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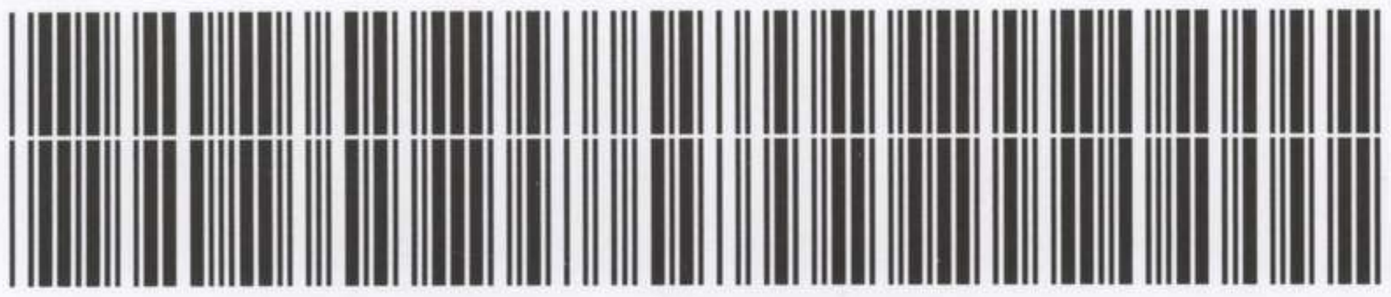

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15th February 1916 Ismailia		0630	Wire from AHQ Salonica GC 27 cipher "Brulard's French Division commenced to arrive here yesterday. Otherwise nothing to report."	
			Telegram from WO to GOC Egypt repeated MedForce 13815 cipher answering GE 415 of 13th regarding despatch of a brigade to Khartoum "If necessary you must send the troops required to the Sudan. In doing this you must endeavour to keep 54th Div. intact and 53rd division in Egypt"	
			Wire from AHQ Salonica GC 26 repeating their GA 322 of 12th to the WO. which was not repeated here "through an oversight" together with I 199 of which there had already been question. GA 322 asked WO for a general definition of allied policy in Macedonia for guidance in relation with French, Greeks, journalists etc. Reply AM 124 expressing hope that these oversights would not occur again	Appx A.

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15th February Ismailia				
		0935	Telephone message from Captain HMS GLORY "Dufferin reported to 30 Corps at ABU ZENIMA completed"	
			Wired Canal all clear.	
		1130	Wired "GOC Egypt AM 125 - "Your GE 426 cipher. I very much regret I cannot concur. War Office has been informed and arrangements made must hold good". This refers to request that Gen. Hodgson's appointment to command 2nd Dismounted Bde should not take effect.	
		1408	Wired Chief London MS 413 proposal to abolish Divisional staff of 10th Indian Division	Appx B.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	15 February			
Ismailia			Evening report sent to Chief London AM 126	Appx C.
			Letters etc.	
			To G.O.C. 9th, 15th & ANZ Corps calling attention to a para in Ismailia Intelligence Summary stating that Turkish commander of Turkish Camel Corps had issued orders with a view to preparing for reconnaissance in force	Appx D.
			To G.O.C. 15th Corps; subject 2 Officers to be trained as seaplane observers	Appx E.
			To Secretary W.O. attaching temporarily approved establishment for M.G. School Ismailia	Appx F.
			To Secretary W.O. forwarding Order of Battle of 3 Army Corps of MEF	Appx G.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
16 February Ismailia			Letters etc To G.O.C. 9th Corps answering his I.1.	1/75x H
			To C.I.G.S. London forwarding an Appreciation of the Situation as regards the defence of Egypt against attack from the East, signed by the C in C. The appreciation deals with the questions of (1) the true base for defensive operations (2) The factors, favourable or otherwise, to an enemy advance (3) The advisability of our holding EL ARISH and KATIA respectively (4) The number of troops necessary to maintain in Egypt.	

O. Wilkinson
Capt. GS

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16 February Ismailia	1916			
		0630	Wire from W.O. 13361 cipher asking ~~that~~ shall additional units including L of C troops will in each case be required to bring organization of 29th, 3 A + N.Z., 31st & 11th divisions into line with that of W.E. Part ~~VII~~. This in reference to our AM 101 secret + personal of 10th.	
			Wired Canal all clear.	
		1100	Wired 90C. Egypt AM 128 giving details of Hong Kong Singapore Battery	App A.
			Wired 9th & 15th Corps OA 150 cancelling allotment of dismounted brigades in F.O. No 5 + 85/129/1 of 4th. 1st dismounted Bde now attached to 52nd division, 3rd dismounted Bde to 42nd division, 2nd ~~Bde~~ dismounted Bde transferred to F. in E.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
16 February Ismailia		1900	Telegrams AM 130 + AM 131 sent to WO. reference railway requirements for Egypt	Appx B.
		1930	Evening report wired to Chief London AM 132	Appx C
			Letters etc	
			To 9. Os. C. 9th, 15th & A.N.Z. Corps sanctioning expenditure of artillery ammunition for registration	Appx D
			To V.A. East Indies & 90.C. A+N2 Corps regarding arrangements for warning 9 Corps by S.N.Os of sections when firing by HM ships is to be carried out	Appx E

