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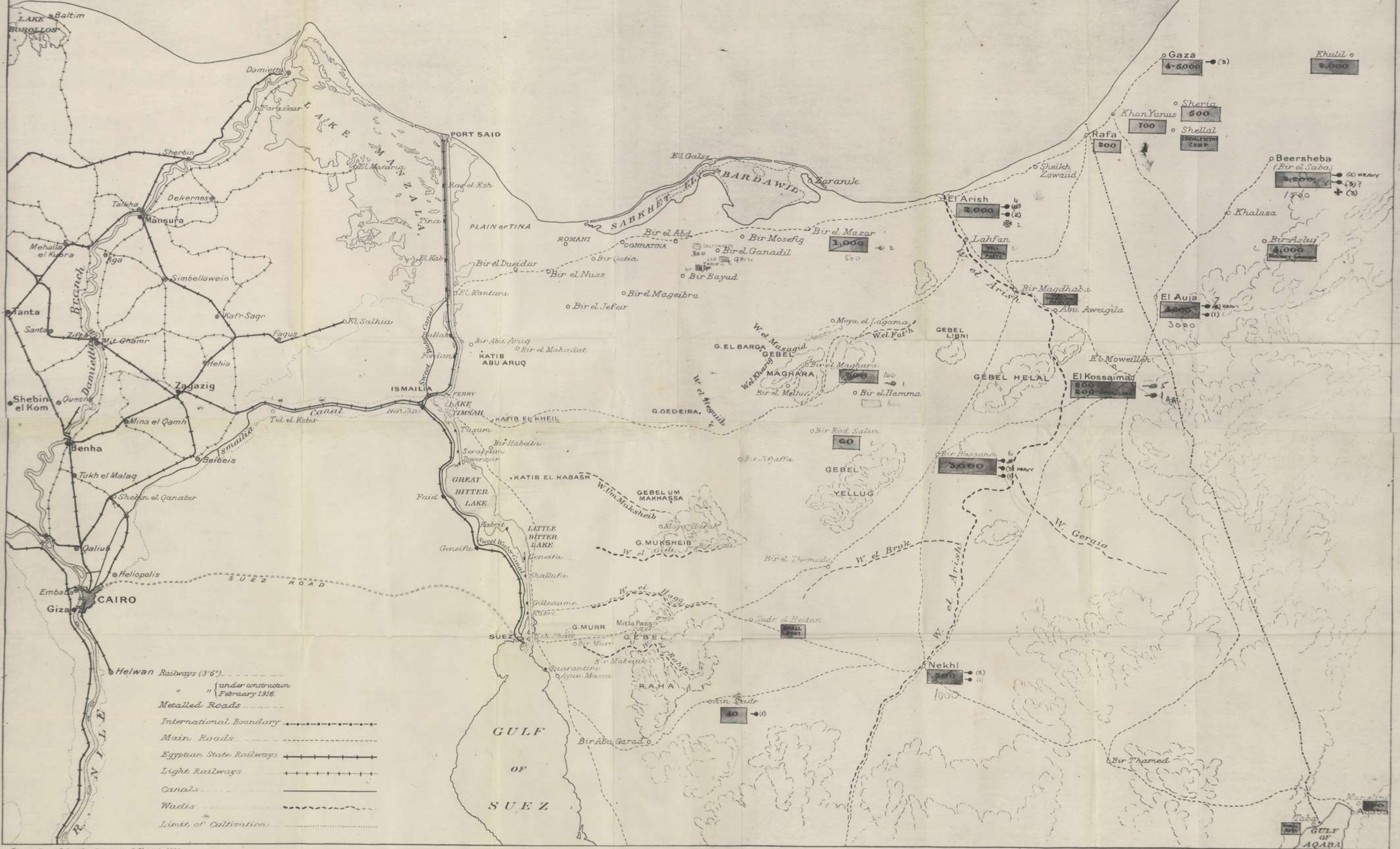
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# OUTLINE MAP OF N.E. EGYPT

ESTIMATED DISPOSITIONS OF ENEMY FORCES IN SINAI MAY 20 1916

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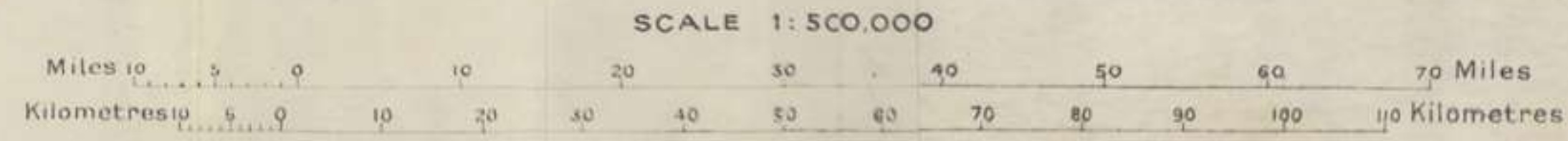


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- Metalled Roads
- International Boundary
- Main Roads
- Egyptian State Railways
- Light Railways
- Canals
- Wadis
- Limit of Cultivation

REFERENCE

- SITUATION & NO. of ENEMY
- GUNS
- HEAVY
- A.A.
- AEROPLANES







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General Officer Commanding,  
Western Frontier Force.

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Owing to the need for increasing the number of aeroplanes available for employment on the Eastern front, it is found necessary to withdraw the Royal Flying Corps detachments at MATRUH and SOLLUM. Arrangements for the withdrawal of these detachments are being made by Officer Commanding, Royal Flying Corps, who will inform you of them direct.

