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ISMALIA	July 16 <sup>th</sup>	0600	Wire from TROOPERS 19587 DSD Wire to TROOPERS 19603 cipher SD 2. This will be arranged.		
		0615	Wire from ATHQ, SALONICA A 42 cipher	Can you arrange to train reinforcements locally for Lewis gun detachments, as done in FRANCE. This would facilitate sending infantry drafts. One weeks instruction is found to be sufficient in FRANCE. Reference proposed IGC for SALONICA - This would only be necessary if increase in existing Army contemplated or operations on a large scale. Work of IGC now performed by ATHQ, so position of Base Commandant would not be affected.	App A
		0600	Wire from ATHQ, SALONICA QA 940.	Due to length of hilly & bad road, provision of an additional motor ambulance convoy complete with personnel & vehicles necessary. Breakdowns in 17 <sup>th</sup> Motor Amb. Convoy exceed 50%. Can one convoy be sent soon?	
		0600	Wire from TROOPERS 19603 cipher SD 2.	regarding increase in cars in proposed W.E. for G.H.Q. Please explain purposes for which increase in scale required.	App B
		0835	Wire to CANAL Coy.	All clear	
		1235	Wire to TROOPERS AM 794 cipher	asking for reply to our AM 759 of 6/7/16 (sanction to return D.DMS & ADM5 for No 3 Section.	

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ISMAILIA	July 16 <sup>th</sup>	1420	Wire to TROOPERS Reference to R.F.C. H.2. establishment.	App C
			AM 797	
		2120	Wire to CHIEF, LONDON Evening report. - all well.	
			AM 798	
			Wires from Sections Canal Defences. Water reports.	App D
			Wire to W.F.F. asking for Egyptian personnel from crews of armoured trains under their command. - requirements stated in App.	App E
			Letters etc. to -	
			G.O.C's 1.2 2 <sup>a</sup> .3 Sections. All re-improvements for Lewis guns Sections will be trained locally. As ZETTOUN School is restricted in capacity, arrangement should be made regimentally to give preliminary instruction. Considering ZETTOUN School as higher training for Officers P.O.R. particularly as regards their tactical employment.	
			G.O.C No 2 Section The C-in-C has noted your proposals to take over the whole of 2 <sup>a</sup> Section. It has now been decided that the Northern Boundary of your Section will be a line running due E. from Bilo 58 on the Canal. The C-in-C generally approves your proposals for the occupation & defence of EL FERDAN. - This letter deals further with C-in-C's suggestions in view of the return of the 159 <sup>th</sup> Bde to the Canal Zone. & the	App F 69

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			<p>(Continued) 42<sup>nd</sup> Div. coming under the Command of No. 3 Section.</p> <p>Letter to No 2 A &amp; 3 Sections informing them that No. 2<sup>a</sup> is to be abolished when the 159<sup>th</sup> Brigade return to the CANAL Zone &amp; the 3<sup>rd</sup> Dismounted Bde have relieved them - The 42<sup>nd</sup> Div. will be under command No. 3. Section, which will be re-organised as set down in this letter.</p> <p>Secretary, War office LONDON informing them that South Western Force has ceased to exist as a separate force, the troops in that area coming under the direct command of G.O.C, W. F.F. - Disposal of staff.</p> <p>Letter from General DOBELL to G.H.Q. saying that the S.W. Force ceases to exist on the 15<sup>th</sup> inst. on which day B. General HODGSON has been his command and leaves ASSIUT for Coastal Section.</p> <p>All troops South of MINIA now included in one Section under General HOARE, headquarters at GARA. - ASSIUT and GARA Sections cease to exist from the same date as S.W. Force</p>	<p>App F</p> <p>App G</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ocw Capt G 90</p>

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ISMAILIA	July 17 <sup>th</sup>	0600	Wire from AHQ, SALONICA GC 288 cipher	Relief of 29 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Bde. by 31 <sup>st</sup> Inf. Bde.	App A
		0835	Wire to CANAL Coy.	All clear.	
		0743	Wire from local sources.	Hostile aeroplane over ROMANI.	App B
		0801			
		1410	Wire from AHQ, SALONICA GC 290. cipher.	states that Army Machine gun School was closed June 30 <sup>th</sup> in accordance with our instructions in AM 713 & asks if these instructions are now cancelled, in reference to W.D. 19587. (This said that drafts could be facilitated from home if Lewis gunners could get local training.)	
		1430	Wire to AHQ, SALONICA A.M. 799 cipher.	Corporal ASC in charge transport Bde. HQ. provisionally sanctioned. (Attached is letter to W.D. asking for their sanction)	App B(2)
		1450	Wire from SIRDAR 962 cipher.	Reference request to CAIRO that certain stores and equipment should be held in readiness for despatch to KHARTOUM. - SIRDAR had wired to High Commissioner that if a British Brigade were sent to KHARTOUM, he might be able to scrape up a Brigade of Moslems to help SHERIFF.	App C

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ISMAILIA	July 17 <sup>th</sup>	1500	Wire from A.H.Q. SALONICA asking for more rollers for roads. Lack of lorry transport for material retarded building; stock of building material insufficient. Orders are placed.	app D
		1545	Wire to A.H.Q. SALONICA AM 800 cipher. Please inform us when W.O. approve re-organisation in your <del>279/17</del> G of 10 <sup>th</sup> July, so that Order of Battle may be amended.	
		1746	Wire from W.F.F. that they can spare temporarily two Corporals & gunners (for ALEXANDRIA defences) and asking where & when they should report.	app E
		1820	Wire to SIRDAR AM 801 cipher asking if he could lend any handbikes or pamphlets on Est <sup>ble</sup> of Egypt. Camel Battery. Urgently required for reorganising Indian Mtn. Battery.	
		1835	Wire to TROOPERS AM 802 Proposal to form local Coy. R.G.A. at ALEXANDRIA composed of Section 84 <sup>th</sup> Siege Battery and reinforcements as we suggested. - Further instructions given.	app F
		1900	Wire from A.H.Q. SALONICA A 63 cipher. reference Printing Section Establishments.	app G
		2130	Wire to CHIEF, LOINDOIX. AM 803 Evening Report. all well.	26

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ISMAILIA	July 17 <sup>th</sup>		Wire to Canal Coy, ABBASSIA Ten machine guns will be issued to you forthwith. O B 225	
			Varing Wires from Sections CANAL Defences. Water report. <u>Letters etc to -</u>	App H
			<del>Sighting W.O. LOWDOWN.</del>	
			G.O.C No 1 Section. Turkish prisoners are only intended to remain in your section during period of Quarantine laid down by Medical Authorities. It is therefore, considered unnecessary to send you Coy C troops for guards.	App I
			G.O.C Coy C Def. How soon after receipt of orders could mobile column for service on W. bank of Canal (exclusive 'B' Battery, 267 Bde. R.F.A) be concentrated and prepared to move. What place of assembly at ISMAILIA would you select.	
			G.O.C No 2 Section. Copies of 2nd Orders No 1-19 attached, also letter from 2 <sup>nd</sup> ANZAC App. K re orders etc. handed over to GSO, 53 <sup>rd</sup> Div.	App. K
			ZEITOUN SCHOOL Reference (mention penادر instructors, W.O. have called the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. R.A. CROSSMANN (3 <sup>rd</sup> Royal Scots) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. E.A. EDWARDS (10 <sup>th</sup> R. Warraces) have been instructed to proceed to ZEITOUN for duty.	App. K

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ISMAILIA	July 1964	0600	Wire from TROOPERS Reference E-m-C 1801 - provision of piping.	App A
		0600	Wire from A.H.Q. SALONICA further details of organisation of 5 Divs. on para basis QA 951 cipher	App B
		0615	Wire from A.H.Q. SALONICA Ditto. QA 952	-
		0600	Wire from A.H.Q. SALONICA 'You AM 800. Please see TROOPERS telegram 19437 (Artillery Re-organisation). No reply yet received to my telegram GC 278 of July 13 <sup>th</sup> . (Recommendations for Artillery Re-organisation)	
		0600	Wire from A.H.Q. SALONICA Situation unchanged. GC 295	
		0800	Wire to CANAL Coy All clear.	
		1440	Wire from SIRDAR Have instructed A.A.G. Egyptian Army, send you all handbooks & information on the subject (Etabl. Egypt. Camel Batteries)	App C
		1600	Wire to SIRDAR I fear adoption of your suggestion (for a British Brigade to proceed to Khartoum in lieu of Muslim Brigade for SHERIFF) cannot be considered a likely contingency. Glad that you therefore no longer require me hold stores & equipment in readiness.	h/s



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SMAILIA	July 18 <sup>th</sup>	1835	Wire from W.F.F. They propose sending 159 <sup>th</sup> Bde with 300 rounds SAA per rifle & requesting that 3 <sup>rd</sup> Divn Bde may bring same.	
		2100	Wire to CHIEF, LONDON. All well. Evening report. AM 806	
		2115	Wire from TROOPERS. Consider it necessary appoint I.G.C for SALONICA Army. 19664 cipher. Though no immediate intention of large operations. Major-General ROE will be appointed & will proceed direct (he is home on leave) to SALONICA. - Propose he be replaced by <sup>Col. G.F. DAVIES.</sup>	app. D
		2148	Wire from TROOPERS. Questions being arisen about E.L.C. we are asked for information re their establishment, raising, authority etc. 19688 cipher.	app E
			Wire to W.F.F. Artillery personnel should report to Major BARLOW, No 1 Section as soon as convenient.	
			Wires from Sections CANAL defences. Water reports.	app F
			Letters etc. to O.C. 5 <sup>th</sup> Wing RFC. Please arrange flight over some water supply plant in No 27 section to advise him as to the proposed erection of some kind of screen for its concealment.	app G

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ISMAIYA	July 18 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Letter to: - C.I.G.S W O LONDON. from the C-in-C recommending the appointment of an Administrative App H Commandant &amp; two assistants, graded as Staff Captains, in connection with the operations in the MAHAMDIYA - ROMANI area. He puts forward the name of Col W J.S. FERGUSON (retired Pay) for this post</p> <p>G.O.C No 2 Sect. forwarding letter from G.O.C 42<sup>nd</sup> Div with regard to filling in of three vacancies No 2<sup>nd</sup> Section</p> <p>G.O.C 42<sup>nd</sup> Div. allotment of 150 rounds for practice of 'B' Battery HAC is approved as a special case.</p>	<p>app H</p> <p>app I</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-style: italic;">Oswin Capt</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 1.5em;">96</p>

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ISMAILIA	July 19 <sup>th</sup>	0248	Wire from TROOPERS 10089 A.G.4. Reference your AM 762, 11 <sup>th</sup> July, Captain T. LAWRENCE, V.C. 18 <sup>th</sup> Hussars appointed instructor ZEITOUN. Leaving shortly.	
		0600	Wire from TROOPERS 19697 cipher. My 19649 & your 1801. Inquiry about stern engines not necessary as eight 60 horse oil engines by HORNSBY can be got in time.	
		0600	Wire from TROOPERS* 19704 cipher. Please say whether you propose send Section 84 <sup>th</sup> Siege Battery from ALEXANDRIA to SALONICA without personnel. The number allotted to new Coy. to be formed at ALEXANDRIA is 103.	
		0600	Wire from TROOPERS 19696 cipher. Proposal to retain D.D.M.S and A.D.M.S Sanitary duties in No. 3 Section approved.	
		0840	Wire to CANAL Coy. All clear.	
		1200	Wire to W.F.F. D.A.B.8. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dismounted Bde. will move with ammunition complete as far as regimental reserve. Consider this should also apply to 159 <sup>th</sup> Bde.	
		1625	Wire to TROOPERS* AM 808 cipher. Your 19704. Personnel of 84 <sup>th</sup> Siege Battery was sent from home. Section now at ALEXANDRIA manning coast defence guns. No equipments are being sent to SALONICA.	
		2120	Wire from TROOPERS 10062 SD 2. Reference proposed W.E for G.H.Q. explain fully why increase in clerks over approved establishment. Please reconsider your numbers.	77

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ISMAILIA	July 19 <sup>th</sup>	2200	<p>Wire to CHIEF, LONDON. Evening report. Indications of considerably increased enemy AM. 809 cipher. forces on edge QATIA district.</p> <p>This report was sent to LONDON as a result of an afternoon air reconnaissance reported to G.H.Q. from KANTARA by telephone, which reported the following observations.</p> <p>at JEFER, MAGEIBRA, AWEIDIA nothing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- HOD EL BAYUD 2 Bell tents, 3 camps (1 on top of the hills, 1 at wells, 1 one mile N.E. estimated shelter 250 to 300. 2000-3000 troops, 2000 camels, 3 long lines of trenches (2 of these 3-400 yards long). Drinking troughs at well 75-100.</li> <li>- BIR JAMEIL 150-200 large shelters. 1500-2000 men. 1000 camels. 1 long trench facing W. to W. of well. Camp in 4 sections fairly close together.</li> <li>- GANADIL PSALMANA nothing.</li> <li>- BIR EL ABD 20-25 bell tents, 2 E.P. tents. 2 large black huts. 300 shelters 3000-3500 troops. 2000 camels. Camel column 750 strong, moving from MAZAR to BIR-EL-ABD. 3 circular trenches, 1 N. of wells, 1 SE. 1 SW. all of them 200-300 yards of the wells. - On flying towards QATIA the machine met our troops, 3 or 4 miles East of QATIA, and our main body 3 miles behind the advanced. Stopped messages on troops and at ROMANI - received at both places.</li> </ul>	<p>App A</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 2em;">78</p>

