence work at its new location "ISMAILIA". Please treat this School with special consideration, and give it every facility to carry out its important duties.

It is essential that it should not be cramped for room, and I hope therefore you will be able to arrange that other troops are not camped too close to it.

As much shooting will be carried on, care will have to be exercised that the danger area is not encroached upon.

(sd) A. Lynden Bell

Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

G.S. Z/8.

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1/55

Appx E.

30th January, 1918

General Officer Commanding,
15th Army Corps.
9th Army Corps.
A. & N.Z. A. C.

Publications as per attached list have been
forwarded to you this day under separate cover.

Please acknowledge receipt.

(cd) A.B. Robertson
Major

for
Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

15th ARMY CORPS.

No. of Copies.

1. German instructions regarding the steps to be taken to strengthen their position.
Copies Nos. 48 - 54. 7.
 2. Minenwerfer. Copies Nos. 83 - 89. 7.
 3. Notes compiled by the Experiments Committee (2nd Series)
Copies Nos. 108 - 152. 45.
 4. Report on experimental firing with 18-pdr. Shrapnel and H.E. at Calais. Copies Nos. 342 - 411. 70.
 5. Instructions relative to the conduct of the Artillery in the Corps Sectors.
Copies Nos. 69 - 75. 7.
 6. Instructions regarding the construction of trenches and shelters. Copies No. 30 - 36. 7.
 7. Notes on combating Poisonous Gases. 30.
 8. Notes on Signal Communication within a Division when holding a Defensive Line. 126.
 9. No. 16. Notes on Field Defences. 22.
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9th ARMY CORPS.

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1. German instructions regarding the steps to be taken to strengthen their position.
Copies Nos. 31 - 38. 8.
2. Minenwerfer. Copies Nos. 66 - 73. 8.
3. Notes compiled by the Experiments Committee (2nd Series)
Copies Nos. 203 - 256. 54.
4. Report on experimental firing with 18-pdr. Shrapnel and H.E. at Calais. Copies Nos. 492 - 560. 69.
5. Instructions relative to the conduct of the artillery in the Corps Sectors.
Copies Nos. 52 - 59. 8.
6. Instructions regarding the construction of trenches and shelters. Copies Nos. 46 - 53. 8.
7. Notes on combating Poisonous Gases. 40.
8. Notes on Signal Communication within a Division when holding a Defensive Line. 126.
9. No. 16. Notes on Field Defences. 22.

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A.N.Z.A.C.

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Copies Nos. 39 - 47. 9.
 2. Minenwerfer. Copies Nos. 74 - 82. 9.
 3. Notes compiled by the Experiments Committee (2nd Series)
Copies Nos. 153 - 202 50.
 4. Report on experimental firing with 18-pdr. shrapnel and H.E. at Calais. Copies Nos. 412 - 491 80.
 5. Instructions relative to the conduct of the Artillery in the Corps Sectors.
Copies Nos. 60 - 68. 9.
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G.S.Z/33.

W.D.
Hypert F
SECRET
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HIS EXCELLENCY,
THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
in EGYPT.

30
29th January, 1916.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that Messrs. T. Cook & Sons possess a magazine for the storage of explosives at ATAQA, 7 miles West of PORT TEWFIQ.

These explosives arrive at SUEZ periodically from CAIRO and ALEXANDRIA and there appears to be no effective arrangement for safeguarding them during transit, so as to prevent any portion falling into wrong hands.

The magazine is dangerously close to the railway system and to the Canal. The guard over it consists of four non-commissioned officers and ten men furnished by the Coast Guard Administration, and is insufficient either to prevent the unauthorised removal of explosives or to place a check on purchasers.

As the distance of this magazine from SUEZ makes it inconvenient to send a guard of Europeans or of Indians to it, I beg to recommend that Messrs. Cook & Sons be requested to move it to a more suitable locality.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(s) A. J. Murray

General,
Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

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PRIORITY.

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From

Handwritten: Appx A

G.H.Q.

Handwritten: 1/260

To

9th Corps.

OAB 33.

31/1/16.

Desp.

In reply to No. G.P.30.

Trying to make arrangements relieve PATIALA
Lancers by sending one regiment 4th Mounted Brigade.
When would you like regiment sent; meanwhile keep
Patiala Lancers AAA When will you be ready for
remainder Brigade, where do you wish Brigade sent.
L. of C. Defences informed.

Copies to O.
Q.

File G.S. Z.34.

War
PRIORITY.

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OPERATIONS

1/261

From

G.H.Q.

To

15th Corps.

OAB. 34.

31/1/16

Desp.

In reply to G.15.

Mysore Lancers are not to move until replaced
by part 1st Mounted Brigade, but relief should be
arranged very earliest possible AAA L. of C,
Defences has been informed of this.

Copies to O.
Q.

File G.S. 7.34.

SECRET

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PRIORITY.



From

G.H.Q.

To

L. of C. Defences.

OAB 35.

31/1/16

Desp. 1010.

