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**SECRET**

From

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF,  
EGYPTIAN  
~~MEDITERRANEAN~~ EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

To

The Director of Staff Duties,  
War Office, LONDON, S.W.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS,

*3rd* August, 1916.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith the War  
Diary of the General Staff, Operations Section, General  
Headquarters, Egyptian Expeditionary Force, for the month  
of July, 1916.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*H. D. Dawson*

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



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices	
ISMAIYA	July 1 <sup>st</sup>	0600	Wire from TROOPERS 19010 cipher D.S.D	Re AM 653 June 15 <sup>th</sup> . Proposed establishment (Cavalry School at ZETOUN) approved. Only one officer available from home.	App. A
		0600	Wire from TROOPERS 19009 cipher S.D.2	Yon AM 712. Reinforcements for Machine gun Companies will be sent in accordance with your demands. SALONICA Machine gun School can therefore be closed.	
		0615	Wire from A.H.Q. SALONICA G.C. 244 cipher	'Situation unchanged'	
		0605	Wire from A.H.Q. SALONICA G.C. 243 cipher	Detailed account of present condition & efficiency of Servian Army.	App. B
		0915	Wire to TROOPERS AM 721 Cipher	Pigeon Service requirements. It is interesting to note that Q. will not undertake the provision of pigeons.	App. C
		0945	Wire to TROOPERS AM 722 Cipher	Weekly return R.F.C.	App. D
		1104	Wire from No 3 Section	Angie Mounted Division's Reconnaissance at BIR EL ABD and MAGELBRA disclosed no enemy - a few tracks observed.	App. E



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ISMAILIA	July 1st	1117	Wire from 125 <sup>th</sup> Brigade B.M. 237 Damaged British aeroplane seen at 0745 four miles from BALLYBUNION. Patrol followed it in direction KANTARA. Two hostile aeroplanes followed patrol but eventually turned and made off in direction of ISMAILIA. <sup>inquiries were made</sup> [This message without foundation. All 3 machines our own] 7 RFC who state that	App. F
		1250	Wire to Nos. 1, 2, 2A + 3 Sects. Oac 243 Cancel Oac 224. Please wire every day at 1900 list of any posts where men are receiving less than 3 gallons of water per diem. List should state in terms of gallons per man amount supplied and what proportion carried by pipe and Camel transport respectively.	
		1400	Wire to SIRDAR AM 723 cipher Reference sending Naval officer to PORT SOUDAN. Asking if removal of Lt HAIR, <del>and</del> if it meant leaving the Aswan-Halfa reach unprotected, would be advisable	app G
		1845	Wire from WESTFORCE G.S.B 261 Cipher Aeroplane reconnaissances from SOLLUM & KHARGA Report all clear.	App. H
		2120	Wire from TROOPERS 19031 Cipher SD 3 F You G.S. 115/1 June 13 <sup>th</sup> . Please give further details of local requirements necessitating proposed establishment MUDROS Signal Section	



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MAILIA	July 1st	2115	Wire from AHQ SALONICA A 872 Cpher	Reference relationship GOC troops MUDROS and Islands with Navy which needs to be defined.	App I
		2130	Wire to CHIEF LONDON AM 724 Cpher	Evening report. ANZAC Mounted Division reconnoitred BIR EL ABD and MAGEIBRA and found no signs of enemy.	
			Wire to WESTFORCE	Re prismatic compasses	App K
			Wire to Canal Coy	All clear (at 0830)	
			<u>Letters etc</u>		
			to I.G.C	Information required re Metal fund.	App L
			to Gen DALLAS (personal) No 2 section	In view of possible withdrawal of 42 <sup>nd</sup> Div, views as to redistribution of troops in Section 2 asked.	App M
			to Chief Imp Gen Staff WAR OFFICE, LONDON	Re inefficiency and irregularities in musketry training of drafts for 1/10 County of LONDON Batta, LONDON Regt	App N
	to Director of S.D. WAR OFFICE, LONDON	Covering letter <sup>with</sup> for War Diary, O, G.H.Q, E.E.F for June 1916	X		



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ISMAILIA	July 1917		<p>Letter to:- O.C. 5<sup>th</sup> Wing R.F.C. Application for Machine gun by A.F.C SUEZ - reply requested.</p> <p>O.C. 5<sup>th</sup> Wing R.F.C. Letter attached dealing with wireless messages from aeroplanes. The Wireless section (I) request that practice messages of doubtful interpretation from a military point of view should not be sent, in order to avoid false alarms.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ocw/ma Capt G.S.</p>	<p>app. O</p> <p>app P</p>



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SMAILIA	July	0855	Wire to (ANAL COY. All Clear	
		0910	Wire to No 2 Section No 2A do ANZAC MIA Div. OAC 244	App. A
		1205	Wire to TROOPERS. AM 725 cipher	
		1745	Wire from SIRDAR. 886 Cipher.	
		2200	Wire to SNO. HMS Jupiter OA 106 cipher	

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ISMAILIA	July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1812	Wire from 54 <sup>th</sup> Div. G 3583 Water report.	app B
		1845	Wire from COMMUNICATIONS O 1778 Q cipher CAIRO. Communications, ABBEVILLE, wire asking to what division 133 <sup>rd</sup> Bde. R.F.A. belong. It is not shown in Battle order of 11 <sup>th</sup> Div. Reply, and explanation, (if any), requested.	app. C
		1855	Wire from ARBUR, CAIRO I G 815 cipher. 'Following received from High Commissioner. - Sudan endorses Sheriffs request for 2 more Mountain Batteries 1 Howitzer Battery and 1 Mobile Ambulance to be sent to PORT SUDAN to be ready, if it is possible to supply these, when could they be ready to leave SUEZ.'	
		2010	Wire to AHQ, SALONICA. AM 726 cipher. W.D. instructions May 9 <sup>th</sup> state that garrisons of the Islands App. under my orders. The Vice Admiral to be consulted by Commander of garrison on local matters. Administrative requirements of garrison may be met from SALONICA or EGYPT. Please inform Vice Admiral and G.O.C., MUDROS,	



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ISMAILIA	July 2nd		(continued) accordingly - Changes in garrison should not be made without my sanction, unless urgency is so great that time does not admit of reference.	
		2130	Wire to CHIEF, LONDON + M 727 cipher Evening report. All well.	
			Letter to Commandant School of Instruction ZETTOUN. Inclosing suggestions submitted by General Officers Commanding Sections etc. also copy of letter (attached) regarding the first course for Senior Officers.	App. E
			E-in-C } D.R.T. } The E-in-C intends, if circumstances allow it, to advance from ROMANI and re-occupy EL ARISH in October*. Work on the road, the railway line, and arrangement for water supply are to be pushed on during the summer months. * One mounted and two Infantry Divisions to be employed. - Immediate arrangements to be made to procure all stores, railway stock etc. preliminary arrangements for technical staff below etc.	App. F



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ISMAILIA	July 2 <sup>nd</sup>		(Continued) The C-in-C directs a good margin of safety with reference to water plant, & hopes water can be used within the area of operations, & thus save laying of pipe lines.	
			Commandant, Imperial School of Instruction ZEITOUN	No more dummy shells for Stokes guns available at present. Live shell might be emptied. Would you like these supplied & how many. App G
			G.O.C. NO 1 Section 2 2.a 3	Opinion asked as to value of Reflectors Sight for Lewis guns especially now that the lamps, sieges, have been withdrawn. App H
			Director General of Military Aeronautics W.O. LONDON.	Forwarding papers on the subject of the loss of aeroplane, near DAKLA, with the pilot (Lieut R. DLEY) & mechanic. (These papers are reports from Gen. DOBELL, Commanding W.F.F. & Gen. SALMOND R.F.C.) App I

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MAILIA	July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	0600	Wire from SIRDAR 891 Cipher asking us if we can <sup>now</sup> dispense with Camel Maxim Section which would be of great use to him owing to depleted garrison in SUDAN & to hold ready to proceed to ARABIA if required by Sherif.	} App A
		1300	Wire to SIRDAR AM 731 Cipher Answer to above that we will lend back this unit as soon as necessary arrangements can be made	
		0600	Wire from A.H.Q. SALONICA G.C. 248 'Situation unchanged'	
		0600	Wire from TROOPERS 19066 Cipher DSD 'you AM 659 and 681. Additional British officer not higher rank than lieutenant for each Indian Camel Transport Corps approved'	
		0600	Wire from TROOPERS. 19062 Cipher SD 2 'SALONICA should now telegraph detailed proposals for reorganisation. No increase of existing establishment is feasible. (Ref you AM 701)' Note. An identical wire was received verbatim on 30/6/16	
		(0830)	Wire to CANAL COY All clear	0