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ISMAHIA	2 July 1918	(Continued)	<p>G.O.C No 3 Section (General LAWRENCE) was advised of the enemy concentration in his Section P as a result of consultation as to additional troops required by him, a wire to G.O.C No 2a Section was sent <sup>at 2330</sup> ordering 1 infantry Battalion from Bahah P 1 from FERDAN (42<sup>nd</sup> Div) to march by night to reach QANTARA by 0500, precise instructions at CANAL Bridge QANTARA, from G.O.C No 3 Section. 1<sup>st</sup> line transport will accompany. One day's rations + blankets to be taken. - Move of 2<sup>nd</sup> Dismounted Bde. ordered for tomorrow will be cancelled - they may be used as required for occupation of bridge-heads and especially BAHAH subsection. A wire to G.O.C No. 3 Section was despatched at 2310 telling him of these orders, also that 158<sup>th</sup> Bde. (53<sup>rd</sup> Div) were being sent by train to QANTARA. a wire from No 2<sup>nd</sup> Section arrived at 2245 stating that 7<sup>th</sup> hence Fusiliers P 8<sup>th</sup> Manchester (42<sup>nd</sup> Div) marching to QANTARA, giving details as to times of arrivals, ammunition carried etc. He adds 'Post 104 is being relieved at 0500 tomorrow &amp; garrison of 100 R &amp; F found by the 7<sup>th</sup> L.F. will join their battalion at QANTARA after relief' - General LAWRENCE'S troops consist of 52<sup>nd</sup> Div + Austr. L.H. (ANZAC Mtd Div) - Gen. SMITH commands 52<sup>nd</sup> Div.</p>	

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ISMAILIA	July 19 <sup>th</sup>	0915	<p>Wire to H.Q. SALONICA Can you arrange to train Lewis gunners regimentally. If AM 807 cipher. not, wire requirements in Instructional Staff for small Lewis gun School.</p> <p>Wire from Section CANAL defences. Water reports.</p> <p>Letters etc. to:-</p> <p>G.O.C. No 3 Section Establishment for H.Q. attached &amp; requirements as to transport, clerks etc asked for - these demands should be economical and final. - Wire also attached with two alterations in rank from those stated in Establishment.</p> <p>O.C. Imp Camel Corps. R.A.M.C cannot be supplied for the M.O's or duties - the Estab. of other ranks cannot now be altered - your demands for Lewis gun personnel are excessive. How many horses have you on charge, &amp; what authority for their retention.</p> <p>G.O.C. W.F.F. Considered unnecessary to relieve 22<sup>nd</sup> Mtd Bde at present.</p> <p>I.G.C. Composition of Artillery &amp; personnel of ALEXANDRIA Coast defences.</p>	<p>App B</p> <p>App C</p> <p>App D</p> <p>App E</p> <p>App F</p>

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ISMAILIA	July 19 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Letter to: - Secretary, W.O. LONDON Asking sanction for Maps &amp; Survey Dept., also G.H.Q. Printing Section for SALONICA.</p> <p>G.O.C. No 1 Section The Com-C enumerates broad principles for the selection of gun positions in the Section. - (1) In certain cases, 18-pdrs have been placed so far back on W. Bank of Canal as to involve a serious loss of range. (2) As posts are inevitably visible, there is little objection to placing field guns in entrenched works from point of view that this will draw additional artillery fire on the defenders. (3) 18 pdr. guns should be used for their normal work as well for anti-aircraft, where they have been selected for such.</p> <p>I.G.C. A monthly allotment of 20,000 rounds S.A.T. for musketry training at The Base Depot ALEXANDRIA is approved.</p> <p>G.O.C. No 1 2 3 Sections. Please say if the tactical training exercises on the lines indicated by us have been carried out. - To No 3 is added that it may not have been possible owing to the great amount of work of other kinds which troops have had to do.</p>	<p>App. G</p> <p>App H</p> <p>App I</p>

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ISMAILIA	July 1917		<p>Letter to GOC No 3 Section. The G-in-C has carefully considered your appreciation of the situation - which he has found of great value - regarding a further advance E from QATIA. He agrees to your proposed occupation of position near EL RABAH. This should only be undertaken when works at ROMANI - MAHAMDIYA completed (probably end this month), &amp; when railway &amp; pipe line pushed forward enough to serve the force at EL RABAH. He wishes to keep every possible man mobile - his object is not only to gain ground in <sup>N</sup>SINAI but consolidate the ground gained. The force at EL RABAH should be thoroughly entrenched. He requests statement as to carrying out his intentions, strength of force you will employ, native labour required, etc.</p>	App K

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ISMAILIA	July 20 <sup>th</sup>	0600	Wire from CHIEF, LONDON 19746 Cipher	4 <sup>th</sup> Highland Mtn. Bde RGA will be sent from <del>EGYPT</del> <sup>EGYPT</sup> to SALONICA as soon as possible.	
		0600	Wire from AHQ SALONICA GC 299 Cipher.	Situation unchanged.	
		0600	Wire from CHIEF, LONDON. 19744 Cipher. <i>This wire was addressed to Salonicia</i>	Conference military representatives of Allies meets PARIS very shortly to conclude military convention with ROUMANIA. ROUMANIA has applied for and been granted a loan and her entry in the field now seems probable. RUSSIA is pressing for August 8 <sup>th</sup> as date of entry but our information is that ROUMANIA unlikely be ready so soon. Will keep you informed. I should be glad to know how the mobility of your divisions will compare with that of Serbian and French when you have received your 10,000 mules (Ref A394 of 11 <sup>th</sup> )	App A
		0850	Wire to ANAL COY.	All clear.	
		1030 1426	Wire to TROOPERS AM 810 cipher Wire from TROOPERS 19750 cipher.	Presumably your 19744 cipher (above wire) was addressed SALONICA and repeated here. Please confirm. 19744 should have been marked 'Addressed SALONICA repeated EGYPT' - accidentally omitted.	
	1935	Wire to CHIEF LONDON	Nos 73 & 74 Anti Aircraft sections incorporated in SALONICA Army.		

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			Wire to ANZAC Mtd. D.W. 32 guns are ready & will be issued as soon as pack saddles arrive.	
			Wire from Section CANAL Defences. Water reports.	App C
			<del>Memo to</del> Wires and messages referring to operations in ROMANI - QATIA district	
		1015	Message from C-in-C for <u>the SULTAN</u> . Please inform his Highness that the C-in-C expects to be attacked in QATIA district by the Turks today. Everything is ready for your reception.	App D
			do to <u>High Commissioner</u> . - I expect to be attacked today in force in QATIA district. My preparations have been made & I hope the Turks will get a lesson. All depends on the quality of my troops.	
			do to <u>I.G.C.</u> I expect to be attacked in force today in QATIA area. In case of internal trouble, be ready stop all leave and keep your troops available. Your Provost Marshals must be busy in public places seeing that British officers do not talk in public. All officers on leave should be quietly ordered to return.	TS

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SMAILIA	July 20th	0900	<p>Message to General LAWRENCE - The C-in-C hopes you have now at disposal all troops you require. Is there anything more he can do? He suggests that you RFC should pay special attention to enemy's camels, so as to hamper his mobility. You have doubtless advised General CHAUVEL to save his horses as far as possible at this stage.</p> <p>0000 Message from General LAWRENCE - Please inform C-in-C that for the present I have all the troops I think necessary. The C-in-C's suggestion regarding RFC &amp; Camels will be borne in mind. I have impressed on General CHAUVEL the necessity of saving his horses at this stage. A short reconnaissance towards OGHRAATINA only is being undertaken this morning. am proceeding myself to ROMANI to confer with Generals SMITH &amp; CHAUVEL.</p> <p>2130 Wire to GOC NO 3 Section - The C-in-C is sending Major KENNY, ADC to the SULTAN, and Captain YARDLEY, ADC to C-in-C to ROMANI - They will only go where authorized by G.O.C. there. (Time &amp; place of arrival arrangements etc.)</p> <p><u>Movements of troops etc.</u></p> <p>Wire to GOC's 1.2.29.3 Sections Troops resting SIDI BISHR ordered to return to you today.</p>	<p>app E</p> <p>app F</p>

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ISHAILIA	July 21 <sup>st</sup>	0030	Wire to GOC No 2 Section confirming orders for 158 <sup>th</sup> Bde less 1/3 <sup>rd</sup> Welsh Field Amb to move to KANTARA.	
		1035	Wire to GOC No 1 Section to hold two battalions 54 <sup>th</sup> Div. available for Canal Reserve parking for location. No 1 Section replied GENEFFIE P SHALUFA.	
		0915	Wire to GOC No 2 Section to hold one Batta. FERRY POST, one SERAPEUM available for Canal Reserve. No 2 Section replied 2 Battas earmarked.	
		0925	Wire to G.O.C. No 2 <sup>nd</sup> Section to hold three regiments <sup>Third</sup> Dismounted Bde. available for Canal Reserve. In reply to wire from No 2 <sup>nd</sup> Section we wired that Bde. H.Q. P Machine G Sq. will be with these regiments.	
			Letters were sent to these Sections confirming these orders with details in case of move being ordered. These troops not to be moved without previous reference to G.H.Q.	
			Wire to School of Instruction to hold all ten Stokes guns and all available Stokes gun <sup>LEITOUN</sup> personnel, including instructors, in readiness to embark at short notice.	
			<u>Patrols in No 2 P 2<sup>nd</sup> Sections.</u>	
		1313	No 2 Section. 'A' Subsections reports message from MUKSHIEB 1 - No enemy patrols visible nor any sign of them having been there recently. No 3 pool contains about 1000 gallons. 'B' Subsection reports 'all clear'.	App. G

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SMAILIA	July 20 <sup>th</sup>	2156  2028  0720 1018  1810  1940	<p>(Patrols continued) No 2 Section. MUKSHIEB and ETTASSA all clear - no signs of enemy.</p> <p>No 2 A Section. Patrol of about 100 11<sup>th</sup> ALH will leave BALLY BUNION at 0300 tomorrow to reconnoitre in direction of HOD EL BARA and prospect for water by digging.</p> <p>Wires from Captain GAMMELL R.A., G.S.O.3 GHQ, who left for KANTARA during night 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Two battns. 42<sup>nd</sup> DW. now in QANTARA area.</p> <p>Present distribution of troops QATIA 2<sup>nd</sup> LH Bde. ROMANI 153<sup>rd</sup> Bde, 156<sup>th</sup> Bde less 2 Btns. plus 2 Battns. 42<sup>nd</sup> DW, 1<sup>st</sup> LH Bde, 2 batteries, one with pedants. MEHEMDIYA. 157<sup>th</sup> Bde, 1 Squadron, 2 mobile 18 pdr batteries, 1 immobile 18 pdr battery, 1 immobile howitzer battery DUEIDAR 5<sup>th</sup> LH. and detachment infantry, Hill 70. NZM.R Bde &amp; 12<sup>th</sup> LH Regt. Hill 40 1<sup>st</sup> Armoured Bde. less 1 regt. 158<sup>th</sup> move to Hill 40 tonight.</p> <p>Demonstration by 2<sup>nd</sup> LH Bde supported by 1 Sect. Ayrshire RHA against enemy entrenching at OGH RATINA commenced about 1630 - 2 prisoners captured who state enemy 8000 strong.</p> <p>Prisoners further state enemy have 12 battns. 700 strong, each battn 4 machine guns, some German officers, 6 guns on mules. One battn at OGH RATINA, remainder moving up. Enemy await arrival Central Column before attacking. One regt. 3 battns. will attack W of telegraph line marching from OGH RATINA towards ROMANI. Orders issued to withdraw all native labour to a position W of MAHEMDIYA.</p>	<p>App. H</p> <p>187</p>

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ISMAILIA	July 20 <sup>th</sup>	2132	Our H.A. guns came into action 1920 against enemy camp at OGHRATINA. Enemy retired P 6 <sup>15</sup> . Lt. came into action against their right flank. Fire opened on our left flank by enemy Mkr guns. Later 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. Ode. withdrew in accordance with instructions. P is now bivouacking W of QATIA. <u>Messages from No. 3 Section.</u>	
		0550	ANZAC Mtd. Div. reports QATIA all clear at 0300 P 0430, DUEIDAR all clear at 0500. Shots being exchanged at OGHRATINA at 0435.	App I
		0650	ANZAC Mtd. Div. report BIR EL HAMISHA all clear 0530 but OGHRATINA patrols unable advance beyond HOD ABU ROHDA where enemy holding high ground. Have instructed them to keep in touch.	
		0913	<u>Situation</u> appears that enemy from BAYUD and JAMEIL have either moved or concealed themselves. They have occupied OGHRATINA & are entrenching. Instructed Cavalry ascertain strength but not become seriously engaged. Further aeroplane reconnaissance being sent out. My intention to draw enemy on to within distance for Cavalry to strike if he will come - meantime am holding enemy back. Brigade 53 <sup>rd</sup> Div. arrived, will probably be moved to Hill 40 to operate towards DUEIDAR if required.	
		1150	C-in-C understands you intend drawing enemy on to ground we have prepared other Cavalry will not strike till enemy engaged against your defences. All to our advantage if you can induce enemy to come on & not to launch striking force until he is committed against ROMANI defences.	