*(cc) G. H. Dawney*  
*L. H. H.*

G. H. Q.  
4.5.16.

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

Copy to O.C. R.F.C.



G.S. 8/5.

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The Secretary,

War Office, London. S.W.

May, 1916.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that since the consolidation of the command in EGYPT, certain changes, involving considerable increase in the establishment of the Imperial School of Instruction, ZEITOUN, have been found necessary.

The chief of these are as follows :-

- (a) Personnel of the late Mediterranean Expeditionary Force are now trained at the School, whereas formerly the Force in EGYPT only was catered for.
- (b) Various improvised training establishments have been absorbed by the Imperial School.
- (c) The demands of the Australian Imperial Force since the formation of the 4th and 5th Divisions have largely increased.
- (d) The size of squads in every branch of instruction has been reduced in order to make individual attention possible.
- (e) The Machine Gun School, ISMAILIA, has recently been absorbed by the Imperial School.

The School now deals with upwards of 1,900 candidates at each course, and is doing invaluable work by improving old formations and assisting in the training of the newer ones. Its work is being conducted on the most satisfactory lines, and the competition for vacancies is very keen. I would ask,

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therefore, that sanction may be given for increased establishment in accordance with attached draft. The numbers, which have been carefully considered, are the minimum necessary for present requirements, and are now provisionally employed pending War Office authority.

I would further recommend the following :-

- (a) The Commandant be graded as G.S.O. 1st Grade, and given the temporary rank of Lt-Colonel whilst so employed.
- (b) Assistant Commandant be given temporary rank of Major whilst so employed.
- (c) The Adjutant and 30 officer instructors be granted extra duty pay under para. 286 R.W. at the rate of 2/- a day.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*(Signature) A. G. C. S.*

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

*Copies to A.  
Q.  
A.C.S.  
Zetoun*



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IMPERIAL SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION - ZEITOUN.

PROPOSED WAR ESTABLISHMENT.

DETAIL.	PERSONNEL.					Riding Horses.	REMARKS.
	Officers.	Warrant Officers.	S. Sergts. & Sergts.	Rank & File.	Total.		
Commandant.	1	-	-	-	1	3	Graded C.S.O (1). Temp. Lt-Col.
Asst. Commandant.	1	-	-	-	1	1	Temporary Major.
Adjutant.	1	-	-	-	1	1	
Quartermaster.	1	-	-	-	1	-	
Medical Officer.	1	-	-	-	1	-	
Instructors.	59	-	58	59 (a)	146	5	(a) Corporals and Lance Corporals.
Sergeant-Major.	-	1	-	-	1	-	
Q.M. Sergeant.	-	1	-	-	1	-	
Sergt. i/c Stores.	-	-	1	-	1	-	
Cooks.	-	-	1	17 (b)	18	-	(b) Includes a Corporal.
Clerks.	-	-	-	8	8	-	
Transport.	-	-	1	18 (c)	19	3	(c) Includes 2 Corporals.
Officers' Mess Cpl.	-	-	-	1	1	-	
Pioneers.	-	-	-	3 (b)	3	-	
Batman.	-	-	-	43	43	-	
<b>Total.</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>13</b>	

TRANSPORT.

DETAIL.	Vehicles.	Drivers.	Draught Horses.	Heavy Draught Horses.	REMARKS.
Motor Cars.	1	1	-	-	3 lead horses provided with C.S. pack saddle- lery.
Wagons Limbered C.S.	4	8	13	1	
Wagons C.S.	4	4	-	8	
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	



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DISTRIBUTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF, IMPERIAL SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION, ZEITOUN, CAIRO.

<u>Branch of Instruction.</u>	<u>Average number under instruction.</u>	<u>Instructional Staff, Officers &amp; N.C.O's.</u>
(I) Officers class	150	15
(II) N.C.O's class	200	20
(III) Machine Gun	600	67
(IV) Signalling	360	36
(V) Advanced Telephony	160	18
(VI) Bombing	180	13
(VII) Marindin	50	5
(VIII) Stokes Gun	120	12
(IX) Artillery class Officers & N.C.O's	70	7
TOTAL	1910	* 193

\* This includes 1 officer and 48 N.C.O's allowed by A.I.F.



IMPERIAL SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION - ZEITOUN.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT.

(As sanctioned in W.O. telegram to SUPERFLUX No. 12404 S.D.2. dated 24.1.18.)

	Officers	N.C.O's.
Commandant.	1	-
* Instructors.	6	-
* Assistant Instructors.	12	-
N.C.O. Instructors.	-	32

\* Additional pay at 2/- per diem. One instructor to be employed as Assistant Commandant if necessary.



G.O. 48/1.



The Secretary,  
War Office,  
London. S.W.

4th  
3rd. May, 1916.