Trying to make arrangements relieve Patiala and Mysore Lancers by parts of 4th and 1st Mounted Brigades respectively AAA Meanwhile these regiments must remain where they are for present AAA Move of 33rd Punjabis may also be postponed till further orders.

Copies to O.
Q.

File G.S. Z.34.

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"C" Form (Triplicate).
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TO

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Day of Month.

In reply to Number.

AAA

from 62533 to 10th Division
Cairo to El KUBRI for
10th Division to EL KUBRI for
SHALLUF for attachment to 42nd
Division. 10th Division two
squadrons to EL KUBRI for
attachment to 10th Division. 2nd Division
will be ready for remainder
of 10th Division. 2nd Division
8th Division.

FROM

PLACE

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From CHIEF MEDFORCE.

To CHIEF LONDON.

A.M. 61. Cipher.

31/1/16

Desp. 1110

I am receiving constant demands from V. A. for equipment and stores required by the R.N.D. at MUDROS. I am naturally anxious to help him in any way I can but I wish to make it quite clear that I cannot equip the R.N.D. with all it requires to enable it to take the field as a whole formation without seriously interfering with the re-equipment of the M.E.F. I intend, therefore, to give precedence to M.E.F. and to hand over to the R.N.D. only such equipment as I can spare. I should be obliged if you would ask the Admiralty to make this clear to V.A.

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1 " " D.Q.M.G.
1 " " V.A., E.M.S.

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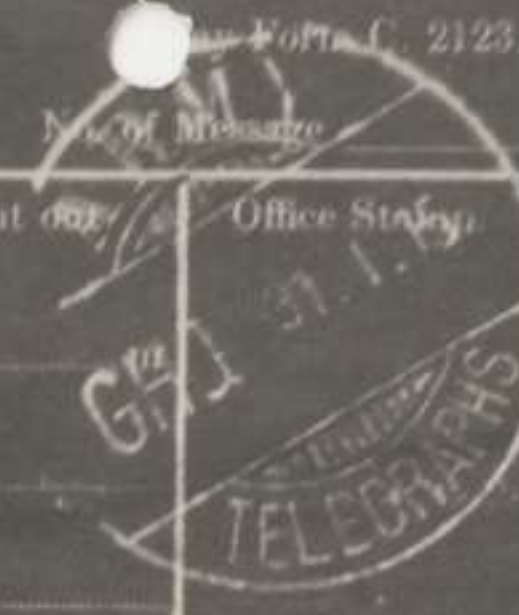
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From: A.H.Q. SALONIKA.

To:- G. H. Q.

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31/1/16.

Despd. 1310.
Recd. 1900.

Reference A.M.37 January 21st. Summary of R.E.
work is as follows. Defences good, supplies material just sufficient. Roads satisfactory, much more to be done. Railways, both ordinary and light, not progressing as quickly as desired from difficulty in obtaining Decauville material. Hospital proceeding slowly as well as hutting and accessories in rearward areas. Water supply satisfactory. Work on new piers proceeding.

Copies to "O".
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E.-in-C.
"Q".
"A".

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Appt E.



From General Horne, 15th CORPS.

To C.G.S., G.H.Q.

G.15

31/1/16.

Desp. 1935.
Recd. 1940.

As arranged with you on telephone I have ordered G.O.C.
at EL FERDAN to detain 116 railway company pending further
orders. Will you please confirm this so as to prevent
confusion.

1 copy to "O"
1 " "Q"
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1 " E.-in-C.
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To CHIEF LONDON.

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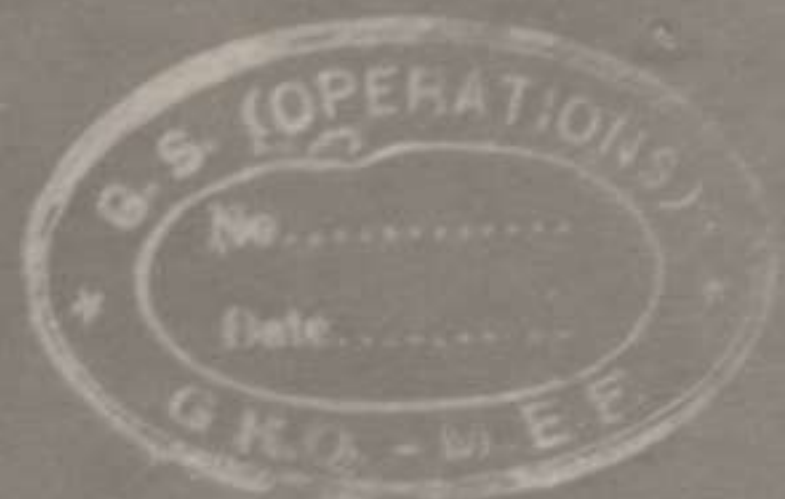
Desp. 2000.

Evening report. Seaplane reconnaissance reports railhead still at BIR SABA though railway embankment continues towards EL AUJA, also about one division in tents round BIR SABA and extensive entrenchments being made on GAZA to BIR SABA road. Agents report from the LEBANON states important troop movements southwards now proceeding.

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Appt G.



