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

Sir,

In accordance with instructions contained in War Office letter No.40/W.O/2790 (S.D.2) of 20/1/16, I have the honour to forward herewith War Diary for the month of July, together with "I(b)" War Diary for the same month.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. V. Nugent Hobbs
for Major-General,
C.C.S.

G.H.Q., E.E.F.
5th August 1917.

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	1/7		<p><u>TURKEY</u> Ammunition was found from CAUMILASE</p> <p>(1) officers (? + NCOs) + 9th SW. being recalled to CPLE. men distributed among Regts. of 3rd Army. sp.</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>men of</td> <td>153rd Regt</td> <td>15</td> <td>36th SW</td> </tr> <tr> <td>"</td> <td>154th</td> <td>"</td> <td>9th CAUC. Regt</td> </tr> <tr> <td>"</td> <td>155th</td> <td>"</td> <td>33rd</td> </tr> </table> <p>(2) Prisoner 70th Regt. 19/6. 10 miles South of OGHNAT states 71st Regt withdrawn towards DIARBEEKR then relieved by 70th early June. Russian staff captured 71st (1st SW) in reserve near LIJJE</p> <p>(3) Doubtful reports by Bulgair molempersons taken 20/6 North of KIGHI that they belong to 27th Regt 9th SW 3rd AC & that 25th & 26th are other 2 Regts of SW. SW only 1000 strong & 3 marches N of DIARBEEKR</p>	men of	153 rd Regt	15	36 th SW	"	154 th	"	9th CAUC. Regt	"	155 th	"	33 rd	
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	17		<p>Russians think there may be new formations & that 2nd Army is being reinforced with view to active operations. (? 1st Lt. Camp Regt being reexpanded into division)</p> <p><u>SYRIA</u> Rtc report work on Southern trenches between road & railway at HAREIRA. Rails not removed North of headcut at SABA 400 Cavalry at TOWAL EL HABARI (4 miles West of SABA)</p> <p><u>W DESERT</u> SOLLUM wireless report (unconfirmed) that middle May IDRIS captured benzene & Bedouin guard at JAHUDIA (101 miles East of KASR SERT)</p>	

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	27		<p><u>TURKEY</u></p> <p>bullet was report from SWITZERLAND dated 29/6 that</p> <p>(1) FALKENHAYN is at ALEPPO and refuses responsibility for offensive (? against BAGDAD) as long as JEMAL commands 4th Army</p> <p>(2) JEMAL has refused to comply with his orders</p> <p>(3) On June 10 ENVER left CPLE to visit JEMAL who refused to go to CPLE</p> <p><u>SYRIA</u></p> <p>Prisoner 165th Regt states</p> <p>(1) group of 150 Arabs from JERUSALEM attached to his Regt few days ago</p> <p>(2) 164th Regt is near SW. It is 1 1/2 hours N. of TEL EL SHERIA. It is composed mostly of new recruits & is <u>trained</u></p> <p>(3) men intentions to strengthen positions</p>	

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	2/6		<p>and await our attack</p> <p>(4) Grand tunnel was being dug towards our trucks.</p> <p>Agent Y reports</p> <p><u>ARABIA</u></p> <p>(1) Arabs cut rail 10 miles N of TEBUK on 28/6. Turks repaired next day</p> <p>(2) 27 tons food EL ULA depot 25 " MEDAIN SALEH " 18 " TEBUK "</p> <p>(3) 10 explosions near GADIR EL HAJ station (S of MAAN) on 1/7</p> <p>(4) Repair gang of 14 attacked at TEL ES SHAHM 60 miles further South 12 being killed wounded or captured</p> <p><u>W DESERT</u></p> <p>Report from SIWA states SAYED AHMED on May 23 near MISRATA trying to persuade RAMADAN to attack EGYPT. MURI & MOHAMED SALEH also there. All divided among themselves</p>	

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<u>TURKEY</u>	3/7		SALONIKA reports Bulgarian deserters state relief of 50 th Turk Div. by part of 10 th Bulgarian Division has commenced	
<u>MESOPOTAMIA</u>			BAGDAD reports FAHAD who exercises dominant influence of our ANAIZEH tribe between BAGDAD and DAMASCUS has thrown in his lot entirely with us! Agent X reports 20,000 packs of stores, apparently being sent to 6 th Army from CIPHE	
<u>SYRIA</u>			Summary of details of trains & movements by rail through HOMS Southwards supplied by French agent on railway reliability unknown shows (May 1 - June 6 inclusive) 1. Troops Turkish 19 officers 131 NCOs 11,557 infantry 1625 Arabs 832 Cavalry	

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	3/7		<p>1140 ASC Train 110 Artillery <u>Austro Germans</u> 30 Officers 44 NCOs 1375 German 704 Austrian men (including 1014 German Cavalry) 164 Guns. (6 cm. 6.5 cm. 8 cm. 8.5 cm. 10 cm. 12 cm. Mtn & Small including 7 AA). 36 aeroplanes 33 motor cars 881 vehicles 1048 camels 693 oxen 472 mules 394 donkeys 1575 horses 363 M.G. 3907 rifles (old model) 10032 " (new ") 405 swords 125 weapons mentions 314 " Stores including 23 barbed wire & corrugated iron</p>	

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	3/7		<p>Analysis shows</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) During the 38 days 79 trains ran South (2) 15 different engines used on 75 trains (3) 1798 trucks on 79 trains (average 22.75 per train excluding TALKENHAYN'S special of 7 wagons). Trains vary 14 to 32 trucks (4) average number of soldiers with arms per truck = 40. (5) TALKENHAYN & staff passed S. on 10/5. <p>Agent Y reports AA section 28 at TEL EL SHERIA (Previously reported on this front on May 14)</p>	

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	47		<p><u>TURKEY</u> Similar was report from CAUMULASO that.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Prisoner 5th AFW states his 5th expects relief by 47th. (2) In some months he deserted or other information of 147th & 148th AFW (47th AFW) (3) A prisoner reports saw 47th AFW near BITLIS 11/6 about to leave for CPLE <p><u>SYRIA</u> RAC report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) SABA trenches strongly held at 0900 one Squadron cavalry scattered in part of W. defences (2) HAREIRA thinly held (3) Large camps 2 or 3 miles NE of IRGEIG rdoubt 	

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	4/7		<p>Agent Y reports - Enemy making second aeroplane reconnaissance in SABA direction as they have seen strong forces mainly cavalry developing against SABA Prisoner 21st Regt states (1) much cavalry at SABA mostly on mules (2) Heard 134th Regt went to prevent Russians joining English (3) Rifle strength 1st Coy. 1st Bn. 90 (4) Regt had 4 bns, but 3rd split up among 2 4 4 (? or gone to HEJAZ) Prisoner 2nd Coy 3/19th Regt gives Coy. rate strength 120. full composed H.E.F. June 30 <u>ARABIA</u> Agent Y reports full composed H.E.F. June 30 3 Battalions 42nd Regt. 4 Bns. 55th, AKIMI District Mule Mtd Coy, Sultan Coy, Dromedary Regt, 41st & 42nd MG Coys. 5 machine guns, 2 howitzers 1 Pioneer Mtn & 1 QF Field Battery, 2 QF Mtn Guns (? or batteries). Area under HEF seems to be from ABUNAIM Southwards.</p>	