Sir,

I have the honour to request that sanction be given for a revised establishment for the R.A.M.C. Base Depot at ALEXANDRIA. The reasons which make this necessary go back to a period before I assumed command of this force. On 23rd October, 1915, under the instructions of the P.D.M.S., a R.A.M.C. Training Depot was formed at ALEXANDRIA for the purpose of training a large number of men drawn from, and no longer suited for, combatant units, who had no previous experience of R.A.M.C. duties. Apparently no steps were taken, either at the time or thereafter, to obtain War Office sanction for this depot, which has done very useful work. On 15th January, however, local sanction was given by the G.O.C., ALEXANDRIA District to two establishments, as in lists 1 and 2 attached to this letter. List 1, the larger establishment is to cover the period from 23rd October 1915 to 3rd January, 1916 when the number of men to be trained was large. List 2, the smaller, is to cover a period from 4th January 1916 to the date, on which the establishment now recommended (see List 3) is sanctioned. My reason, while asking for sanction of lists 1 and 2 in retrospect, for proposing a third establishment is that since 7th February, under orders from the G.O.C., ALEXANDRIA District dated 5th February, all R.A.M.C. personnel formerly accommodated in the General Base Depot has been sent to the R.A.M.C. Training Depot, so that from that date, the R.A.M.C. Training Depot, and R.A.M.C. Base Depot have become



a combined unit. I therefore, recommend that, in addition to the retrospective sanction of the two former establishments, from 1st May, 1918, an establishment, as given in list 5, be sanctioned for a R.A.M.C. Base Depot at ALEXANDRIA. This establishment, it will be observed is on the lines of an Infantry Base Depot, and is much smaller than either of the previous establishments for the Training Depot.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sgd) A. Lyndair Bell  
M. G. C. S.  
for General,  
Commander-in-Chief,  
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

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LIST No. 1.PERMANENT STAFF FOR R.A.M.C. TRAINING DEPOT, MUSTAPHA.

(locally sanctioned).

From Formation (25/10/15) to 3/1/16.

2 Sergeant-Majors (1 as Clerk).  
 1 Q.M.Sergeant.  
 1 Sergeant Cook.  
 1 Sergeant Police.  
 1 Corporal Sanitary.  
 1 Corporal Clerk.  
 1 Corporal Q.M. Stores.  
 1 Corporal Police.  
 1 Corporal Rank and File Mess.  
 3 Sergeants per Company.  
 5 Corporals per Company.  
 5 Lance Corporals per Company.

LIST No. 2.PERMANENT STAFF FOR R.A.M.C. TRAINING DEPOT, MUSTAPHA.

(locally sanctioned).

From 4/1/16 to 30/4/16.

2 Sergeant-Majors (1 as Clerk).  
 1 Q.M.Sergeant.  
 1 Sergeant Cook.  
 1 Sergeant Police.  
 1 Corporal Sanitary.  
 1 Corporal Clerk.  
 1 Corporal Q.M. Stores.  
 1 Corporal Police.  
 1 Corporal Rank and File Mess.  
 1 Sergeant per Company.  
 2 Corporals per Company.  
 2 Lance Corporals per Company.

LIST No. 3.PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT

of

PERMANENT STAFF FOR R.A.M.C. BASE DEPOT, MUSTAPHA.From May 1st, 1916.

1 Lieut. Colonel, (riding horse 1).  
 1 Adjutant.  
 1 Acting Sergeant Major.  
 1 Staff Sergeant or Sergeant.  
 1 Clerk.  
 2 Batmen.

Total. 7

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General Officer Commanding,  
9th Army Corps.

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Reference your O/189/2, dated 15.4.16., the establishment of reserve trench stores, therein demanded, is approved, with the following exceptions :-

Rifle Periscopes.	33	in place of	68.
Ordinary "	132	" " "	198.
Very's Pistols.	33	" " "	88.
Cartridges for V.P. 500 "		" " "	1320.

The majority of these stores are not immediately available, but will be supplied by Ordnance as opportunity occurs.

G. H. Q.  
2.5.16.

(sd) G. P. Dawson  
for R. Col G.  
Major-General,  
Chief of the General Staff,  
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

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General Officer Commanding,  
9th Army Corps.

Referring to your O/323 of April 22nd, having carefully considered the question of enlisting Arabs in our service in the Eastern Desert, the Commander-in-Chief is of opinion that such a course is inadvisable, as those Arabs whose services we could procure in this country would be so unreliable that they might well prove a source of danger rather than of security. No confidence can be <sup>safely</sup> placed at present upon Egyptian Arabs, and even were it possible to obtain Arabs from the Sudan for this purpose, such men would be without the local knowledge upon which their utility would largely depend.

Moreover, the formation of such a body as is suggested, would call for the provision of Arabic-speaking British officers acquainted with local conditions, and experienced in dealing with Arabs, a class of officer which is already very difficult to obtain. In view of these considerations the Commander-in-Chief does not wish to proceed further with the matter at present.

(Sgd) G.P. Darnley

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

G.H.Q.  
4/5/18.

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Lieut. Colonel Lubbock.

C.R.C.E.