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ISMAHIA	July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	0600	Wire from TROOPERS. 19067 Cipher DSD	Reference Veterinary Hospitals at SALONICA - Expansion approved under circumstances. EGYPT should supply additional hospital asked for.	App B
		0600	Wire from TROOPERS 19068 Cipher AG 2A.	Details of men of various Garrison Battalions fit for general service to be held ready to embark for FRANCE.	App C
		1025	Wire to AHQ, SALONICA. A.M. 729 cipher.	Reference W.O. telegrams 19062 & 18979 (see 5 <sup>th</sup> entry on previous page) Presume you are taking action accordingly. Repeat telegram here.	
		1025	Wire to Communications ABBEVILLE repeated CAIRO A.M. 730.	Yours Z Q. 1002/26 1 <sup>st</sup> . 133 <sup>rd</sup> Bde. R.F.A. belongs to 11 <sup>th</sup> Div. See Order of Battle dated 24 <sup>th</sup> April 1916.	
		1605	Wire to TROOPERS. AM 732 cipher.	Explaining need for maintaining <del>business</del> Signal communication at MUDROS W, E & neighbouring Islands, & H.M.S. EUROPA, on departure of RND	App D
		1630	Wire to G.O.C. W.F.F. IG.C. CAIRO OA 106	Reference moving at Sudan's request, Egyptian Army Amel Maxim Section to SUDAN. Instructions to hold in readiness to move as early as possible & report to report as to when ready.	App E



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MALTA	July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1730	Wire from Communications CAIRO 01788 cipher. MONMOUTH Siege Coy (strength given) will move from KUBRI to KANTARA on July 4 <sup>th</sup> .	App. F
		1910	Wire from LAKE BASRA to C-in-C ISMAIUA 1037/53/0 cipher. 'Am told you have some new Mountain Artillery equipment in EGYPT. Are you using all or have you some to spare?'	
		2135	Wire to CHIEF, LONDON. AM 735 cipher. 'Evening report. All well.'	
		Various	Wires from 54 <sup>th</sup> Div., 42 <sup>nd</sup> Div., No. 2 & 3 Sections. Water reports.	App. G
		-	Wire to Training Centre 00195 TEL-EL-KEBIR. Commanders of double squadrons should be provided with one horse each.	
		1747	Wire from School of Instruction ST 146 ZEITOUN. Reference of to retention of Sgt. KNOWLES as instructor	App. H
		-	Wire to Training Centre TEL-EL-KEBIR. DAC 247 Reference to movement of dismounted double squadrons to Canal Zone.	App. I 12



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ISMAILIA	July 3 <sup>rd</sup>		<p>Letters to - G.O.C. W.F.F. Regarding decision not to increase garrison at MOGHARA by withdrawal of troops from WADI NATRUN. Also reference to project of a railway to SIWA, enclosing copy of correspondence on the subject. General DOBELL'S appreciation of the situation on taking over command of W.F.F., with C-in-C's notes in margin, attached.</p> <p>G.O.C. SALONICA Army. Establishment sanctioned of Medical NCO's and men with an A.C. H.Q. - WO. letter attached.</p>	App. K
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SMALIA	July 4 <sup>th</sup>	0435	Wire from TROOPERS. 'You AM. 706 Question has been referred to INDIA' (This refers to proposed raising of 3 more Coy. Bikaner Camel Corps.) 9100 SD 2.	
		0605	Wire from TROOPERS 'You 60.222. Numbers 73 & 74 anti-aircraft sections are now being prepared for service at SALONICA. It is hoped to send them by middle of July.' 19093 Cipher SD 2	
		0605	Wire from TROOPERS 19103 cipher AG 6 Re despatch of details from MALTA.	App A
		0615	Wire from CHIEF LONDON. (addressed INDIA) Reference guns and instructors for IDRISI. Aden pressing for ammunition which impossible to obtain. EGYPT authorized supply for IDRISI any available guns and ammunition.	App B
		0815	Wire from A.H.Q. SALONICA GC 254 cipher. Infantry patrol 84 <sup>th</sup> Sds. were fired on by party of 50 enemy, province of BURSUK today. No casualties reported. Otherwise all quiet on STRUMA front.	
		0830	Wire to CANAL COY. All clear. This day the C in C with the E in C & 1 member each of O & Staff left for Qantara to inspect the Roman-Mahemdia district.	14



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ISMAILIA	July 4 <sup>5</sup>	1100	Wire from 'JUPITER' 'Lieut Haie will arrive PORT SUDAN on Sat. next TANJORE left in Commission with petty officer in charge.'	
		1111	Wire from No 2A Section. 'Is Battery HAC at BALLAH WEST under 2 <sup>d</sup> Section? It was not handed over by 11 <sup>th</sup> Div.'	
		1515	Wire to No 2A } Sections. 'B Battery HAC now at BALLAH will be attached to No 2 <sup>d</sup> Section from No 3 Section till further orders.'	
		1240	Wire from SIRDAR 'Your AM 731 (Refers to return of Egyptian Camel Mosaic Section) Many thanks and your help much appreciated.'	
		1455	Wire to G.O.C No 1 Section 'Operation at ABU ZENEIMA to await C-in-C's consultation App. C with High Commissioner as regards political bearing. Therefore more of Column from QUARANTINE station to be postponed pending further orders.'	
		1510	Wire to High Commissioner 'Asking whether above operation (app C) is politically inadvisable.'	App D
		1515	Wire to SIR F. LAKE BASRA 'Your 1037/53/0 cipher. I have very little Mountain Artillery and regret am unable to spare any'	11



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ISMAILIA	July 4 <sup>th</sup>	2140	<p>Wire to CHIEF LONDON Evening report, giving account of capture of 5 Bedouins and 105 Camels by Australian Mounted Troops, co-operating with aeroplanes, about 15 miles S.E. of our advanced post at <u>DVEIDAR</u>.</p> <p>A more detailed account of this incident, received subsequently, says that an aeroplane reconnaissance reported a party of 30-40 men with 120-150 Camels at the well at BIR-EL-JEFFEIR, in consequence the G.O.C. Austr. Mtd. Div. ordered the 5<sup>th</sup> Austr. L.H. under Lt. Col. Wilson, in co-operation with an aeroplane, to surround the well at daylight. Nothing was found at the well, but tracks indicated that the party had moved S.E. the previous evening. The aeroplane followed the tracks, found 8 men with about 100 Camels, dropped a message to the troops &amp; then dropped smoke bombs over the party. The men &amp; Camels scattered, 7 Camels being killed by bombs and machine guns. The Squadron then came up and captured 5 Bedouins &amp; 105 Camels.</p> <p>* They were probably a wandering party of Arabs, as indicated by the unfitness of the Camels. Lt. Col. Wilson, &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieuts. McLaren &amp; Roberts (R.F.C.) commended for smart work &amp; skilful co-operation. * Subsequent interrogation of these Bedouins establishes this as a fact. The camels were female breeding camels.</p>	App E
		2225	<p>Wire from TROOPERS Reference establishment newly formed company from details despatched from MALTA and designated No 98. (See also App A 4/7/16)</p>	App F



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ISMALIA	July 4 <sup>th</sup>		Wire to No 2 Section } Ref. O.A.C. 244. 11 <sup>th</sup> L.H. will be under No 2A Section for - 2 <sup>a</sup> } administrative and tactical purposes. ANZAC Mtd. Div. } OAC 250.	
			Wires from 42 <sup>nd</sup> Div. } No 2 Section } Water reports No 3 } 54 <sup>th</sup> Div. }	app G
			Letters etc to:-	
			D.C. R.F.C. Re supply necessary labour. (for erecting dummy hangars at MOASCAR)	App H
			G.O.C. No 2 Sect. Reference water report. In hot weather C-in-C wishes no man receive less than 3 gallons per diem.	App I
			Secretary, WAR OFFICE, LONDON. Attached table showing distribution MUDROS Signal Section.	App K
			I.G.C. requesting him to issue orders to officer in Charge Works to supply, on demand of O.C. 5 <sup>th</sup> Wing, R.F.C. labour to build dummy hangars at MOASCAR.	App L
			G.O.C. ANZAC Mtd. Div. Copy attached of W.E. of Machine gun Squadron, which it is proposed to form for your Division. - Method of supplying personnel, etc.	App M

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ISMAILIA	July	0605	Wire from TROOPERS approving one Veterinary Sergeant per Coy. Imp Camel Corps. 19139 Cipher S.D. 2. Letter to Commandant Imp. Camel Corps advising him of above sanction	
		0605	Wire from A.H.Q. SALONICA to LONDON proposing and asking sanction to reorganisation of Artillery	App A
		0615	Wire from SONIA SALONICA T590 cipher addressed inland SUEZ. Reference transport matters. Adds that A.D.R.T. informs him that Railway Transport Section will soon be complete and that all transport is urgently required in connection with construction work now in hand.	App. B.
		1150	Wire to A.H.Q. SALONICA 03 199 cipher repeated G.O.C. MUDROS. Reference establishment for 98 <sup>th</sup> Coy. R.G.A. received from War Office.	App. C
		1150	Wire from High Commissioner 'Your telegram yesterday. There is no political objection to action proposed.' (This refers to proposed operations near TOR and ABU ZENEIMA)	18