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	5/7		<p><u>TURKEY</u>. Military news report, dated June 16th, states G.O.C. 56th Division was at MENEMEN (W. SMYRNA) early in June.</p> <p><u>SYRIA</u> Prisoner 47th Division states 56th Division arrived in this post three months ago and has been here ever since.</p>	

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	6/7		<p><u>MESOPOTAMIA</u> Agent X reports 5.7.17 the appointment of a new Corps Commander, either for the 13th or the 19th Corps, it is not clear which.</p> <p><u>SYRIA</u> (a) Two independent deserters confirm presence of 56th Division on this front, one states that it arrived a month ago from SMYRNA and is now N of GAZA.</p> <p>(b) Analysis of prisoners captured on PALESTINE front, 1st to 28th June, gives the following results -</p> <table style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>1. Moslems - 84 = 61%</td> <td rowspan="2">} by creed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>non-moslems - 18 = 39%</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">" — next page —"</p>	1. Moslems - 84 = 61%	} by creed	non-moslems - 18 = 39%	
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	6/7		<p style="text-align: center;">Analyses of prisoners (cont'd)</p> <p>ii. 1918 - 1921 ——— 12 = 30%</p> <p> 1919 - 1917 ——— 78 = 47%</p> <p> 1911 - 1918 } ——— 9 = 23%</p> <p> and before</p> <p>iii. Ten races figure in the analyses; Turks form about 2/3 of the total.</p> <p>iv. Over a third of the Turkish prisoners are Bulgarian or Serb subjects, and do not appear to be a reliable fighting element judging by the frequency with which they desert.</p> <p>v. Total number examined = 65</p>	

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ARABIA (a) The Sheriff reports that in the recent fights between Zeid and Ibn Rashid, the latter was badly wounded in the thigh. The booty has arrived at MECCA.

(b) Agent X reports that Jemal (? Pasha) is shortly expected to visit MAAN. ARABIA is quiet. The recent fighting at MAAN is described as a "bitter lesson" for those responsible for the "gone".

CAUCASUS Canmilage reports that:—

(a) Turks returning south from PENSKIN on 3rd July. A deserter ~~has~~ states that their forces included 144th Regt (3 Bns) 156th Regt (2 Bns) and two frontier battalions. One of the Frontier Bns is numbered 4 and consists of the

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			<p>Mupts from 10th 11th 22nd ³⁷ and 44th Regiments.</p> <p>(by Presence of 12th Division near KIAHI (70 miles SW of ERZERUM) 3rd July, is confirmed by deserters of 36th Regt (of this Division)</p>	

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	7/7		<p>TURKEY. A deserter 148th Regiment, 47th Division, who left MARDIN with his regiment in May, travelling via RAS EL AIN for CONSTANTINOPLE, eventually deserting at MENEMEN, about the end of June, gives the following locations:—</p> <p>12th, 70th Regts. — DIARBEKR (45th Div. and 1st Div). 71st, 124th " — UREA (1st Div) XXIst A.C. — AIDIN — DENISLU. 57th Division — ADALIA 59th " — left MANISA for AIDIN 28th June 44th " — TARSUS 147th, 148th Regts. — MENEMEN (47th Division)</p> <p>From MARDIN to RAS EL AIN mission came by narrow gauge line.</p> <p>SYRIA. R.F.C. report 7/7/17 — Much new work between HAIRPIN redoubt and HAREIRA defences; also TVMRA branch line on railway not advanced.</p>	

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	7/7		<p>ARABIA (a). Wire from JEDDAH 4/7/17 states that a detachment under a Spahi officer blew up ten metres of viaduct N. of MEKTUM and destroyed several lengths of rail west thereof. MEKTUM is unlocated but is probably near MEDINA, as ALI, who is operating in that area, is the only Chief who has Spahi officers with him.</p> <p>(c). S.N.O. Red Sea Patrol reports: "Slieve Foy" has been told to verify the report that the Sheriff of MOWEILEH is assembling Arabs at KOREISH to attack AKABA, when she visits AY NUVA.</p> <p>NOTE: - MOWEILEH - 70 miles S.E. of entrance to Gulf of AKABA. AY NUVA - Halfway between MOWEILEH and entrance to Gulf of AKABA KOREISH - unlocated.</p> <p>"Slieve Foy" visited MOGANA and found tribes friendly. Arabs stated tribes to E. and N. are also friendly. She then visited AKABA and bombarded the town. No Sarkis were seen.</p> <p>NOTE: - MOGANA - ? MAGNAH, 30 miles N. of entrance to Gulf of AKABA.</p>	

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	7/9		<p>ASIR. S.N.O. Red Sea Patrol reports 6/7/17: -</p> <p>(a). Civilian population has left HODEIDAH. 200-300 soldiers, some drawn from IDRISI front, and a "larger" gun are said to be reinforcing garrison.</p> <p>(b). S.N.O. hopes to keep a ship constantly off the town and by continued threat of bombardment to cause the trading community to bring pressure to bear on the Turkish Governor to give up the British prisoners there. Governor has been told he will be held personally responsible for any ill treatment. As HODEIDAH is the centre of local trade and the mainstay of local Turkish finance, it is hoped the plan will succeed.</p> <p>W DESERT. Letters captured from the GURAAN Arabs show these latter to have been intimidated in their raids by the SENUSSI. The GURAAN have no settled habitat, but engage in constant raids in the KORDUFAN and DARFUR districts.</p>	

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	8/7.		<p>TURKEY. MUDROS Summary of 30/6/17.</p> <p>(a). Deserter gives locations of Troops in SMYRNA area as follows - SEVDIKEUI - H.Q. and 2 Battalions 56th Division. VURLA area - 2 Battalions reserve. SMYRNA - 5th Depot Regiment - at least 3000 strong + active troops.</p> <p>(b) CONSTANTINOPLE report places 61st Division at MENEMEN.</p> <p>(c) CONSTANTINOPLE report mentions arrival of 147th Regt. at SMYRNA. This confirms the Westward movement of 47th Division from CAUCASUS mentioned by deserter 148th Regt. (c.f. Diary 7/7/17). It is possible that this division, like the 7th Division, has been sent to CONSTANTINOPLE to refit.</p> <p>(d) Germans in SCALA NOVA area are said to be planning raids on the small islands near the coast.</p> <p>SYRIA. (a). Two deserters from 69th Regiment who left SELEFKI (coast 70 miles N. of CYPRUS) 5/7/17 report:- (1). 69th Regiment (23rd Division) with 6 75mm guns at SARI IBRAHIM (8 miles W.N.W. TARSUS). Regiment 3000 strong, armed with Mausers, ample SAA.</p>	