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SMALIA	July 20 <sup>th</sup>	1243	<p><u>Situation about 1100</u> Enemy strong force at BIR EL ABD, estimated 2500-3000, many camels, large stores. Strong party, under covering party of 500 with mounted patrols, pushed forward to OGHRATINA and is entrenching position 2 miles long. Our cavalry in touch with these patrols. Last night enemy at BAWD reported about 2000 with camels &amp; at JAMEIL 1500 with camels. These parties not visible in same strength this morning, but have entrenched positions round wells. Cavalry patrol reports force near MAGEIBRA. All quiet on remainder front. (1123) latest reports indicate enemy strength at OGHRATINA about 500 in addition strong digging parties. Cavalry only to observe this party. Indications of hostile forces also near MAGEIBRA. All quiet elsewhere.</p> <p>1530 <u>Situation 1300</u> generally unchanged. Latest Aeroplane reconnaissance chiefly negative.</p> <p>1403 <u>Situation 1600</u> generally unchanged. Two prisoners state enemy strength about 8000. Patrols in front of OGHRATINA report enemy assembling in rear of that place about 3 companies. Small advance ordered to draw in covering troops &amp; shell any enemy visible, subsequently returning. Patrol DUEIDAR report all clear.</p> <p>2236 Aeroplanes report considerable concentration at MAGEIBRA today. Our demonstration at OGHRATINA drove in covering troops &amp; disturbed enemy there. A third prisoner said attack would be against ROMANI. All state strength about 12 batts with 6 light guns and 4 M.G. per batt. which is confirmed by our patrols who were fired on by machine guns. Prisoners state men footsore &amp; tired afraid of Germans. Everything points to move against ROMANI from OGHRATINA with possible attack on DUEIDAR - Our troops will be disposed to meet this</p>	<p>69 (with prisoner of)</p>

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ISMAILIA	July 20 <sup>th</sup>	2230	Wire to No 1 2 2 <sup>nd</sup> sections, W.F.F., I.G.C. DELTA district - General Situation Hostile concentration estimated about 8000 with 2500 to 3000 camels & stores located evening 19 <sup>th</sup> on line BIR-EL-ABD - HOD EL BAYUD. Portion of this force pushed forward to OGHRAATINA & is entrenching. Our cavalry in track since dawn. Enemy made no advance during day. He has entrenched positions round wells at BAYUD & JAMEIL. Reconnaissance by 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. Bde. with section R.H.A. against enemy entrenching at OGHRAATINA began 1630. Two previous state enemy force is 8000. All quiet elsewhere on Eastern Front.	App K
		2230	Wire to CHIEF, LONDON. Evening report. AM 8.2 cipher	
			Enemy troops reported yesterday on E fringe of QATIA basin. Advanced during night to OGHRAATINA. App L Owing to palm groves, difficult to estimate strength - our reconnoissances place it 8000-9000 men with 2500 camels. Expect further Wadwanee by moonlight tonight. (Our dispositions given) Water limit numbers I can use in front line. Enemy entrenching as advance & intention not yet clear. No water problems not easy. I hope to meet him on ground I select with strong counter-attack. Gen SMITH in command 52 <sup>nd</sup> division - a good selection. His infantry fair mounted troops good.	
		0915	Wire from 54 <sup>th</sup> DW. Two, possibly three aeroplanes dropped bombs over EL SHATT and PORT TEWFIK this morning about 0650. Some casualties to officers, O.R.s, natives, horses & camels	App M 100

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ISMAILIA	July 21 <sup>st</sup>	0600	Wire from TROOPERS 19773 cipher	Proposal approved. The 84 <sup>th</sup> Siege Battery will be now wholly at SALONICA and will consist of 2 4" guns and two 6" guns. Is this correct?	
		1545	Wire to AHQ, SALONICA AM 818	Copy of above wire. 'Can you enable me to answer this?'	
		0600	Wire from AHQ, SALONICA GC 298 cipher.	My telegram GC 193 did not contemplate training reinforcement to prevent train Lewis gunners regimentally under present circumstances. Refinements for Lewis gun school same as for Machine gun school lately closed.	
		1935	Wire to TROOPERS AM 819 cipher	Copy of above wire. 'Do you approve?'	
		0600	Wire from AHQ, SALONICA GC 301 cipher	Situation unchanged.	
		0600	Wire from CHIEF, LONDON (Add INDIA)	Not possible to relieve 29 <sup>th</sup> Punjabis from E.AFRICA, but am sending instead 101 <sup>st</sup> Grenadiers to EGYPT to replace 57 <sup>th</sup> Rifles.	
		0830	Wire to CANAL Coy.	All clear.	
		1230	Wire to TROOPERS AM 814 cipher.	Lewis gun hand lost unavoidable for EGYPT provision not recommended. Answer awaited from SALONICA who are ordered repeat it to you.	
		1305	Wire to TROOPERS AM 816	Two additional Base Park Coys. organised on W.E. SD 2, 29/10/16 urgently app. A required for SALONICA, making total of 3 companies. - Reasons given.	1/16

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ISMAILIA	July 21 <sup>st</sup>	1805	Wire from W.F.F. } G.S.B 292 cipher. } Reference flight over KASRDARHILA.	App B
		2150	Wire to W.F.F.	
		2130	Wire from TROOPERS. Suggesting that our despatch dated June 1 <sup>st</sup> cannot be published in toto without damage to ourselves and Allies & asking us to submit one for publication. Two printed copies being sent by R.M. 20/7/16	App C
		2135	Wire to G.O.C, W.F.F. asking him to visit C-in-C Sunday or Monday to talk over certain operations. OAC 279	
			Wire to ANZAC MA. D.W. Can issue Lewis guns at once if any use before arrival of pack saddlery. Please say. Pack saddlery being pushed on	App D
			Wire from Sections, CANAL Defences, Water reports.	
			Wire to Sections, CANAL Defences - sending of candidates to next course ZETOUN postponed.	
			Letters etc. to:-	
			G.O.C W.F.F. No Lewis guns available. Issue of 2 Maxim's approved. Is pack saddlery required?	App E
			G.O.C Sections, CANAL Defences asking if they have been able to supply necessary personnel for Engineer Works from the units allotted to them for this duty.	
	G.O.C NO 2 <sup>nd</sup> Section. Additional dummy grenades asked for to be issued. Take action to avoid wastage.			

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ISMAILIA	July 21 <sup>st</sup>		<p>Letter to - Secretary War Office LONDON. Sanction asked for small increase in SALONICA W E.</p> <p>GOC Section CANAL Defences Grenadier classes at ZETOUK to be treated as advanced course - only suitable candidates to be sent.</p> <p>GOC No 3 Section Impossible to supply sufficient camels to equip C Troop ANZAC Mtd Div. Signed up at present. - Proposals as to drivers &amp; additional personnel etc. a training of men for these duties.</p> <p>Wires, messages etc. regarding the operations in the ROMANI-QATIA area.</p> <p><u>Movements of troops</u></p> <p>Wire to No 2 A Section. General ORMSBY P H 2. 127<sup>th</sup> Bde. should be sent by first train to QANTARA &amp; report to GOC No 3 Section. 127<sup>th</sup> Bde M. G. Coy. complete should also be prepared to move to QANTARA.</p> <p>Wire to O.C Imp. Camel Corps. No 6 Coy. should march to ISMAILIA, as soon as fit for service with machine guns &amp; signallers complete. Report to GOC No 2 Sect.</p> <p>Memo from C-in-C to C.E.S. that he would like to say two more M G. Coys to 52<sup>nd</sup> Div. one from 53<sup>rd</sup> P 124<sup>th</sup> Div, by special train. General LAWRENCE to be asked for his concurrence first. If possible commanders to precede them to study situation &amp; topography before dusk.</p>	<p>App. F</p> <p>App. G</p> <p>App. H</p> <p>App. I</p>

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ISMAILIA	July 21 <sup>st</sup>	1320	Wire to Nos 1 & 2 Sects. Prepare to despatch one Bde. M.G. Coy complete to QANTARA.			
		1210	Wire from No 2 Sect. Can place 160 <sup>th</sup> Bde M.G. Coy. at your disposal			
			Message from No 1 Sect. 161 <sup>st</sup> Bde. M.G. Coy. prepared.			
		1653	Wire from No 3 Sect. asking for M.G. Coys. to bring tents.			
			<u>Arrived Train No. 3 from MINIA</u>			
		1355	Wire to GOC, WFF, DELTA Dist. and IGC to send armoured Train No 3 from MINIA to ISMAILIA as soon as possible. Infantry detachment will be provided by G.O.C DELTA District. Pom-pom detachment & searchlight detachment will be provided on arrival ISMAILIA.		app K	
		1500	Wire to D.R.T. CAIRO giving contents of <sup>preceding</sup> wire & adding Personnel to be taken on board at CAIRO.			
		1940	Wire from WFF Arm. Train due CAIRO 2300. Picking up detachments DELTA District.			
		2215	Wire to Colonel LUBBOCK (D.D.R.T) ISMAILIA. Arm. Train may have to be transferred to E. bank Canal at QANTARA tomorrow afternoon. Can you arrange for transfer across Canal.			
			Memo to GOC No 2 Section to detail 8-12 men to join train for manning 2. pom-poms.			
1512	Wire from GOC No. 2 Section. One officer & 12 O.R. have been detailed. No personnel trained in pom-poms, but am taking steps to train men as far as possible this afternoon.		94			

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ISMAIUA	July		<u>Patrols in No 2 &amp; 2<sup>A</sup> Sections</u>	
	21 <sup>st</sup>	1019	Wire from No 2 Section. 'A' Sub-section nothing to report. 'B' Sub-section nil. Patrols	App L
		1210	Wire from No 2 Section. ET TASSA & MUKSHIEB all clear at 0800 and 0530 respectively	
		1616	Wire from No 2 Section 'B' patrol ET TASSA gained touch with 'C' patrol by helio 0930	
			All well. At 1030 small party observed - GOC 'A' Sub-section thinks they are Bikanir Camel Corps patrol. This subsequently was reported to be the case (wire see 1711). Patrols of Sub-sections in touch - all clear.	
		2001	Wire from No 2 <sup>A</sup> Section. 11 <sup>15</sup> A.L.H. reconnoitered to HOD EL BADA - no sign of enemy - a few Camel tracks, probably Bedouins. - Water plentiful - Am sending two squadrons towards HOD EL ARAS 3 a.m. tomorrow to get in touch with 5 <sup>th</sup> A.L.H.	
			<u>Wires from Captain GAMMELL</u>	
		0706	All clear reported from all posts held by 52 <sup>nd</sup> Div.	
		1538	Returned from visit to ROMANI with General SMITH. Remaining two Batsms, 156 <sup>th</sup> Bde. rejoined Bde. at ROMANI night 20/21. - L.H. patrol, which got within 900 yards of OGHARATINA, driven off by heavy rifle fire. Enemy extending his entrenchments to small hills S. of OGHARATINA. Patrols being sent towards NEGILIAT.	App 95

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ISMAILIA	July 21 <sup>st</sup>	2237	<p>GOC 1<sup>st</sup> LH Bde. from personal reconnaissance reports considerable enemy movement on line from O in OGHRATINA to H in HOD ABU JEMMIN. Estimated 1000 men. Many dismounted men seen on high ground at HOD EL NEGELIAT. Patrol at HOD EL SAGIAT reports 4 Coys. of Infantry 400 yards S. of A in HOD EL MESAMT. Patrols from Hill 331 report all clear in space B.5 1/100000 QATIA map. No recent tracks seen leave HQ 52<sup>nd</sup> Div. for H.Q. Mtd. Div.</p> <p><u>Wire from <sup>pto</sup> No. 3 Section</u></p>	
		0750	<p>Wire to No. 3. Sect. 10 Stokes guns, 2 officers, about 10 O.R. 120 rounds amm. arrive at RANTARA from CAIRO 1121. - Personnel required to complete these 2 1/2 Batteries on arrival, 3 officers, 4 Cpl. &amp; about 40 O.R. C-in-C suggests DUEIDAR as suitable position for 1 Battery.</p>	App. N
		1049	<p>Wire from No 3 Section. Aeroplane reconnaissance last night reported heavy tracks running SE. from HOD EL BADA, 5 miles SW. of JEFFEIR. They appeared to continue in direction of WADI EL HEGALIB. Consider that in view of delay of enemy possibly for further troops to come up the MAGHARA area should be carefully reconnoitred for any large movements towards JEFFEIR, MAGHEIBRA or BAYUD. Full report not yet received of MAZRA line reconnaissance.</p>	
		0712	<p>Wire to No 3. Section. Reconnoissances arranged (point of reconnoissances named)</p> <p>Wire from No 3 Section. <u>Situation 0600</u> apparently unchanged. Patrols not yet in touch</p>	pb

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ISMAILIA	July 21 <sup>st</sup>		<p>with enemy. Third prisoner taken confirms statement of others &amp; says force now advancing was that recently at SHELLAL which they left 10 days ago &amp; includes 3<sup>rd</sup> div of 31<sup>st</sup>, 32<sup>nd</sup>, 39<sup>th</sup> Regt. Advance is in three columns &amp; three echelons &amp; they now seem to be waiting for third column echelon to close up &amp; may be expected to attack on its arrival. Prisoners say they have <sup>fresh</sup> meat on hoof &amp; depend on well water. Local aeroplane reconnoissances not yet back. Am again moving cavalry patrols forward to observe &amp; get in touch with centre &amp; South columns.</p> <p>- Patrol arrangements detailed -</p> <p>0800 Telephone message to General LAWRENCE from C-in-C (I) I should recommend CHAUVEL to let the Turks get well involved by losing touch &amp; direction between RATIB GANNIT and DUEIDAR, before striking. We must capture &amp; destroy all we can. (II) Tell General SMITH there is a golden rule - not to launch counter attacks too soon. If possible, let enemy reserves first become involved.</p> <p>1037 Wire from No 3 Sect. The delay in enemy advance indicates that he is either content to establish himself in positions occupied which seems unlikely, or he awaits further forces up to a number, the limit of which impossible to estimate. Owing to difficulty to increase our forces in ROMANI district to meet strength, greater than now estimated, can you give any intimation as to possible movements of large bodies behind?</p> <p>1610 Wire <sup>to</sup> No 3 Section, in answer to preceding wire from No 3. details disposition of enemy's</p>	

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ISMAILIA	July 21 <sup>st</sup>		<p>Troops - 3 regiments 3<sup>rd</sup> Div. on your front, one regiment (probably 23<sup>rd</sup> Div.) in reserve. Remaining 2 regts of 23<sup>rd</sup> Div find fanatics in SINAI and SOUTH SYRIA, largely Arabs rather un dependable. 43<sup>rd</sup> Div. in LEBANON - 44<sup>th</sup> Div. reported to have gone MEDINA - these are all mostly ARABS. Remainder of troops in SINAI and SOUTH SYRIA are Christian Lebanese battalions &amp; workmen. No indications of any troop movements in rear at present. Prisoners tell of long marches on little water &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Div. probably not capable of resuming advance yet.</p>	
		1628	<p>Wire from NO 3 Section. <u>Situation mid-day unchanged.</u> Our patrols got within 1000 yards of enemy's position at OGHRAATINA and drew heavy fire. Enemy's trenches here are strong and wired and are being extended S. Strength estimated 2000. At SAGIA prisoner taken states Arab regular camelmen with the division. Enemy just observed at HOD EL FARWA, infantry patrol of 12 found at SAGIA, which withdrew after exchange of shots, one Turk hit. Proposed to drive in enemy's covering troops in front of SAGIA in evening &amp; make small demonstration against OGHRAATINA. Further examination of prisoners confirms previous reports. They say battns. here 6 M.G. with one fuzer per gun. Gens on staff of Regt. &amp; Div. general fuzer. No complete fuzer unit. They are footsore, food &amp; water bad. Total of prisoners at present is five.</p>	
		2235	<p>Wire from NO 3 Section. <u>Situation generally unchanged throughout day.</u> Towards evening Cavalry found increased strength of entrenchments and strong bodies of infantry who forced our patrol to withdraw. Our patrol at HOD EL SAGIA reports strong bodies of Infantry estimated at four Coy's at HOD EL MEZARMI - one aeroplane fired on. On S. no contact established with enemy at MAG EIBRA - country towards JEFFER reported all clear. Latest aeroplane reconnaissance</p>	