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Ismailia	16 February		Letters etc. To 90 C. F. in E. Hong Kong Singapore Battery transferred to F. in E. Berns Battery RHA to remain part of F in E, A & B Batteries HAC to be transferred to M.E.F. To 9 O.C. 9th Corps. Highland MA. Bde to take place of Hong Kong Singapore battery To Brig. Gen HOARE Commanding 2nd Dismounted Bde. Establishment etc of Brigade	Appx F. Appx G.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
17th February Ismailia.	1916			
		0630	W.O. wires 13401 cipher." Ref. MFW 3421 from L of C base. Do you now require 51st + 52nd Base Park Compns RE."	
			Wire from W.O. 13893 cipher. "New Zealand agrees to proposal in your AM 35. Have informed New Zealand that you will arrange details direct with them. Keep us informed of progress made with all new units	
			Wire from W.O. 13887 cipher asking us to wire establishment adopted for dismounted brigades. Reply AM 133	Appx A.
			Wire from W.O. 13892 cipher. Artillery establishments 53rd + 54th divisions will be Part VIII as amended by pamphlet for T.F. division serving in Egypt, Jan. 19. 1916	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	17th February.			
			Wired Canal all Clear	
			C. in C accompanied by members of GHQ staff went by boat to Serapeum and thence by car and horse to inspect front line of 1st Australian division, returning at 1530	
			Wired Chief Sudan OBA 142 regarding cipher communication with Basra	W/T & B.
		1310	S.W. Mounted Bde. wired same instructions in GS/129/1 of 4th Feb. held good, as they had received contrary instructions from F. in E. Replied (repeating GOC Egypt) OA 153 "Instructions were sent you yesterday stating that 2nd dismounted bde has been transferred to F. in E."	
			Wired President Quarantine Administration, Alexandria inquiring gauge of Light railway at Tor.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Ismailia	17 February	1455	Wire from GOC Egypt GE 440 repeating message from Gov. General Sudan asking for 2 Egyptian battalions now in Egypt, one at Ismailia the other at Tor and Abu Zenima. Gov. Gen. still hopeful that British reinforcements will not be required. GOC Egypt enquires if MEF can relieve these 2 Egyptian battalions. Replied A.M. 136. "Will make arrangements release Egyptian battalions as soon as possible. Must let you know how soon later."	Appx C
		1715	W.O. wire 13408 cipher. "Three further garrison battalions will be sent to Egypt making 15 in all."	
		1810	Wire from GOC Egypt GE443. Retention of mounted troops belonging MEF unnecessary any longer.	

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17 February Ismailia			Wired W.O. AM 134 weekly report of changes in distribution of units.	Appx D.
		1950	Wired GOC Egypt. AM 135. "Your GE 443. Presume you can now return flight RFC at MINIA.	
		1945	9th Corps wire H. 011. Following from TOR Column arrived WADI HEBRAN half a mile north of EL HURR at 10.30pm. 16th. All is well, no sign of enemy. Arabs said to have heard of approach of column on night of 16th."	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
17 February Ismailia			Letters etc.	
			To R. Béret, Suez Canal Coy, with regard to loan of certain telephone wires.	Appx E.
			To GOC 9th, 15th + ANZ Corps regarding bearing ~~and~~ capacity of bridges. One of 3 at Kubri + Kantara respectively to be able to take 60-pr guns One of 3 at other points to be able to take field guns + infantry in fours.	Appx F.
			To V.A. East Indies with regard to proposed additional orders for gunnery on the Canal.	Appx G.
			To GOC Lev Base, & GOC Australian Provisional Battalions regarding raising of new Australian units	Appx H.
			To Gen. Budwood regarding Army Corps HQ Signal Coy for 2nd A + NZ Corps	Appx J.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
17 February Ismailia			Letters etc. To GOC. A+N2 Corps + Gen. Birdwood subject War Establishment for artillery of A+N2 formations	Appx K.
			To O.C. 5th Wing RFC and G.Os.C. I Corps subject weekly 2-day courses at Ismailia for officers.	Appx L.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	18 February 1916			
Ismailia		0630	Wire from W.O. 13425 cipher. Proposals regarding Indian divisions approved. All Indian staff officers that can be spared to be returned to India. Major General Sir A. Wilson to return home.	
			Wire from W.O. 13415 cipher regarding raising of new N.Z. artillery brigade	Appx A
			AHQ Salonica wire nothing to report.	
			Wire from AHQ Salonica regarding machine gun school	Appx B.
			Wire from WO 13429 cipher. dispatch to Egypt of certain heavy artillery countermanded. Anzac informed	Appx C.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
18 February Ismailia		0900	Wire from Chief W.O. 13673 cipher stating that from a shipping point of view most convenient and economical time to transfer troops to France would be about first week in March. One division to be ready by beginning of March, to be followed by three others Reply AM 139. equipment of 2nd Division being pushed on. Gen C. now thinks 31st should follow, a good division which has done better work out here than any other. Gen C would not recommend more than two divisions going in March. Birdwood wishes to delay departure of Anzac divisions	WPD
			Wire Canal all clear Wire 9th Corps proposed visit of C in C to AYUN MUSA and EL SHATT on 22nd & 23rd respectively.	

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18 February Ismailia		1220	Wired 9th, 15th & AN2 Corps O.735 "Agnt reports force of cavalry and some Camel Corps concentrating about GETBEZ LIBNI possibly for raid on or reconnaissance of Canal defences."	Appx E
			~~Letter note~~ In view of the fact that this enemy force might make for MOYA HARATB, 35 miles E of Little Bitter Lake, C in C decided to bring 9th 2nd & 3rd Australian L H Brigades immediately, so that a suppliant mounted force should be ready to push out immediately and if possible, round up the enemy. A memo embodying this proposal was sent to AN2 Corps with instructions to go into the question of transport required.	
			15th Corps wire that 15th Corps Commands will be at EZ SALHIA from 1400 today till 0900 on 19th.	

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18 February Ismailia		1300	Wired AHQ, Salonica AM 138 regarding 6" Vickers VII gun which it appears, they had borrowed from Navy. AHQ informed this kind of action should be done through GHQ. This gun originally sent by Navy to Army was required to replace one lost by one of the Siege Batteries. V.A. asked for its return, & had sent it to Salonica Army without GHQ being consulted.	App H F
			Wire from AHQ Salonica GC 34 inquiring when Brigade Machine Gun companies might be expected.	
			Evening report wired to Chief W.O. AM 141 aerial reconnaissance of KATIA, JIFJAFFA and NEKHL. Nothing new observed.	App G.
			Wire GOC Salonica AM 140 regarding proposed transport establishment for battery	App H.