From:- A.H.Q. SALONIKA.

To:- G.H.Q. MEDFORCE.

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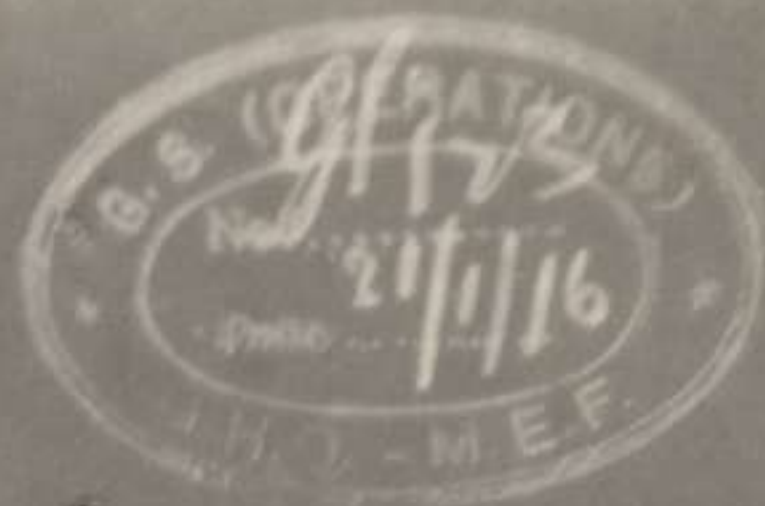
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Your telegram O.B.158. 117th Railway Company busily employed on railway extensions absolutely necessary for supply purposes. Extensions and Decauville arranged in conjunction with French in order to simplify present congestion at quays and on roads. Removal of railway company will disorganise our arrangements and complicate supply besides upsetting agreement with French arrived at ~~after~~ after consultation with General Castelnau. Moreover my Q.A.316 explained possibility of taking over the railways altogether. This is quite probable and company will be necessary to work line. The one labour company here is also required for railway construction work on which it is now employed.

2 copies to "Q".
1 copy to "O".
1 copy to C.G.S.
1 copy to "A".

Filed G.S. 81.

Dear Henry



Appx H.

1/270

D.Q.M.G.

Our minimum requirements are 25,000 camels delivered and equipped by 1st March 1916. If it is possible we should like this number to be increased to 30,000 by that date.

Our total requirements are 50,000 camels delivered and equipped by 1st June 1916.

(sd) W. S. S. S.

31/1/16.

B.G., G.S.

WD
G.S. Z/34.

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January, 6

General Officer Commanding,

A. & N.Z. Army Corps.

1. With reference to your S.42/3/1 (G.A.) of 28th January.

The general principles and strategical considerations upon which the Commander-in-Chief desires the defence of the Suez Canal to be conducted are at the moment being definitely formulated by a joint Naval and Military Conference assembled on the arrival of the new Vice-Admiral Commanding-in-Chief East Indies. Instructions in this regard will be issued in due course to all concerned.

2. The information required in answer to my G.S. Z/34, of January 27th, is merely a statement showing -

- (a) What special arrangements you propose and what special requirements you may find necessary with a view to a local concentration of troops to meet an attack made on any portion of the section allotted to your Army Corps.
- (b) Your arrangements and requirements to enable your Corps Troops to be rapidly moved up for local counter-attack or for defence.
- (c) Your arrangements and requirements to enable your Reserve Division to be rapidly moved to any portion of your line.

3. With regard to your specific questions as to system of supply, camel transport and Mounted Brigade transport respectively -

- (a) Advanced Supply Depots are being established at FERRY POST and SERAPEUM, each to hold about 7 days for one Division. These will be under Senior Supply Officers of Divisions, each assisted by two Depot Units of Supply. All supply arrangements in advance of rail-head, or barge on the Canal, are in the hands of Corps Commanders.

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- (b) It is anticipated that, by about the 8th February, there will be 2,000 camels at ISMAILIA at your disposal; but on their arrival the 800 now at FERRY POST and SERAPEUM will be withdrawn to rejoin their Companies with the 9th and 15th Corps.
- (c) Indian pack mules will be available at ISMAILIA, of which a number, probably less than 1,000 in any case, could be placed at your disposal. If you will forward a statement of your requirements, the question will be taken up as to how far they can be met.

Gay H. Lynden Bell

Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

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Major K.

31st January 1918

General Officer Commanding,
A. & N. Z. Army Corps.

With reference to C.R.No. 7/5/2 G.B. of 18th January, two 4.7" guns previously asked for for training purposes and also two 6" howitzers which are available, can be lent to the Divisional Ammunition Columns of the Corps under your command for training purposes in accordance with your request.

These guns will be lent for the purpose of training detachments only, and no change in the organization of the Divisional Ammunition Columns is sanctioned by this. You should inform this office where you wish the guns to be sent, and arrangements will be made to bring them up as soon as possible.

(sd) A. Lynden Bell

Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

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Appx L.
31st January, 1916

General Officer Commanding,
9th Army Corps.