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ISMAIYA	July 21 <sup>st</sup>		Shows large force estimated at 3000 to 3500 at MAGEIBRA strongly entrenched with only small depots at BAYUD and JEMEIL behind & only few camels. BIR EL ABD about 700, few mounted men, few camels, large depot of stores, being entrenched. BIR EL AFEIN about 2000, camped, 200 mounted men, evidently an intermediate camp towards the OGHRAATINA position. OGHRAATINA estimated 1500-1800, position being rapidly strengthened. No large body visible between OGHRAATINA & MAGEIBRA. Marked feature of reconnaissance is lack of transport of foremost bodies of enemy. Wireless gives HQ of force at MAZAR.	
		2220	Wires to Sections CANAL Defences, W.F.F., IGC, DELTA District giving present situation.	App O
		2230	Wire to CHIEF, LONDON AM 820 Evening report - present situation	App P
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ISMAILIA	July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	0620	Wire from TROOPERS Please say with what guns No. 1. Arm Train shown in Order of Battle 19834 cipher as being allotted to No. 3. Section, is armed and who man it.	
		2149	Wire to TROOPERS AM 826 cipher No 1 Arm Train armed with two 75 mm Hotchkiss guns and manned by Egyptian Army gunners. Infantry detachment with two machine guns found by me.	
		0620	Wire from A-H-Q, SALONICA repeating wire to TROOPERS regarding transport organisation of Lewis guns.	App A
		0630	Wire from A-H-Q SALONICA detailing further changes ordered in dispositions Serbian Army	App B
		0830	Wire to CANAL Coy All clear	
		1005	Wire from WFF General DOBELL arriving ISMAILIA tomorrow Sunday.	
		1007	Wire from WFF GA 229 Shared General HODGSON & staff, now at SOLLUM, rejoin 3 <sup>rd</sup> Divison Bde.	
			Wire to WFF OAC 281 General HODGSON & staff should remain at SOLLUM.	
		1025	Wire to TROOPERS AM 821 Weekly flying R.F.C return - No 17 Squadron now proceeded SALONICA	App. C
			Wire from Sections, CANAL Defences Water Reports.	App D

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SMA LIA	July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	1245	Wire to General LYNDEN BELL. <u>Personal</u> references to despatch which S of S wished partly from C-in-C. AM 822. re-written for publication.	App E
		1640	Wire to AHQ SALONICA. Proposals (increase in W.E. Transport Field Troop & Mules for Cyclist Coys.) provisionally approved pending W.O. sanction. AM 823	
		1745	Wire to TROOPERS. 84 <sup>th</sup> Siege Battery SALONICA, will consist of 2 4.7 inch guns & four 6 inch guns. Mark XI. AM 824 cipher	}
		1250	Wire from AHQ SALONICA giving the information in our AM 824 to TROOPERS. GC 305	
		1815	Wire to AHQ SALONICA. Motor Car establishment for SALONICA. Impossible supply any cars from here. Make your demand for increased establishment direct to W.O. - details of establishment as asked for to W.O. from here. AM 815	App F
		2120	Wire from TROOPERS to C-in-C. re Caterpillar tractors for carrying pipes. 19849 cipher	App G
		2120	Wire from AHQ SALONICA. Answer to enquiry as to relative mobility of French, Syrian & our forces. GC 303 cipher	App H
			Letters etc to O.C. Imp. Camel Corps. Provisional authority to be given for 7 riding horses (for their allotment see App) in the establishment of GHQ	App I

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ISMAILIA	July 22 <sup>nd</sup>		<p>Letters etc to -</p> <p>GOC No 1 P No 3 Sect instructing them to return all searchlights or parts thereof at KUBRI and KANTARA to R.N.O. Port SAID.</p> <p>Administrative Commandant, advising him of the return of these searchlight passing PORT SAID him, in view of questions of payment &amp; ownership to be settled, to communicate with R.N.O. Port SAID to investigate &amp; report.</p> <p>GOC No 2 Section with reference your report on emptying rock cisterns at MUKSHIEB, the Com-C draws your attention to the pace at which camels are allowed to move, which must be adhered to except under special conditions.</p> <p>The Secretary, WAR OFFICE - approved establishment of RFC Bde. HQ IG-C with regard to Capt CLARKE'S position on his establishment.</p> <p>GOC W.I.F. - The equipping of <u>HONG KONG and SINGAPORE Mtd Battery</u> as camel pace unit is approved in principle. - The Battery will be attached to Imp. Camel Corps depot for training, maintenance etc. - Impossible to re-arm battery with Q.F. guns.</p> <p>Telegrams, Messages etc. in connection with operations in ROMANI-QATIA area</p> <p>No 2 Section informed of arrangement to send No 6. Co Imp. Camel Corps. to ISMAILIA to arrive there evening of 25<sup>th</sup>. 5 days rations provided for.</p>	<p>App K</p> <p>App L</p> <p>App M</p> <p>App N</p> <p>App O</p>

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MALHA	July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	0732	Wire from KANTARA - Enemy aircraft over Hill 40 flying towards KANTARA. <u>Reports from No 2 &amp; 2<sup>a</sup> Sections</u>	
		1579	from No. 2. Sect 'A' Subsection - LH. patrols returned last night & reported All clear.	
		2014	from No 2. Sect 'B' - No enemy movements seen - Patrols report all clear. from No 2. Sect 'C' LH patrols HOD EL ARAS ABU SIMARA JEFER report all clear. Our Cavalry standing patrols report 'All clear'. <u>Wire from Capt GAMMELL</u>	
		2159	In answer to a wire from GHQ asking him to keep us informed of the disposition of our troops, distribution of our forces at 1800 was despatched to us - see Appendix.	App P
		1031	<u>Wire from ANZAC HQ JW ROMANI</u> A prisoner, 3 <sup>rd</sup> ME, from left, stated that number of mountain guns with the force is 8. One German officer & two lieutenant majors to each company with 45 camel loads of ammunition. Some Austrian prisoners with their batteries at EL ARISH. A force known as 1 <sup>st</sup> Coy JERUSALEM - he had heard that with Germans & Arabs the force would amount to 8000 men. 14 mounted guns at SABAH, & 400 camel Coys with 3 <sup>rd</sup> Div. The attack to be launched at the end of the month. One strength is reported to be three divisions with some Cavalry.	App Q

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	22	350	This wire includes the probable disposition of enemy troops infantry from prisoner statements and an report	
		252	Captured enemy despatch rider had message for BIR MAZAR asking for no more rats to be sent forward as they have supplies of 205. He stated 2000 Austro Germans marching to ABD with 10 small guns and one 6" howitzer. The Cavalry with 3" D.W. (D.W. = 2 long Spain model) each about 400 strong.	
			Wires from NO 3 Section	
		0750	Seven prisoners of 31 <sup>st</sup> Regt. captured	
		1030	Situation this morning generally unchanged. Patrols towards OGHRAATINA came into contact with enemy about 1 mile W of that place. Patrol at Hill 110 (N of KATIA) at dawn. SAGIA captured. Small force in contact with patrol S of SAGIA in touch with enemy. Small forward movement from OGHRAATINA against our patrols reported at 0600. - Enemy numbers around E of SAGIA reported about 1500. At MABEIORA enemy reported strengthening trenches. A column of 500 with 200 camels apparently ready to move. A camp of 40 shelters & some trenches seen at HOD EL FARWA. - Little change at OGHRAATINA, but troops active improving trenches.	app R
		1919	Airplane reports MABEIORA 2 redoubts with no wire, 3 long traversed trenches, all within 1/2 mile of camp of about 50 shelters each, estimated troops 2000. Extensive line of traversed trenches in line HOD FARWA - OGHRAATINA, gaps in places about one mile interval. defences estimated 300 shelters, 5000 troops, 500 camels at OGHRAATINA	104

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ISMAILIA	July 23 <sup>rd</sup>		<p>ABU EL AFEIN 3 benches facing W. 60 Shelters, 1000 troops - BIR EL ABD string of unloaded Camels 2 miles long going E - messes, stores, camp equipment, 500 Camels, 70 loaded Camels proceeding SW, the whole looking like advanced Base Camp. BAYUD unchanged but heavy trucks towards MAGEIBRA and UM AISHA.</p> <p>2110 Situation this evening generally unchanged. After enemy advance at 1026 on HOD EL SAGHA we occupied that place again at 1350. Afternoon air reconnaissance confirms report given earlier in the day &amp; reported in previous lines.</p> <p>Letter to G.O.C No. 3 Section The C-in-C does not wish to interfere with your selection of ROMANI as place to conduct operations from, but he points out that, if an action commences, when quick decisions will have to be taken, a Post of Command nearer the fighting line would be preferable. He thinks it most important you should be able to confer <sup>personally</sup> with your Divisional Commanders, which would be difficult at a distance of over 20 miles. The point of consideration is whether you establish a forward Post of Command, or to delegate charge of the operations from MAHEMDIYA - ROMANI to a single subordinate Commander.</p> <p>1950 Wire to all Sections; W.F.F, IGC, DELTA District - Resume of situation.</p> <p>2245 Wire to CHIEF, LONDON explaining our situation (I) The enemy not having made further advance indicates that their object is to prevent us extending our railway line towards EL ARISH by establishing a footing in the QATIA - UM AISHA basin (II) C-in-C, assuming that enemy does not intend to attack is considering whether he can immediately prevent him consolidating his position OGHRATINA - MAGEIBRA. Could not be done in one day - two days would give enemy every advantage. Our battalions not strong enough to justify risk of failure. The C-in-C proposes discuss this with General LAWRENCE tonight.</p>	<p>App S</p> <p>App T</p> <p>App U</p>

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ISMAILIA	July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	0600	Wire from TROOPERS Revised W-E. allows 5 pack animals for each pair Lewis guns. One hand-19874 cipher. carts really required. P, if so, for what purpose. None available for some time.	App. A
		0600	Wire from TROOPERS regarding grading of Commandant, ZEITOUN School, & pay of19873 cipher. instructors.	App. B
		0830	Wire to CANAL Coy. all clear	
		1045	Wire to CHIEF, LONDON Ref 19746 July 19 <sup>th</sup> and SAL. Q.B. 967 of 21 <sup>st</sup> . At present moment guns AM 828 cipher. in action cannot be withdrawn. (The refers to move 4 <sup>th</sup> Hight. Mtd Bde RGA from EGYPT to SALONICA)	
		2110	Wire from AHQ, SALONICA Glad to have DAVENPORT here as R-E officer. Consider Engineers work GC 307 cipher. probable in near future in conjunction with French & Serians.	
			Wires from Sections, CANAL Defences Water reports.	App. C
			Letters etc. to:-	
			GOC, SALONICA. 50 Copies of Chart showing types of British aeroplanes despatched you today <del>to</del> O.C. 5 <sup>th</sup> Wing R.F.C. informing them of despatch of these charts to SALONICA.	
			G-OC No 3 Section Reference your Q 153 of 17 <sup>th</sup> . It is understood that wagons, horses, & drivers not at present required with the Bde. Should this become necessary, the W-E P.Mob. Store Tables will be amended accordingly.	
			GOC. W.F.F. Confirming decisions at the morning Conference, the C-in-C approves of your proposals as regards occupation of the BAHARIAT Oasis. He hopes it may be possible to carry the railway through the MOHARIK sand-dunes into the Oasis itself.	App. D



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ISMAILIA	July 23 <sup>rd</sup>		<p>(Continued) The general plan recommended by C-in-C is based on simultaneous operations from BAHARIAT towards FARAFRA &amp; DAILA, and from KHARGA against DAKLA in order to defeat remaining SENDUSSI forces &amp; prevent their safe retirement to SIWA. You have full liberty regarding plans for operations &amp; railway construction. You should instruct Colonel BLAKENEY to obtain railway material etc from Egyptian Govt.</p>	
			<p>O.C. Imp. Camel Corps ABBASSIA Regarding training of men at TEL ELKEBIR belonging to newly formed Camel Corps, who are awaiting orders to proceed to ABBASSIA. Suggested that an officer &amp; a few NCO's be sent to give them lectures and preliminary training during this period of waiting. Your views requested.</p>	App E
			<p>Telegrams, Messages etc in connection with operations in ROMANI-QATIA district</p>	
			<p>Letter to S.N.O. asking that a series of reconnaissances may be undertaken by RNAS (for districts to be reconnoitred, see App.) The special point to look for are troop movements S. and W. and troop concentration. The R.F.C. will reconnoitre MAZAR at the same time as No. 1 RNAS reconnaissance.</p>	App F
		0759	<p>Wire from RANTARA - Enemy aircraft seen flying W.</p>	
			<p>Wire to No. 3 Section - R.F.C. wish landing ground at ROMANI improved. Could you allot from native labour for ramming &amp; tramping surface.</p>	107

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ISMAILIA	July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	2050	<p><u>Disposition of troops</u></p> <p>Wire to Nos 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Section informing them that Reorganisation of section boundaries as in 2/59 of July 16<sup>th</sup> will take effect from 0800 July 26<sup>th</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Dis. Bde will move to WFF &amp; will be concentrated at BALLAH &amp; FERDAN pending their departure 11<sup>th</sup>. L.H. will come under orders of No 2 Section.</p>	App G
		1500	<p>Wire to WFF. Detachment RFC SOLLUM required in Canal Zone &amp; will be recalled. OAC 298</p> <p><u>Wire from NO 2 &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> Sections</u></p>	
		1559	<p>Wire from NO 2. 3<sup>rd</sup> LH Bde. wire patrol to MUKSHIEB EL TASSI and ETASSA report all clear.</p> <p>Wire to No 2 C-in-C wishes general ANTILL go tomorrow to discuss co-operation with general CHAUVEL &amp; come to G.H.Q. on his way to see C-in-C 10 a.m. tomorrow</p>	App H
		1121	<p>Wire from NO 2<sup>nd</sup> Aeroplanes came down 1 mile S.E. of FERDAN damaged. Mounded troops went out &amp; reported pilots view that it must be dismantled for removal.</p>	
		1116	<p>Wire from No 2<sup>nd</sup> asking if they can use 3<sup>rd</sup> <del>Dis</del> Dismtd Bde for nighty CANAL picket &amp; local guards - we answered in the affirmative.</p> <p><u>Wire from Capt GAMMELL R A</u></p>	
		1037	<p>Re movement wire Batha. 156<sup>th</sup> Bde. from ROMANI to a point near MEHAMDIYA.</p>	
		1400	<p>Wire to Capt GAMMELL thanking him for useful wire asking him to return as soon as possible.</p>	App I