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18 February Ismailia			Further evening report (intelligence) to Chief WO AM 137	WH J.
		2125	Gen Staff Cairo wire GE 452. Can you now reply to my GE 422 [illegible] 4th? D L O. 7/co many is also available now.	
			9th Corps wire H.I. 10. Aeroplane reconnaissance of NEKHL 6 Day reports maximum number of troops does not exceed 1500 + 1000 Camels A gun fired at aeroplane. 6 bombs were dropped on town + Camp.	
			W.O. wire 13449 cipher. A new corps being formed in France shortly + will be called 8th Corps	

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Ismailia	18 February		Letters etc.	
			To GOC 9th Corps. Officers to report for training as seaplane observers.	Appx K
			To GOC Egypt reference 3 further garrison battalions coming from England. MEF to retain one. Will Egypt take over other two?	Appx L
			To O.C. 19th Bn Rifle Bde. O.C. 5th Wing R.F.C. Administrative Commandant Ismailia forwarding copies of letter to GOC 9th, 15th & ANZ Corps regarding arrangements for first weekly aeronautics course for officers beginning 22nd	Appx M.
			Copies of establishment Dismounted Brigades forwarded to various units & GOC Egypt.	Appx N.
			Force Order No 9 issued reallotting Dismounted Bdes and notifying other changes	Appx II F.O.
				Overleaf C.A.F.

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19 February Ismailia	1916	0630	Wire from Chief India 39534 cipher regarding cipher correspondence with Basra. Reply 03A 147	W/P&A
			Wire from Chief W.O 13468 cipher. C in C would be glad if all regular Indian Battalions that can be spared from Egypt be placed at his disposal, besides divisional + brigade staffs. Reply AM 147 saying that C in C wished to retain regular Indian battalions at Suez till end of March, as otherwise an equivalent number of British troops would be detained from going to France	W/P&B
			Wire from W.O 13464 cipher reference artillery units for 1st & 2nd Aust. divisions. Inquiry what can be done to meet these needs. Reply. AM 145 regarding N.Z. artillery and AM 144 regarding Australian artillery. Telegram AM 144 also gave deficiencies of 11th 29th & 31st divisions as previously asked for by W.O. Letter sent to GOC, ANZ Corps asking for his remarks on W.O wire 13464	W/P&C.

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Ismailia.	19 February		As regards Aust divisions the main question to be decided by WO. is whether in order to hasten they should not be equipped as artillery on WE part VIII as amended for T.F. in Egypt or whether they must conform to WE Part ~~VIII~~ VII.	
			Wire from WO 13463 cipher inquiring if GHQ staff appointments could not be reduced in view of difficulty in finding experienced staff officers. Reply AM 143 regretting that it was impossible to do more than dispense with one officer graded as G503 Staff very hard worked owing to difficult task of reorganization + reequipment. Liaison officers still necessary.	Appx D
			AHQ Salonica wire GC 35. 'French brought down German aeroplane yesterday both occupants captured Otherwise nothing to report.'	

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19 February Ismailia			Wire from GOC Egypt G.E. 453. Lt A M ATKINSON considered capable of organising field troops, shall he be sent to Salonica? Reply OA 157. Yes please. Orders will be sent Salonica regarding organising of field troop.	
		0930	Telegram sent to VA Mudros regarding Naval 6" Mark VII guns which had been handed over to Salonica army. C in C asks for definite understanding that allocation of artillery between land forces at Salonica and in Egypt is a matter which he must control, even when it is a question of guns lent by the Navy. Telegram GC 36 from AHQ, Salonica on same subject saying proposal was initiated by Navy.	Appx E

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My February Ismailia		1025	Wired AHQ, Salonica OTB 209 regarding organisation of (Brigade) Machine gun companies for Salonica force. Letter also sent giving detailed instructions for their formation & for training battalions in Lewis guns.	M/M F.
			Wired Canal. all clear.	
		1300	Wired 9th Corps, repeated L. of C. Defences. OA 158. "Arrange with L. of C. Commander to hand over to him as soon as possible Imperial Service Cavalry Bde Signal troop at present with 10th Indian Division."	
			Wired ANZAC, OAC 48. 1/1 Ayrshire Battery RHA arriving from England allotted to Anzac Mounted Division	
			Wired 9th Corps. OA 156. Arrange to despatch to TOR and ABU ZENIMA one wagon wireless station each, to be furnished from Southern WT Station. Horses not to go.	

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19 February Ismailia		1855	Wire from 15th Corps G. 27. Results of reconnaissance east of Kantara all clear as far east as KATIB GANNIT. This was subject of evening report to Chief W.O. AM 148.	Appx G
		2100	Wired AHQ Salonica O.739 Regular liaison service between Salonica and GHQ. is to be instituted using Col. FAIRHOLME and Major de POTRON Fairholme to come next week and subsequently one from every fortnight.	Appx H.
			Wired W.O. AM 146 regarding signal deficiencies	

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19 February Ismailia			Letters etc To G.O.C 1st A.N.Z. Corps, A & N Z Forces, Aust Ptor Formations, Levant Base regarding channels of communication for correspondence dealing with ANZAC units & operations	Appx J
			To Secretary W.O. answering various points in connection with reorganisation of forces in Egypt. Copy sent to Gen. Maxwell	Appx K.
			To G.O.C, A.N.Z Forces, O.C 5th Wing RFC & GOs.C 1st & 2nd ANZ Corps, 9th Corps & 15th Corps. Forwarding copies of instructions regarding employment of RFC	Appx L.
			To GOC 9th Corps re regarding Tor & ABU Zenima	Appx M
			To GOs.C. I Corps. System of weekly progress reports.	Appx N
				Appx O