In reply to your G.S.801 of the 28th instant, the names of positions and posts proposed by General Officer Commanding 10th Indian Division, are approved. The two sheets of the map which you forwarded are being retained in order that a hectograph sheet, showing all the positions and posts along our front, may be circulated as soon as the 1/100,000 map, which is being prepared, has been issued.

Local names approved should not be used in official correspondence until after their publication in Force Orders.

(sd) A. Lynden Bell

Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

31st Jan. 1916

Dear Sir,

I beg to remain,

Yours sincerely,

Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

M. le Capitaine Beret,
Suez Canal Company.

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Appt N.

31st January, 1916

General Officer Commanding,
A. & N.Z. Army Corps.

With reference to your C.R. 74/4 Qa, dated 27th January, it has been decided, with a view to expediting the re-organisation of the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force, that the scales laid down in War Establishments, Part VII are to be adhered to in equipping Divisional Artillery of the Corps under your Command.

(sa) G. P. Dawson Lt Col
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for
Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

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FORCE ORDER No. 1.

by

Lieut. Gen. Sir Archibald Murray, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., C.V.O., D.S.O.
Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS.

12th January, 1916.

The formations of the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force in Egypt will be reconstituted and located as follows: -

Commander-in-Chief. Lt. Gen. Sir Archibald Murray, K.C.B.,
K.C.M.G., C.V.O., D.S.O.

General Headquarters - ISMAILIA (temporarily CAIRO).

No. 1 SECTION.

9th Army Corps.

G.O.C. - Lt. Gen. Hon. Sir Julian Byng, K.C.M.G., C.V.O., C.B.

Headquarters - SUEZ.

29th Division. }
46th Division. } SUEZ to KABRIT both inclusive.
10th Indian Division. }

Corps Troops - H. Z. Mounted Rifle Brigade (temporarily
attached from A. & H. Z. Mounted Division).

No. 2 SECTION.

A. & H. Z. Army Corps.

G.O.C. - Lt. Gen. Sir W.R. Birdwood, K.C.S.I., K.C.M.G., C.B., C.I.E.,
D.S.O.

(Temp: Lt. Gen. Sir A.J. Godley, K.C.M.G., C.B.)

Headquarters - ISMAILIA.

1st Australian Division. }
2nd Australian Division. } KABRIT to EL FERDAN both
H. Z. & A. Division. } exclusive.

Corps Troops - A. & H. Z. Mounted Division (less H. Z. Mounted
Rifle Brigade temporarily detached).

G.O.C. - Maj. Gen. Sir A. H. Russell, K.C.M.G.

Headquarters (when concentrated) - BELBEIS.

2nd Australian Light Horse Brigade.
3rd Australian Light Horse Brigade.

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No. 3 SECTION

15th Army Corps

G.O.C. - Lieut. General H. S. Horno, C.B.

Headquarters - PORT SAID.

11th Division. }
13th Division. } EL FERDAN to PORT SAID both inclusive.
31st Division. }

Corps Troops - 2nd Mounted Division.

G.O.C. - Major-General W. E. Peyton, C.V.O., C.B., D.S.O.

Headquarters - EL SALHIA (temporarily).

1st Mounted Brigade.
4th Mounted Brigade.

8th Army Corps.

G.O.C. - Lieut. General Sir F. J. Davies, K.C.B.

Headquarters - TEL-EL-KEBIR (when concentrated).

42nd Division.
52nd Division.

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No. 20. 15th Corps.
No. 21. A. & H.Z. A.C.
No. 22. A. & H.Z. Mtd. Divn.
No. 23. 2nd Mtd. Divn.
No. 24. I. G. C.
No. 25. G.O.C., Force in Egypt.
No. 26. G.O.C., Dardanelles Army.

W. G. S. for

Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

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FORCE ORDER No. 2.

by

Lieut. Gen. Sir Archibald Murray, K.C.B., K.C.H.G., C.V.O., D.S.O.

Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS.

13th January, 1916.

The following amendments are made to FORCE ORDER No. 1
dated 12th January, 1916.

No. 1 SECTION.

9th Army Corps.

Corps Troops - 2nd Australian Light Horse Brigade (temporarily
attached from A. & N. Z. Mounted Division).

No. 2 SECTION.

A. & N. Z. Army Corps.

Corps Troops - A. & N. Z. Mounted Division (less 2nd Australian
Light Horse Brigade temporarily detached).

G.O.C. - Major-General Sir A. H. Russell, K.C.H.G.

Headquarters (when concentrated) - BELBEIS.

3rd Australian Light Horse Brigade.
New Zealand Mounted Rifle Brigade.

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Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

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27. G.O.C., Force in Egypt.
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FORCE ORDER No. 3.

by

GENERAL SIR ARCHIBALD MURRAY, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., C.V.O., D.S.O.

Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS.

19th January, 1918.