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SMAILIA	July 5 <sup>th</sup>	1500	Wire from A.H.Q. Refus supply of cars - urgent need of 30 more - able to carry on if completed to scale authorised by W.E. with necessary additions. QA 878 cipher SALONICA	App. D
		1656	Wire from SIRDAR asking if it has been found possible arrange send Lt. HAIR to PORT SUDAN	
		1845	Wire to SIRDAR saying Lt. HAIR arrives PORT SUDAN 8 <sup>th</sup> inst other 'TANJORE' remains in Commission under Chief petty officer. O 844 AM 737 cipher	
		2125	Wire to G.O.C No 1 Sect. C-in-C has sanctioned operations from TOR and ABU ZENEIMA O A B I. + has arranged ship available on 9 <sup>th</sup> to move Bikanir Camel Corps from SUEZ to ABU ZENEIMA by sea.	App E
		2200	Wire to CHIEF LONDON. Evening report. All well. AM 738 cipher.	
			Wire to No 1 Section Allowance of ammunition asked for in your GS 14/12 of July 2 <sup>nd</sup> approved.	
			Wire to WESTFORCE General SALMOND arrives KHARGA July 6 <sup>th</sup> . Inform S.W. Force.	
			Wires from Sections Canal Defences. Water reports.	App F



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ISHAILIA	July 5 <sup>th</sup>		<p><u>Letters etc to -</u></p> <p>G.O.C No 1.2.2<sup>a</sup> p3 Sect. Instructions as to new method of sending in weekly reports.</p> <p>O.C. Birkamir Camel Corps. These camels with the W.F.F are being watered daily, whereas all other camels are watered at intervals of 3-5 days &amp; this would appear to impair their tactical efficiency <sup>for desert operations</sup>. The O.C. is asked for his remarks.</p> <p>(He replied that it was his opinion &amp; that of others he had consulted, that it was necessary in hot weather to water camels at least every other day, otherwise they became weak. He proposed that the question should be put before General BUTLER, D.V.S. for his views.)</p> <p>I.G.C. announcing that W.O. had decided to replace Major HARDING &amp; the other Marine Artillery Officers &amp; personnel now in EGYPT by R.G.A. from the U.K.</p> <p>G.O.C. Reference guard for wireless station at ABU ZABAL, asking him to increase it, if considered necessary, to afford the security asked for by The Navy. (Letter from S.N.O. Egypt attached)</p>	App G
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ISMAILIA	July 5 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Letter to:- G.O.C. W.F.F. with regard to establishment of Headquarters W.F.F. Any suggested amendment should be submitted to G.H.Q., but no request for increase, unless supported by really strong reasons, is likely to be supported agreed to by W.O.</p> <p>Memorandum from M.G.R.A. to C.G.S. giving his views, after inspecting the defences of Alexandria on July 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup>, as to the most satisfactory solution of the diminished Garrison at on disposal. He regrets the withdrawal of Major HARDING, (App H) who will be a great loss.</p>	<p>App. K</p> <p>App. L</p> <p style="text-align: right;">J.C. Williams Capt. G.S.</p>



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ISMAILIA	July 6 <sup>th</sup>	0053	Wire from TROOPERS 9236 S.D. 2. Proposed establishment advanced depot medical stores at ABASSIA approved with one exception.	App A
		0600	Wire from SIRDAR 0848 presuming that we are retaining the Camels (of the Camel Maxim Section lately returned to him). As camels are difficult to procure, he proposes to replace them by mules and asks us to let him have 75 pack mules in addition to the 73 mules we are sending him for the Mountain Battery.	App B
		0600	Wire from SALONICA G.C. 263 Cipher Situation No change	
		0605	Wire from TROOPERS 19108 Cipher D.S.D. Repet officer is not now available. N.C.O. should be drawn from permanent staff of dismounted Yeomanry? (This refers to Cavalry School instructors at ELITOUN.)	
		0746	Wire from ROMANI do (155 <sup>th</sup> Bde) do hear do 0756 - N.E. (Nothing further was heard of the enemy machine & no bombs were reported)	
		0835	Wire to CANAL Coy All clear.	22



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ISHAILIA	July 6 <sup>th</sup>	1015	Wire to CHIEF, LONDON. Sanction requested to retain DDMS & ADMS for HQ No 3. Section AM 739 cipher.	App C
		1425	Wire to TROOPERS Reference Veterinary hospitals for SALONICA - they cannot be spared from EGYPT owing to increase in sick animals. AM 740 cipher.	App. D
		1430	Wire from SIRDAR 'Noted with many thanks'. (Refus to Lieut. HAIR proceeding to PORT SUDAN. 916 cipher)	
		1435	Wire from ARBUR Instructions to detain at SUEZ, for the present, guns, ambulances IG 843 cipher. CAIRO Etc, also as to receive & shipping of rifles, ammunition, stores etc to either PORT SUDAN or JEDDAH.	App E
		1449	do saying R.I.M.S. 'HARDINGE' arrived SUEZ expressly to ship ordnance & stores for HEJAZ, packing us to instruct SUEZ to load all SAA, tents, gelignite, grenades & foodstuffs on her. IG-846	
			Various from Sections a Canal defenses - Water reports.	App F



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ISMAILIA	July 6 <sup>th</sup>	1814	Wire to A.H.Q. SALONICA. AM 741 cipher.	Re personnel demands for Mountain Art Bde. What instructions have you received from W.O. regarding conversion 18 pdn Bde. What arrangements are you making for provision of drivers & mules.	App G
		1915	Wire to A.H.Q. SALONICA } OBA 300. G.O.C. MUDROS } cipher	Re establishment 98 <sup>th</sup> Coy.	App H.
		1920	Wire to CHIEF, INDIA. AM 742 cipher.	W.O. approves additional British Officer, not higher rank than Lieut. for each Indian Camel Transport <sup>India</sup> Coy. <del>asked if they are prepared to promote original Camel Corps Commanders to Captain to give them necessary seniority.</del>	App. I
		2130	Wire to CHIEF, LONDON. AM 743 cipher.	List of units no longer belonging to G.E.F.	App. K
		2145	Wire to CHIEF, LONDON. AM 744 cipher.	Evening report. All well.	
			Letter to: - G.O.C. SALONICA Army giving W.O. Establishment for 98 <sup>th</sup> Coy. R.G.A.	App. L	24



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ISMAILIA	July 6 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Letter to: - G.O.C Sections 1 2 2A 3. Officers whose duty it is to give wireless warning of hostile aircraft, will only do so when they actually see it themselves. Information received by them by telephone should, if necessary, be repeated by telephone, but should not be sent by wireless.</p> <p>The Secretary W.O. LONDON. Observations on W.E. of a dismounted Brigade as forwarded by W.O. app. M</p> <p>O.C. A.I.F. H2, EGYPT section. Re Mobilization Store Tables (ANZAC Mounted Division) app. N</p> <p>G.O.C. ANZAC Training Centre. Inadvisable issue machine guns asked for owing to probable early move Base depots.</p> <p>Commandant Imp. Camel Corps. Reference provision of 100 Camels from Camel Transport Corps, and special pack saddles for Lewis guns - no caudal saddles surplus or available. app. O</p> <p>O.C. Base Stationery, ALEXANDRIA approving their suggestion for distribution of War Establishment. app. P 21</p>	



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ISMAIHA	July 6 <sup>th</sup>	2332	Wire from TROOPERS 9281 AG 4 2 Lt Col. SALMOND appointed Brigade Commander R.F.C. temporary rank Brigadier general with effect from July 1 <sup>st</sup> to command R.F.C. Brigade in EGYPT.	
		2350	Wire from TROOPERS 9290 SD 2 giving approved establishment for Inspector of mounted troops in EGYPT.	App. Q

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ISMAILIA	July 7th	0605	Wire from TROOPERS asking SALONICA (to whom wire addressed, repeated here) the present situation as regards organisation and equipment of the five divisions there.	
		0605	Wire from AHQ SALONICA Situation unchanged GC 265 Cipher	
		0605	Wire from TROOPERS giving approved Amendments to War Establishments of G.H.Q. and other Headquarters in EGYPT.	App A
		0615	Wire from S.NO, EGYPT 2200 Cipher. Following message received from H.M.S. 'BEN-MY-CHREE' Commences: - EL ARISH visited: big machine engine trouble, Small machine 2 bombs one hit. Occupied trenches in big camp seen, numerous new trenches in wood close to sea. Two hostile aeroplanes chased our seaplane. Anti aircraft guns active.	
		0835	Wire from GENERAL SINGAPORE. 924 Cipher Arab revolt. Arabs anxious to know if the Sheriff at MECCA issued FETWAH with authority of MUJLIS ILLDARA. INDIA report the says EGYPT reports that Sheriff's proclamation to Muslim world. Is this an authorised FETWAH.	App B



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SMAILIA	July 7 <sup>th</sup>	0605	Wire from TROOPERS What is present situation as regards organisation & equipment of your five divisions	(SALONICA)	
		0845	Wire to Canal Coy. All clear.		
		1600	Wire to TROOPERS' Printed Establishment Camel Trans. Corps received. Please wire A M 745 cipher. if amendment proposed in A M 674 of 20 <sup>th</sup> June is concurred in.		
		1845	Wire to CHIEF, LONDON. 'Your 01/21/78 of 14/6/16 and my A.M. 696. 53 <sup>rd</sup> T.W. has been earmarked for INDIA.' As DAC under strength and tow Train employed as local transport and cannot be spared, both DAC & Train would have to be sent from home, the latter on SALONICA scale.		app. C
		1950	Wire to No. 3 Section informing them that 55 <sup>th</sup> Anti Aircraft Section, shortly due, will be allotted to them & asking them to wire suggested location.		
		2000	Wire to CHIEF, LONDON. Evening report. All well. AM 747 cipher.		
Various			Wires from Section Canal Defence. Water report.	app. D	