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Ismailia	20 February 1916	0630	Telegram from W.O. addressed GOC Egypt repeated MEFORCE 13490 of 18th The Ayrshire and Inverness, Leicestershire and Somersetshire T.F. Horse artillery batteries are allotted to Anzac mounted division.	
			Wire from Chief W.O. 13485 cipher. Further instructions regarding move of divisions to France. Admiralty say move of 4 divs. will take 6 weeks. Necessary therefore to start early	Appx A.
			Wire from W.O. 13491 cipher. Dispatch of anti-aircraft guns for replacement of those at Suvla	Appx B.
			Wire from V.A. Med 2357 regarding 6" naval gun sent by Navy to Salonica free. Admiral asserts it never was sent to Army & takes great exception to telegram of yesterday	Appx C

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
20 February. Ismailia			Wire from W.O. 13576 cipher request to send orders of battle 13th div. & GHQ Orders of battle wired to Chief Staff AM 150.	
			Wire from AHQ, Salonica GC 37 mainly intelligence but stating that according to Gen. Sarrail British Govt and Lord Kitchener were considering question of adopting organisation of Brit. force to possible offensive operations, and that 20,000 horses would shortly arrive for Serbian army & be followed gradually by Serbian force up to 6 divisions.	Appx D.
			Wire W.O. AT 1879 regarding increased establishment for Military Forwarding depot at Salonica	Appx E.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Ismailia	20 February		Wired 15th Corps & 9th Corps approving exchange of Lowland & Kent Field Cos between the 2 Corps. OAC 51 & 52 Wired 52nd div. repeated 15th Corps inquiring if C squadron Glasgow Yeomanry had been completely absorbed into other units & where m.g. section was. Wired 15th Corps OAC 50. C in C to visit front line at CH FERDAN on 26th Corps to send programme. 15th Corps wire G.6. "Is it intended to apply any common system of numbering trenches to the whole force?" 9th Corps wire H.I.16. Progress report. of the TOR reconnoitring column. No enemy seen. no casualties	Appx F.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
20 February Ismailia	1910		Wire from Chief W.O. 13521 cipher. If Admiral approaches C in C on subject of proposed landing at JEDDAH, C in C to wire his views fully before taking any action. Two days ago V.A. had sent to C in C telegraphic correspondence on the subject between himself and Admiralty. The reconnaissance's object would be to discover if JEDDAH was used as a base for submarines or mining operations.	Appx G.
			Evening report wired to Chief London AM 157.	Appx H.
		2125	Wired AHQ Salonica AM 152 "Please say 6" guns. If would have saved correspondence with Navy if you had told me earlier."	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
20 February Is maileh			Letters etc. To G.O.C Egypt enclosing 50 copies of "Instructions in handling bombs" prepared at GHQ for MEF Copies sent to all Corps & Aust. Provisional Formations	Appx J
			To G.Os.C 9th, 10th & ANZ Corps regarding warning of Corps by SNOs of sections when ships fire	Appx K
			To V.A proposed amendment to Naval orders	Appx L
			To G.O.C. 1st A.N.Z. Corps Concentration of 2nd & 5th Australian L.H. Bdes at Serapeum West to begin tomorrow. Transport details. This in anticipation of enemy reconnaissance in force on MOIYA HARAB	Appx M.
			To Branches, Directors & I.G.C. Memo regarding eventual composition of A & N.Z. Force excluding L of C units. Table attached. Gen Birdwood to act for the present as G.O.C A & NZ Forces with small administrative HQ	Appx N.
			Force Orda No 10 issued giving particulars of Naval Squadron attached to sections of Coastal Defences	Appx II F.O.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Ismailia	21 February	1916		
		0630	Wire from GOC Egypt GE 467 regarding relief of 2 Egyptian battalions for Sudan.	Appx A.
			Wire from WO 13534 cipher 15th A.C. Signal Company will not be sent out at present. Formation of 2nd Australian Corps will be taken up when new divisions are further advanced.	
			Wire from AHQ Salonica GC 39 Nothing to report.	
			Wire Canal Clear.	
		1340	9th Corps wire H. 22. Following received from TOR begins 'Column reached WADI GINNETH, place deserted, some baggage found and destroyed. Column returning expected 24th inst.'	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
21 February Ismailia			Wire to Chief London AM 153 regarding ~~policy~~ military policy in Balkans C in C expresses hope that at least 12th Corps may be spared for service in France	Appx B
			Wired Chief London. AM 153 31st division to be sent to France first followed by 29th. Must try to spare Gen DAVIES and 9th Corps staff is required.	Appx C
		1920	Evening report wired to Chief London AM 154	Appx D
			Letter from GOC. 15th Corps with proposal to reconnoitre towards BIR EL NOSS and BIR EL DUEIDAR on Wednesday next, 24th.	Appx E

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21 February Ismailia			Letters etc:	
			To GOC. Aus NZ forces: allotment of T.F. Horse Artillery to ANZ Mounted Div.	Appx F.
			To Admin Commandant and O.C. Machine Gun School: instruction re firing on Spinney rifle range	Appx G.
			To Secretary W.O. forwarding copies of proposed establishment for dismounted brigades MEF	Appx H.
			To GOC. Force in Egypt. allotment of A & B batteries HAC. Suggestion that the RA headquarters remain as part of F. in E.	Appx J & J
			To GOs C. 9th, 15th, ANZ Corps regarding alignment of branch roads from intermediate to front lines	Appx K
			To GOC 9th Corps move of 5th Mounted Bde will be carried out as soon as possible	Appx L
			To GOs C. 9th, 15th & ANZ Corps instructions for squadron of mounted troops to be held ready to assist any aeroplane which may have made a precautionary landing in reconnaissance. Copy to OC RFC	Appx M