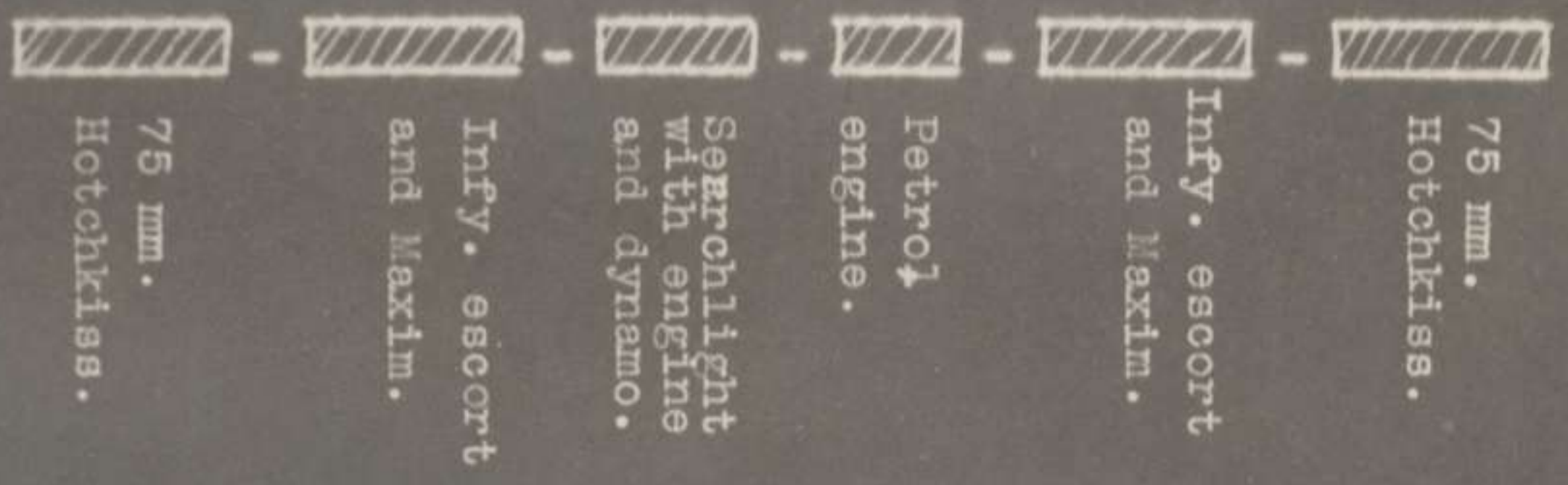
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With reference to your conversation this morning and your proposals regarding armoured trains, the following decisions have been reached :-

(1) Armoured train for QANTARA - QATIA railway. This train will be reformed from the train lately brought to ISMAILIA from the Western Frontier Force. Its composition will be :-

- 1 petrol locomotive.
- 2 armoured trucks armed with 75 mm. Hotchkiss guns.
- 2 armoured trucks for infantry escort and armed with maxim guns.
- 1 truck fitted with searchlight and accompanying apparatus,

made up as under (vide sketch)



Please take the necessary action to complete the formation of this train as early as possible. It appears that the only thing required will be to fix the maxim gun mountings in each of the penultimate trucks. It is assumed that these guns will be capable of lateral fire only.

(2) As regards the residue of the original armoured train which will remain available for disposal, the 2 unarmoured bogies used for railway material should be returned to the E.S.R.

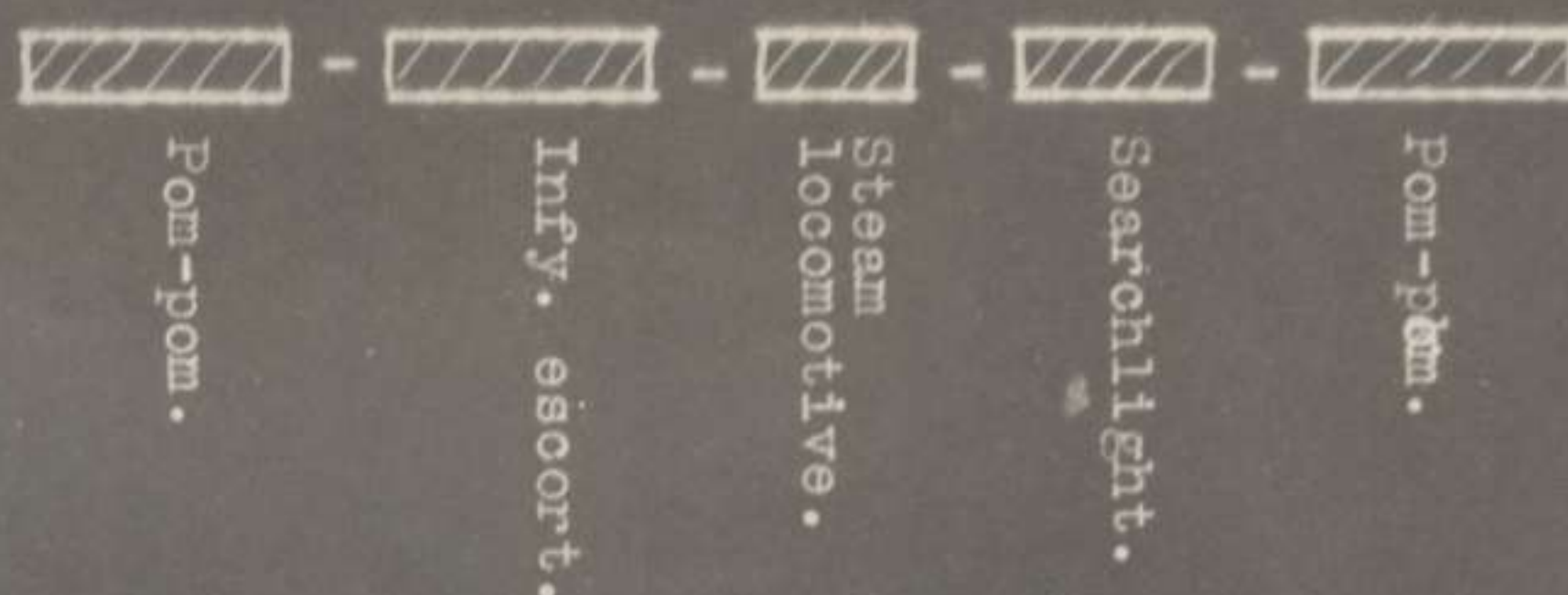
The remainder (viz. partially-armoured engine, armoured searchlight truck and 2 armoured bogies) should be returned to CAIRO and reformed with the addition of the /armoured



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armoured truck which you state has just been completed at the E.S.R. workshops. The fixed armament of this train will consist of 2 pompoms, fitted, as arranged, on pivot mountings in the front and rear trucks, and work on these mountings should be proceeded with as quickly as possible.