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ISMAILIA	July 23	1121	<p><u>Wires etc. from No 3 Section</u>            Can provision of pedrails for artillery be increased - would like estimate of dates by which 82 complete sets can be provided.</p>	App. K
		1030	<p><u>Letter to G.O.C.</u> that Navy are carrying out reconnaissance at EL GALSS on Monday 24<sup>th</sup>, as requested.</p> <p>Report of aeroplane reconnaissance this morning, of which the features are - MAGEIBRA, 300-400 Camels, 1500 men, 1 Mountain gun. BAYUD 17-18 wells. HOD EL ATSHAN, hut of various sizes, one evidently hospital. OGHRAATINA 50-60 shelters, 800-1000 men. HOD EL DHAKAR 75-100 shelters, 800-1000 men.</p>	
		1108	<p><u>Situation unchanged</u>. Aeroplane reports more camels at BIR EL ABD &amp; more advanced trenches at HOD EL DHAKAR.</p>	
		2003	<p><u>Situation unchanged</u> during day. Patrol at SAGHA fired on. Entrenching by enemy going on continuously - groups of shelters at MAGEIBRA indicate 5 or 6 units. Enemy's main position runs from NEGILAT by OGHRAATINA, DHAKAR to HOD UM GATA. Series of traversed trenches &amp; redoubts arranged for mutual support &amp; cross fire. Main body of troops in this line is at OGHRAATINA - units of 100-200 troops distributed along remainder of line. Total number of troops about 4000.</p>	
		2149	<p>Aeroplane reports MAGEIBRA four new redoubts facing N. - the remainder of this wire has been previously reported, no special changes worth recording having occurred.</p>	109

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ISMAILIA	July 23	2110	<p><u>Wires on Situation</u></p> <p>Wire from CHIEF, LONDON. I agree with you that enemy's object may be to prevent you pushing railway forward &amp; thereby protecting his communications, or it may be to prevent further withdrawal of troops from EGYPT. Enemy should be prevented from establishing himself in KATIA Oasis. Not clear why water ample for Turks &amp; not for us. You must decide whether to attack enemy or make his position unworkable by constant activity - it depends on strength of enemy &amp; numbers &amp; conditions of your troops. The longer time the enemy has to entrench, the more difficult to turn him out. The continued success of Russians in the CAUCASUS &amp; the Arabs rising make it unlikely that enemy can bring large forces against you &amp; the general situation makes it important to avoid a passive attitude.</p> <p>Wires to Sections, W.F.F., I.G.C., DELTA District. Evening report - situation unchanged.</p> <p>Wire to CHIEF, LONDON. Situation since my report of yesterday not appreciably changed. Am arranging sea plane reconnaissance of whole line of approach of enemy as far E as RAFA &amp; AVJA for tomorrow to find out if further divisions moving up to support 3<sup>rd</sup> Div. for serious attack on my defences. Can you or French supply <sup>me</sup> with any information as to this, especially regarding railway movements S of the TAURUS. - LAWRENCE agrees with me as to impossibility of preventing enemy consolidating his position at DEHRATINA &amp; MAGEBURA, but if he is unsupported, propose to attack him after deliberate preparations, which will take 10-14 days, using all available mounted troops.</p>	App. L
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ISMALIA	July 24 <sup>th</sup>	0600	Wire from SALONICA Nothing to report. GC 312 (Approved Salaries)	
		0600	Wire from TROOPERS 19892 cipher. You anticipate that you will still require a Rite Section - they should only be asked for if indispensable.	App A
		0600	Wire from TROOPERS 19893 cipher Est. of advanced Base Depot including increases approved. Scale of payment will be notified by mail.	
		0755	Wire to CANAL Coy all clear	
		1940	Wire from CHIEF, INDIA 300 Indian Drivers for 3 <sup>rd</sup> Pack Artty. Bde. being despatched about 67461 cipher. June 28 <sup>th</sup> .	
			Wires from Sections CANAL Defences. Water reports.	App. B
			Letters etc to:-	
			GOC NO 2 Section Your proposal to abandon a fill in the works at the PUNCHBOWL is approved.	
			GOC W.F.F. In the country where ranges for practice with service ammunition can be improvised so easily, it is thought that training on these lines is preferable to that suggested by you. (Training with miniature).	App C
			GOC's NO 1, 2, 3 Sections. Instructions regarding Ammunition Supply in CANAL Defences.	App D
			GOC's NO 1, 2, 3 Sections } In order to learn the country over which troops are likely to operate, the employment of one Regimental Officer per Infantry & Mounted Brigade as Brigade Intelligence officer is approved. These officers should accompany reconnoitering parties of mounted troops & be trained to assist Intelligence work. No increase in establishment will be made but one horse & saddle for each Intelligence officer approved.	

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ISMAIYA	July 24 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Wires, messages etc. in connection with operations in ROMANI-QATTA district</p> <p><u>Moves &amp; dispositions of units</u></p> <p>1007 } from No 3 Section - May a Field Ambulance, 53<sup>rd</sup> Div. be held in readiness to proceed here at short notice? none accompanied. 158<sup>th</sup> Bde. Would a Field Coy. from that Division also be available if required?</p> <p>1410 } to No 2 &amp; 3 Sections. 113<sup>th</sup> Welsh Field Amb. should be held ready to move to No 3 Sect. from No 3 Sect. May Inverness Battery accompany 3<sup>rd</sup> ALH Bde. to BALLAH - would like Battery &amp; Bde kept together?</p> <p>1445 } to No. 2 &amp; 3 Sects. Inverness Battery will accompany 3<sup>rd</sup> ALH Bde.</p> <p>1315 } to No 2, 2<sup>a</sup> &amp; 3 Sects. 12<sup>th</sup> L.H. is allotted &amp; will move to No 2 Section - 3<sup>rd</sup> L.H. Bde complete will be re-attached to No 3 Section &amp; moved to BALLAH.</p> <p>1530 } to Nos. 2 &amp; 3 Sects. During re-organisation of No 2 Section, 42<sup>nd</sup> DW. supply medical units for <sup>troops of</sup> No 2 Section, which take via FERDAN.</p> <p>On abolition 2<sup>a</sup> Sect, 220<sup>th</sup> AT Coy RE. distribution will be HQ &amp; personnel now at FERDAN under GOC, No 2 Sect. personnel at BALLAH under No. 3.</p> <p>Vanning Movement of 403 Armoured Train to RANTARA - no searchlights fitted</p> <p>1150 } to W.F.F. Move of 159<sup>th</sup> Bde will now take place when relieved by 3<sup>rd</sup> Divn. Bde. Destination MOASCAR.</p>	<p>App. E</p>

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ISMAILIA	July 24 <sup>th</sup>		<p><u>Reports of Patrols etc from Nos 1-2, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sections</u></p>	
		1810	Enemy aircraft seen ROMANI flying South 1806	App. F
		0955	from 54 <sup>th</sup> Div. Air reconnaissance reports fresh tracks running W. from BIR EL GIDDI.	
		1058	from No 2 Sect. 'B' subsection patrols report all clear.	
			<p>Letter <sup>to</sup> GOC NO 1 Sect. with reference to a report of a reconnaissance of BIR TAWAL by 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. ORCHARDSON of the Imp Camel Corps, asking for further investigation &amp; report as to failure of HERTS YEOMANRY to take a helio message as previously arranged, &amp; subsequently as to their treatment of the message when taken. Serious consequences might have resulted.</p>	
			<p><u>Interchange of Wires, messages etc with NO 3. Section</u></p>	
		0930	<p>Wire from C.G.S repeating CHIEF's LONDON telegraphed view, coinciding with C-in-C's, that Turks unable bring large force against us &amp; the general situation makes it important to avoid a passive policy - C.G.S adds that of course we must be prepared for other alternatives.</p> <p>To GOC No 3 Section - <u>The C-in-C's appreciation of the situation</u> - The principal points are (1) The course of events have modified the C-in-C's view of the situation in SIWAH. The enemy's failure to advance &amp; his entrenchment E of ROMANI indicate that either he is preparing a serious attack against the Canal or he wishes to block our progress to EL ARISH. (2) The C-in-C is prepared to reduce his defenses in NOS 1 &amp; 2 sections to a minimum, since after considering the circumstances of his previous attempt on the Canal in Feb. 1915, the Northern route is the one the enemy is almost certain to use. (3) In consideration of water difficulties &amp; distance from base, the C-in-C considers</p>	App. G

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			<p>25000 troops the limit the enemy could put against us. He cannot bring up any great quantity of Artillery under many weeks &amp; this war has taught that an attack against a superiority of Artillery &amp; well entrenched infantry, even with superiority of numbers is little to be feared. (4) The C-in-C is quite clear that every effort must be made to strike at enemy before any possible subsequent operations arrive. If this is <sup>not</sup> possible, we may have to take up the tactical defensive at first but the C-in-C intends to strain every effort to avoid this. (5) Should enemy's plan be to block our progress merely, the C-in-C is anxious to attack him as soon as all preparations have been made. (6) In any case, he is prepared to find necessary troops as far as his other responsibilities will allow &amp; make all arrangements for provision of equipment, water etc. - The C-in-C wishes you to formulate your plans for the offensive, you demands for requirements either for offensive or defensive.</p>	
		1104	<p>from No 3 Section - Aeroplane report - Two FOKKER machines on enemy landing ground between ABD and SALMAMA - one was engaged by our escorting machine. Good line of trenches FARWA-OGHRA TINA, estimated 4500-5000 troops &amp; 4000 shells.</p>	
		1020	<p><u>Situation unchanged</u> Patrols came into contact towards OGHRA TINA PSAGIA &amp; at HILL 245 we drove enemy's patrol in. EL ABD &amp; MAZAR transport active. Prisoners yesterday state five companies Syrian Camel Corps with division, each 200 strong, one of Turks, one Syrians. Two more prisoners taken yesterday.</p>	
		2057	<p>from No 3 Section Aeroplane reconnaissance - no important change reported.</p>	

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ISMAILIA	July 24 <sup>th</sup>	1100	<p>Wire to No. 3. Reference your conversation with C-in-C regarding difficulty of using tank trains for supplementing pipe supply, there is surplus filtered water at BANTARA available which could be sent by train. If not tank lighters, filled at PORT SAID, can be used. It is hoped that storage capacity of railway carriage &amp; distribution will shortly bring about additional water supply.</p> <p><u>Evening reports</u></p> <p>2130 To Section, W.I.F. (U) } Situation unchanged. Two more prisoners captured.</p> <p>2150 To CHIEF, LONDON. }</p> <p>2145 Wire to CHIEF, LONDON. Confirming WO 19883. I am fully in agreement with your instructions &amp; will act offensively without cessation - All the water is more or less impregnated with salts - Bedouins &amp; Turks can apparently live on it, but prisoners report water plentiful &amp; bad. The British soldier cannot fight or march on it. Horses lose condition &amp; some will not drink it. Camels drink it. Water for our fighting men must be carried.</p> <p>0115. Wire from Gen. ROBERTSON from PARIS, <u>addressed to GOC Salonica</u> (draft) announcing completion of Military Convention with Allies and ROUMANIAN representatives. If finally accepted at BUCHAREST, its points concerning you are that they are to enter field on August 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; Allies to hold BULGARIA on GREEK frontier to cover ROUMANIAN concentration. If ROUMANIA ready, allied action to commence August 1<sup>st</sup> - if not, must be correspondingly delayed. Part of ROUMANIAN forces should be acting against AUSTRIA, part with Allies against BULGARIA. JOFFRE has sent instructions to SARRAIL in which I am, except as regards details of his plan of action, which question I leave to you. My instructions have been sent you - they give you full discretion as to the extent of your co-operation -</p>	<p>App. H</p> <p>App. I</p>

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ISMAILIA	July 24/5		<p>(Continued). - the Allied first object is to hold Bulgarians. There can be no question of attempt to capture enemy position until you have adequate artillery &amp; other conditions favourable. Within limit of above you can at once take such action as is requested by SARRAIL, if possible, remembering that the Govt. do not approve your taking offensive action till ROUMANIA definitely enter field. Still doubt if she will enter &amp; even if she does, any serious offensive would seem rather necessary but possible for you for the next three or four weeks.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">O. Williams Capt.</p>	

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ISMAIYA	July 25 <sup>th</sup>	0600	Wire from GOC MUDROS under instruction AHQ, SALONICA, one officer, 50 O.R. leave MUDROS SC 103 cipher. for THASOS July 26 <sup>th</sup> to relieve detachment 26 <sup>th</sup> Div.	
		0710	Wire from AHQ, SALONICA Ref to Paris cipher 23 <sup>rd</sup> July. Arrangements have been made for GC 318 rep. LONDON 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> Divs. to take over line GOLIA to CAUSICA now held by French 17 <sup>th</sup> & 156 <sup>th</sup> Divs. - moves commence tomorrow. Capt 26 <sup>th</sup> Div. to have completed taking over line of 156 <sup>th</sup> by June 30 <sup>th</sup> . In view of likelihood of active operations consider reinforcements to complete establishment urgent, & hope that extra Infantry units asked for may now be sent for Base & L. of C. duties, at present found by Battos. from Divs.	} app A
		1540	Wire from CHIEF EGYPT) You GC 318 appreciating his anxiety for completion of his Establishment, to General MILNE. & pointing out that from their yesterday's wire W.O. have begun. As we are now in touch in QATIA district with 3 <sup>rd</sup> Div. & part of 23 <sup>rd</sup> Div. of the Turks, & they will either attack us or we attack them, I cannot spare DELTA garrison troops, having only 4 weak Territorial divisions for an extensive front.	
		1515	Wire to CHIEF LONDON. AM 834 Have explained my position to MILNE, telling him I cannot spare DELTA troops till my situation cleared up.	
		0835	Wire to CANAL Coy. All clear.	
		1100	Wire to TROOPERS AM 833 Is any scale of transport laid down for stores from battery near Establishment?	
		1525	Wire to CHIEF LONDON AM 836 In view of your PARIS telegram I suggest that General SALMOND had better defer going to MESOPOTAMIA for present & when able to get away from here should visit SALONICA.	