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ISMAILIA			<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Commander-in-Chief's Tour to ROMANI and MAHEMDIYA, July 5th, 6th and 7th.</u></p> <p><u>July 5th.</u> Commander-in-Chief left ISMAILIA by motor launch at 2 a.m. and proceeded to QANTARA, where he arrived at 4.30 a.m. He was met by General Lawrence and members of the staff of No. 3 Section, by General Wright, Engineer-in-Chief, G.H.Q., and representative officers of the General Staff and Q.M.G.'s branches who had preceded him to QANTARA on Tuesday night. On the arrival of the Commander-in-Chief, the party left by rail for ROMANI, where horses were met, and from there rode to KATIB GANNIT. This is a high shifting sand-dune on the extreme southern flank of the advanced ROMANI - MAHEMDIYA line, from the summit of which a general view is obtained of the greater part of the position and the surrounding country. From KATIB Gannit the Commander-in-Chief proceeded to make a detailed inspection of the posts of the defensive works, Nos. 1 to 7, from south to north. Of these, Nos. 1, 2, and 3 had not been commenced, but the works had been traced and marked with pegs for inspection. The remaining works, Nos. 4, 5, 6 and 7, were found, on the other hand, to be well advanced. The construction of these defences is being carried out entirely by native labour of the Egyptian Labour Corps under the supervision of <del>white</del> officers, and during his inspection the Commander-in-Chief went carefully into various questions affecting the employment, provision and administration of this Corps and their capacity for work in this district as compared with white troops. (see para. (a) appendix ).</p> <p>The system of the advanced defence of the ROMANI - MAHEMDIYA line consists of a chain of 11 posts stretching from KATIB GANNIT in the south to the sea coast at OLD MAHEMDIYA in the north. Each post is self-contained and prepared for all-round defence, but the works have been carefully sited with a view to ensuring the closest mutual support between the posts throughout the line. Concealment does not appear to have been carefully considered, works for the most part being sited rather conspicuously near the crests of minor features and enclosed by high wire obstacles, invisibility being, as a rule, subordinated to the acquisition of an extensive field of fire. From No. 7 Post the Commander-in-Chief returned to ROMANI at about 7.30 a.m., and left by train for MAHEMDIYA, where his camp had been prepared. During the day the Engineer-in-Chief and General Staff Officer from G.H.Q. inspected the water-boring operations in progress at MAHEMDIYA and also the condensing plant. The situation as regards the provision of water from local sources</p> <p style="text-align: right;">/at</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">29</p>



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ISMAILIA			<p>at MAHEMDIYA by means of the above did not promise to produce sufficient water to meet local requirements. Colonel Gascoigne, A.Q.M.G., G.H.Q., went into a large number of questions relating to the supply and maintenance of the advanced troops.</p> <p>In the evening the Commander-in-Chief, accompanied by the same party as accompanied him in the morning, rode round the camp and inner line of works at MAHEMDIYA, returning at 7.30 p.m.</p> <p><u>Thursday, July 6th.</u> Commander-in-Chief left MAHEMDIYA on horseback at 5.30 a.m. to inspect the remaining posts of the advanced line, namely, Posts 8 to 11. All these works were well advanced, and showed the same characteristics as the rest of the line which had been inspected the previous day.</p> <p>On completion of the inspection, the Commander-in-Chief returned to MAHEMDIYA, arriving about 8 a.m. The officers from G.H.Q. returned the same day to ISMAILIA, but the Commander-in-Chief remained at MAHEMDIYA until Friday, July 7th, in order to discuss with General Lawrence in detail the various questions in connection with the present and future policy in the northern section.</p> <p>Commander-in-Chief's notes, which were prepared after the tour for circulation to the heads of the various branches concerned at G.H.Q., together with the remarks of these departments, are attached as appendices.</p>	<p>App H 7<sup>th</sup> July</p>



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ISMAILIA	July 7 <sup>th</sup>		Wire to AHQ, SALONICA DBA 302	Reference establishment topographical section presume you are using second officer already sanctioned.	App E
			Letter to - G.O.C No. 3. Section.	Your proposal to amalgamate the 4 Brigade penade Schools into one section penade school is sanctioned. Please forward proposed organisation etc.	App F
			I.G.C	Re establishment H.Q. of Administrative Commandant, ISMAILIA no change in present regime contemplated.	App G
			Memoranda to D.Q.M.G. P.E.-in-C	DRT extract of notes made by the C-in-C during his recent visit to ROMANI & MAHAMDIYA. To D.Q.M.G. (1) excellence of native labour urgent need for further recruitment (2) water arrangements (3) want of coordinating authority in camp at Romani & Mahamdiya (4) Need for a good business man to lay out Romani junction properly To E-in-C (1) water at Romani insufficient. (2) Would it be possible to start roads from Mahamdiya to Romani + to various defences? (3) We should try to get water by boring E. of Romani near the railway.	App H
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SMAILIA	July 8 <sup>th</sup>	0830	Wire to Canal Coy All clear	
		0910	Wire from AHQ SALONICA Situation unchanged. G.C. 269 cipher	
		1000	Wire to TROOPERS Weekly return R.F.C. A.M. 748 cipher	App A
		1035	Wire to G.O.C. WIFF. O.E. Imp. Camel Corps reports No 10 Coy now available O.A. 112 with him for early move of this Coy. to destination you select. Please report location & date of move.	App B
		1030	Wire from No 3 Section Suggesting anti-aircraft section should be located HO. 54. at ROMANI.	
		1750	Wire to CHIEF, LONDON. Await reply to my A.M. 690 of June 24 <sup>th</sup> . Meanwhile am A.M. 749 cipher. forming companies. (This refers to formation of additional Companies of Imp Camel Corps from surplus reinforcements of Anzac Mt. Div.)	} 32
		1815	Wire from TROOPERS New Zealand fort. agrees to your proposal which is 19287 S.D. 2. approved. No reply yet from AUSTRALIA.	



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ISMAILIA	July 8 <sup>th</sup>	1800	Wire to TROOPERS AM 750 cipher. Requesting that this draft (Ref 15982 of 29/6/16) may include a Major RGA with knowledge of coast defence to replace Major HARDINGE as O.C. ALEXANDRIA defences, also at least one Captain RGA.	
		1815	Wire from G.O.C. AM 235 cipher. MUDROS. 'R.N.D. details left here to man anti-aircraft guns and boom defences now relieved by RGA, & are concentrated at MUDROS. Please instruct as to their disposal.'	
		2000	Wire to CHIEF, LONDON AM 751 cipher. Evening report. All well.	
		2246	Wire from TROOPERS AM 745 (Camel Transport Est) Amendment approved. 9413 SD 2.	
		Various	Wires from Sections, CANAL defences. Water reports.	app. C
		Letters etc. to	G.O.C. W.F.F.	43
			Re watering of camels. D.V.S. G.H.Q. gives opinion that they should be watered daily, if possible. — Question of officers (British) for Bekean Camel Corps is under consideration — Egyptian Machine gun Det. at WADI NATRUN ordered to return to the SUDAN.	app. D



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ISMAILIA	July 8 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Letter to - G.O.C. LoC. } Concentration of a small mobile column at ISMAILIA for employ- No 2 Sec } ment on West Bank, has been decided on, in the event of serious operations taking place E of Suez Canal. This column would be employed to repel such raids as might penetrate as far as the Canal bank. - details of this column given -</p>	App E
			<p>G.O.C. No 1 Section. The C-in-C is willing to agree to abandonment of the posts BURNLEY &amp; DARWEN. The Decanville engine at RABBIT will be withdrawn, also pump, as soon as smaller one can be established to supply the camp there.</p>	App F
			<p>G.O.C. W.F.F. Owing to possible despatch of 53<sup>rd</sup> Div. outside EGYPT, the C-in-C proposes to relieve 159<sup>th</sup> Brig. by 3<sup>rd</sup> Bismounted Brig. - These troops are not inferior, possibly superior to 159<sup>th</sup> Bde. - Your remarks will be considered before necessary orders given.</p>	App G
			<p>G.O.C. W.F.F. Is it understood to be your wish to withdraw the spare ASC drivers from all five Arm. Cars Batteries? If not, please state the special circumstances of the SolevM batteries. - Further remarks on this subject.</p>	App H



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SMAILIA	July 8 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Letter to:                      GOC 1.2.3 Section                      L of C Defences                      I.G.C                      R.F.C. Middle East</p> <p>} Amendment in force Order 5 of Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> para 8 (re duties Administrative Commandant = L of C, ISMAILIA now cancelled.</p> <p>I.G.C Fresh distribution of ALEXANDRIA Coast Defences batteries. The broad question of the defences, owing to reductions in personnel is under consideration.</p>	<p>App. I</p> <p>OC Williams Capt G.S.</p>