1. For the purposes of Command and military administration the provinces of SHARKIA and SINAI form the zone allotted to the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

2. The following troops are transferred from to-day from the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force to the Force in Egypt :-

2nd Mounted Division (less 1st, 3rd and 4th Mounted
Brigades, "B" Battery H.A.C. & H.Q., R.E.)
1/1st North Midland Mounted Brigade.
53rd Division.
54th Division.
2/1st City of London Regt. } (forming the 2/1st London
2/2nd " " " " } Infantry Brigade, less
2/3rd " " " " } Brigade Headquarters).
2/4th " " " " }
17th Motor Machine Gun Battery.
Nos. 2 and 3 Squadrons R.M.A.S. (armoured motor cars).

3. For the present the following troops of the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force will remain temporarily attached to the Force in Egypt, to be withdrawn or relieved as the case may be, under arrangements to be made later :-

1st Australian Light Horse Brigade.
Composite Australian Signal Section (C.F.F.)
Detachment 1st Australian Divisional Train.
1 Squadron Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry.
1 Squadron Surrey Yeomanry.
1 Squadron Royal Naval Armoured Car Division.
Detachment Royal Flying Corps.

4. All reserve troops and Depot formations, exclusive of those in the area allotted to the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force are temporarily attached to and administered by the Force in Egypt.

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5. The attached distribution of the Force in Egypt is published for information. Subject to such alterations as are necessitated by paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Order, all troops not included in this distribution form part of the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

Alexander Bell

Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

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29. G.O.C., 54th Division.
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WESTERN FRONTIER FORCE.

1. Composite Mounted Brigade.

Berks Yeomanry	}	2nd Mounted Brigade.
Bucks Hussars		
Dorset Yeomanry		
Herts Yeomanry	}	I.Y. Brigade.
City of London Yeo.		
Herts Battery R.H.A. and Ammunition Column.		
Composite Signal Troop.		
1st S. Midland Mounted Brigade Field Ambulance.		
"B" Mobile Veterinary Section.		
Supply detachment A.S.C.		
also temporarily		
1 Squadron Surrey Yeomanry	}	from M.E.F.
1 Squadron D.L.O. Yeomanry		

2. "A" Battery H.A.C.

3. Composite Signal Section (Australian). (temporarily from M.E.F.)

4. Composite Infantry Brigade.

1/3th Royal Scots (T.F.)
2/7th Middlesex Regt. (T.F.)
2/8th Middlesex Regt. (T.F.)
15th (Ludhiana) Sikhs (I.E.F. "E")
Composite Signal Section.
Kotts & Derby Mounted Brigade Field Ambulance.
Detachment 137th Indian Field Ambulance.
Supply detachment A.S.C.

5. 1st Battalion New Zealand Rifle Brigade (under orders to be relieved for return to M.E.F.)

6. Two Depot units of supply.

7. Detachment 1st Australian Divisional Train (temporarily from M.E.F.)

8. Attached Troops.

One Squadron R.N.A.C. Division.
1/2 Coy. R.N.A. 4-in. Q.F. Coy.
Detachment R.E. Postal Service.
" R.E. Signal Service (wireless)
" Military Works Dept. E.A.
" 14th Squadron 5th Wing, R.F.C.
" Coastguard Administration.

9. Line of Communication Defence Troops.

131st Brigade, 54th Division.
No. 1 Armoured Train.
No. 2 Armoured Train.

/WADI EASTERN FORCE.

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WADI NATRUN FORCE.

150th Brigade, 53rd Division.
3rd Regiment, 1st Brigade, Australian Light Horse.
No. 1 Squadron E. A. Cavalry.
Detachment, Bikanir Camel Corps.
Machine Gun Section (Camel) Egyptian Army.
1st Australian Light Horse Brigade Field Ambulance.

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BENI SALAMA.

53rd Division.
1st Australian Light Horse Brigade (less 3rd Regiment WADI NATRUN).
London (Infantry) Brigade -
 1/1st London Regiment.
 1/2nd London Regiment.
 1/3rd London Regiment.
 1/4th London Regiment.
"C" Company, 1st Camel Transport Corps.

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FAYUM FORCE.

1/1st North Midland Mounted Brigade -
 1/1st Staffordshire Yeomanry.
 1/1st Lincolnshire Yeomanry.
 1/1st East Riding Yorks Yeomanry.
 Berks Battery R.H.A.
 1/1st North Midland Mounted Brigade Signal Troop.
 1/1st North Midland Mounted Brigade Field Ambulance.
 Mobile Veterinary Section.
2/5th Bn. Devonshire Regiment.

Attached - Detachment 14th Squadron 5th Wing R.F.C.

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ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.

92nd Company R.G.A.
54th Division.
South African Brigade.
Garrison Battalions.

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CAIRO DISTRICT.

Garrison Battalions.
Camel Corps (when raised).
Training School, ZEITOUN.

Alfred Bell

Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

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FORCE ORDER NO. 4.

by

General Sir Archibald Murray, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., C.V.O., D.S.O.
Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS,

19th January, 1916.

1. In order to expedite to the utmost the preparation of the first line of the Canal Defences, General Officers Commanding 9th, Australian & New Zealand, and 15th Army Corps will arrange to push forward the necessary troops up to the first line, beginning on the 23rd January, 1916.