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	8/7		<p>1 Company 3/69 at CHRISTIANKEUI (2 miles N.N.W of MERSINA)</p> <p>(2) ADANA - no troops 4 German Supply officers at TARSUS.</p> <p>(3) 9 Battalions with Field guns (number not stated) at TOPRAK KALE, ERZIN, AYAS and YIMURTALUK. Probably 44th Division.</p> <p>(4) Only guns in BOZ ANTI district are 2 4" at GULEK BOGHAZ.</p> <p>(5) British monitor which recently spelled MERSINA completely destroyed oil factory, machinery and large stock of oil.</p> <p>(6) Anchorage at MERSINA still reported to be mined.</p> <p>(7) Large quantities of foodstuffs are being transported from SELEFKE to MERSINA and ADANA for ALEPPO.</p> <p>(8) There are still 2 aeroplanes at SELEFKE which occasionally fly over CYPRUS.</p> <p>(b.) R.F.C. report 6/7/17, (ref. Maj BEERSHEBA 1/125,000). Work proceeding on trenches at following points:- (i) 2,000 yards N.E. of BAIKET EL SANA redoubt.</p>	

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	8/7		<p>(ii) BAIKET EL SANA (iii) Point 520.</p> <p>MESOPOTAMIA. Agent X has reported that:- (a). On 27th June the 18th A.C. prohibited long distance reconnaissance flights owing to shortage of machines; these flights have however since been recommenced. (b). From 1st July until further notice flying corps of 13th A.C. could not reckon on supplies of benzine as these supplies had not been sent off by 27th June from ALEPPO.</p>	

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	9/7		<p>PALESTINE. (a). Identifications. Deserter reports:— 8 Mountain and 4 Field guns are with the 3rd Cavalry Division at BIR SABA. The whole of the 13 Field Artillery Regiment—16 guns—were seen North of BIR SABA and East of TEL EL SHERIA some 13 days ago, but have not been seen since that date.</p> <p>SYRIA. French report states that FALKENHAYN returned to BERLIN from ALEPPO on 19th June 1917.</p> <p>ARABIA. Agent Y reports that:— (a) Tribal Raiders have destroyed a large number of rails, telegraph poles, wire and sleepers:— (i). Between MABRAK EL WAKA (15 miles S. of ABU TAKA) and ABU TAKA (30 miles N. of MEDAIN SALEH) on the night of 6/7th July. (ii). Between MESHAEED (15 miles S. of EL ULA) and TEL EL MATTAR (26 miles S. of EL ULA) on the night of 7/8th July. (b) Shortage of Food Supplies chiefly flour on the H.E.F., L of C. (c) Horses are mostly washed on H.E.F., L of C as neither shoes nor</p>	

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	9/7		<p>nails are available.</p> <p>MESOPOTAMIA. G.H.Q. Mesopotamia reports that amongst the prisoners and deserters taken on the MESOPOTAMIAN front since February last, the following are of the age of 19 and under:-</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>19 years</td> <td>- 179</td> <td rowspan="3" style="font-size: 2em; vertical-align: middle;">}</td> <td rowspan="3" style="vertical-align: middle;">Total 381</td> </tr> <tr> <td>18 ..</td> <td>- 183</td> </tr> <tr> <td>17 ..</td> <td>- 29</td> </tr> </table> <p>As boys are inclined to overstate their ages, the figures are perhaps low.</p> <p>PALESTINE. TANKS. An agent reports as follows, regarding the effect of "Tanks" on the Arabs:</p> <p>"The Arabs are very frightened of the English, who have machines which will go anywhere and also climb. These machines have a gun inside which has already killed many Turks and Arabs."</p>	19 years	- 179	}	Total 381	18 ..	- 183	17 ..	- 29	
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	10/7		<p>IDENTIFICATIONS.</p> <p>(a). PALESTINE. Agent Y reports H.Q. 146th Regiment at RAMLEH 8/9/17.</p> <p>(b). ASIA MINOR. Refugees at SAMOS report 47th Division to be in SMYRNA area. The Division is reported as very weak so it would seem that it has been finding drafts for other formations and has now gone into the SMYRNA area to reform. A deserter states that H.Q. and 2 Battalions of 56th Division were at SEVDIKEVI and the 172nd Regt. at AIVALI on 20/6/17.</p> <p>(c). MESOPOTAMIA. Agent X reports that HALIL Pasha (G.O.C. VIth Army) arrived yesterday unexpectedly at SULEIMANIEH.</p> <p>GENERAL. PALESTINE. (a) A report received from Agent Y indicates the following reorganisation as having taken place in the enemy forces which occupy PALESTINE.</p>	

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	10/7		<p>(i) The Palestine Command is cancelled.</p> <p>(ii) The Southern limit of VIIIth A.C. is extended to the S. limit of NAPLOUSE MUTE SARI FLIK.</p> <p>(iii) The Northern limit of the SINAI front from the point of view of coast defence is extended N. to NEBY YUNES (on coast N. of ES DUD)</p> <p>(iv) The G.O.C. 26th Division will be responsible for the coast defence between the above two limits.</p> <p>(v) In the zone formed between the above two limits, the protection of the railway and administrative matters will be under the Inspector, JERUSALEM L of C.</p> <p>(vi) Units detailed for Coast defence and attached to the 26th Division will be under the G.O.C. of that Division.</p> <p>(vii) Units in JERUSALEM will be under the Inspector, JERUSALEM L of C.</p> <p>(b) Agent Y reports that ammunition has been sent from WADI SURAR to AMAN for a mule mounted unit. This may indicate that the bridge over the JORDAN at GHORANIYEH has been repaired.</p>	

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	10/7.		<p>SYRIA. A report (fairly reliable) has been received on a Conference at ALEPPO at which FALKENHAYN, LITAN V. SANDERS, ENVER, FAUD, KHALIB, and JEMAL were amongst those present. KHALIB and JEMAL both objected to assuming the offensive unless substantial reinforcements in both men and guns were received. JEMAL and FALKENHAYN appear to have disagreed.</p>	

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	11/7		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>TURKEY</u></p> <p>Disenter GAZA front 10/7 states</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Formerly belonged 59th Division 21st A.C. (2) Composed of 178th 179th 180th Regts each 3 Battalions. (3) GOC MEHMED SHEYKI Bay. HQ MANISA. (4) Company strength 300 mostly Turks. (5) In April 180th Regt was detached & Division appeared to be finding drafts. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>MESOPOTAMIA</u></p> <p>Agent X reports outbreak of scurvy at TEKRIT In one detachment 70% of troops affected.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>SYRIA</u></p> <p>Prisoner reports recent arrival of 26th Div in S. PALESTINE</p> <p>Agent X reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Mule Mtd Regt moved from AMAN towards MAAN (2) Heavy How. Bty 8 to proceed to RAMLEH to be under orders of 26th Div (3) Shortage of horses in 7th Cav Regt to be made up by taking ^{practically} all horses public or private from officers on L of C & Admin Services of 4th Army. 	