The train so constituted will be made up as under (vide sketch).



Please report as soon as you are able when this latter train will be available for use ? The question of its allocation is at present under consideration and will be notified in due course.

*(Sgd) A.C. Dawson Capt F.S.  
for M.G.  
6.9.16*

G.H.Q., E.E.F.

3/5/16.

*Copies to G  
M.G.R.A*



W.D.  
G.S.146/1.

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General Officer Commanding,  
A. & N.Z. Training Centre,  
TEL-EL-KEBIR.

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With reference to my G.S.146/1 of April 27th, the instructions contained therein are now cancelled, and it has been decided to place the 4th Australian Light Horse Regiment complete, at the disposal of the G.O.C., L. of C. Defences.

Arrangements are being made for the detachment of 3 officers and 100 other ranks 4th Light Horse employed on picquet duty in CAIRO to rejoin the unit at TEL-EL-KEBIR forthwith. The necessary orders will be issued direct by G.H.Q. Please submit at once to the Director of Remounts, G.H.Q. demand for horses required to complete the 4th Light Horse Regiment to War Establishment.

Please arrange in direct consultation with the G.O.C., L. of C. Defences to hand over this unit at the earliest possible date.

G.H.Q.  
4/5/16.

*[Signature]*  
Major-General,  
Chief of the General Staff,  
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

Copies for information to :-

G.O.C. 2nd A. & N.Z. Army Corps.  
G.O.C., L. of C. Defences.



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G.S. 212/4.

Headquarters,  
Australian Imperial Force.

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With reference to this office G.S. 212/1 dated 18th April 1916, Lt-General Sir A. J. Godley, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., as representing the Commonwealth Government, having agreed to the proposals therein made, an Australian Reinforcing Depot will be established at Headquarters Imperial Camel Corps, ABBASSIA, where the necessary training will be given and whence drafts will be sent to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Companies Imperial Camel Corps, which are composed of Australian personnel.

The reinforcing depot will be maintained at the following strength :- 2 officers, 5 sergeants, 50 other ranks.

(Sgd) A. Lynden Bell,

G. H. Q.  
4.5.16.

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

Copies to :-

G.O.C. 2nd A. & N.Z. A.C.  
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General Officer Commanding  
Western Frontier Force.  
9th Army Corps.  
O.C., Imperial Camel Corps.

In continuation of this office No. A.4135 of the 9th April, 1918, the Commander-in-Chief has decided to form three additional companies, Imperial Camel Corps, to be designated the 5th, 6th and 7th Companies, Imperial Camel Corps. The establishment of these companies will be as laid down for the Imperial Camel Corps and issued with my A.4135 dated 9/4/18, plus 1 officer, 1 Sergeant and 12 other ranks, first reinforcement. Personnel will be provided as under :-

- (a) 5th Company to be drawn from units of the 53rd Division.
- (b) 6th Company to be drawn from units of the Western Frontier Force, other than the 53rd Division - personnel for this Company being provided as far as possible from units which are in excess of establishments.
- (c) 7th Company to be drawn from units of the 54th Division.

Officers, N.C.Os. and men will be medically examined and passed fit for general service before being selected for the Camel Corps ; weight should not exceed 11 stone.

In view of the important role which may fall to the Camel Corps, the Commander-in-Chief wishes once again to emphasize the necessity of selecting with care the most suitable officers, N.C.Os. and men to form these companies.

Please report by telegram to this office and to Officer Commanding Imperial Camel Corps, Polygon Barracks, ABBASSIA, as soon as the preliminary steps to form these companies have been taken, and forward nominal roll of officers, N.C.Os. and men to Officer Commanding Imperial Camel Corps, as soon as possible.

(Sd/ A. Lynden-Bell)

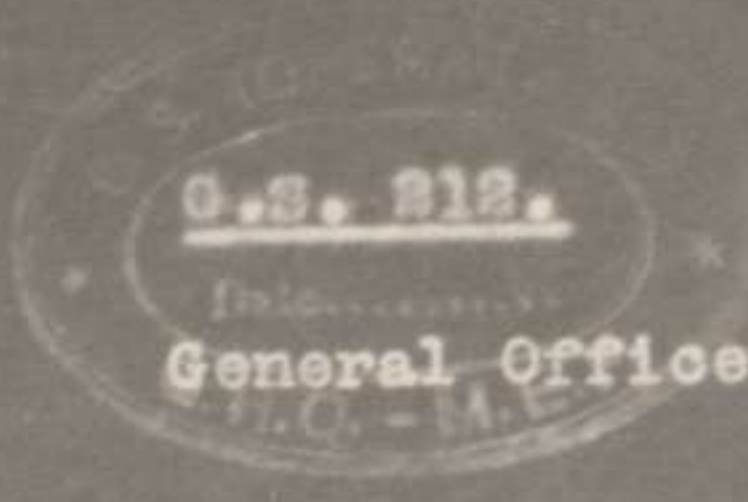
Major-General,  
Chief of the General Staff,  
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

G.H.Q.,  
4/5/18.

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General Officer Commanding,  
Western Frontier Force, }  
9th Army Corps. }  
Officer Commanding,  
Imperial Camel Corps.