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ISMAILIA	July 25 <sup>th</sup>	2120	<p>Wire from AHQ, SALONICA Ammunition for SALONICA QA 997 cipher.</p> <p>Wire to Training, TEL-EL-KEBIR NEW ZEALAND Camel Coy. should remain at TEL-EL-KEBIR for the present. O.B. 242</p> <p>Wire from Section CANAL Defences Water reports</p> <p><u>Letters etc to:-</u></p> <p>GOC W.F.F. As the appointment of Brig. Gen. HDARE appeared in the 'London Gazette' it is unnecessary to repeat it in G.R.O.</p> <p>GOC No 2 Sect. War Establishment (three copies) for W.I. Inf. Batta. forwarded here with. This is still in force for the B.W.I. Regt. with this force.</p> <p>Wires, messages etc. in connection with operations in the ROMANI-QATIA district</p> <p><u>Movement &amp; disposition of units</u></p> <p>1034 Wire from No 2 Section FERDAN section has now been taken over from 42<sup>nd</sup> Div.</p> <p>1000 Wire to Administrative Commandt. PORT SAID. to send O.C. 55<sup>th</sup> A.A. Sect. &amp; part of his personnel to ROMANI to select position &amp; prepare emplacement for his guns.</p> <p>2110 Wire to No 3 Section O.C. 301 Adm. Commandt. PORT SAID wires (with reference to above wire) Two lorries and stores leave for KANTARA tomorrow - 2 officers &amp; 25 O.R. on Thursday morning.</p>	<p>App B</p> <p>App C</p> <p>App D</p> <p>App E</p> <p>116</p>

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ISMAILIA	July 25 <sup>th</sup>	2030	<p>Wires to NO 2 &amp; 3 Sections, 5<sup>th</sup> Wing RFC. Wireless set will be moved as soon as possible from HABEITA to ROMANI, P will relieve one now in use at ROMANI. (Other wireless arrangements detailed).</p> <p><u>Wires to and from NO 3 Section.</u></p> <p><u>to NO 3 Sect.</u> The C-in-C will make every effort to comply with your Camel demands, but wishes to remind you that it is important, before submitting your plan of operations that you should make out your total requirements in camels &amp; ascertain the possibility of these being made available in the time you require them.</p>	app F
		0746	<p><u>from NO 3 Sect.</u> Require up to 300 pack animals to mobilize M. G. Coys. In any proportion of this number available or can I select them from Remount Transp. mules? What number of pack saddles up to above are available?</p>	
		1116	<p><u>from NO 3 Section</u> Situation this morning unchanged. Patrols reported light signals or star shells from OGHRAIWA. Enemy strengthening entrenchments on V. flank and at MAGEIBRA where wire is being put out. Enemy has advanced posts 1/2 mile in front of trenches all along line.</p>	
		1240	<p><u>Wire from NO 3 Section.</u> Aeroplane report. Hostile aerodrome 1 1/2 miles W. of BIR EL ABD.</p>	
		1933	<p><u>Wire from NO 3 Section.</u> aeroplane report. 3 aeroplanes, 1 FOKKER, 2 AVIATIKS. - 2000 Camels at BIR EL ABD.</p>	

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ISMAILIA	July 25 <sup>th</sup>	2020	<p>Wire from No. 3. <u>Situation unchanged</u>. Patrol at SAGIA captured 3 prisoners. Small enemy parties pushed forward but <del>was driven back</del> retired later about SAGIA. Some movement at GATAFA. Enemy field hospital at GEMIAH. Hostile aeroplane dropped message asking us mark our hospitals more clearly. Prisoners are from 1<sup>st</sup> battn. 39<sup>th</sup> Regt. which is thus located in centre enemy's line.</p> <p><u>Various messages</u></p> <p>0700 about 2130 1520</p> <p>Enemy aircraft over ROMANI, DUEIDAR.</p> <p>Wire to No 1 Sect. to hold a G.S.O. in readiness to proceed with HMS. RAVEN, leaving base 28<sup>th</sup> inst. for reconnaissance in RED SEA.</p> <p>Wire to CHIEF LONDON. Aeronautical situation - Relative numerical strength difficult to judge, consider advantage with us. All hostile aircraft met with show superior speed &amp; climbing power to any of our machines. Also they have interception gear, enabling them to fire through the propeller. When may I expect Martinyde scouts or other superior types.</p> <p><u>Evening reports</u></p> <p>1950 2025</p> <p>to all Sections, W.F.F., I.G.C., DELTA Dist. Situation unchanged</p> <p>to CHIEF LONDON Unchanged - Arrangements proceeding satisfactorily.</p>	App G
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ISHAUA	July 26 <sup>th</sup>	0600	The Canal Line is now divided into three sections Nos. 1, 2 & 3 - No 2 <sup>A</sup> Cases to exist. Wire from CHIEF LONDON 19963 cipher to SALONICA & EGYPT FORCE	App A
		0600	Wire from CHIEF LONDON 19976 cipher I report that 4 <sup>th</sup> Highland Brigade R.A. must be sent to SALONICA. Please arrange its early despatch.	
		0845	Wire from A.H.Q. SALONICA QA 1003 cipher French H.Q. represent that proposed operations necessitate provision	App B
		0845	Wire from A.H.Q. SALONICA GC 321 to LONDON & EGYPT of the 4000 mules to be purchased by us for Serbian Army being effected by August 10 <sup>th</sup> at latest. Apparently French have some arrangement with Greek Gov. for purchasing from Greek Army up to 4000 mules. Detachment of Serbian SHUMADIYA division moving to take up position yesterday encountered BULGARIANS on line KUKURUZ (20 miles NE. of Lake OSTROVO) - KOVIL KOZUM. Serbians attacked and drove enemy back. 26 <sup>th</sup> Div. commenced move today to relieve 156 <sup>th</sup> French Div. All clear.	
		0840	Wire to CANAL Coy.	
		1430	Wire from General MILNE SALONICA to C-in-C EGYPT Thanks for AM 837. He understands change in the situation (EGYPT) but as there will be increase in size when army, already greatly below strength advances he hopes need for early & ample reinforcements will be impressed on W.O.	
		1810	Wire from TROOPERS 20002 cipher to SALONICA Are two Cyclist Coys. of any value as such in your theatre? If not, they could be used as Infantry reinforcements.	

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ISMAILIA	July 26 <sup>th</sup> 1955	2115	<p>Wire from CHIEF LONDON. You AM 836. SALMOND must go to MESOPOTAMIA as soon as possible. 19999 cipher.</p> <p>Wire to HQ SALONICA. Following wire received from W.O.:- Est. of Adv. Base Dep. included AM 840. increases approved. Scale of payment will be notified by mail.</p> <p>Wires from Sections CANAL Defences - Water reports.</p> <p>Letters etc to:-</p> <p>S.S.O. BIKANIR C.C. Impossible to grant your request to rest your Corps at present, but hope to do so shortly. Detachment at WADI NATRUN will be allotted to NO 3 Section CANAL Zone.</p> <p>I.G.C. Copies forwarded of W.E. approved by W.O. for H.Q. W.F.F. -</p> <p>Reconnaissance of the ARABIAN Coast with a view to possible operations</p> <p>Letter to SNO EGYPT asking that certain reconnaissances on ARABIAN Coast be undertaken by R.M.A.S. - Information required - AKABA. Material for compilation of map - photographs to supplement important points on existing map. - Detailed information to elucidate the photographs - enemy forces and dispositions. MUWAHHA. Photographs of harbours and any beaches suitable for landing troops. - enemy trenches. DHABA PWAJJ. the same required. A GSO detailed to accompany the seaplane ship should be consulted by O.C. Seaplanes. He may ask for any other reconnaissance of any area near AKABA if he thinks found more suitable for proposed operation. He is not to inform anyone except Commander M.A.DONE that reconnaissance at AKABA is more important than the other places.</p>	<p>App. C</p> <p>App. D</p> <p>App. E</p> <p>App. F</p> <p>127</p>

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MAILH	July 26 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Letter to GOC No 1 Section giving instructions as to duties of selected G.S.O to accompany HMS 'RAVEN' to the Gulf of AKABA. Information is required as to landing small force at AKABA or nearest suitable point - how a force could occupy a covering position for a landing near AKABA &amp; of what size, such a force would need to be - a landing force must maintain itself ashore at least for two weeks. - it is unlikely to be opposed by more than 350, in any case within two weeks. - The G.S.O must be able to elucidate the air photographs - other reconnaissance to be undertaken are merely to distract attention from the one at AKABA.</p> <p>Note in reference to Gen JOFFRE'S instructions to Gen SARRAIL for SALONICA operations in conjunction with ROUMANIA.</p> <p>These decisions were come to at a conference of the Allies in Paris attended by a representative from ROUMANIA. Gen ROBERTSON agreed with these instructions except that he told JOFFRE he must leave details of SARRAIL'S plans to MILNE, as he could not express opinion on them. He wishes MILNE to bear in mind the following points: (1) The Govt. only authorize offensive when they are satisfied of ROUMANIA'S entry into the war (2) The allies first objective is hold BULGARIANS in GREEK further pending ROUMANIA concentration. (3) When ROUMANIAN concentration completed, SALONICA force + 150000 ROUMANIANS reinforced by one Cavalry &amp; 2 infantry RUSSIAN divisions will operate together against BULGARIANS. (4) We have agreed to co-operate as above on a scale commensurate with our strength &amp; equipment. JOFFRE will not reinforce SARRAIL &amp; estimates his casualties at 9000 a month &amp; we will do our best to supply drafts, but no reinforcements possible. (5) In brief, the Allies object is to get in ROUMANIA &amp; then do what is possible to protect her whilst her Northern force of 400000 is attacking Austrian forces. - No further news yet as to whether ROUMANIA will come in or not.</p>	<p>addressed to SALONICA rep EGYPT</p> <p>App G</p> <p>125</p>

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ISMAHIA	July 26 <sup>th</sup>		<p>The points of the instructions themselves are the creation of the Command, the Mission of the Allied Armies and the operation plans. General SARRAIL to be Commander in Chief - the English Commander will give support &amp; cooperation in proportion to his strength &amp; will be responsible for his forces to the British Joint. The French Commander will consult the English Commander as to employment of British forces, subject to which he will have latitude to decide upon the mission, objectives, Lines of action &amp; dates of operations. - The instructions relating to the initiative offensive &amp; general directions required for later development will be settled by agreement between British &amp; French High Commands. <u>Mission</u> First, to cover mobilization of ROUMANIA, the Allied Armies to undertake offensive probably about August 1<sup>st</sup> with a view of occupying the maximum number of Bulgarian troops. Later, when ROUMANIA has begun her operations S of the DANUBE, the Allied Armies with the RUSSIAN-ROUMANIAN Army will direct all efforts to destruction of enemy. - For operation plans, see Appendix.</p> <p><u>Wire messages etc. in connection with operations in ROMANI-QATIA district</u></p> <p><u>Movement, Disposition of Unit etc</u></p> <p>0900 Wire to No 2 Sectn Part of Decauville railway in zone section required elsewhere.                      1012 - from 42<sup>nd</sup> Div. HQ 42<sup>nd</sup> Div. move to QANTARA tomorrow.                      1300 - to W.F.F. No. 10 Coy Imp C.C. &amp; detachment BIKANIR C.Q. wanted for Eastern operations                      - to No 1 Sectn. No. 9 Camel Coy will move into No 2 section &amp; K.K. Camel section to QANTARA                      - to No 2 Sectn. 1/3 lanes A.T. will move to QANTARA</p> <p>1875 Wt. W593/826 1,000,000 4/15 J.B.C. &amp; A. A.D.S.S./Forms/C. 2118.</p> <p>- to No 1 Coy. 4<sup>th</sup> Coy. Mtd Battery will proceed to ALEXANDRIA for overalls                      - to No 3. HQ 4<sup>th</sup> Highland Mtd B. Ross Mtd Battery will move to ALEXANDRIA for overalls.</p>	<p>App H                      NK</p>

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ISMAIUA	July 26 <sup>th</sup>		<p><u>Patrol</u> 1603 wire from No 2 Sec. All clear in front of 'C' Subsection FERDAN.</p> <p><u>Wires from No. 3 Section</u> 1342 <u>No change in general situation</u> Our patrols report enemy holding high ground E of SABKHET ELAMIA in some strength, probably an advanced patrol. One company is reported 1/2 mile W. of OGHRAFINA. In the center, enemy temporarily held some high ground from which our patrols pushed them back. MAGEIBRA, only digging going on.</p> <p>1955 <u>Little change during day.</u> Enemy outpost or wiring parties were pushed forward further than usual - our patrol drove back these &amp; other enemy patrols. About a Coy. of enemy attacked one of our patrols, but were driven back with one or two casualties. HOD EL QASAB &amp; NEGILAT now very strong - the former now appears to be Southern flank of OGHRAFINA section. Prisoners say no cavalry with force.</p> <p><u>Various wires</u> 1730 to CHIEF, LONDON. re our Aeroplanes. Think should inform you that if we keep command of the air in SINAI, it will be due almost entirely to superior courage &amp; skill of my personnel. My machines are inferior to the enemy's in every respect &amp; I hope that that inferiority may be compensated for by my superiority in numbers. The security of shipping is a great responsibility for Gen. SALMOND in addition to present operations. He has had three officers casualties during last four days &amp; four machines put out of action by being hit.</p>	<p>App I</p> <p>App K</p>