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	12/7		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>TURKEY</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>remnant of</i> Disaster reports 147th & 148th Regts around MENEMEN in June numbering 500 men. Regts now being brought up to strength.</p> <p>Letters from Ps of W. give full addresses</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>17th Depot Regt</td> <td>RUMELI HISSAR</td> <td>12/5/17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>57th SW</td> <td>ADALIA</td> <td>2/5/17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>133rd Regt (41st SW)</td> <td>BEILAN</td> <td>29/5/17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>55th SW</td> <td>C'PLE</td> <td>19/5/17</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>MESOPOTAMIA</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>SYRIA</u></p> <p>Very trustworthy information states</p> <p>(1) Mule Mtd Regt near AMMAN do " " JERUSALEM Each consists of 3 Battalions each 500 strong</p> <p>(2) There are 3 JEMALS AHMED the Great 600 IV Army MEHMED the Less " 8th AC MEHMED of SMYRNA " Composite Force</p> <p>Agent Y reports (1) 400 mounts required for 7th Cav Regt at AMMAN by August (2) TEL EL SHEHIA railhead for ammunition supply to front Agent reports full passed 110 MS southwards between 26/6 & 8/7. 14,000 troops 37 guns 75 M.G. (Probably includes 26th SW)</p>	17th Depot Regt	RUMELI HISSAR	12/5/17	57th SW	ADALIA	2/5/17	133rd Regt (41st SW)	BEILAN	29/5/17	55th SW	C'PLE	19/5/17	
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	13/7		<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Domestic wars</i></p> <p><u>TURKEY</u></p> <p>(1) PETROGRAD reports 4/7. That 19th Turk. Div. in BREZANY and has been relieved by XV German Res. Div. Not known whether relief permanent or temporary.</p> <p>(2) Bulgar deserter states Turk. Art. on Lower STRUMA relieved on 6/7 by Bulgar Art.</p> <p>(3) Agent considered genuine states D.W. under HASSAN ZEKKI left CPLE for RAKKA about 3/6 with 1000 Austrian gunners, Austria heavy guns & 100 motor lorries.</p> <p>(4) Turkish informant (reliability unknown) states 10000 Germans with 13-15 field guns passed CPLE for MOSUL early June. Number 72 on shoulder straps. Said to come from PROSTKEN in E. PRUSSIA</p> <p>Report from BERNE indicates (thought fairly reliable) that 5000-10000 (numbers probably exaggerated) German & Austrian troops arrived in CPLE end of May. Numbers noted were 43, 45 & 52.</p>	

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	13/7		<p><u>MESOPOTAMIA</u></p> <p>Agent X reports 11/7 that owing to abnormal increase of traffic on EUPHRATES expected towards South Shakkis are to be built in large numbers. All men from various fronts with knowledge of building or handling same are to be assembled.</p> <p><u>SYRIA</u></p> <p>RFC report 600-1000 cavalry in lines SE of SABA.</p> <p>Agent Y reports great shortage of benzine</p>	

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	14/7		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MESOPOTAMIA</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>SYRIA</u></p> <p>Agent X reports shortage of cash among enemy.</p> <p>Full garrisons are reported (source very reliable) about 5/7.</p> <p>HOMS 1 Coy Infantry</p> <p>HAMA nil</p> <p>DAMASCUS 500 gendarmes 3 battns Labour Corps</p> <p>DERAA 400 cavalry 4 machine guns</p> <p>AMMAN 1 Batta 2nd Mule Btd Inf.</p> <p>JERUSALEM 3 Battns 1st " "</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">2 " 2nd " "</p> <p>MAAN Remnants of 4th Bn. 174th Regt (Remainder with 1 Coy 2/16th Regt recently killed or captured by Arabs)</p> <p>NOTE. Both Mule M. I. Regts recently formed at AINTAB. Each 3 Bns. 500 strong.</p> <p>Agent X reports enemy nervous as to safety of bridges in YARMUK valley. 2 Companies of first line troops to be posted along railway between EL JISR (11 miles S of L. TIBERIAS) and MEZERIB.</p>	

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	14/7		<p>officer prisoners reports 2nd Bn 81st Regt attached to 53rd Division. Regt very disaffected. Mostly British would probably desert in a body if chance offered.</p> <p><u>ARABIA</u> Agent reports that enemy considered as Arab offensive probable at EL ULA and that GOC Composite Force has asked for 10 or 2 aeroplanes to be sent to MEDAIN SALEH. Arabs have cut up Turk patrol near DAR EL HAJI.</p>	

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	15/7		<p><u>MESOPOTAMIA</u></p> <p>Agent X reports 14/7 that 2000 men and 500 horses of 51st Div are being sent from TEKRIT to HIT.</p> <p><u>SYRIA</u></p> <p><u>ARABIA</u></p> <p>① P2C report no AA fire from GAZA area between 1415 + 1245</p> <p>Agent Y reports</p> <p>(1) Strong detachment formed at MAAN under JEMAL GOC 8th AC. to deal with anticipated general rising.</p> <p>(2) 2 aeroplanes left DAMASCUS for MAAN on 14/7.</p> <p>(3) Wood exhausted on LogC HEF. Every effort to be made by units to obtain same for transport.</p> <p>(4) GOC Composite Force consider forming certain units food & fuel sent at once to depots on LogC HEF. Animals in pitiable state.</p>	

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	16/7		<p><u>TURKEY</u></p> <p>French agent from TARTUS 28/6 states</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Crops good (2) Arabs active pillaging in HOMS - HAMA - ALEPPO area (3) Rumoured Germans have undertaken defence of C'PLE leaving defence of ALEPPO in hands of Turks. 	
			<p><u>SYRIA</u></p> <p>Despatch to RUAD 30/6 states</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Grain depots at NAZARETH empty or low (2) No troops NAZARETH or HAIFA (3) Lumpy low very cheap at N. owing to excellent crops <p>benelux news report by Turk officer who left DAMASCUS 19/6 that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Germans apparently insist on offensive - PALESTINE as well as MESOPOTAMIA. Serious offensive intended within next few months. Commonly stated German and Austrian troops to be increased to 20000 in PALESTINE. 	

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			<p>(2) BAALBEK district in revolt + RAS BAALBEK station burnt. (Reliable information shows this to be correct except that bridge near station was blown up by airt raiders about 21/6)</p>	
			<p>(3) KERAK ANAIZEN NASAR E H METWALI tribes in revolt or ready. (Same source indicates not in revolt but probably ready)</p>	
			<p>(4) JEMAL wants 20000 Germans in order to talk of peace</p>	
RFC			<p>report during last week new line of trenches constructed from W of HAIRPIN redoubt to point on N bank of WADI SHERIA 800 yds downstream from THEBIA HAREIRA. Well traversed. Practically continuous about 1000 yds in front of former front line along SATSA GAZA road.</p>	
ARABIA			<p>agent Y reports 2nd Coy 3/102nd Regt on way to TERBUK as reinforcement.</p>	

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	17/7		<p><u>TURKEY.</u></p> <p>bulletin from AYVALI 2nd line states</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) German property simultaneous raid on CHIOS. 9 same (2) 1st & 2nd Bns 72nd Regt near AYVALI. (3) Two troops at SMYRNA, all for sent to CHUKA. <p>Simultaneous statement by Greek General who left CPLE July 10 that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Turkish troops from GALICIA, DAKODIA & MACEDONIA had been passing through CPLE for previous 3 weeks. (2) Large concentration towards MESOPOTAMIA FALKENHAYN to take charge. <p>Two Egyptian provinces from CPLE report 11/7</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Province in MESOPOTAMIA decided. (2) No Province in SYRIA proposed. (3) TALAAT has placated YEMAL. <p>SALONIKA reports relief of 50th Turkish Divn completed by July 6.</p> <p>American who left CPLE 15/5 states</p> <p>20-25 motor lorries received daily from...</p>	