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Ismailia	21 February		Letters etc To GOC 1st A & NZ Corps allowance of Mills grenades	App N.
			To Messrs J. Cook & Sons informing them that the explosives in their magazine at ATAQA should be moved to a more suitable locality Copy of letter forwarded to High Commissioner who will give requisite orders	App O.
			Diagram of GHQ Signal Communications	App P.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Ismailia	22 February 1916	0630	Telegram from GOC Egypt ER 432 repeating telegram to London deprecating Admiralty proposal to of landing at JEDDAH Telegram AM 15-6 sent to Chief London & repeated GOC Egypt giving reasons for disclosing landing at JEDDAH inadvisable	WPA
			Wire from W.O. 13567 cipher repeated Lewbase, inquiring if 3 light armoured car batteries and HQ had arrived from France. Wired Lewbase to inquire	
			AHQ Salonica wires "nothing to report"	
			Wire from W.O. 13566 cipher inquiring if any brigade m g companies had been formed. Replied A14 162 that rearming was in progress. Those for 29th, 31st, 1st & 2nd Aust & N.Z.& A divisions probably ready by March 12	WPB

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22 February Ismailia			Weed Canal clear. C.in C. & C.G.S. left ~~in yacht HMS CLIVE~~ for Suez to inspect front line & 9th Corps, remaining away till tomorrow. Establishment, organization & equipment of units M.E.F In view of the approaching departure of 6 divisions to France and the formation of new A.N.Z. units, this has been recently the chief outstanding staff question. The questions of the war establishment to be adopted and the degree to which local resources in Egypt would meet requirements have been the subjects of telegrams to & from the W.O. Following telegrams received & sent to day on this matter. From W.O. 13586 cipher. Question of transport deficiencies. To W.O. AM 159 reply to above To W.O. AM 156 transport for 9HQ Signal Coy. To W.O. AM 158. Establishment artillery for divisions. To W.O. AM 160 Steps taken for organisation of additional A.N.Z. units To W.O. AM 161. Divisional allotments of L of C. units	Appx C.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Ismailia	22 February	1130	Wired W.O. AM 157 requesting sanction for AA + QMG + APM to be added to Salonica Base staff + DAQMG to Army staff in consequence of abolition of I&C Salonica.	
			General Horne 15th Corps wired CGS. "It appears to me very important to allot some ammunition for practice of 31st Div'l artillery without delay. I find that the only practice carried out was 100 rounds per battery fired November last."	
		1250	ANZAC wire GB 866 addressed REC "One Squadron 2NZMR accompanied by 30 Camels are making reconnaissance today towards WADI MUKSHEIB"	
			15th Corps wire that advanced HQ will be at BALLAH from 0900 on 23rd to evening 26th.	
		1650	15th Corps wire GS. asking sanction to locate military posts wireless station at BALLAH instead of KANTARA.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
22 February Ismailia			Evening report wired to Chief London AM 163	Appx D
		1950	Telegram from Chief London 13592 cipher repeating telegram to Salonica to the effect that British policy regarding employment of troops at Salonica has not changed. Question of offensive operations not under consideration by British Govt	Appx E
			Letters etc	
			To Gen. Birdwood. requesting report of musketry and artillery training of the 3 oD ANZAC divisions	Appx F.
			To GOC 1/1 Eastern Mounted Bde. Allowance of ammunition for practice	Appx G.
			To the same. overhauling of machine guns	?
			To Commandant Machine Gun School. Issue of brushes for cleaning machine guns	Appx H.

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23 February Ismailia	1916			
		0630	Wire from Chief W.O to Chief MEForce repeated GOC Egypt. 13632 cipher. Admiralty informed that W.O oppose JEDDAH landing.	Appx A.
			Wind Canal Clear	
			Direct military circuit opened between GHQ + Cairo 1215 today	
			Wire 15th Corps 0ac 61. Reference your G8 of 22nd, we concur."	
			Establishment & reorganisation of MEF.	
			Following correspondence on this subject.	
			Telegram from W.O 13626 cipher. Establishment of artillery to be on Part VII	Appx B
			Copy of telegram received from Gen. GODLEY sent by him to Minister of Defence, Wellington, on subject of new formations.	
			Letter sent to GOC 1st Corps + 1 Q.L. Special WE for 29th Div. Cancelled	
			To be equipped on Part VII, except only 3 Howitzer batteries RFA instead of four	
			Letter to GOs C A + N Z Forces and 1st A + N Z Corps informing them of W.O decision as to artillery establishment + inquiring if they held to their former recommendations	

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23 February Ismailia.		1730	9th Corps wire "HQ 118. Ref this Hqrs GS 810/17 of 17th may DDPW be instructed that no further road work is considered necessary at KABRIT and be asked to free the road plant now there for use elsewhere in this section."	
			C in C returned from his visit to 9th Corps	
		1940	Evening report wired to Chief W.O. AM 165	App C
			Wire from GOC Egypt GE 481 "Your GS 162 Regret have no employment for HQ RA."	
		2245	9th Corps wire "Following from TOR column "Now at HEBRAN will arrive TOR noon 24th"	

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23 February Ismailia			Letters etc	
			To GOC 1st A.N.Z. Corps + GOC 9th Corps approving dispositions agreed upon regarding point of junction between the 2 Corps	Appx D
			To G.O.C. Australian Prov. Formations, allotment of ammunition etc for training	Appx E.
			To the same forwarding copies of approved musketry courses	Appx F.
			To G.O.C. Levant Base. Formation of No 6 Armoured Car Battery at Salonica	Appx G.
			To G.O.s.C. 9th, 15th & 13th A.N.Z. Corps. Naming + numbering of works + trenches	Appx H.
			To G.O.C. L of C defences & 15th Corps. Former to be responsible for protection of New Canal Cuts from Sweet Water Canal to Ballah & Ferdan	Appx J
			for HA covering copy of HQ 44th	
			O.C. Mil Force Appx G.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Ismailia	24 February 1916	0630	W.O wire 2583 code. "Telegraph number required trained cipher officers to be sent out from home to complete establishment."	
			Wire from W.O addressed GOC Egypt. 13659 cipher. "It is not intended to re-form battalions 2/1st London Brigade into a brigade. They may be required elsewhere than in Egypt."	
			Wire from Chief London to Gen MAHON repeated GHQ 13661 cipher. Correspondence with Admiral on questions of policy without reference to GHQ.	Appx A
			Wire from W.O 13674 Establishment of GHQ Signal Co.	Appx B.
			Wire from W.O 13675 cipher. Completion of HQ 2nd A.N.Z. Corps owned to premature before divisions have reached an advanced stage in organization.	