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ISMAILIA	July 26 <sup>th</sup>	2130	<p>Letter to SNO. EGYPT. - With reference of the destruction of five ships off the SYRIAN coast by the DEN-MY-CHREE it seems probable that the Turkish forces may be receiving supplies &amp; ammunition by sea. The C-in-C is anxious to stop this traffic &amp; wishes you to urge your French colleague to take all possible measures to the end - this traffic is in the sphere of the French Navy.</p> <p>Wire to CHIEF LONDON asking him to help move the French Admiralty in this matter.</p> <p>AM 841 cipher</p>	<p>App. L</p>
		2215	<p><u>Evening Report</u></p> <p>To CHIEF LONDON. No appearance of enemy being reinforced or his wishing to try conclusions with my defensive position. My preparations for advance progressing satisfactorily. Date of our attack depends on time taken in collecting camels, storing water, &amp; it may have to be deferred till there is moonlight <sup>20</sup> as to avoid preliminary movement in heat - with over 100°. I am perfectly safe against enemy attack with numbers he has available, especially as his ability to reconnoitre is prevented by my mounted troops.</p>	<p>App. M</p>
			<p style="text-align: right;">J.W. Williams Capt G.S.</p>	

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ISMAILIA	July 27	0018	Wire from TROOPERS 10512 Approval of proposed Veterinary Service Establ.	app A
		0600	Wire from A.H.Q. SALONICA GC 323 Further changes in dispositions of Serbian Army.	app B
		0600	Wire from Gen LYNDEN BELL 20026 cipher to C-in-C + explain what W.O. want. No further steps re despatch need be taken till I return.	app C
		0600	Wire from TROOPERS 20010 cipher details of Armament + W.E Nos. 2 + 3 armoured trains required. Also information as to payment of personnel + stores.	app D
		0600	Wire from TROOPERS 20012 cipher to SALONICA 2 Pioneer, 2 Garrison battalions + 2 R.E. labour units to be sent you Chabry in place of Base Park Coy asked for (AM 816 21/7/16)	app E
		0600	Wire from TROOPERS 20025 cipher No scale of transport laid down for stores from Batteries. Local arrangements should be made if necessary.	
		0835	Wire to CANAL Coy. All clear	
		1450	Wire from TROOPERS GC 326 from SALONICA, rep. EGYPT. Divisional Cyclist Coys. are of considerable use here. I would prefer to retain them as such.	
			Wires from Sections CANAL defences - water reports. Letters etc to:-	
			GOC No 1 Section daily water report for you Section no longer required, unless the supply falls below 3 gallons per man.	127 F app F

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ISMALIA	July 27 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Letters to: -                      G.O.C. No 2 Section. Not advisable at present to carry on construction of a road from SERAPEUM RAILHEAD to FERRY POST RAILHEAD - the C-in-C has noted your views concerning the necessity of this road.</p> <p>G.O.C. W.F.F. Reference your various requests for increases in Establishment.</p> <p>Wire regarding proposed operations in SALONICA.</p> <p>1900 From CHIEF LONDON to SALONICA, rep. EGYPT. No further development regarding negotiations with ROMANIA, &amp; probability of her intervention remains unchanged as far as we know.</p> <p>Wires, messages etc, in reference to operations in ROMANI-QATIA district.</p> <p>Moves of units etc.</p> <p>1100 Wire to W.F.F. BIKANIR Camel Corps will be moved by train from WADI MATRUH to CANAL Zone.</p> <p>1819 Wire from No 1 Section. No 9 Coy Imp. C.C. leaves GENEFFE for FERDAN.</p> <p>1125 Wire to No 3 Section. OAB 34 for 4<sup>th</sup> Highland Mounted Bde read 4<sup>th</sup> Highl. Mountain Bde.</p> <p>1210 Wire to W.F.F. Send searchlight truck complete belonging to No 2 Am. Train to PORT SAID - it will be replaced by searchlight truck No 3 Am. Train.</p> <p>1810 Wire to CHIEF LONDON. No 2<sup>nd</sup> Section ceases to exist (details of New Boundaries given) 42<sup>nd</sup> AM 843 cipher Div. absorbed in No 3 Section. Remainder of 17<sup>th</sup> Squadron moved to SALONICA.</p>	<p>App. G</p> <p>App. H</p> <p>128</p>

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ISMAILIA	July 27 <sup>th</sup>	1357	<p><u>Wires from No 3 Section</u>  <u>No change in general situation.</u> Our patrols report being fired on from RESHAFAT - enemy holding high ground W. of MAZAHMI but was driven back. <sup>Shelter</sup> Tent at MAGEIBRA show increase - digging parties active improving trenches.</p>	App I
		2000	<p><u>Situation unchanged.</u> Enemy's forward line pushed slightly forward on the north to the S side of lake at SABKHET EL AMYA. Increase of watering troughs at JAMAIL P. DIRELABI  <u>Various wires etc.</u></p>	
		1750	<p>from CHIEF, LONDON Admiralty will press Naval Authorities increase effectiveness of blockade 20044 cipher.                  Letter to S.N.O. EGYPT asking for further reconnaissance to be undertaken by RNAS of RAFA at the earliest convenient date.                  Letter to G.O.C's No 1 &amp; 2 Section No change in situation in front of No 3 Section - enemy appears very weak in mounted troops. The C-in-C thinks this may indicate intention to use bulk of his mounted troops further south to create diversions &amp; distract attention from major operations in QATA area. Nos. 1 &amp; 2 Sections should be specially vigilant in view of possible raids by strong parties of hostile camelry.</p>	App K
		1950	<p>Wire to CHIEF, LONDON. Situation unchanged. Establishments prepared for mobilization of 42<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 52<sup>nd</sup> Div. &amp; mounted troops with 10000 camels to enable me to operate E of ROMANI. Camels collected - mobilization should be completed by August 7<sup>th</sup>. This should enable General LAWRENCE to make full use of moonlight about 13<sup>th</sup>. If enemy is reinforced and attacks, I am ready.</p>	App L J.C. Williams Capt R

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SMAILIA	July 28	0835 1610 1614	<p>Wire to CANAL Coy. All clear.</p> <p>Wire to TROOPERS (rep SAL) asking for increased Establishment Ordnance Workshops at SALONICA detailing reasons &amp; additional personnel required.</p> <p>Wire from AHQ SALONICA to LONDON you 19093. Can you say when Anti Aircraft Section may be expected to arrive.</p> <p>Wire from No 2 &amp; 3 Sections CANAL Defences. Water reports.</p> <p>Letter etc to:-</p> <p>DAG - 3<sup>rd</sup> Echelon, DST, E in C re provisional sanction for increase of clerical establishment W.F.F.</p> <p>GOC No 3 Section The Revised Scale for 4.5 inch Howitzer ammunition, 50% H.E., 50% Shrapnel asked for by BG RA, No 3 Section, is authorised.</p> <p>I.G.C with regard to approved scheme of GOC Delta District for safeguarding the CANAL.</p> <p>I.G.C with reference to Metal Fund &amp; asking him to ascertain balance of present KHARTOUM Metal Fund &amp; whether it has now been credited to the Public.</p> <p>GOC's 1.2.3 Sections &amp; W.F.F enclosing W.O communications as to reorganisation of artillery. The reorganisation will not at present come into force in EGYPT.</p> <p>GOC No. 2 Section The C-in-C is considering the advisability of withdrawing all gunnery equipment on the Eastern front from formations in the CANAL ZONE, where it is useless for return to Ordnance for storage until required.</p> <p>GOC NO 1 &amp; 3 Sections to the same effect. Please forward your views.</p>	<p>App A</p> <p>App B</p> <p>App C</p> <p>App D</p> <p>App E</p> <p>130</p> <p>App F</p>



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ISMAILIA	July 28 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Letter to: E-m-C The C-m-C does not anticipate that the present operations will modify the ultimate development of his original plan to push on the railway to EL ARISH in the autumn. Subject to those pressing immediate needs, your preparations should be steadily pushed forward.</p> <p>Wires, Messages etc. with reference to operations in the ROHANI-QATIA district.</p> <p>1145 <u>Moves &amp; dispositions of units etc.</u></p> <p>Wire to NO 1 Section. The two units 54<sup>th</sup> D.W. earmarked for CANAL Reserve will move by rail to BALLAH today.</p> <p>1430 Wire to GOC W.F.F. If NO 4 Coy. Imp. C.C. is required for CANAL, it is hoped that NO 5 can take over before NO 4 withdraws.</p> <p>1550 Wire to GOC W.F.F. — O.C. Imp. C.C. } No. 4 Coy will move to Eastern front as soon as relieved by NO. 5 Coy. This relief should take place as soon as possible.</p> <p>2317 Wire from NO 2 Section. <del>1</del> 1 Sect. C.T.C. from 'E' Coy SERAPEUM P1 Section from 'F' Coy FERRY POST can be spared &amp; will be held in readiness for your orders.</p> <p>1255 Wire to No 3 Section. Gen. ANTILL proceeds by motor to QAWTARA today to see you.</p> <p>Wires from &amp; to No. 3 Section</p> <p>Memo to GOC authorising use of names for various hills in operations area as requested, asking him to advise all concerned.</p>	<p>App G</p> <p>App H</p> <p>151</p> <p>App I</p>

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ISMAILIA.	July 28 <sup>th</sup>	1315	<p>from No. 3. <u>Marked change in situation this morning.</u> Our patrols found enemy had considerably advanced their line which now is from HOD UM UGBA to HOD ELAMONA with a force advancing on Hill 245 from NE. Our patrols had several sharp skirmishes - enemy had some casualties, ours 1 man killed, 1 wounded. About 1000, 300 enemy reported moving W at Hill 110, + 500 at Hill 245. These latter advanced towards DATIA in several lines, and large numbers were reported advancing at the same time from UM UGBRA. Patrol watching MAGEIBRA was forced to retire from Hill 200 about 2½ miles WNW. of MAGEIBRA. - Other changes small. Enemy reinforcements appear to have come by N. road + from AWEIDA. At 1200 patrols report that advance appears to have reached its limit.</p> <p>2013 from No. 3. Enemy has not advanced since last report. His line now runs from high ground E of UGBA to Hill 245, thence to Hill 200 1 mile south of DAREM with advanced troops slightly in front of Hill 245 on the S. - No forward movement from MAGEIBRA. During afternoon two squadrons WELLINGTON Mtd. Rifles made a smart attack on enemy in front of UGBRA + drove them back ½ a mile capturing 8 prisoners + some camels. Enemy losses estimated at 50. During afternoon a section of the AYRSHIRE Battery RHA shelled a hostile camp near SAGIA with good effect, scattering men + camels. - New line of trenches commenced W of HOD EL MAHARI, DHAKAR + DHABA. Heavy tracks indicate large force had left MAGEIBRA for N.W. unseen by our patrols. Many camels at MAZAR + 800-1000 troops at BIR-EL-ABD. Prisoners are of 312 Regt. + further prisoners are reported - number unknown.</p>	<p>MAGEIBRA</p> <p>192</p>

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SMAILIA	July 28 <sup>th</sup>		<p><u>Variations</u></p> <p>Letter to GOC. No 2 Section - The C-in-C wishes to form (reference his verbal instructions and conversation) in your Section the largest force that can be organised to co-operate with GOC No 3 Section, whether during his attack on the enemy E of QATIA or during any attack on our positions. He wishes the basis of this force to be 3 or more Coy. Imp. C.C. under Lt. Col. C. L. SMITH, V.C. who will report to you for instructions tomorrow. Your available mobile troops will be attached to P under orders of Gen. SMITH. This column must be prepared to operate for several successive days. For objective &amp; other details of operations see Appendix. - Water supply to be augmented. He necessary reconnaissances should be made while preliminary arrangements are being carried out &amp; commanders of units should make themselves acquainted with the ground.</p> <p>1855 Wire to CHIEF, LONDON. I am still working at extension of the railway (towards EL ARISH) as it not only fit in with your strategical requirements but also my tactical operations. I shall be ready for railway tracks &amp; pipes before these can be supplied from home. Please hasten shipment of material.</p> <p>1909 Wire to CHIEF, LONDON Evening Report. The Turks continued their advance W. today for about 3 miles. It would appear they intend to attack. I hardly think they are likely to attack with less than 2 Divs. As all reinforcing troops move by night &amp; get under palm tree cover by day, it is difficult for an reconnaissance to keep in touch with them.</p>	<p>App. K</p> <p>App. L</p> <p>App. M.</p> <p>1875 oc Williams Capt GS</p>

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ISMAIYA	July 29 <sup>th</sup>	0234	Wire from TROOPERS Repetition of wire of 27/7/16 in reference to Middle-East RFC batmen	App A
			10514	
		0700	Wire from TROOPERS to EGYPT & SALONICA. Approved Establishment for Lewis gun School.	App. B
			10679 (code)	
		0715	Wire from A.H.Q. SALONICA Details of troops movements in progress and contemplated	App C
			GC 335 to LONDON & EGYPT.	
		0845	Wire to CANAL Coy. All clear.	
		0945	Wire to TROOPERS R.F.C. weekly return.	App. D
			AM 847	
		1045	Wire to General, BASRA General SALMOND leaves SUEZ on 'PENTAROTA' about Aug 4 <sup>th</sup>	
			AM 848	
		1440	Wire to CHIEF, LONDON. Since despatch of my A.M. 845 (asking to hasten material for railways)	
			AM 849 my E.M.C. has received your 20061. I am delighted with the promptitude with which orders have been placed.	
		2100	Wire from TROOPERS Martinoydes delayed owing to discovery of structural defects but	
			20119 aphen. rectified and seven should leave about August 6 <sup>th</sup> . Six Bristol with interrupter gear will follow immediately. (A copy of this was sent to G.O.C. RFC Bde. Middle East.)	
			Wires from Nos. 2 & 3 Sections. Water reports.	App E

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SMALIA	July 29 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Letter to G.O.C. No 3 Section Reference W.E. of dismounted Bde, no ADC is allowed for Bde Commander. In view of wide area of operations, the C-in-C approves of a Regimental officer being employed as an orderly officer to Bde Commander.</p> <p>Telegram in connection with future operations in SALONICA.</p>	App F
	0600	<p>from CHIEF LONDON to SALONICA. ROUMANIA has apparently no present intention of declaring war against any Power except Austria Hungary. This of course, destroys basis of PARIS military Convention, &amp; at most would entail the SALONICA forces observing and containing BULGARIA or GREEK frontier. I will keep you fully informed of further development. Meanwhile continue to guard against being committed to any serious action until negotiations are definitely settled and you receive necessary information &amp; instructions.</p>	App G immediately
	0955	<p>Wires messages etc. with reference to operations in QATIA-ROMANI district</p> <p>Wires from &amp; to No 3 Section</p> <p>from No 3 Section. Situation unchanged during night. 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Bde. now in QATIA reports all clear up to one mile E of that place - Our patrols now in touch with enemy all along the line E of QATIA. Our casualties yesterday, three men killed and five wounded.</p>	App H
	2025	<p>from No 3 Section. Situation practically unchanged. Attempts made to turn the</p>	195