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	7/7		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SYRIA</u></p> <p>Agent Y reports indications that 2nd line of defence is being prepared running through or near ARAK EL MENISHE (on railway E of FALUJE) will sinkers company being sent there from TEBUK.</p> <p>Prisoner 2/20th Regt states</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) men issued with gas masks. officer prisoner 48th Regt states <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) no drafts for 2 months (2) many arabs recruited in May; most since deserted. (3) heard 44th Div coming from MERSINA (probably drafts) (4) Supplies come from railhead at SHERIA 20-25 motor lorries there but not in use owing to lack of petrol. (5) ENVER has written denying no attack <p>RTC report (1) 2200 tents & shelters RE SM area (no marked change)</p> <p>(2) Branch railway not beyond NEJE</p>	

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	17/7		<p>agent Y confirms previous reports that HQ, 20th AC at TEL EL SHERIA</p> <p><u>ARABIA</u></p> <p>agent Y reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) GOC VIII AC at MAAN 16/7 (2) 3rd aeroplane Coy to go to AMMAN 5000 kilos Benzine being sent there Coy to return to MEDINA in autumn (3) No fodder at MAAN & MEDAIN SALEH on 16/7 (4) Further attack on railway S. of MAAN on 16/7 	

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	1917		<p><u>TURKEY</u></p> <p>Reported July 15th by Dumbert Prisoner 74th Rept 25th DW saw 19th DW on 21/6 in ROUMANIA and that it is remaining in BRAILA region via 25th.</p> <p><u>SYRIA</u></p> <p>Prisoners taken at BEACH POST being 2/20th Rept. nearly half under 19 years. Confirm presence of 130th Rept with 7th DW. Several state 12th FA Rept formerly attached 4th DW now in rear of 7th DW. Then are panic rumours in regard to Sheif's proximity to DAMASCUS. British 3rd Bn 47th Rept states</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Heard 2 new Divisions en route for this front (2) Heard Sheif reached MAAN. (3) Turks prepared to evacuate SABA if necessary reported arrived SABA 24th DW 3 weeks ago. mostly arabs. 	

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	8/7		<p>French agent (thought inclined to embellish returns) gives Summary of troops etc passing through Homs 9th to 25th June inclusive.</p> <p>to South</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Trucks 10 officers 83 NCOs 10820 infantry 1211 Arabs 300 cavalry 313 artillery Austro German 15 NCOs 96 men 2. 66 guns. 2 trucks small arms 75 NCOs <p>to North</p> <p>300 soldiers 1794 recruits 500 gendarmes 1400 arab soldiers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Average 2.1 trains per day <p>agent reports foll. passed ALEPPO South May 25 - June 9. 5970 infantry 1 Cav. Regt (400) 1 18 cm & 2 11 cm guns.</p> <p>agent reports (1) MEVLEVI Coy at Homs (2) Sherks in Homs area making submission but Turks fear more trouble unless troops remain till after harvest</p> <p>agent reports 4 guns destined for MEDINA</p>	
			ARABIA	

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	19/7		<p style="text-align: center;">Aggr. & reports</p> <p>(1) 8th AC assigned for defence of line DERA - MEDINA</p> <p>(2) Composite Force area to Extend KATRAN to AKHDAR</p>	

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	19/7		<p><u>TURKEY</u></p> <p>British 148th Regt left CAUCASUS May 7 states to 7th Regt DIARBEEKIR, 71st URFA, 124th URFA, 121st DIARBEEKIR (attd 1st DW)</p> <p>147th + 148th Regts now at MENEMEN</p> <p>MITYLENE agent reports early July</p> <p>(1) 19th DW. passed through CPLE for ALEPPO in June</p> <p>(2) 20th DW expected CPLE soon</p> <p>(3) 7000 Germans left CPLE for SYRIA July</p> <p><u>SYRIA</u></p> <p>RTC report (0945-1125) Enemy cavalry extending in EL BUGGAR - HABARI area (SABA 1/125000)</p> <p>Agent Y reports private conversation indicating possibility of attack this evening also that VON KRESS has ordered that our wireless be jammed.</p> <p>SOLLUM reports IDRIS dispersed hostile force under Turk officer at GEDABIA 5 weeks ago. 3 guns taken</p>	
			<p><u>W DESERT</u></p>	

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TURKEY

Two deserters to SAMOS early July state they belong to 173rd Regt (58th Div). Its 3 Batts are in SMYRNA region

MESO POTAMIA

Agent Z reports first detachⁿ of 2000 men from TEKRIT reached HIT on 19/7. Consisted of 400 infantry & 50 artillery

SYRIA

RTC report enemy slightly holding line EL GIRHEIR - point 720 on afternoon of 19th. Estimated 1000 - 1500. Withdrawn morning of 20th. P of W reports formation of 3 new MG Coys (each armed with 6 German maxims) known as A, B & J. One has been attached to 20th Regt

ARABIA

Agent Y reports that in reply to application from TEBUK for reinforcement Composite Force said they could only spare 3/152

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	20/7		<p>Newcombe reports TEIMA captured by local Shukh for Sheng. This interrupts RASHD's communication between HAIL and railway. SHAMMAR reported anxious to come to terms with Sheng.</p>	

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Syria.
Identification. (a) 161st Regiment
Statement of P of W. taken at Akaba indicates that the 161st Regt arrived at Maan in Feb. 1917, but that in March 1st + 3rd Bns left Gaza front.

(b) From reports it is clear that 7th Cav. Regt + 146 Regt will move from Sinai front to Hejaz.

(c) Estimated enemy strength (not including general reserve) on Palestine front is 23,300 rifles - 1500 sabres 160 Machine Guns.

Mesopotamia.
The arrival of new aeroplanes without motors at MOSUL is indicated by Agent X.

Arabia.
Agent Y reports 146th Regt under orders to move via AMMAN to MAAN (this regiment detached for 46 div. was at Rauleh).
8 Martelli guns from Damascus for Arabia between 11th + 19th July.
C.O.C. 8th A.C. C.O.C. Composite force, C.G.S., H.E.F. and Dickman (Director of Rly transport) went to meet at MAAN on 21/7/17.