They will make arrangements direct with Major-General Sir H.V. Cox, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.S.I., i/c Communications, Canal Defences, with regard to the numbers of men and animals to be sent forward. It is anticipated that it will be possible by the 23rd January for each Corps to push out at least two infantry brigades, with a proportion of artillery and the necessary Royal Engineer units, and to maintain these troops in the forward positions.

2. The movement above ordered will be regulated so that troops are not sent forward unless and until sufficient tools and revetting material are available to enable them to start work on the first line defences immediately.

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3. G.H.Q. will move to ISMAILIA on Saturday, 22nd January 1916. The office at CAIRO will close at 8 p.m. and open at ISMAILIA at the same hour.

Alfred Bell

Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

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FORCE ORDER No. 5.

by

General Sir Archibald Murray, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., C.V.O., D.S.O.

Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS.

27th January, 1916.

1. The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief has taken over the direct command of the Suez Canal Defences from this date.

All communications hitherto addressed to the General Officer Commanding Canal Defences, will in future be addressed General Headquarters, Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

2. Limits of Sections. The Suez Canal Defences are divided into three sections, as follows :- (Reference Map Sinai Peninsula, 1 : 125,000.)

No. 1 Section. From SUEZ inclusive to a line starting from 1 mile North of the coal depot opposite KABRIT and running North-East, immediately South of point 370 S.E. of KITIB EL HABASHI.

No. 2 Section. From the northern boundary of No. 1 Section to a line starting from the Canal at a point $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles South of EL FERDAN and running East immediately North of point 290.

No. 3 Section. From the northern boundary of No. 2 Section to PORT SAID inclusive.

No. 1 Section will be allotted to the 9th Army Corps, No. 2 Section to the A. & N. Z. Army Corps, and No. 3 Section to the 15th Army Corps.

Notification will immediately be made to General Headquarters of any sub-division of sections of the lines of defence which may be made by General Officers Commanding Army Corps.

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3. Troops allotted to the Suez Canal Defences will be redistributed as follows : -

<u>9th Army Corps.</u>	11th Division.	29th Division.
	42nd Division.	10th Indian Division.

Corps Troops - 4th Mounted Brigade.
2nd and 3rd Dismounted Brigades.

<u>A. & N.Z. Army Corps.</u>	1st Australian Division.
	2nd Australian Division.
	New Zealand & Australian Division.

Corps Troops - A. & N.Z. Mounted Division.

<u>15th Army Corps.</u>	13th Division.	31st Division.
	52nd Division.	

Corps Troops - 1st Mounted Brigade.
1st Dismounted Brigade.

The above dispositions will necessitate a redistribution of the artillery, as detailed in the Appendix to this Order.

4. One Division of each Army Corps will be retained in reserve, in positions West of the Canal to be selected by the Corps Commanders. These Divisions will be a reserve at the disposal of the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, and will not be employed without reference to General Headquarters.

5. The easternmost line of defence will in future be referred to as the Front Line. The Lines of Defence along the Canal will be referred to as the Inner Line. Defences prepared between these two will be referred to as the Intermediate Line.

6. Adequate provision must be made for occupying the Inner Line of Defence along the Canal until such time as the forward defensive lines are completed, so as to ensure that evilly-disposed persons are prevented from reaching the Canal Bank by day or by night.

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7. General Officers Commanding, 9th, A. & H.Z., and 15th Army Corps will arrange for the construction of bridge-heads, each to be capable of occupation by a force of approximately two battalions and one battery, on the eastern bank of the Canal at each bridge. These bridge-heads are to be completed in every detail, such as overhead-cover, wire entanglements, communication trenches, etc., and all works and accessories are to be kept in a thorough state of repair. Arrangements should be made for housing the garrisons of these bridge heads in mat-shed huts within the perimeter. As many as possible of the troops of the garrisons will remain encamped outside the perimeter until the occupation of the works becomes necessary. They will also arrange to have three bridges available for the passage of troops at each of these points.

8. Brig-General W. A. Watson, C.B., C.I.E., whose Headquarters will be at ISMAILIA, will be responsible for the protection of the railway from ZAGAZIG to ISMAILIA, and also the railway PORT SAID - ISMAILIA - SUEZ, and of the Sweet Water Canal from ZAGAZIG to ISMAILIA and along the Canal. For this purpose the following troops are placed under his command as Officer Commanding, Lines of Communication Defences.

Imperial Service Cavalry Brigade.
1st Battalion West India Regiment.
19th Garrison Battalion, The Rifle Brigade.

Brig-General Watson will act as Administrative Commandant of ISMAILIA district (exclusive of ELASCAR and inclusive of ZAGAZIG).

9. General Officers Commanding, 9th, A. & H.Z., and 15th Army Corps, will collect reports every morning from the various military and other posts on the Canal in their sections, stating whether the Canal is all clear or otherwise. This will be done in time to enable a similar telegraphic report, marked priority, which will be rendered by the Army Corps concerned, to reach General Headquarters by 8 a.m. daily.