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ISMAILIA	July 29/15		<p>enemies N. flank were met by fire &amp; they appear to have thrown this back some distance. Present line - on which there is much entrenching activity - runs from SABKHAT EL AMYA through UGBA, by AVISH, ABU DAREM, BADIEN to Hill 200. A second line seems to run here from ADD AVISH to EL MAHARI and DHARAR. One battalion, 500-700 strong, seen approaching OGHRAINA from the East.</p> <p>Letter to NO 3 - informing them that a mobile column will be formed from such troops in NO 2 Section as may be found possible to collect in time to take part in these operations. This Column may consist of Imp. Camel Coy. supported by Mounted troops. It is intended to form a forward base for this small column in the RATIO EL JEFFEIR &amp; to arrange that this Camel Corps may have a 3 days' radius of action from there. The Mobile Column will be equipped with a Pack Wireless Section. This force will remain under the Command of G.O.C. NO 2 Section. - Attached is a letter to NO 2 Section with some details regarding this mobile column, as to its formation &amp; probable scope of operations.</p> <p><u>Various wires, etc</u></p> <p>Letter to Nos 1 &amp; 2 Section in view of our present extended fronts of operation, the C-in-C is considering means to improvise as large an emergency reserve as possible &amp; he wishes you to prepare your plans for the reduction to a minimum the troops in your district without altering materially your present scheme of defence. He also wishes you to prepare plans</p>	<p>App I 1915</p>

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ISMAIHA	July 29 <sup>th</sup>		<p>for withdrawal to the line of bridge-heads a vulnerable point in your section, in case the necessity should arise for the temporary withdrawal of every man possible to form the strongest available reserve. The C-in-C wishes to know the numbers of men that could be made available for this general reserve in either of the foregoing circumstances.</p> <p>to G.O.C. No. 3 Section. Arrangements have been made with the S.W.O. EGYPT for me or two monitors (M 15 P 21) to be off MEHEMDIYA daily at daybreak from 30<sup>th</sup> inst. They will be prepared to support your N. flank in case of attack - otherwise they will return to PORT SAID during the day.</p> <p>2145 to CHIEF, LONDON. Evening Report giving result of the day's operations stating that we are prepared to counter-attack effectively if enemy attack, or if he does not attack, we shall assume the offensive as soon as our mobilization is complete. - Enemy now estimated at 14000.</p> <p>AM 850 Cipher</p>	<p>app K</p> <p>app L</p> <p>Occurrence Capt G</p> <p>1917</p>

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ISMAIUA	July 30 <sup>th</sup>	0350	Wire from TROOPERS Matter still under consideration. INDIA has been asked to expedite. (This 10801 SD 2. refers to proposed raising of 3 more Coy for BIKANIR Camel Corps.)	
		0600	Wire from SALONICA Situation unchanged Relief of 156 <sup>th</sup> trench div. proceeding satisfactorily. 2000 ciphers.	
		0855	Wire to CANAL Coy All clear	
		1115	Wire to SIRDAR If you concur I share Governor HALFA's views that visit on SHELLAL HALFA reach during next two months very improbable. I am prepared to adopt Navy's recommendation to withdraw naval crew of 'TANJORE' to PORT SAID for remainder of hot weather. Guns & ammunition to remain HALFA - they could be re-mounted & crew re-embarked in a few hours.	App A
		2130	Wire from TROOPERS regarding Establishment of Field Troops for Mounted Brigades. 21068 ciphers.	App B
			Wire to No 2 Section Issue of 9 horses & saddling approved.	
			Wire from No 3 Section. Water report.	App C
			Letter to:- GOC RFC, M.E. asking for information as to performances of aeroplanes presented by Maharajah of REWA. GOC, ANZAC Training Centre, TEL EL KEBIR. There is no intention at present of withdrawing Captain E. STONE from the training course.	
			G.O.C. No 2 Section. Approved issue of maxims transport, signalling equipment for each dismounted double Squadron under your command.	App D



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ISMAHIA	July 30 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Wires in connection with operations in the ROMANIA-QATIA district.</p> <p><u>Move of troops etc</u></p> <p>1038 Wire from W.F.F. will despatch No. 4 Coy. Imp. C.C. from KHATATBA and ALAMEIN on night of 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> - to W.F.F. No 2 but I.G.C. No. 4 Coy Imp. C.C. should be sent to FERDAN. - to No. 1 &amp; 3 Sections. 15<sup>th</sup> Heavy Battery R.G.A. will move to No. 3 Section as soon as possible.</p> <p>Wires from No. 3 Section <u>All quiet during night.</u> Enemy followed up rearguard of cavalry to QATIA with camelmen who were fired into. Two enemy deserters came in during night. 5 prisoners taken. Enemy visible on high ground N. of Hill 200.</p> <p>2004 Usual desultory skirmishing - one or two prisoners taken by our Cavalry. Air report indicate that troops have closed up to front line &amp; particularly that the large body at MAGEIBRA has re-inforced the position about Hill 245 P BADIET. 1000 troops reported at BIR EL ABD, large camp at DHABA. Battery seen about BADIET. General indications point to possibility of further advance by enemy in the near future.</p> <p><u>Evening Report</u></p> <p>1950 Wire to CHIEF LONDON. AM 852. No change in general situation. Preparations proceeding satisfactorily. Admiral WEMYSS returns August 2<sup>nd</sup> P. I hope to arrange with him for Naval Co-operation in my advance.</p>	<p>App. E</p> <p>App F</p> <p>139</p>

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ISMAILIA	July 31	0835	Wire to CANAL Coy. all clear.	
		0940	Wire to CHIEF LONDON. Report no records available with the Force. (of guns captured from or by the Turks). War Diaries	
		1830	Wire from SALONICA with regard to troops asked for for Lines of Communication. Egyptian government could organise labour Corps to assist with road construction etc, which would be great help.	App A
		2210	Wire to TROOPERS Establishment details of field troop with Mtd. Bdes. in SALONICA & EGYPT & some small increases.	App B
			Wire from Nos 2 & 3 Sections Water reports.	App C
			Letters etc to -	
			The Secretary W.O. LONDON. In order to meet local conditions, have sanctioned the amendment shown in attached paper being made to the W.E of a Dismtd. Bde dated SD 2, 8/6/16. They to request that covering W.O. Sanction may be given.	App D
			G.O.C No. 1. Section The additional personnel for the Field Troop is sanctioned & will appear in G-RO	
			I.G.C with regard to the provision of arms to certain units on the L of C. The Com-C recognizes that it may be desirable, but thinks that in many cases the personnel of L of C units are not sufficiently trained in the use & care of arms. Please submit detailed proposals, which unit you consider suitable & number of weapons required.	App E

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ISMAIUA	July 31 <sup>st</sup>	0600	<p>Wire in reference to proposed operations in SALONICA district.</p> <p>from CHIEF, LONDON 21070 cpm to SALONICA &amp; FRENCH G.H.Q. on night of July 28<sup>th</sup>. This does not provide (for) the immediate attack against BULGARIA of the ROUMANIAN Army. This convention has not yet been examined or accepted by British Govt.</p> <p>Wires in connection with operations in ROMANI-QATIA district.</p> <p>from W.F.F. No 4 Coy Imp-CC arrive FERDAN at 1000 August 3<sup>rd</sup>.</p> <p>(Various about 0745) Enemy aircraft over ROMANI &amp; CHABRIAS (0830) dropping bombs at latter.</p> <p>1609 from No 2 Section. HOD ELBADA occupied by enemy. Machine guns seen.</p> <p>Wires from No. 3 Section</p> <p>1025 Situation generally unchanged during night. Our Cavalry got into touch with enemy entrenched S of SABKHET ELAMYA &amp; are holding high ground facing UM USBA. - otherwise only minor changes reported.</p> <p>2126 Situation unchanged. One or two prisoners taken. Reinforcements appear coming up to OGHRAFINA. A thin line of covering troops appear to extend up to BARDAWIL SABKHET.</p> <p>Wire to Sq-Comm. MALONE, HMS 'RAVEN' - Reconnaissance in front of ARABA should pay special attention to DHABA in addition to ARABA.</p> <p>2200 Wire to CHIEF, LONDON Evening Report no particular change. Deserts report heavy Austrian Houbuzers with Turks. This would be satisfactory, if true, as it would adversely affect enemy's mobility.</p>	<p>App F App G App H</p>

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ISMAILIA	July 31		<p>Summary of principal events in July</p> <p>Operations on Eastern Front. From the 1<sup>st</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> only small &amp; occasional raids by our Cavalry took place - on the 4<sup>th</sup> the 5<sup>th</sup> L.H. in cooperation with aeroplanes, scattered a small party &amp; took a few Arabs &amp; some camels. In the TOR-ADU ZENEIMA district the Sudanese Camel Corps captured 8 prisoners, including a Sheikh. - A small raid, lasting 2½ days, entailing a 60 mile trek over difficult country, on an enemy post at GINEIT resulted in the capture of a few prisoners &amp; animals. During the first half of the month the C-in-C visited the MEHEMDIYA-ROMANI district &amp; decided to expedite arrangements for stores, railways material, labour &amp; water facilities, to enable him to push forward from ROMANI to EL ARISH in the autumn. - On the 19<sup>th</sup> an aeroplane reported a considerable move of enemy troops to the fringe of the QATIA area &amp; it became obvious that the enemy intended either to attack us or to block our progress. They occupied a line from (approximately) OGHARATIWA to MAGEIDRA &amp; busily entrenched. A few days later they advanced about 3 miles &amp; again entrenched themselves. From our reconnoissances and prisoners &amp; deserters' statements they have probably a strength of 14000 against us &amp; their garrisons further East appear denuded of any formidable reinforcements. Some German officers are with the force &amp; probably direct it, &amp; deserters &amp; prisoners further report some Austrian howitzers in addition to lighter artillery &amp; 6 Machine guns per battalion. General LAWRENCE, in command of the operations, had all the troops he needed put at his disposal, his force consisting of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Div, 42<sup>nd</sup> Div, ANZAC Mt Div</p>	

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MALIA			<p>(Continued) Machine gun Corps from other Brigades, an armoured train &amp; several of the newly formed Corps. of the Imp. C.C. under Col SMITH. V.C. Our patrols are constantly in touch with the enemy &amp; have caused them some losses, our casualties being practically nil. As the enemy are disinclined to attack, the C-in-C has decided to attack them on about Aug 13<sup>th</sup>, by which time our mounted details of preparation will have been carried out &amp; the moon will be favourable for an advance in the Cool hours.</p> <p>Western Front has been inactive with regard to actual operations, but preparations are being pushed on to occupy the BAHARIYA Oasis &amp; prevent the Senoussia retreating to SIWA. A conference on the subject &amp; the extension of the railway is summed up in App D of July 23<sup>rd</sup>. * - A young air pilot was lost, &amp; his mechanic also died, as a result of an engine breakdown in a waterless desert &amp; the inability of a relief machine to find them in time.</p> <p><u>MECCA</u> The Sheriff has made several requests for assistance of various kinds, all of which we have met to the utmost possibility. We asked a seaplane ship to reconnoitre AKABA with a view to a possible landing there with the object of helping the Sheriff.</p> <p><u>SALONICA</u> The month has been occupied with reorganisation of Artillery &amp; other units to meet local conditions, the re-arrangement of the line, the entry of the Serbian army into the Allied forces here, the provision of additional hospitals in view of forthcoming operations, &amp; the negotiations between the Allied Governments and ROUMANIA. As a result of a conference in PARIS, ROUMANIA agreed to enter the field, but the conditions are not ratified in toto &amp; the extent of our co-operation is dependent on the final result of these negotiations.</p>	<p>* See also App A July 3<sup>rd</sup></p> <p>143 See App A July 28 I - 24 G - 26 G - 29</p>

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ISMAILIA			<p>(Continued) In order to facilitate infantry drafts, Lewis gunners are to be trained locally. An I.G.C. staff have been appointed.</p> <p><u>Aeroplanes.</u> On 7<sup>th</sup> Sea planes from BEN-MYCHREE raided EL ARISH. - The enemy bombed PORT TEWFIN in the 20<sup>th</sup>. - The C-in-C reported to W.O that the Turks were supplied with faster &amp; better equipped machines than ourselves, tho we had superiority in numbers - the W.O have replied that new ones will arrive here during the month. - General SALMOND'S appointment as Brig for command RFC, Middle East to date from July 1<sup>st</sup>.</p> <p><u>Moves of troops.</u> The 3<sup>rd</sup> Dismounted Bde. moved to W.F.F. to relieve 159<sup>th</sup> Bde, 53<sup>rd</sup> Div, which has been earmarked for INDIA &amp; therefore concentrated in the Canal Zone. - 17<sup>th</sup> Squadron RFC, &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Light Mountain Bde RGA have left for SALONICA. - There were numerous other moves to the CANAL Zone in connection with the present operations.</p> <p><u>Organisation.</u> The Austr. &amp; N.Z. Govt. approved of formation of 5 Camel Coy's from their surplus reinforcements. - No 2<sup>nd</sup> Section, CANAL Defences, has ceased to exist - also the South-Western Force has disappeared from the W.F.F. - A senior officers course was held at ZEITOUN. -</p> <p><u>Various Alexandria</u> <sup>Coastal</sup> defences have been re-organised - An Arab revolt at SINGAPORE reported owing to Shemp MECCA operations - Reflector sight for Lewis guns have been withdrawn. The C-in-C asked for a closer blockade of Syrian Coast. - The C-in-C expressed much praise for of local labour. - General SALMOND is under orders to proceed to MESOPOTAMIA.</p> <p>The weather has been consistent without the heat waves experienced in June. Average maximum about 106, minimum 75.</p>	<p>William Capt Gd</p>