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	22/7		<p>Palestine Front</p> <p>(a) Hareira Sector.</p> <p>(i) R.F.C. report trenches commenced near Saweit el Habari not abandoned.</p> <p>(ii) About 1000 men seen working on trenches which extend 5000' NE of Bir Gfteis to 3,000' S of Tel el Sheria Station in a double unbroken line and continue in broken lengths to 6000' N of ABU IRGEIG (R.F.C.)</p> <p>(b) Unconfirmed report that Bir Saba is evacuated & that houses & wells there are mined. Gun emplacements have been prepared at Gaffa and houses loopholed.</p> <p>Gas masks which cover face only issued to 2/21st Regt. (P.W.) Mesopotamia.</p> <p>Deserter definitely states broad gnape railhead at DERBISIYAH (thought to be 21 miles S.W. of MARDIN or about midway between RAS EL AIN and NISIBIN. This confirms previous indications.</p>	

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	22/7		<p>Arabia..</p> <p>Agent Y reports:</p> <p>(1) 42nd and 55th Regt, still in MEDINA area.</p> <p>(2) 2/178th Regt. is in MAAN zone. (Confirms report of prisoners taken at AKABA who stated that this bn. was at DAMASCUS in June.)</p> <p>(3) M.G. sections are being organized in light bns. of A.E.F. & Composite Force.</p>	

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	23/7		<p>Palestine Front.</p> <p>(a) Gaza Sector. Trenches facing the sea are almost continuous with support trenches in rear. (R.F.C.)</p> <p>(b) Definite report that BIR. SABA is not evacuated. 400 cavalry were drawn in front of the town and 400 infantry behind the town S.W. of defences.</p> <p>Identifications.</p> <p>From a report it is clear that anti-aircraft section 28 is a Pasha Formation.</p> <p>Supplies.</p> <p>Agent Y on 22/7/17 reports supply of water at Deraa is decreasing and can barely supply present garrison for 1½ months.</p>	

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	23/7		<p>Mesopotamia.</p> <p>Bagdad reports 180th Regt. broken up middle of June and distributed among Regts of 51st Div. 181st not broken up. 144 Regt (46th Div) arrived Mosul early June. Reported sent to 13th A.C.</p> <p>Dimilit reports that deserter from 57th Regt ADALIA indicates early reinforcements for SIVAS area may be expected in 6th Army area including newly formed units from 3rd Army (Caucasus) and 17th A.C. (Smyrna area).</p> <p>Arabia.</p> <p>Agent Y states report 1000 rich in A.E.F. on 12/7. This is a marked increase.</p> <p>2 aeroplanes have reached Maan from Damascus and were to fly to Akaba on 22/7</p>	

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	24/7		<p>Palestine Front. R.F.C. report fresh work just NE of SHEIKH HASAN.</p> <p>Syria L of C. (a) VIII Corps Commander has moved companies detailed to guard the railway between DERNA + EL JISR (S. of Lake Siberias) to the eastern portion of this section. (b) Civilian traffic is reported suspended on Aleppo-Damascus line since end of June, on Beirut-Damascus line since 7/7/17.</p> <p>Identifications. (a) 1. Report that 4th Army Comdr has asked VIII A.C. Comdr whether absolutely necessary to send 146th Regt to MAAN as it is desirable it should be available for BIR EL SABA. 2. Swiss news agency of improved reliability on about 25/6/17 reported half of 3rd Div at DAMASCUS (no date given). Previous report to this effect received but not confirmed. 3. P. of W. from 3/19th Regt says he heard from Officer that 26th and 42nd Divs. were coming to Palestine. 26th Divⁿ is known to be in Palestine.</p>	

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	24/7		<p>but arrival of 42nd needs confirmation.</p> <p>4. XV A.C. (19th + 20th Divs). It is reported that Cndri + staff of this A.C. have left Galicia for Constantinople. c/f. reported withdrawal of 19th Div from Galicia.</p> <p>(b) Artillery. Intercepted German letter gives address of 3 Bty 60th Fort Arty as Fd. P.O. no 406. (in the LILLE area)</p> <p>Personalities. Report that Falkenhayn is to be C in C of all Turkish forces in Syria and Mesopotamia. dated about 6th July. Kemal Pasha (the Great) has received the G. C. MEJIDIEH.</p> <p>Mesopotamia. Report that 7-8000 men required for work on Bagdad Rly. towards Mosul. This is further indication of preparations of offensive on that front.</p> <p>Acala. Proposed move of 146th Regt to MAAN from RAMBEH area is apparently being reconsidered.</p>	

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	25/7		<p>Mesopotamia. German IRAQ group now reported non-existent. In future ETAPP "6" will be responsible for victualling 6th Army.</p> <p>Arabia S. of MAAN. ARABA said to have been bombed by enemy aviators. No casualties.</p> <p>Aerodromes. 3 aerodromes reported at RAMLEH about 23/6/17 (agent). (1) near cemetery outside town, 6 "good" aeroplanes, 9 others. (2) on Jerusalem rd. 1 mile from town near railway (3) on Jaffa road, exact place not given. Agent adds that 2 Albatrosses had arrived & 7 new machines were expected. On moonlight nights machines are removed from hangars & hidden in vineyards. Germans estimate British aeroplanes on Palestine front at 63, plus 24 recently arrived.</p> <p>Drafts. Drafts for 165 Regt reported sent from CHILEH (Black Sea) via HAIDAR PASHA 3 months ago. They left same time as 65th Div.</p>	

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	25/7		<p><u>Identifications.</u> Reliable report states that 4 Bns of Mevlevi Regt are to be formed when drafts arrive on 1/8/17. 3rd + 4th Coys of 1/ Mevlevi Regt and 2nd ZANLE 4th Coy is cancelled + M. G. Section to be formed. Same report states 29th Cav. Regt 23rd Div. has arrived DAMASCUS + has joined VIII A. C. <u>Sinai L of C.</u> Report that sailing ships sent to SAIDA + SUR (S of Beirut) for Beirut 26/7/17 to bring back grain. ^{One} returned on 29/7/17 with cargo of wheat + barley. One was distributed. <u>Money.</u> Beirut area LT 1 paper = 24 piastres Wheat = 47 piastres Rotl at end of June <u>Railway Movement.</u> An agent reports the following train movement for 26/6/17 to 2/7/17 (inclusive)</p>	

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	25/7		Southwards through HOMS.	
			A total of 28 trains ran during the above period including 5 specials. 16-29 trucks per train. 15 passenger coaches in all (no saloon coaches).	
			Totals carried included the following: - 555 Arab Senior Officers & men. 12,635 Turkish Offs & men. 1000 Arabs. 4523 rifles (old pattern). 5402 rifles (new pattern). 40 guns. 75 M. Gs. 1 aeroplane. 28 M/T vehicles. 260 horses. 544 transport animals.	
			Northwards through HOMS.	
			1 Military train daily. 24-32 Trucks per train. 6-826 empty. 17 passenger coaches.	
			The totals carried included 1000 Armed Arabs. 800 rifles (old pattern). 200 rifles (new pattern).	
			Palestine Front. Agent's report dated 3/7/17 states that Enver commands 3rd Army strong but that the weak point (where attack is expected) is between BIR SIB and DHAMERIYEH.	
			Personnel. Agent's report dated 14/7/17 states that FAKHREDDIN Bey commands the 26th Division.	