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24 February Ismailia			Despatch of Divisions to France: Organisation + equipment etc	
			Telegram from W.O. 13153 cipher regarding transport to be taken by 2nd + 3rd Divisions; advance parties; horses; supply details	
			Telegram to W.O. AM 165. Inquiring what advance parties are to consist of	
			Telegram to WO AM 166. Inquiring what are technical vehicles, artillery,	
			Telegram to WO AM 167. What loads to embark on vehicles. request to keep pontoons + tires Nos.	
			Wired. Canal Clear.	
		1345	Wired 9th Corps O.760 "As no condensing ship available troop movements including that of regiments of 4th N.D. Bde are suspended	
			Wired 9th Corps OA 165. "Your HO 118. Necessary action being taken"	

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24 February Ismailia				
		1745	9th Corps wire H. 134 "Column returned TOR this morning"	
		1913	Evening report wired Chief London AM 169	Appx D
		2000	GOC Egypt wires G 654 "Are the RNACD in Alexandria being disbanded. If not should be glad to make use of them as long as they are available"	
			Lev base wires LB 354 Strength of motor m.g. batteries arrived Alexandria	Appx E.
			Wired W.O. weekly ~~distribution~~ dislocation of units report AM 170	Appx F

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
24 February Semaine		2140	Clear the Line telegram from Chief London, 13704 cipher:- German attack on VERDUN may have important developments and we find it necessary that we should give the French early proof of our intention to support them in every visible way. Please arrange to commence and complete embarking 31st division as soon as possible and to push on preparations of 29th & 11th divisions Dir. Remt. Col. of 31st div. will accompany it. DQMG informed.	

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24 February Ismailia			Letters etc	
			From GOC. 1st A. + N.Z Corps giving his general dispositions for defence of his section etc	Appx G.
			To G.O.C. 9th, 15th + 1st A. N.Z Corps. Second Course for senior officers at R.F.C.	Appx H.
			To GOC A. N.Z Forces asking for proposals for appointment of Commander and Staff A+N.Z. Mounted Division	Appx J.
			To GOC 9th Corps. Proposals for increase of staff 42nd div. on attachment of 2 brigades 10th Indian Division	Appx K.
			To GOC 1st Dismounted Bde. Refusal of request to retain title "Scottish Horse"	Appx L.
			To Secretary W.O. Sanction requested for establishment pipers for Scottish Horse + Lovat Scouts	Appx M.
			To Secretary W.O: reply to W.O. letter on subject of economy	Appx N.
			To C.I.G.S. forwarding order of battle M.E.F.	
			To C.I.G.S forwarding establishments Ha. Levant Base, 3rd Echelon (cont'd) + requesting sanction for M.P at Ismailia	Appx O.
			F.O. No 11 issued. amending F.O.s.	Appx II F.O.

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Ismailia	25 February 1916	0630	Wire from Sir W. Robertson to Sir A. Murray. 13718 cipher "Gillman is being sent on special mission to Mesopotamia. I am sorry to deprive you of his services for the present but cannot help it."	
			Wire from Chief London addressed GHQ Salonica 13714 cipher. Salonica army to be prepared to take such minor operations in immediate front as force may demand. Such troops as required for purpose to be made mobile from local resources	Appx A
			Wired Canal all clear	
			9th Corps wire QN 600 inquiring if RHA Bde and 2 RFA brigades will be completed. Reply OB 218. Yes Brigades will be completed with 4th battery in France.	

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25 February Ismailia			Wired 9th & 15th Corps sanctioning 100 rounds per 18-pr battery and 40 per 4·5" battery for practice 29th & 31st divisions respectively	
			Wired V.A "During passage. In continuation of our last a message has been received to say that the long hoped for reinforcements will reach the army in a few days. The health and courage of all ranks is well maintained in spite of incessant rain."	
			Wired Chief London AM 171. 31st div followed by 29th & 11th to embark as soon as possible. Shall 9th Corps staff be prepared? Recommend 54th division be added to MEF as soon as possible	Appx B.
			Lee base wires LB 359 reporting enquiry of 91st Alexandria District of 'C' Sqdn Surrey Yeomanry to be reequipped ready to join 29th division.	
			11th A Salonica wire A 699. demand for pack wireless stations	Appx C.

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Ismailia	25 February		Wired Evening report to Chief W.O. AM 172	App D
		1925	Wired 15th Corps OA 167 "Please arrange for relief and assembly of 31st division at once pending embarkation"	
		2130	Very important telegram from Chief London 13730 cipher: Things at VERDUN going none too well: instability in France suspected. We must be prepared to take risks in Egypt. Preparations to be pushed on to admit of 5 or 6 divs to be withdrawn as quickly as ships can be found. Idea of proving Australian Army not to influence matters. 3 Aust Div in France in April may be worth 6 later. Joffre being asked to consider withdrawal to France of one or two divisions at least from Salonica	App E

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
25 February Ismailia			Letters etc From GOC 1st A-NZ Corps re naming and numbering of trenches	Appx F.
			To GOC 1st Dismounted Bde. Raising of m.g. companies for Dismtd Bdes	Appx G.
			To GOC. A+NZ Forces. 2nd ANZ Corps to have same allowance SAA for practice as 1st	
			To GOC 15th Corps. Sanction of expenditure ammunition for artl practice	Appx H.
			To " A+NZ Forces " " " " "	