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In continuation of this Office No. A. 5155 of the 9th April, 1916, it has been decided that the first reinforcements for the 8th (South Midland) Company, 9th (London) Company, and the 10th (North Midland) Company Imperial Camel Corps, shall be sent immediately to Headquarters, Imperial Camel Corps, Polygon Barracks, ABBASSIA, for training. The first reinforcements will be composed as follows for each company :- 1 officer, 1 sergeant, 18 other ranks.

Officers, H.Q.Os. and men will be medically examined and passed fit for general service before being selected for the Camel Corps; weight should not exceed 11 stone.

Please notify by telegram to this Office and to Officer Commanding, Imperial Camel Corps, ABBASSIA, despatch of the above personnel, forwarding nominal roll of officers, H.Q.Os. and men to Officer Commanding, Imperial Camel Corps as soon as possible.

(sd) G.P. Dawney  
for Col H  
Major-General,  
Chief of the General Staff,  
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

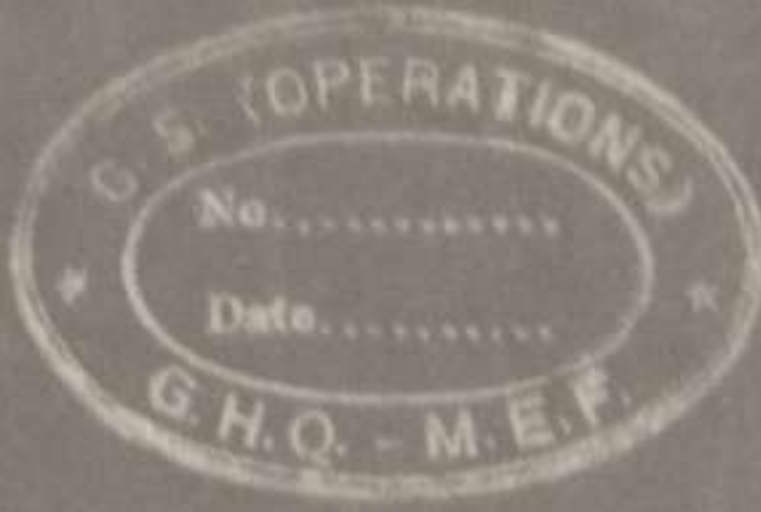
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SECRET

From  
Chief, LONDON.  
To  
EGYPTFORCH.

16103 cipher S.D.2.

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Desp. 1935.  
Recd. 0815.  
Decd. 0825.

If you can spare A. and B. Batteries H.A.C. and 1/1st Nottinghamshire Battery R.H.A., they could be usefully employed to furnish personnel for 3 howitzer batteries for Naval Division though the matter is not urgent. The personnel would retain their R.H.A. status. Please wire your views. Decision as to whether they can be spared or not absolutely left entirely to you.

- Copies to :-  
O.  
O(b).  
C-in-C.  
C.G.S.  
M.G.B.A.  
A.  
Q.  
W.A.

Filed Z.49.  
\* G.S. Cables.



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SECRET

From Chief LONDON  
To Chief EGYPTORCE.

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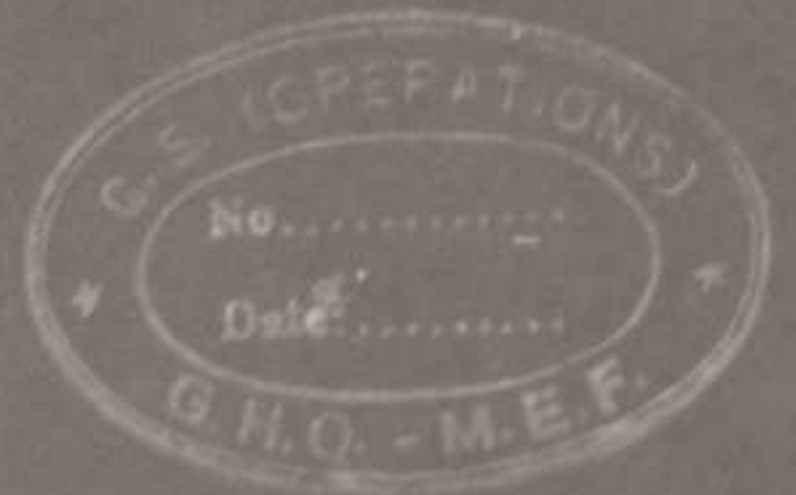
My 16103.\*

In this connection you should bear in mind that the Mountain Batteries in EGYPT will probably be required for SALONIKA.

Copies to :-

C. in C.  
C.C.S.  
O.  
O(b)  
M.G.R.A.

A.  
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\* 16103 asks if Horse Artillery Batteries can be spared from EGYPT.



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SECRET



From : Chief, EGYPTFORCE.  
To : Chief, LONDON.

A.M. 481 cipher.

5/5/18

Deep. 1845.

Your 18103 cipher S.D.S.

I am very sorry I cannot spare any of the batteries  
you mention as I particularly want them for work in the  
desert where they are now.

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	O(b).	A.
	C-in-C.	Q.
	C.C.S.	H.A.

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" G.S. Cables.







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SECRET

From

EGYPTORGE.

To

A. H. Q. SALONIKA.

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A.M. 480 cipher.

5/5/16

Desp. 1080.