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	26		<p><u>PALESTINE FRONT</u></p> <p>BIR SABBA. R.F.C. report for 26/7/17 estimation Tentage at 550, chiefly shelters. This shows an increase of 150 shelters since 23rd inst when the previous estimate of 200 Tents and Shelters was said to have been under- stated. It was further reported on 25/7/17 that Tents were largely being replaced by Shelters.</p> <p><u>SYRIA</u> Infantry - 129th Regt - In a reliable report dated 25.7.17 this unit based on a (belonging to the Composite Force based on MAAN is referred to as "Cancelled"</p> <p>Artillery - 28th German AA Section (PASHA FORCE). The establishment of this unit is given as follows - 2 Officers, 6 NCOs (including 1 medical) and 18 men. The actual strength on 24.7.17 was 1 officer, 4 NCOs (including 1 med</p>	

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	26		<p><u>IDENTIFICATIONS (contd)</u></p> <p>Cavalry, 7th Cavalry Regt. according to recent prisoner statements the bulk of this unit left BIR SABA prior to 20/7/17. On 20/7/17 orders were given to 8th AC for detailed requisitioning of officers changes through 2421A to make good deficiencies in this unit. 400 horses were to be collected at AMMAN by August. On 23/7/17 HQ 489th division at MEY reported that the regiment was being strengthened.</p> <p>Machine Guns. It was estimated on 14/7/17 that the total number of MGs on the QAZA - BIR SABA front amounted to possibly 276. With the elimination of the 56th Division of 7th Cavalry regiment from this area the total is now reduced to 248. It should be noted however that during May and June agents reports saw 600 MGs being sailed 3741 E PPO. Given also counting this figure by the</p>	

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	26		<p>following factors -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. 25% exaggeration and counting twice. ii. Establishment of a reserve. iii. Demand by units on HEZAZ line. <p>A considerable element of F.M.D. on the PALESTINE front must be engaged as probable in the immediate future.</p> <p><u>PERSONALITIES</u></p> <p>It is reported that NEMAL Pascha (the hero) Govt <u>III</u> A.C. intended to leave MANN for FAWKHA after midnight on the 23rd inst.</p> <p><u>ARABIA</u></p> <p>(a) NTS of MANN a message from the Govt <u>III</u> A.C. to the Staff at JERUSALEM suggests the following re-organisation of the HEZAZ areas:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The 58th Division to come under of MEDINA and to have EL ALA of MEDAIN as centre, excluding TIRUK and HEDIE (2) The Composite Force be attached to the <u>IV</u> Army with 	

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	26		<p><u>ARABIA (Contd)</u> MAAN as centre, area of activity to be bounded by KATRANE and TIBUK (both inclusive) respectively. III The Southern boundary of the 8th AC area to be KATRANE Exclusive. S of MAAN — Information received goes to confirm reports that the enemy are concentrating at MAAN, but it is not anticipated that any immediate advance will be made on AKABA.</p> <p><u>MESOPOTAMIA</u></p> <p>In order to obtain rails for the continuation of the BAGDAD railway, the Turks are reported to be taking up the railway between ALADIC and KIRK KUCUK (TURKEY to EUROPE). G.H.Q. MESOPOTAMIA reported on 26</p>	

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	26	E	<p>MESOPOTAMIA (contd)</p> <p>8/7/17 taken amongst the prisoners and deserters taken since February last the following were of the age of 19 and under.</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 0 20px;">19 years</td> <td style="text-align: center;">—</td> <td style="padding: 0 20px;">179</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 0 20px;">18 "</td> <td></td> <td style="padding: 0 20px;">188</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 0 20px;">17 "</td> <td></td> <td style="padding: 0 20px;">19</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center; border-top: 1px solid black;">381</td> </tr> </table> <p>The figure 381 represents 3% of the total prisoners and deserters taken on the MESOPOTAMIA front during the above period.</p> <p><u>Note</u> Of the prisoners taken on the PALESTINE front during the month of June 12% of the total were between the ages of 16-19.</p>	19 years	—	179	18 "		188	17 "		19			381	
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	27		<p><u>SYRIA</u></p> <p>(a) <u>PALESTINE FRONT</u> No movement or concentration was observed throughout the Tactical area (R.F.C. Taposh for 27.7.1917)</p> <p>(b) <u>L of E Railways</u> DEIR SINED-NEJED Branch live Rail head and embankment have reached points 500 yards S.E. and two miles S.S.E. respectively of NEJED (R.F.C. 27/7/17)</p> <p><u>IDENTIFICATIONS</u></p> <p><u>Infantry</u> 45th Regt 15th Division 6th A.C. Postmark dated 14.2.17 and postmarked CONSTANTINOPLE 17/5/17. The 15th Division was last located on 24/6/17 in the BRAILA Sector (ROUMANIA) in W of 25th Division.</p>	

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	27		<p style="text-align: center;">IDENTIFICATIONS (contd)</p> <p><u>XXI</u> A.C. In a document dated 13/1/17 found on a Turkish officer, the following composition is given:-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">57th Division (Colonel ABDUL RAZAK) Regts 135, 175 and 176, three battalions each.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">59th Division (Colonel CHEFIK BEY) Regts 178, 179 and 180. Three battalions each AIDIN district.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1/178 to be sent from CHANAK KALE 2/178 and 3/178 from RODOSTO. 179th Regt consists of instructional Bns 1st at AIDIN, 2nd at PADERMA, 3rd at SMYRNA. C.O.C. of <u>XXI</u> A.C. - Col NOUREDDIN Bey, C.A.I. - AGC Hussein Bey.</p>	

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	27		<p><u>IDENTIFICATIONS</u> Could</p> <p>69th Regt.- According to two men who deserted from this unit on 5.7.1917 the bulk of the regiment was stationed at SARI IBRATHIM (8 miles N.W. of TARSUS) with six 75-mm guns. Ammunition plentiful. 6 gun MG Coy attached. Strength of regiment stated to be 3000. Average company strength 300 (?)</p> <p><u>IV</u> Army reserve. Above deserts. stated that there were nine Pns in the ERZIN district.</p> <p>It is reported that during the period 29/6/17 and 3.7.17 eight or nine trains of Turkish troops with guns passed along the Belgrade Constantinople railway bound for the latter place. The troops are said to belong to the 15th AC which has been previously reported to be having CALICIA for ASIA. (Divisions 1920)</p>	

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	27		<p>At SELEFKE (90 m SW. of ADANA). There are two german aeroplanes flown by Turkish officer (arrived 5/7/17)</p> <p><u>ARABIA</u></p> <p>It is reported that the OC MEDINA has asked for 20 windmill pumps. It is possible that these may be available in about three months time.</p> <p>The OC Troops at TERBUK has reported to the VC HESAZ that it is absolutely essential that bread etc should be sent him at once. Such supplies should be taken from trucks that are on the line from DERAA onwards, no matter to which front they belong.</p> <p><u>MESOPOTAMIA</u> It is reported that the 1st Reg with one Field Battery and some machine guns moved from TERRIT to HIT between 15th - 31st July. During this move 7 men died, 8 deserted and 8 are reported as missing.</p>	

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	27		<p><u>MESO POTAMIA</u> (Contd) The staff of the VI Turkish Army Corps evidently considers that it would be wiser to impress labourers for work on the railway between MOSUL and MISRIN. The building Coy is being authorized to obtain 3000 labourers near MISRIN at a monthly wage of one Turkish pound cash.</p>	

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	28		<p><u>PALESTINE FRONT</u></p> <p>No abnormal movements observed in the S + T area.</p> <p><u>SYRIA L of C</u></p> <p>(a) Defences - It is reported that disaffection in EL KERAK and the HAURAN is spreading also that that Sabour troops have been sent to fortify NABLUS.</p> <p>(b) Movement - 146th Regt which was under orders to proceed from RAMLEH to MAAN via AMMAN on 16th inst (date?) is reported to have had these orders cancelled and to have received instructions to proceed to JAFFA on the 22nd inst (date?)</p> <p>(c) Railways - BAGDAD - TAURUS Section. According to a despatch report dated 5/7/17 British, French and Russian prisoners had been recently at work on the foundations</p>	