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26 February Ismailia		1916		
		0630	Telegram from W.O 2687 code. Employment of interpreters as cipher officers.	Appx A.
			Wire from W.O. 13748 cipher Answer to various queries re equipment & transport of divisions for France	Appx B.
			Wire from W.O. 13750 cipher } disposal of I.S.C. staff Salonica Reply AM 176 }	Appx C.
			Wired Canal Clear.	
			Repeated AM 171 of yesterday to GOC Egypt. AM 174. (asking for 52nd division)	
			Wired W.O AM 173. 54th & 52nd Base Pars. Cos. RE not required.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
26 February Ismailia		1030	Wired Chief London AM 175. 6 divisions will be provided as fast as Admiralty can provide ships. Embarkation begins 29th Feb. No desire to keep back Australians. Would have liked to keep one good division for Katia but recognize need to raise something. Weakness of 4 T.F. divisions and of their generals except Gen Lawrence.	Appx D
		7	C. in C. went to EZ ZERDAN to inspect front line in that region	
		1620	Wire from AHQ Salonica. GC 43. addressed London Statement of General Roschoupolos in local papers as to impregnability of Salonica position makes likelihood of attack very small. GOC proposes to limit expenditure on defensive works + to increase still further time for training	Appx E
			Wired Chief W.O. AH 178 inquiring if 11th Div to proceed on same scale as 29th + 30th, as if to, its equipment with pt line transport will not be proceeded with	Appx F

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
26 February Ismailia		1845	Wired evening report to Chief London AH 179. "Advance party of 3rd division start on Monday next."	
			Wire from Chief London 13782 cipher. Gen Joffre thinks it inadvisable to withdraw any troops from Salonica	Appx G.
			Letters etc - To G.O.C A. & N.Z. Forces. A. & Q. C limits for divisions proceeding to France	Appx H

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
27 February Ismailia		1916		
		0630	Wire from Chief W.O. 13792 cipher. "Your AM 171. Much gratified at expeditious manner in which transfer of divisions to France is being pushed on. As regards 54th Division I have matter under consideration and will let you know when a decision is reached."	
			Wire from AHQ Salonica addressed London GC 47. Nothing to report. Ward Canal clear.	
		1120	Telephone message from Cairo reporting successful attack by Gen Lukin's Column at AGAGIA	Appx A.
			Wired W.O. and AHQ Salonica. AM 180 and O. 741. provision of pack wireless stations.	Appx B.
			Wired Evening report to Chief London AM 181	Appx C.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
27 February Ismailia			9th Corps wire W.O. 157 asking that troops of 29th div. attached to other troops should be returned by March 15th.	
		2200	Wire from Chief London repeated GOC Egypt. 13801 cipher. eleventh division may be retained for the present. Maxwell already warned to be prepared to return the two T.F. divisions. C in C. to communicate with him how this can best be done.	III Appx D
		2245	Wired W.O. AM 182. 18-pr and 4·5 how. batteries to be raised for A & N.Z. units. C in C. of opinion that every effort should be made to bring 1st & 2nd Aust Divisions & N.Z. Div artillery up to Part VII W.E. except how. Out with how. brigades of 3 batteries.	Appx E.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
27 February Is mailia			Letters etc.	
			To GOC 9th Corps. 2 Bdes of 10th Indian Divn to be attached to 42nd Divn. Maj. Gen. WILSON to hand over his command as soon as possible.	Appx F.
			To GOC 9th Corps. 57th How Bde to consist of A & D batteries RFA 57th Bde RFA and 460th Bde RFA. Establishment of BAC attached	Appx G.
			To O.C. R.F.C. until arrival of 4th MD Bde in Southern section 9th Corps can only keep a party about 20 strong (for protecting any aeroplane that might land).	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Ismailia.	29 February	1916 0630	Wire from Chief London to Sir A. Murray 13827 cipher. Personal message for Gen. Gillman when he arrives.	App A.
			Wire from W.O. 13818 cipher regarding certain officers on Salonica staff not provided for in War Establishments.	App B.
			Wire from Chief London 13816 cipher. commenting on appreciation 2/33 1 Feb. 15 CIGS considers that KATIA should be occupied but decision regarding EL ARISH must wait	App C.
			Wire from W.O. 13803 cipher repeating telegram to Defence Melbourne regarding formation of 3rd Australian Division	App D.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
28 February Ismailia			Wired Canal Clear.	
		0930	Wired 15th Corps O. 742 Headquarters 11th Div. to be sent as soon as possible to Alexandria to supervise arrangements preparatory to embarkation of division.	
			15th Corps wire O. 27 BIR MAHADAT was visited yesterday and no fresh trenches found near it.	
			Wired W.O. AA 183 inquiring if personnel of one cable section to accompany each division in addition to divisional Signal Co.	
			G.H.Q. Egypt wires to ask if 4 artillery officers may be sent weekly to attend RFC lectures at Ismailia Replied "Certainly"; informed R.F.C. and Admin. Comm.dt. accordingly.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
28 February Ismailia.			Wired GOC Egypt OA 175. RNACD are being disbanded.	
			Wired 9th Corps OA 174. 460th Battery will proceed Alexandria to join 57th Bde R.F.A. Orders regarding move will be issued.	
		1575	Wired Chief London AM 184. Personnel of ANZAC artillery units	W.M.E.
		1745	Wired W.O. AM 185. inquiring what number allotted to brigade RFA comprising A + D batteries 57th Bde and 460th battery.	
			15th Corps wire G. 27. Reconnaissance reports all clear to HQ UM UG BA. Report was despatched from BIR EL NUSS at 1545 today.	
		1750	Demonstration ~~of~~ by ~~guns~~ gun battery at 9HQ firing with dummy shells ~~attended~~ attended by Staff and members of the Staff.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
28 February Ismailia		2000	Wired Chief W.O. AM 106. Grateful for permission to retain 11th Div. but hope to release it for France after the 3 Bgde divisions. Shall carry out occupation of KATIA as soon as possible. Wired 15th Corps. OA 178. 11th Div. not leaving for France at present. Orders will be issued for units at Alexandria to move up to Canal	Appx F
			Wired evening report to Chief W.O. AM 107	Appx G
			Wire from W.O. 13537 cipher repeating arie. to Wellington re organization of N.Z. Div. on WE. Part VII	Appx H
			Wire 13745 from W.O. dated 26th (previously mislaid by cipher officers) re organisation of A.N.Z. division	
			Wired 9th, 15th & A. N.Z. Corps OA 172. Transference of Ross Bn. Highland Mountain Bde to 15th Corps.	Appx J.