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ISMAILIA	July 9 <sup>th</sup>	0600	Wire from CHIEF LONDON 19296 cipher add SALONICA	If decided to place some 6 inch howitzers at your disposal would tractor or horse draught be more suitable? From point of view of provision tractors would be more convenient.
		0600	Wire from TROOPERS 19301 cipher add SALONICA ISD.2	Your GB 266 (not received) when would the divisional artillery be organised for mountain warfare assuming sufficient guns are available? Do you recommend 4 or 6 Mount. gun Batteries? Personnel would be drawn from batteries from which 18 pdr. guns were withdrawn.
		0600	Wire from TROOPERS 19322 cipher	Approval given for formation Bde H. 2 (for establishment see Appendix). Please notify names of officers selected to fill these Staff appointments. Lieut EARLE being sent from home as equipment officer with other necessary ranks. Col SALMOND'S appointment date from July 1 <sup>st</sup> . Do you require transport? (attached letter from G.H.Q. to General SALMOND including copy of above telegram asking for recommendations for Staff appointments, also re transport.)
		0835	Wire to CANAL Coy	All clear

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ISMAILIA	July 9 <sup>th</sup>	1015	Wire to AHQ, SALONICA AM 752 cipher	'C-in-C wishes despatches rendered in first week of each month dealing with operations up to the last day of preceding month. Please send despatch for June.' (Attached letter to G.O.C's all troops in EGYPT, giving them the same instructions)	
		1100	Wire to TROOPERS AM 754 cipher	You 19322 cipher of 8 <sup>th</sup> (App. A) what increase on establishment R.F.C. Bde. given in Army Order of Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup> 1916 will be authorized for General SALMOND'S HQ.	App. A
		1103	Wire to G.O.C MUDROS AM 753 cipher	'You AM 235. Please communicate direct with V.A, who will issue all orders regarding disposal of RND details.'	
		1120	Wire to LORD METHUEN AM 755 cipher. MALTA from C-in-C EEF	asking for a further detachment of 20 O.R. MALTA RGA to enable the carrying out of re-organisation of ALEXANDRIA Coast defences.	App. E
		1315	Wire to AHQ, SALONICA AM 756 cipher	Ref W.O. Telegram 19501 cipher SD 2 of 8 <sup>th</sup> . Let me see your answers to W.O. telegrams on this subject, & tell me if I can do anything to assist you immediately. (This refers to provision of Mountain Artillery)	W



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			Wire to Anzac Mtd. Div.	Reference G.S. 93/2 of July 4 <sup>th</sup> . Arrangements have been made for issue of guns. (This refers to formation Bde. Machine Gun Squadron for the division)	
			Wires from all sections Canal defences.	Water Reports.	App. D
			<u>Letters etc to -</u>		
			I.G.C	The two 15 pr. Ehrhardt guns, on removal from RAS EL TIN should be deposited at the R.A. base depot, SIDI BISHR where they will be handed over to the O.C. R.A. base details. This officer should be instructed to train detachments for them as soon as possible.	App E
			G.O.C. ANZAC Mtd. Div.	enclosing W.D. letter re provision of Lewis gun personnel in Infantry Battns. It is hoped you can make similar arrangements.	App



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ISMAILIA	July 9 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Letter to: - GOC No 3 Section</p> <p>The C-in-C, since his visit to ROMANI and MEHEMDIA, has been considering destination of your next forward move and the means for carrying it out. Probably OGHRATINA would be a suitable place and distance for this entrenched camp. - all round defence works for a garrison of 1500 rifles, would appear necessary. - water supply and railway would have to be extended to that place. - Additional troops would be given you, if necessary. - Preparations should be made now, whilst railway under construction, for making necessary siding so that two armoured trains could always be working on line from ROMANI to OGHRATINA (about 10 miles). - Object: - to get as near as possible, during summer months to EL ARISH, so that in the Autumn or winter, if advisable, the Egyptian Province of SIWAH may be wholly or partly released from Turkish domination. He wishes for your views in full, also how you propose to use ELC now at your disposal in construction of necessary additional works. The location of the Mounted Division requires careful consideration.</p>	App G



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ISMAILIA	July 9 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Letter to: - GOC RFC Middle East. The C-in-C has decided that for the present, it is only necessary to reconnoitre WADI MUKSHIEB twice instead of 5 times a week. Please submit general proposals limiting reconnoissances - more particularly in No 1 &amp; 2 Sections, to rest pilots &amp; machines.</p> <p>to GOC RFC asking his opinion regarding proposed flights of CO's and Staff officers &amp; other representatives over enemy lines. The C-in-C expresses doubts as to results.</p> <p>to GOC No 3 Section. asking views as to whether naval searchlight at QANTARA still useful under existing conditions.</p> <p>to GOC No 1 Section re naval searchlight at EL KUBRI</p> <p>to GOC No 1 Section In reply to GOC's question as to responsibility of troops in West Bank under GOC Lt C SHARQVIA Section, we informed him that he is not responsible for them, only for troops allotted to the section under his command.</p>	<p>app H</p> <p>app I</p> <p>app R</p> <p>app L</p> <p>O'Connell Capt</p>



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SMAILIA	July 10 <sup>th</sup>	0600	Wire from AHQ, SALONICA GC 271 cipher	
			Situation unchanged.	
		0600	Wire from TROOPERS. 19332 cipher DSD.	
			A chemical adviser graded as D.A.G. is approved for H2 SALONICA army in place of attached medical officer gas expert for G#Q. EGYPT. (Confirmation 19206 cipher 6 <sup>th</sup> )	
		0840	Wire to CANAL Coy.	
			All clear.	
		1025	Wire to ANZAC Mtd Div. OA 113	
			When issue of horses carried out, regiment should move complete to allotted sections viz:- 11 <sup>th</sup> LH to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Section, 12 <sup>th</sup> LH to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Section. - Remainder deals with proposed instructions.	app A
		1110	Wire from SNO, PORT SAID 1010 cipher	
			V.A. in H.M.S. 'EURYALUS' arrives EGYPT about end of July.	
		1200	Wire to G.O.C 2 <sup>nd</sup> Section OA 114 3 <sup>rd</sup> ALH Bde ANZAC Mtd Div.	
			On arrival of 11 <sup>th</sup> LH in 2 <sup>nd</sup> Section, they will be for administration etc, except promotions & personnel (under GOC 3 <sup>rd</sup> ALH Bde) under GOC 2 <sup>nd</sup> Section	app B
		1347	Wire from W F F	
			No. 10 Coy I (Camel Corps) will be despatched to KHARGA at end of week.	



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ISMAILIA	July 10 <sup>th</sup>	1815	Wire from GOC MUDROS SC 81	V.A. wishes <u>1 officer and 30 men</u> from Garrison battery sent to THASOS as a guard. Inform me when ready to leave MUDROS. Can produce men - please wire instructions as THASOS outside Command.	
		2110	Wire to CHIEF, LONDON. A.M. 759.	Evening report. All well.	
		2200	Wire to 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> sections Oct 3.	Instructions re despatch of parties from No 3 section to App C. Rest camp & relief by 2 <sup>nd</sup> section.	
			Various wires from sections Canal defences. Water reports.	App. D	
			Wire to GOC Angae Mtd. Div. Amendment to Machine gun Squadron Establishment. (attached reply from Angae Mtd. Div.)	App E App F	
			Letter to Command. ZEITOUN School GOC'S NO 1 Section 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 W F F	The Leather Pack cases and wooden boxes for carrying Lewis guns are to disappear in favour of (1) Carrier Magazine, made of canvas. Each holds 4 magazines. Two can be fastened together to sling over a man's shoulder. Issue will be made at the rate of one per four magazines, giving 16 per Lewis gun. (2) Box Carrier Magazine	App G



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			<p>(Continued). Made of steel with leather handles. Holds two Carriers = 8 magazines. It is made like a portmanteau, and provided with loading handles. Issue will be made at the rate of one for two magazine Carriers.</p>	
			<p>to:- O.C. I.C. Corps. Further considerations re establishment I.C.C. in view of its expansion to 15 companies.</p>	<p>app. H</p>
			<p>S.S.D. BIKANIR Camel Corps. advising him that it is not possible at present to accede to his request to move Corps in No 1 Section to ISMAILIA. A letter (attached) has been sent to No 1 Section requesting him to lighten work of this Corps as much as possible, as they need rest.</p>	<p>app I</p>
			<p>It has now been decided that the watering of camels will take place daily when possible.</p>	
			<p><u>Watering Camels</u>. This last paragraph ends a controversy which is of great importance in desert operations. The popular idea that it is only necessary to water camels at prolonged intervals, once in three, or even five, days, appears fallacious from</p>	



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			<p>The opinion, taken lately, of those most competent to judge. Undoubtedly in the cooler months, less frequent watering is possible, but in the hot weather, the camels become weakened, &amp; unable to stand the strain of heavy work. General Butler, D.V.S., G.H.Q. strongly concurred with other opinions in favour of frequent <sup>daily</sup> watering, when possible.</p>	
S.N.O. EGYPT			<p>Steps have been taken to prevent trespassers on land occupied by wireless apparatus. Instructions have been issued to guard at ABU ZABAL.</p>	
G.O.C No 2 Section			<p>No plant can be issued for road marking at present as none urgently required elsewhere. The C-in-C realises that this will affect the construction &amp; repair of roads in your Section.</p>	App. K
G.O.C W.F.F.			<p>The issue (of Machine guns for defence of ASSIOUT) must be deferred at present, owing to necessity for meeting requirement elsewhere.</p>	oc Williams Capt 85