War Office enquires whether machine gun companies yet formed for Divisions at SALONIKA. Companies to be allotted numbers borne by their brigades. This will be shown in new order of battle. Ends. Answering that we expect companies for twenty-second and twenty-six divisions from ENGLAND. Wire if you have formed companies for 10th, 27th and 28th Divisions. 27 Lewis guns being despatched to you. Remaining 25 to complete you not yet advised from home.

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C.G.S.  
A.  
Q.

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" G.S. Cables.



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From Chief, Egyptforce.  
To Britannia, SALONICA.

A.M. 488 cipher.

5/5/16.

Desp. 1515.

In accordance with War Office instructions just received and with your 1503 of 24th April, am preparing to despatch to MUDROS within next few days one infantry battalion for IMBROS and THYEDOS, one Field Company, Mounted Police, and medical and supply personnel. Brig.-Gen. Gray and staff will accompany to take command in islands. A second battalion will be sent later, also Signal Section and R.A. and R.E. personnel. With regard to latter, War Office instruct me to send 11 officers, 230 other ranks R.A. and R.E. for anti-aircraft and coast defence. Understand from your 1503 of 24th that this comprises 5 officers, 72 other ranks for Boom Defence, MUDROS, and 8 officers, 158 other ranks for guns (excluding mobile armament), searchlights and anti-aircraft defence. Please wire in detail numbers R.A. and R.E. personnel respectively, showing for what purposes required and how many officers and other ranks for each purpose, in case of R.A. differentiating between garrison and field artillery. Am instructed make all arrangements for moves in consultation with you. Presume you wish troops despatched as early as possible and to MUDROS.

Copies to :-

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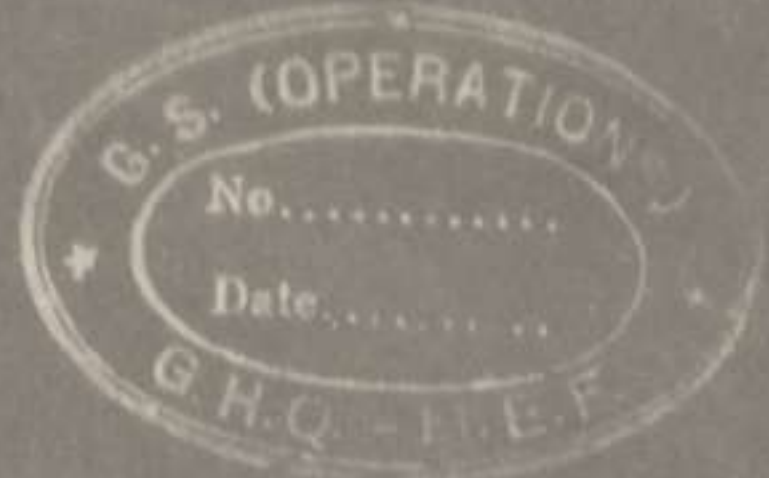
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From A.H.Q., SALONICA.

To Chief, LONDON, repeated Chief Egyptforce.

G.C.12 cipher.

5/5/18.

Desp. 1115.  
Recd. 1800.  
Decd. 1830.

Zeppelin attempting raid SALONICA was brought down in marshes near mouth of VARDAR RIVER 2 a.m. this morning and utterly destroyed. Sarrail informed me last night that role of advanced troops has now been changed. They will not, as previously ordered, retire on SALONICA defences if supports attacked, but will hold on as main line of resistance to their present line, which will eventually be starting place for offensive operations. Advanced line remains practically as given in my telegrams G.C.117 and 118. General Gordon now in command at KUKUS with mounted brigade and one infantry brigade in area of CAUSLI IRIKLI JAMES Point 120 DERESELO one infantry brigade and artillery brigade just south of KUKUS. In touch with French on the right at MORAVCA and on the left at HIRSOVA. General Gordon's position is tactically weak and is not entrenched.

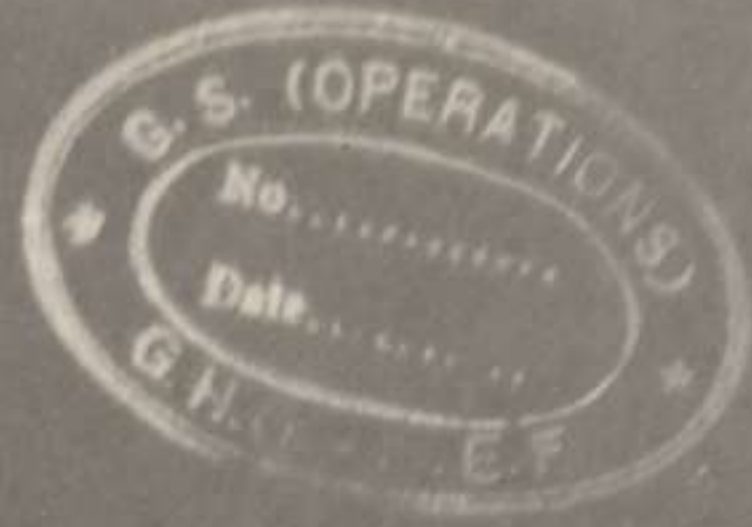
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From Westforce, CAIRO,  
To G.S.O.1, H.H.Q.

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G.S.B. 58 cipher.

5/5/16.

Desp. 2035.  
Recd. 2030.  
Decd. 2100.

Captain Como, Italian Navy, states two Italian battalions landed MORAISSA with 4 unarmoured cars. One battalion proceeding BARDIA. Other probably follows. He assures O.C., SOLLUM, of hearty co-operation.