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The following are the Military Posts on the Canal which report to Headquarters of Sections : -

No. 1 Section. (Headquarters, PORT TIEFIK (SUEZ)).

EL SHATT, BALUCHISTAN POST, KUBRI, GURKHA POST, SHALOUFFA, GENEFFE, KABRIT.

No. 2 Section. (Headquarters, ISMAILIA). DEVERSOIR, SERAPEUM, TOUSSUN, FERRY POST, BENCH MARK, and in addition Hopper 35.

No. 3 Section. (Headquarters, PORT SAID). EL FERDAH, BALLAH, KANTARA, THE SPIT, EL OAP, TINAH, RAS-EL-ESH, and in addition SALT Works.

10. General Officer Commanding, 9th Army Corps, will withdraw as soon as possible, by direct arrangement with other Commanders concerned, all Indian Infantry in the Canal Zone to SUEZ.

Alfred Bell

Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

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26. G.O.C. L. of C. Defences.
27. War Diary.

NEW ALLOTMENT OF ARTILLERY TO CORPS, NECESSITATED BY REDISTRIBUTION OF DIVISIONS.

Left Section.

15th Corps.

Centre Section.

Anzac Corps.

Right Section.

9th Corps.

- (1) 13th Division.
- (2) 31st Division.
- (3) 52nd Division.

- (1) 1st Australian Division.
- (2) 2nd Australian Division.
- (3) N.Z. & A. Division.

- (1) 10th Indian Division.
- (2) 11th Division.
- (3) 29th Division.
- (4) 42nd Division.

Divisional Artillery.

- (1) 55th Brigade, (13) 18 prs.
- 56th " (13) 18 prs.
- 66th " (13) 18 prs.
- $\frac{1}{2}$ 69th " (8) 5" Hows.
- (2) 135th " (13) 18 prs.
- 139th " (13) 18 prs.
- 170th " (13) 18 prs.
- 171st " (13) 4.5" Hows.
- (3) $\frac{1}{2}$ Lowland Bde (12) 18 prs.
- $\frac{1}{4}$ " (8) 5" Hows.

Divisional Artillery.

- (1) 1st Australian Bde, (12) 18 prs.
- 2nd " (12) 18 prs.
- 3rd " (12) 18 prs.
- (2) 4th " (12) 18 prs.
- 5th " (12) 18 prs.
- 6th " (12) 18 prs.
- (3) 1st N.Z. (8) 18 prs.
- 2nd N.Z. (4) 4.5" Hows.
- (4) 4.5" Hows. (8) 18 prs.
- (4) 4.5" Hows.

Divisional Artillery.

- (1) Fil.
- (2) 58th Brigade, (13) 18 prs.
- 59th " (13) 18 prs.
- 60th " (13) 18 prs.
- $\frac{1}{2}$ 69th " (8) 5" Hows.
- (3) 15th R.H.A. " (12) 18 prs.
- 17th R.F.A. " (12) 18 prs.
- 147th " (12) 18 prs.
- 430th Battery (4) 4.5" Hows.
- (4) $\frac{1}{1}$ E.Lancs Bde (12) 18 prs.
- $\frac{1}{2}$ " " (12) 18 prs.
- $\frac{1}{3}$ " " (12) 18 prs.
- $\frac{1}{4}$ " " (8) 5" Hows.

Corps Artillery.

- 15th Hy Battery (4) 60 prs.
- 30th Bde R.F.A. (10th " (4) 60 prs.
- (91st " (4) 60 prs.
- 24th (17th Sgo Bty (4) 6" H ws.
- Siege Bde. (42nd " (2) 9.2" H "
- (43rd " "
- 1 Sec. (2) 6" VII.
- Naval Howitzer, (1) 15" How.

Corps Artillery.

- 35th (25th Hy Bty. (4) 60 prs.
- Bde, (130th " (4) 60 prs.
- R.G.A. (131st " (4) 60 prs.
- 32nd (37th Bty, (4) 6" How.
- Sgo.Bde (38th " (4) 6" How.
- Austn. (54th An.Bty (4) 8" How.
- Sgo.Bde (55th " (4) 9.2" How.
- 58th Siege Battery, (4) 6" VII
- 57th Field How. Bde. (8) 4.5" How.
- Highland Mountain Bde. (8) 2.75 Guns.
- 84th Siege Battery, (2) 4.7" Guns.
- 1 Sectn. (2) 6" Howr.

Corps Artillery.

- 90th Hy Bty, (4) 60 prs.
- 14th Siege Bty, (4) 6" Hows.
- 46th " (4) 9.2" Hows.
- 60th " (4) 6" VII
- 7th I.H.A.Bde. (12) 10 prs.
- Hong Kong &
- Singapore Bty, (3) 10 prs.

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11/21/15
27th January, 1916

General Officer Commanding,
15th Army Corps.

With reference to Force Order No. 5 of 27th January, paragraphs 3 and 4, the arrangements you propose as regards disposition of the formations of your Army Corps should be notified to G.H.Q. as early as possible.