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ISMAILIA	July 11 <sup>th</sup>	0600	Wire from TROOPERS K360 Cipher SD 2	asking concurrence in proposal that detachment RGA sent from GIBRALTAR to TUZLA should form part of No 92 Coy RGA for administration
		1745	Wire to TROOPERS AM 765 cipher	Reply to above, concurring.
		0600	Wire from CHIEF LONDON. 19387 Cipher	J. Thence Sheriff is probably ignorant of the art of destroying railways and suggest you concert with Sirdar with a view to seeing if any assistance can be given him in this matter.
		0600	Wire from AHQ SALONICA GC 275	Reorganisation of Artillery & requirements - The G-S limited wagons, now with 3 <sup>rd</sup> Park Art. Bde. unsuited to active operations in this country. If brigade can be made entirely park, 300 more native drivers wanted
		0600	Wire from AHQ SALONICA GC 272	
		0900	Wire to CANAL Coy.	All clear
		0920	Wire from ANZAC Mtd. Dv.	Attached memo. in reply that L.H. units while at MOASCAR are under administration of Comdnt. Aust. Training Depot.
		1025	Wires from ROMANI district	reporting enemy aircraft seen flying over ROMANI about 1020. Those at 1020 state flying S. later over N.E.



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IMBABA	July 11 <sup>th</sup>	1249	Wire from No. 3 Section H.O. 71 Reference despatch of troops to Rest Camp. - desire for Artillery may next be moved to MAHAMDIYA as water supply permit	app. C
		1253	Wire to CHIEF LONDON. AM 762 Further request for even one skilled Cavalry Officer to instruct at ZEITOUN school for officers of Angai Mt. Div. P Yeomanry.	app. D
		1400	Wire to GOC, MUDROS, VA AM 763 Your S.C. 81. Send troops as requested by VA-THASOS included in your command from present date!	
		0615	Wire from AHQ, SALONICA, SALONICA requests that General SALMOND be sent (to SALONICA) to choose suitable landing ground R.F.C. found originally earmarked by us & other suitable sites were handed over to the French squadrons attached to us, as our provision of British aircraft did not materialize. Major GROVES does not feel himself competent to form a decision. He replied that General SALMOND not available, so he is proceeding to MESOPOTAMIA, & that AHQ must decide in consultation with Major GROVES and Capt VAN REINVELD. General SALMOND considers it most important that aircraft park should be close to railway.	app. E
		1445	Wire to AHQ, SALONICA. AM 764	



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SMAILIA	July 11 <sup>th</sup> 1915	1835 AM 757	Wire to CHIEF, INDIA. 'Would it be possible to provide 200 native drivers urgently repaired for 3" Pack Artillery Sde to enable wheeled transport to be turned into pack.'	
		1900 AM 766	Wire to A H Q SALONICA. 'Your G.C. 275 cipher. No Indian native drivers available in EGYPT. It is very doubtful whether INDIA can provide, but have wired asking if number required can be spared.'	
		1915 19394 cipher.	Wire from CHIEF, LONDON with regard to policy in SALONICA. The French Ambassador presented a note on July 1 <sup>st</sup> urging that Allied successes on main fronts had created a new situation justifying re-opening question of SALONICA offensive. Our government replied that they could not agree & no justification to revise their previous conclusions. In their opinion, the Bulgarian army was as strong as when the question was last discussed. The enemy's trenches no less formidable, our force is not yet organized for mountain warfare, lacking mountain & heavy artillery. Shipping situation also still not relieved. If ROUMANIA should definitely intervene on our behalf, we would be prepared to co-operate in offensive operations commensurate with the scale of equipment of our force here, either simultaneously or immediately after the effective	App. F 17



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ISMAILIA	July 11 <sup>th</sup>		<p>(Continued) entry of ROMANIAN forces in the field, the object being to hold as large a portion as possible of the BULGARIAN Army on the GREEK frontier.</p> <p>1955 Wire to CHIEF LONDON AM 768 cipher Evening report. All well.</p> <p>2125 Wire from TROOPERS 19403 cipher S.D. You AM 740. Officers including O.R. Regiment No 18 let. Hospital should be sent to SALONICA and local arrangements made for sick at ALEXANDRIA. Forward particulars required to complete No 18 Hospital on arrival SALONICA.</p> <p>2130 Wire to AHQ SALONICA AM 769 cipher. Please send copy of your reply to W.O. Cde 19229 of July 6<sup>th</sup> (re organisation.)</p> <p>2130 Wire from AHQ SALONICA. A 983 cipher. You AM 741 July 6<sup>th</sup>. This deals with Artillery re-organisation &amp; requirement of mules, drivers etc.</p> <p>Various Wires from Sections, CANAL defences. Water reports.</p>	<p>app. G</p> <p>app H</p>



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ISMAILIA	July 11 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Letters etc to - G.O.C. No 2 Section. The C-in-C has considered your proposals for shortening the right of your line by abandoning the groups of works at R1PK3. After giving some detailed criticisms, the C-in-C asks for further proposals for consideration.</p> <p>G.O.C. W.F.F. As the E.E.F. may be called upon to provide a mounted Bde. for E Africa, it would be necessary to select one of the two under your command. Presumably you would command the 22<sup>nd</sup> Mtd. Bde. Please say if this is so &amp; forward report on present state &amp; efficiency of Bde. you select, adding any views as to any steps you consider necessary for their preparation for service in E. Africa.</p> <p>I.C.C. With reference to G.S. 146/2 of 30/6/16, please say when an answer may be expected, as the C-in-C is anxious that the new scheme should come into being as soon as possible. (This refers to establishment of military posts on Western boundary Canal Zone. app. D 30/6/16)</p> <p>occasional Capt. G.S.</p>	<p>App I</p> <p>App. 1</p> <p>App 2</p>



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ISMAILIA	July 12 <sup>F</sup>	0600	Wire from A.H.Q. SALONICA G.C. 275	Situation unchanged.
		0600	Wire from TROOPERS 19412 cipher DSD	addition of one A.H. & Q.M.G. to establishment ALEXANDRIA district is approved.
		0600	Wire from TROOPERS 19419 cipher SD 2	Proposal (to form additional Camel Coy. from surplus Angae Mtd. Div. reinforcements) agreed to by AUSTRALIAN Govt.
		0600	Wire from CHIEF, LONDON 19428 cipher	Can you say what you anticipate will be the rate of forward progress QATIA line and how you stand for material? (Ref 18899 cipher of 29 <sup>th</sup> June)
		1520	Wire to CHIEF, LONDON A.M. 773 cipher	replying to above: QATIA railway line now laid half way between ROMANI and QATIA. Have material to take line to OGH RATIVA, which I am preparing to occupy at early date. Five difficulties to contend with - (1) intense heat of SINAI in midsummer, (2) absence of roads, (3) very heavy sand (4) no water that British troops can drink (5) many horses will not drink water available - Details about water plant pipes railway plant and



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ISMAILIA	July 12 <sup>th</sup>		<p>(Continued) rolling stock etc - Egyptian labour, amounting probably to 10,000 to be valued in addition to our men. - Territorial Divs. improving but are undoubtedly indifferent immobile troops. - Tribute paid to Engineers work done in SINAI Peninsula this year.</p> <p>0600 Wire from TROOPERS Two heavy batteries 60 pds. will be sent from EGYPT to 19422 cipher D.S.D SALONICA. They will be replaced from home, but these batteries may have to complete practice in EGYPT. Five 6" howitzer Siege batteries will be sent SALONICA. All five divisions will be equipped on pack basis. - Information re animals requirement requested. Further shipments of mules from N. America to EGYPT will take place. - Three additional reserve packs will be sent from home.</p> <p>0615 Wire from A.H.Q. SALONICA Owing to recent lack of practice of all batteries, desirable to arrange <del>at</del> a battery practice camp for 2/3 months. Figures of expenditure of ammunition required. Presume no objection to expenditure.</p>	<p>App B</p> <p>App C</p>



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ISMAILIA	July	<del>11th</del> 12th	Wire to CANAL Coy. all clear.	
		0840	Wire to SIRDAR	
		1020	AM 770.	
			No suitable artillery officer available here for training Arab Artillery for Sherif. Can services of Major SPIVICKS be lent for training & supervision.	
		1300	Wire from No 3 Section	App. D
			H.O. 76.	
		1825	Wire to No. 3. Section	
			D.A.O. 5	
			replying to above that all possible steps are being taken to supply necessary foremen.	
		1415	Wire to CHIEF, LONDON	App E
			AM 771	
			ref. 19422 after D.S.D. Batteries (if sent from here to SALONICA) would have to be taken from positions here where they have registered and are re-located. - Opinion expressed that guns from home would reach SALONICA almost as soon as could finish practice there. Would not contest the point if guns were required for FRANCE.	
			Various Wires from Section CANAL defences.	
			Water reports.	52 App F