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28 February Ismailia			Letters etc From DST, Lev base, armoured Cars for No 6 armoured Motor Battery	Appx K.
			To GOs C 9th & 1st A.N.Z. Corps. 9th Heavy Batt. to be 3rd battery of 35th Bde RGA	
			To GOs C 9th, 15th & A.N.Z Corps. Maps (marked) for R.F.C required	Appx L.
			To GOC. 9th Corps. Messrs Cook's explosives magazine at ATAQA to be moved.	Appx M
			To GOC 9th Corps. "A" Batt. HAC allotted to 4th Aust Bde.	
			To GOC 15th Corps "B" Batt. HAC allotted to 1st Aust. Bde.	
			Commandant M.G. School. NCO instructors of 31st div to return to division on 2nd March: those of 29th division at conclusion of course.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Somaliland	29 February 1916	0630	Wire from Chief W.O. 13857 cipher repeating DOC Egypt GE 502 in which he stated 53rd + 54th divs not required by him, but presses for a small mixed force with camel transport. On this point he reopens question of responsibility for defence of Egypt and gave his opinion that only one commander could be responsible. W.O. reply 13853 cipher that question of command in Egypt would shortly be reconsidered, and proposed reorganization must therefore wait	W.F. A
			Wire from Chief W.O. 13855 cipher. organisation of A + N.Z batteries. Formation of additional batteries not to delay departure of divisions.	W.F. B.
			Wire (received later) from W.O. 13873 cipher. Raising of Sanitary section in New Zealand. Proposal accepted + complete list of all units of N.Z. division sent to New Zealand, who will notify what units cannot be raised.	
			Wire to W.O. AH 188. Inquiry as to scale of vehicles + animals to embark with 2nd Aust. Div.	

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29 February Ismailia			Rec'd AHQ Salonica wire GC 48. Progress report of works	AAA E
			Wind Canal Clear	
		1130	Wired AHQ Salonica OB 224 reference appointments 1 Spinx to Corps HQ outside establishment	AAA D
			Wired 9th, 15th & ANZ Corps to send dummy messages in clear & in cipher to Navy for practice in W/T	
			Wired 9th, 15th, 1st ANZ Corps & Gen. Birdwood. OB 225. Short 5 days Mg Course arranged for selected commanders & Sergeant majors of Bde Mg Cos. 11th, 42nd, 52nd, 1st Aust, 2nd Aust & NZ divisions, commencing March 6. Full advantage to be taken of this course.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
29 February Ismailia		1750	157th Brigade wire S.C 1600. Cavalry patrols BALLYBUNION (Ballah railhead) report all clear. W.O. wire 13878 cipher. Proposal in AM 157 approved. All Spies released by abolition of I&C staff Salonica to be sent home. G.O.C Egypt wires GE 507 enquiring about details detachments of 1/1st & 1/2nd Kent Field Co. said to be still at SALHIA. The Stokes Gun Battery (3rd E. Lancs. T.F.) gave a demonstration of the Stokes Gun with dummy shell at 9HQ. Demonstration satisfactory and proved the accuracy of the gun.	

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29 February Ismailia			9th Corps wire HQ 175. General Wilson has handed over his command.	
		1957	W.O. wire 13877 cipher. Can you spare 2 Field Companies required in France to complete divisional establishments."	
			15th Corps wire G 27 "11th Divn. wire dispatched 850 today reports cavalry patrols visited BIR EL MAHADAT and found tracks and all clear"	
		2105	W.O wire 13879 cipher. Personnel of one cable section to accompany each division in addition to div'l Signal Co. Stores other than equipment of which should be brought.	
			W.O. wire 13880 cipher re horses. to accompany 31st divn	Appx E
			Wired Chief W.O. AM 189. Evening report Mc Gorny well.	

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Ismailia	29 February		Letters etc To GOC Egypt asking him, in view of departure of 5 divisions to France, to arrange for 53rd Div to be ready to move to Suez about 10th March, and 54th to Ismailia a week later To GOC 1st A & N.Z Corps. 1st A & N.Z Corps to follow 2nd Div to France. 2nd Aust. Div. to be the first unit to leave	Appx F
			To CIGS. enclosing report on Salonica by Col. FAIRHOLME. (attached) Col Fairholmes remarks on the French defence works are of particular interest	Appx G
			To Secretary W.O. re clerical establishment for AG's branch GHQ	Appx H
			Notes by Naval Advisor on interview with V.A. re anti aircraft guns and air reconnaissance	Appx J.
			Secretary CIGS	

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February.			**Summary.** During the month the activities of the General Staff have been chiefly concentrated on the following matters:	
			Reorganization and reequipment of M.E.F. Preliminary steps to raising 2 new Australian divisions and Brigade Machine gun companies.	
			Training. Organization of Dismounted Brigades	
			Training. Machine gun school started at Ismailia. Courses for Signallers and young officers. Short weekly courses for officers at R.F.C.	
			Canal Defences. Organisation of 3 sections of defence: massing of roads and railways: construction of defences: aeroplane reconnaissance. Appreciation of general problem of defence of canal. Organization of a mobile force with canal transport.	
			War Establishments of Headquarters compiled and sent to W.O. for ~~act~~ sanction.	
			Despatch of Troops. Part of 46th Division returned to France. 13th div. despatched to Mesopotamia. Preparation for despatch of 6 divisions in France. Embarkation commenced on 28 Feb.	

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