Your detailed proposals are also required as early as possible, showing what arrangements you propose for meeting an attack in strength against any part of the section allotted to your Army Corps, including especially arrangements for the concentration of troops in the threatened area, for the use of your Corps Troops, and for rapidly moving up your reserve Division.

You should also notify this office which Division you propose at first to employ as Corps Reserve, and where you propose to locate it.

(sd) W. G. L. G.
for
Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff.
Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

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27th January, 1916

General Officer Commanding,
9th Corps.

With reference to Force Order No. 5 of 27th January, paragraphs 3 and 4, the arrangements you propose as regards disposition of the formations of your Army Corps should be notified to G.H.Q. as early as possible.

Unless you propose any alternative dispositions, arrangements will be made to send the 42nd Division to SHALLUFA as soon as possible, and the 11th Division to SUEZ. It is understood that you are replacing the 10th Indian Division in the line by the 29th Division.

Your detailed proposals are also required as early as possible, showing what arrangements you propose for meeting an attack in strength against any part of the section allotted to your Army Corps, including especially arrangements for the concentration of troops in the threatened area, for the use of your Corps Troops, and for rapidly moving up your reserve Division.

You should also notify this office which Division you propose at first to employ as Corps Reserve, and where you propose to locate it.

(sd) Whellman B.G.

for
Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff.
Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

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27th January, 1916

General Officer Commanding.

A. & N.Z. Army Corps.

With reference to Force Order No. 5 of 27th January, paragraphs 3 and 4, the arrangements you propose as regards disposition of the formations of your Army Corps should be notified to G.H.Q. as early as possible.

Your detailed proposals are also required as early as possible, showing what arrangements you propose for meeting an attack in strength against any part of the section allotted to your Army Corps, including especially arrangements for the concentration of troops in the threatened area, for the use of your Corps Troops, and for rapidly moving up your reserve Division.

You should also notify this office which Division you propose at first to employ as Corps Reserve, and where you propose to locate it.

(sd) W. Gullman
B.G.H.

for
Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

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27th January, 1918

Brig-General W. A. Watson, C.B., C.I.E.,
Imperial Service Cavalry Brigade.

With reference to Force Order No. 5 of 27th
January, paragraph 8, you will report as early as possible
to this office where you propose to place the units
allotted to your command, so that the necessary arrangements
for their accommodation, and for the movement of the troops
into their positions, may be made.

Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

W. H. D. D. D.

E.-in-O.

With reference to Force Order No. 5 of
January, paragraph 3, will you please give us your
amended proposals for the distribution of the engineer
units in the Canal Defences.

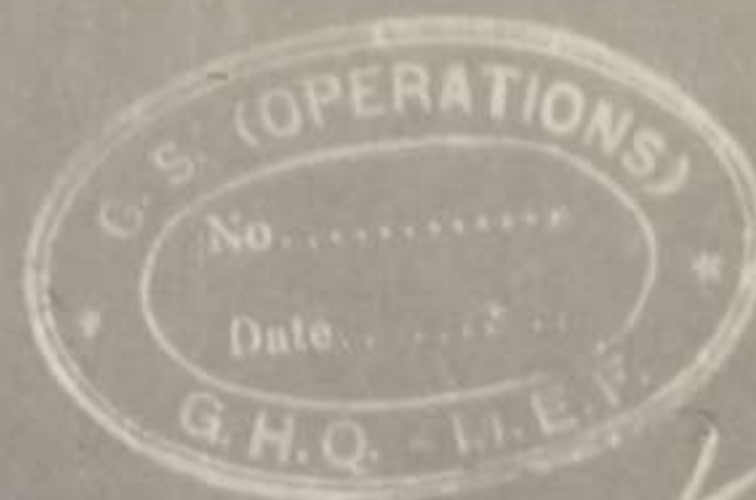
You will notice this re-allocation of troops
if agreed to, will automatically eliminate the 8th
Corps.

(ed) G. P. D. D. D.

G.S. (O)
27/1/16.

Lieut. Colonel,
G.S.

W. Watson



A. M. S.

With reference to Force Order No. ⁵
paragraph 8, General Watson will require the following
staff :-

- 1 Brigade Major.
- 1 Staff Captain.
- 1 A. P. M.
- 1 Sanitary Officer.

I understand the G.G.S. suggests Lieut. Harvey
as Brigade Major. Perhaps you will take up the
question of the other appointments.

(sig) G. P. Brown

G.S. (O)

27/1/16.

Lieut. Colonel,
G.S.

W. Watson

G.S. (OPERATIONS)
Date: 1/21/16
G.H.Q. - M.E.F. *1/21*

D. A. S.

With reference to Force Order No. 5 of January, paragraph 3, as the reallocation of troops automatically eliminates the 8th Corps, and as the 15th Corps has no Corps Signal Unit, we suggest that the necessary should be found from the 8th Corps. Do you agree?

With reference to paragraph 8 of the Force Order, General Watson's command will require a small improvised Signal Unit. Would one of the spare signal troops of the dismounted mounted brigades meet this end?

(AM) W. Watson

G.S. (O)

27/1/16.

Lieut. Colonel,
G.S.