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ISMAILIA	July 12 <sup>th</sup>	1430	<p>Personal wire from C General MILNE, SAL. AM 772</p> <p>promising every assistance to his force, but pointing out that our numbers are small, only Territorial Divisions left, under establishment, more so than his. He has given everything of fighting value to FRANCE.</p>	App. G
		1810	<p>Wire to TROOPERS AM 774 cipher.</p> <p>Transport required for Gen. SALMOND'S Headquarters. Names of staff officers will be notified later.</p>	App. H
		2037	<p>Wire from TROOPERS 9636 A.O.</p> <p>Reference personnel increase RFC Headquarters</p>	-
		1850	<p>Wire from TROOPERS 19439 cipher.</p> <p>Please arrange for despatch of six D.U.S. to SALONICA as soon as shipping available. Cable numbers of depots selected.</p>	
		2100	<p>Wire from TROOPERS 19437 cipher SD 2.</p> <p>Artillery reorganisation on lines you recommend is approved. Ten 2.75 mountain equipments will shortly be sent you, also Establishments for mountain Bde. of 3 four gun batteries. - Further suggestions -</p>	App. I



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ISMAILIA	July 12 <sup>th</sup>	2030	Wire from ANZAC Mtd Div. 12 & 13 Camel Coy. ready to move tomorrow, 14 Coy. on Friday (14 <sup>th</sup> ) - further details given.	App. K
		2120	Wire to TROOPERS AM 775. Authority required to raise 53 <sup>rd</sup> Coy to full strength. If approved, provision of personnel required from ENGLAND. Shall probably want additional company later on.	App L
		2130	Wire from CHIEF, LONDON AM 776. Evening report. All well.	
			Letters etc. to - G.O.C W.F.F. 2a. Section	App. M
			Referring to move of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dismounted Bde to W.F.F. to relieve 159 <sup>th</sup> Bde, returning to Canal Zone. General HODGSON to go at once to SOUHUM to take over command Coastal Section. - other staff details given -	
			G.O.E. ANZAC Mtd. Div. Consent of the Australian & N.Z. Govts. & approval of the War Office has been given to formation of five additional Corp. Imp. Camel Corps from surplus reinforcements under your command, 4 Corps from A.L.H., 1 from N.Z. Mtd. Bde.	45

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ISMALIA	July 12 <sup>F</sup>		<p>Letter to GOC No 1 Section Canal Defence. It is regretted that your suggestion (to give permission for Staff Officers, Post Commanders &amp; representatives of Batteries to be given flight over front line posts &amp; the surrounding country to study the ground and the siting of the trenches &amp; emplacements in posts) cannot be carried out.</p> <p>This question was put before O.C. 5<sup>th</sup> Wing. R.F.C., who answered that it has always been the practice of the GOC, R.F.C. in the field in FRANCE to discourage officers, not connected with the R.F.C., from taking flights for any purpose. Two arguments in support of this (1) O.C.'s Defensive lectures can get any information they require about their front from trained R.F.C. observers. (2) Flights by officers, inexperienced of the work of the R.F.C., have a value not commensurate with the time &amp; energy expended and the risk run. The conditions under which aerial reconnaissance are carried out are too foggy and difficult &amp; disturbing to form a right judgment on any point.</p>	<p>Williams Capt 8</p>



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ISMAILIA	July 13 <sup>th</sup>	0600	Wire from AHQ SALONICA 13. cipher.	Two additional Base Park Coys. wanted here urgently - work seriously delayed by lack of men. - some remarks re. Est.	App A
		0600	Wire from TROOPERS 19448 cipher.	Refers to Gen. SALMOND'S HQ. Est <sup>ment</sup>	App B
		0600	Wire from AHQ SALONICA G.C. 27 cipher.	Disposition of 17 <sup>th</sup> French Colonial Div.	App C
		0600	Wire from TROOPERS 19457 cipher D.S.D	Arrangements are being made to send shortly some Cavalry officers (to instruct at Cavalry school ZETTOUN) from FRANCE as requested. Total not likely to exceed 20	
		0615	Wire from SIRDAR 963 cipher.	Impossible to send MAJOR SPINKS, (whose services were requested to instruct Arab Artillery), as he now commands Royal Art. in place of Col PALMER who reverted to British Army. Much under strength in Artillery Officers despite constant appeals to W.O.	
		0845	Wire to CANAL Coy	All clear.	
		0901	Wire to AHQ SALONICA 411 777 cipher	You Q.A 916, July 11 <sup>th</sup> (asking sanction for expenditure of ammunition for Artillery practice) sanctioned.	

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ISHAILIA	July 13 <sup>th</sup>	1450	Wire to TROOPERS Establishment of staff for TELE EL KEBIR Training Centre on AM 779 cipher reduction which will probably be required. Definite information & details of classes etc. will be submitted shortly.	App. D
		1800	Wire to A.H.Q. SALONICA W.O. have approved one chemical adviser, graded as D.A.A.G. being added to your H.Q. O.B. 217	
		1800	Wire from A.H.Q. SALONICA General JOFFRE has wired to SARRAIL asking to be informed by wire when the 4000 mules indispensable for the Serbian Army will be obtained. Purchase in CYPRUS being arranged under you. Please wire approximate number & date of arrival of mules purchased. Q 9930	
		1900	Wire to CHIEF, LONDON. Units incorporated in & ceasing to belong to E.E.F. - THASOS included in MUDROS command. AM 780.	App. E
		1945	Wire from A.H.Q. SALONICA Recommendations for Artillery reorganisation. G.C. 278 cipher	App. F
		2130	Wire to CHIEF, LONDON AM 782 Evening report. All well.	



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ISMAILIA	July 13 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Wires between G.H.Q. and Imp Camel Corps, ABBASSIA re movement of newly formed No 12 &amp; 13 Corps, now ready, from TEL EL KEBIR to ABBASSIA.</p> <p>Wires from Sections (CANAL Defences Water report.</p> <p>Letters etc. to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>G.O.C. No 2 Section. It has been decided that Decauville Plant in your section shall remain at your disposal for the present, but it has been earmarked for withdrawal at short notice if required for use elsewhere.</li> <li>G.O.C. No 1 Section. Decauville Plant in No 1 Section at your disposal for any use you think desirable, particularly for maintenance of roads. 2' 6" railway to QUARANTINE station to be extended to AYUN MUSSA - orders will be issued shortly.</li> <li>G.O.C. No 2<sup>a</sup> Section. Decauville lines in your section to be relaid from FERDAN railhead towards BALLAH railhead &amp; from BALLAH railhead N.P.S. for the construction of the road FERDAN Rhd - BALLAH Rhd - TURKS TOP. C-in-C has ordered this road necessary preparations to be put in hand at once. Correspondence between G.H.Q. &amp; (attached).</li> </ul>	<p>App. G</p> <p>App. H.</p> <p>App. I</p>



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ISMAILIA	July 13 <sup>15</sup>		<p>Letter to:- G.O.C No 3 Section. In view of recent orders for formation of Bde. Machine Gun Squadron, it is considered that the amendment to WE. for Bde H.Q. now unnecessary.</p> <p>G.O.C No 3 Section With reference to the forthcoming second stage of our advance eastward along the Coast of the SINAI Peninsula, the C-in-C wishes you to submit your considered appreciation of the situation drawn up after giving full weight to the factors, which he sets forth in considerable detail.</p> <p>- Attached is the reply of G.O.C No 3 Section, giving his appreciation of the situation.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ocwilliams Capt G.D.</p>	<p>app H</p> <p style="text-align: right;">169</p>



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ISMAILIA	July 14 <sup>th</sup>	0600	Wire from General MILNE <u>Personal</u> appreciating C-in-C's efforts to help him. A 12 cipher.	App A
		0600	Wire from AHQ, SALONICA Situation unchanged. GC 280 cipher.	
		0600	Wire from TROOPERS Please obtain from INDIA personnel to complete B' Sect. 137 <sup>th</sup> Indian Field ambulance at SALONICA. 19512 cipher.	
		0600	Wire from CHIEF, LONDON. The two heavy batteries required for SALONICA will be sent there direct from ENGLAND. They will have completed practice before embarkation. 19505 cipher.	
		0600	Wire from TROOPERS Do you recommend provision of hand carts for Lewis Machine guns in EGYPT and SALONICA? If so, do you want provision made for full number of these guns authorised? - Scale in FRANCE guns. 19515 cipher BSD 2.	App B
		0600	Wire from TROOPERS <sup>Repeated to</sup> <del>Salonica reported the message to us later</del> Do you think an I.G.C. would be necessary in the event of operations from SALONICA? If so, would the present position of present Base Command, SALONICA be affected? 19511 cipher S.D. 2.	
		1550	Wire to AHQ, SALONICA asking opinion on above 19511. AM 785	
		0610	Wire from AHQ SALONICA. Reply to 19229 cipher S.D. 2. Reorganisation requirements. QC 924	App C