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	28		<p>Railways (cont'd) of the large bridge over the CIAHOUR DERE at HASH KEVI (HASH KEVI) (about 5 miles from BILEMJIK). It is now proposed to erect a suspension bridge. Standard gauge train runs through to BILEMJIK (BILEMDIK). Thence to CELEBEK (14 km) there is only a DECAUVILLE line. The tunnels are pierced but all are not big enough for full size trains. Transport over the TAURUS is now done entirely by trains. Of the former MT vehicles only a few remain for Postal work.</p> <p>(d) It is reliably reported that arrangements are being made for the establishment of a German Intelligence HQ at ALEPPO next September.</p> <p><u>ARABIA</u> It is reported that the GOC <u>III</u> Army Corps (General the less) has informed the GOC <u>IV</u> Army (General the Great) that he is confident that with the forces now at</p>	

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his disposal he can march on FAWILAH and obtain a success; if however he should wait until the arrival of the 146th Regt, he is satisfied that he will then be in a position to undertake any enterprise which may be necessary on the sector. There are indications that he will await this reinforcement.

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(a) Reports state that there is a serious shortage of ammunition in certain enemy units - at one of these (SULEIMANIE?) it is said that there are some machine guns without a round of ammunition being available for their belts.

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(b) Railways on July 26th the Branch line from SUMAICHAN to ...

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	28		<p><u>MESOPOTAMIA</u> (contd)</p> <p>was opened to Traffic. Captured materials from the SINDIYAT (SINDIA) KIFRI railway, which was being constructed by the Turks prior to taking of BAGDAD were used in the construction of the above branch line.</p> <p>(c) Identification.</p> <p>(*) Confirmation has been received of the following:-</p> <p>(a) Transfer of 166th Regt from 57th Division to 14th Division</p> <p>(b) Presence of 44th Regt on the TIGRIS</p> <p>(*) It is reported that the 14th Division consisting of 3rd 42nd and 166th Regts is working on the military road between SHEMAIZGAT and (SHARGAT) ^{and} SHERAHMIE.</p>	

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	29		<p><u>PALESTINE FRONT</u></p> <p>Lines for 180 houses were observed two miles E of HAU JERRAH (HAREIRA sector) otherwise no movement and all normal in both sectors.</p> <p><u>IDENTIFICATIONS</u></p> <p>184th Regt - according to a deserter (believed reliable) from the 3rd Batta, the regiment is composed of 4 company Bns, almost all Gm darawira. Company strength 200, some MG per Bn (probably includes anti-aircraft rifles).</p> <p>12 FA Regt - This unit (included as doubtful pending confirmation in the I Summary of 21.7.17) was reported in the GAZA sector by several prisoners of the 20th Regt captured 14.7.17.</p> <p>The following are considered by the War Office London to be possible reinforcement units -</p> <p>MESOPOTAMIA or SYRIA = D^s 19, 20, 47, 56</p> <p>MESOPOTAMIA = D^s 11, 40, 50, 55, 56, 102, 103</p> <p>one or two divisions, numbers unknown reported to have been formed in SYRIA area.</p>	

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	29		<p><u>SUPPLIES</u> Money - It is reported that one million pounds in gold bars arrived in Constantinople from Germany on July 17th and that four million pounds more were expected to arrive later. The gold is to be used in purchasing local supplies and buying over the Arabs.</p> <p><u>ARABIA</u></p> <p>Further confirmation has been received as to the shortage of supplies on the HEJAZ Loafe. At MEDINA it is found impossible to give the animals sufficient forage while the troops receive little else than a daily ration of cereals which consists of 12.8 lbs flour and 4.8 lbs of bulgur (wheatmeal used by the Turks and Arabs for porridge)</p>	

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	30/7		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>PALESTINE FRONT</u></p> <p>BIR SAKA defenses are unchanged. Rails appear to have been lifted as far as the station from the south. An engine shed, firewood dump, and a hospital near the mosque have disappeared. (R.F.C. report for 30/7/17)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>IDENTIFICATIONS</u></p> <p><u>3rd Division</u> An intelligent and apparently reliable deserter from 3/92nd Regt who left JAMAMAH on 24.7.17 states that 3rd Division consist of three three-coy Bns. The fourth Coy has become six-gun machine gun companies and 4th Bns are used as drafts.</p> <p><u>27th Division</u> 67th Regt. An apparently reliable deserter states that 12th Battalion is at SHEFA AMR and the remaining three Bns have been at BIR SAKA since the end of June.</p> <p><u>50th Artillery Regt.</u> 53rd Division. A deserter in the transport of the unit deserted from ALI MUNTAR. He states that it has been attached to the 53rd Division during the last two months.</p>	

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	30/7		<p><u>ARABIA</u></p> <p>(a) It is reported that the sunny aeroplane, which recently bombed AKABA completely crashed when two miles from MANN on its homeward journey. One of the crew was killed and the other injured.</p> <p>(b) On 29th July 1917 two sunny patrols proceeding from DIZAD to KHAMIS and MUADHDAM were attacked by Arabs. They were able to reach their destinations after suffering slight casualties.</p> <p>(c) As had been previously reported eight MANTELLI guns were sent from DAMASCUS to the HESAZ on or about the 20th information since received shows these guns to have arrived at their destination, such with 211 rounds ammunition.</p>	

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	31		<p><u>PALESTINE FRONT</u></p> <p>(a) BIR SABA SECTOR - at 7 pm on the 30/7/17, 3000 Infantry and 20 wagons were seen by our patrol moving S on the JHERIA - BIR SABA Road.</p> <p>(b) 970 tents and shelters, chiefly shelters, are reported at BIR SABA. This is an increase of 470 since 28/7/17.</p> <p><u>IDENTIFICATIONS</u></p> <p>The following are reported by agents under date 25/7/17 -</p> <p>19th Division at SAN STEFANO (a suburb of CONSTANTINOPLE)</p> <p>20th " " Hill in GALICIA</p> <p>60th " " at CHANAK.</p> <p><u>PERSONALITIES</u></p> <p>OC. 7th Division KHAZIM BEY</p> <p>OC. 134th Regt MEMDOUH BEY (formerly OC 19th Regt) via HADAR BEY, Sick</p>	

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	31		<p><u>ARABIA - YEMEN</u></p> <p>The following information (based on reports from native agents and camel men) has been received from ADEN:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. A fight took place early in June between the Turks and ADRIYA arabs. The former were successful in their fight which lasted eighteen hours about 100 Turks and arabs were killed. ii. SAID Pasha (commanding the Turkish forces in the YEMEN) has been trying unsuccessfully to induce ADRIYA arabs for service in the MAWRYA region. iii. The telegraph line between MAWRYA and SANAA has been cut in one or two places. iv. Movement of small parties of arabs, Somalis and Turks from HASARIA to LANAS, totalling about fifty and from LANAS to MAWRYA, totalling about 100 with 1-2 small guns and 4-6 camels carrying rifles and ammunition. 	