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ISMAILIA	July 14 <sup>th</sup>	0615	Wire from SIRDAR. Giving names of Major SANDERSON, VICKERY & RAPER as suitable for training Arab artillery. He thinks they are all at SALONICA. 968 cipher.	
		0644		
		0702	Wires from various local sources reporting aircraft, nationality unknown, at RASELES.	App D
		0835	Wire to CANAL Coy. All clear	
		1105	Wire to SIRDAR asking if he would provide one native Artillery NCO & six men for staff of Arab Training Camp for Sheriff. AM 783 cipher.	
		1230	Wire to CHIEF, LONDON. Am making arrangements to train Arabs in demolition work, but the Sheriff is averse to destroying railway as it is a Mahammedan enterprise, built by Mahammedans. AM 784 cipher.	
		1400	Wire from 54 <sup>th</sup> Div. Column returned ABU ZENEIMA this morning. Light prisoner, including Sheikh ABUDIACO (?). Camels, sheep, goats captured after small fight. One OK DARHEL (?) recovered. — In reply to a wire from G.H.Q. asking repetition name of Sheikh & the last sentence. 54 <sup>th</sup> Div. wired Sheikh ABDUSCOV. One OMDARHEL recovered. Name probably wrongly stated by ABU ZENEIMA. Last sentence probably refers to ARHAMBARHEL, deserter from an Indian Regt. Enquiry being made.	App E



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SMALWA	July 14 <sup>th</sup>	1546	Wire from LORD METHVEN A.S.O.S to C-in-C Can spare 20 trained gunners but no N.C.O.'s (for ALEXANDRIA Coastal defenses)	
		1815	Wire to AHQ, SALONICA. AM 787. cipher Sanction is being asked from W.O. for establishment Map & Survey Dept. and G.H.Q. Printing Section, which are hereby provisionally sanctioned. Further details given.	App. F
		2110	Wire to CHIEF, LONDON. AM 788 cipher Evening report - all well.	
			Wire to Imp. Camel Corps. Please report when you are ready to receive No 13 Coy. Wires from Sections CANAL Defences Water Reports.	App. G
			Letters. etc. to:- G.O.C. No 3 Section. Please render statement of work done at ROMANI since the date of the C-in-C's inspection, 5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> July, & numbers of E.L.C. employed during the period.	
			S.N.O. EGYPT. The C-in-C has read with interest the report on operations of HMS BEN-MY-CHREE from July 6 <sup>th</sup> to 11 <sup>th</sup> , & summary of operations of HMS RAVEN from July 1 <sup>st</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> and considers especially that the reconnaissance sketches & plans are of great value.	62
			The Col accompanied by Captain Yardley & the P.M. proceeded to Alexandria	

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ISMAILIA	July 14 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Letter to:- GOC NO 2 Section. A hopper need no longer proceed nightly to K. 84 to keep search-light burning to the N. The Naval Authorities have been informed.</p> <p>GOC R.F.C Middle East. attaching W.O. cables re Establishment R.F.C. HQ. GOC NO 3 Section. It is understood that the arrangement to increase the number of Egyptian laborers at ROMANI to 5000 has not been possible to carry out - only 3800 there - remaining 1200 could not be sent from QANTARA owing to water difficulties caused by increase of troops at ROMANI. The C-in-C wishes the full number to be sent up as soon as possible &amp; asks for report on this matter.</p> <p>GOC W.F.F. Disposal of <sup>late</sup> South Western Force staff. GOC W.F.F.(I) C-in-C gratified by your report on 22<sup>nd</sup> Mtd. Bde &amp; wishes the facts conveyed to the troops concerned. (2) Questions of relief by 6<sup>th</sup> Mtd Bde. should your recommendation to concentrate the 22<sup>nd</sup> Mtd Bde in view of your being ordered to E. Africa be carried out. (3) 22<sup>nd</sup> Mtd Bde only 'commanded' at present.</p> <p>GOC 1.2.2 &amp; 3 Sections. Temporary shortage of barbed wire but ample supply of plain wire which should be used as far as possible for entanglements.</p>	<p>App. H. App. I</p> <p>App. K. App. L.</p> <p>63</p> <p>App. M</p>



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ISMAILIA	July 14/15		<p>Letter to - The Secretary, War Office LONDON. Establishment requested (draft attached for <sup>a special</sup> advanced Mechanical Transport Sub-Depot for sanction, &amp; authority asked for maintenance of two such depots in EGYPT.</p> <p>I.G.C. No immediate prospect of 21<sup>st</sup> Garrison Battalion Rifle Bde being required for service in the Canal Zone - can therefore be used, as he thinks fit, by G.O.C. LofC. If the Battalion is ordered elsewhere, other arrangements will have to be made to replace the 1<sup>st</sup> Coy. Royal W. Sub. Troop sent to ALEXANDRIA.</p> <p>Vice Admiral, Commanding in Chief. The W.O. has instructed me (C-in-C) to consider the possibility of operations in the district of AKABA &amp; if possible the occupation of that place. The Sheriff of MECCA might need our assistance by action in that direction. AKABA must be reached by sea. Possibility of landing a small force at the head of the Gulf of AKABA might be advantageous. Owing to lack of detailed information about the country, suggestion made that BEN MYCHREE might be sent to AKABA to get aerial photographs. If possible Staff Officer with me sent to accompany this reconnaissance. Please state your views as soon as possible.</p>	<p>App N</p> <p>App O</p>
Notes on the Senior Officers Course at the Imperial School of Instruction, ZEITOUN July			<p>O.C. Williams Capt GS. 10<sup>E</sup>-13<sup>17</sup></p>	<p>App P</p>

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ISMAILIA	July 15/23	0600	Wire from A.H.Q. SALONICA GC 281 cipher.	Situation unchanged.	
		0850	Wire to Canal Coy. OAC 265	All clear	
		0956	Wire from 54 <sup>th</sup> Div. G 3685	Names (in small operations, reported in last night's evening report) have been reported by ABU ZEVEIMA but information still not quite clear. Will forward report later.	
		1040	Wire to TROOPERS AM 789 cipher	Weekly RFC return.	App. A
		1150	Wire to LORD METHVEN AM 790. from C-in-C	Many thanks for your help. (This refers to assistance in former personnel from MALTA.)	
		1430	Wire to TROOPERS AM 791	requesting sanction for whole establishment of an Advanced Depot, <sup>with increases</sup> to which an provisional sanction has been given.	App. B.
		1435	Wire to A.H.Q. SALONICA AM 792.	advising them of provisional sanction for certain increases in Advanced Base Depot.	App. C.
Various from Section CANAL Defences			Water reports.		



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ISMAILIA	July 15 <sup>th</sup>	1440	Wire from AHQ, SALONICA Reference last paragraph W.O. telegram 19394 July 11 <sup>th</sup> GC 283 (saying in the event of ROMANIA actually joining the Allies, we would be prepared to assume the offensive) - is there any prospect of draft from home? We are now over 14,000 short in infantry alone.	
		1535	Wire from SIRDAR 974 cipher repeating he cannot provide any W.CO's or men (to train Arab Artillery). Suggests that we get them from Egyptian Army gun crews on armoured trains in EGYPT.	App D
		1630	Wire from AHQ, SALONICA. Details of changes in dispositions ordered in Serbian Army. GC 282 cipher.	App E
		2115	Wire from TROOPERS 19577 cipher Proposal to raise 53 <sup>rd</sup> Coy. to full strength sanctioned. Personnel numbers, trades etc to be sent from home.	App F
		2155	Wire to CHIEF LONDON. AM 793 cipher. Evening report. Small raid on enemy's post near GINEH - one Sheikh, 10 other prisoners, 34 camels and 130 head of sheep & goats captured. Operations lasted 2 1/2 days, 60 miles of difficult country covered. Considerable sniping - no casualties.	App G



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ISMAILIA	July 15 <sup>th</sup>		<p>W in K TRAINING No 13 Camel Coy. will probably be required to move to ABASSIA TEL-EL-KEBIR, about July 24<sup>th</sup>. Definite instructions later.</p> <p><u>Letters etc to -</u></p> <p>G.O.C No 3 Section. The proposals for formation of a Section Grenade School, on lines indicated, are approved.</p> <p>G.O.C No 2 Section. Approval has been given for issue of 12. 3.7" (four pounder) French mortars &amp; 22 catapults &amp; ammunition (Table given) French App H.</p> <p>G.O.C W.F.F. W.O. has laid down scale for Lewis guns of 3 handcuts for each pair of guns. - App I. details of design given - Have informed W.O. no use for Eastern desert - please give your views regarding value for Western desert.</p> <p>G.O.C ANZAC Training Centre. The N.Z. Govt having approved of formation Camel (Mtn) Coy from your surplus reinforcements, please proceed with raising this unit.</p> <p>G.O.C DELTA Distr. Application being made to W.O. to increase your H.Q. staff by one Staff Capt.</p> <p>G.O.C L.Q.C. The issue of rifles and ammunition requested in your 5265/G. 10/7/16 sanctioned.</p> <p>G.O.C No 2 Sect. The proposals put forward in your G.S. 1030 of 13/7/16, regarding the defence of your right flank, are agreed to.</p>	

O.C. Williams  
Capt. G.S.