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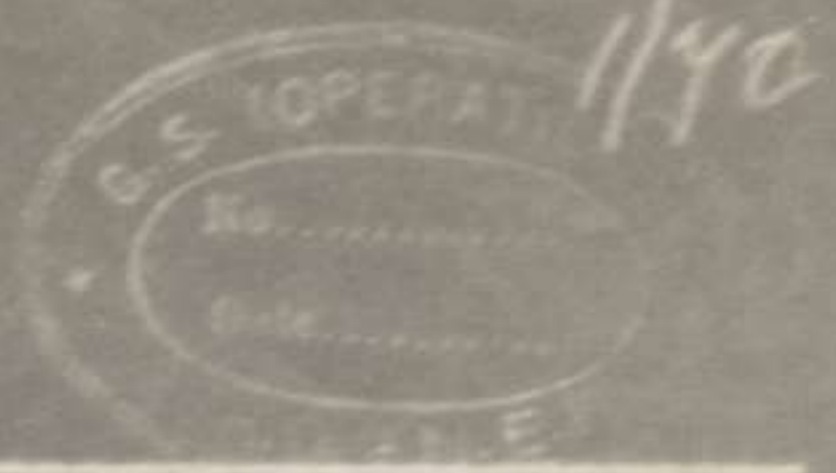
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From Troopers.  
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Your S.B.A. 244 of 23rd April. Acting appointment of  
Regimental Camp Sergeant Major with acting rank warrant officer  
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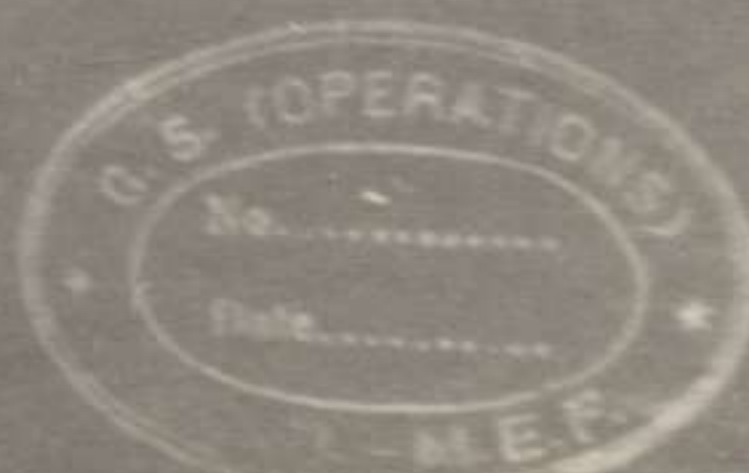
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Employment of one officer per battalion as Signalling  
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To A.H.Q., SALONICA.

From Chief, EGYPFORCE.

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General Officer Commanding,  
A. & N.Z. Training Centre,  
TEL EL KEBIR.

It has been decided to send up the 11th and 13th Australian Light Horse Regiments, dismounted, each less one squadron, to No. 2 Section and No. 3 Section Canal Defences respectively.

One squadron of each regiment will remain at TEL EL KEBIR in charge of all the <sup>riding</sup> horses belonging to its regiment. These squadrons will not rejoin their units until the horses are reported fit for work. *by D.V.S. 9 HQ*  
You should make arrangements direct with General Officer Commanding, 2nd A. & N.Z. Army Corps with regard to the movement of the 11th Australian Light Horse (less one squadron), and with General Officer Commanding, No. 3 Section Canal Defences with regard to the movement of the 13th Australian Light Horse (less one squadron). You should communicate direct with D.Q.M.G. G.H.Q. about the necessary railway moves.

*The distribution of transport between the mounted & dismounted portions to be arranged by you.*

*(Sgd) Stephen Bell.*

G. H. Q.  
5.5.16.

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

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**SECRET**

General Officer Commanding,  
No. 3 Section, Canal Defences.

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In confirmation of Commander-in-Chief's verbal orders to you yesterday.

1. The Commander-in-Chief wishes you to occupy ROMANI strongly with infantry as soon as the Railhead reaches that place. Pending the arrival of the infantry at ROMANI, Sir Archibald has no objection to your keeping the regiments of Australian Light Horse there, provided that, in accordance with the instructions already issued to you, it is clearly understood that the Australian Light Horse is at ROMANI primarily for reconnaissance duty and not for purposes of resistance.
2. As the railway is pushed eastwards from ROMANI, the Commander-in-Chief has no objection to the Australian Light Horse remaining out in your front pending a decision as to where the next post on the railway is to be. When the position of this post is selected and the line has been pushed out to it, it will be occupied by a strong infantry detachment and the mounted troops based on it for their further reconnaissance work.
3. The Commander-in-Chief has agreed to the 2'6" line from PORT SAID being prolonged to ROMANI provided that the reconnaissance now being undertaken by Colonel Lubbock does not show that there will be any very great difficulties or large expense in connection with such an extension.
4. The Commander-in-Chief approves of your placing such portions of your reserve as you may consider necessary in camp or huts in the neighbourhood of MEHEMDREH during the summer.

(Sgd) *Alyden Bell*

G.H.Q.  
5/5/16.

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





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General Headquarters,  
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.  
5th May, 1916.

Cher Monsieur le Comte,

Suivant votre lettre datée du 4<sup>me</sup> mai, il me fait plaisir de vous apprendre que les facilités de communication que vous cherchez avec le n<sup>o</sup> 67 au Caire peuvent être très bien accordées.

Mon Directeur des Communications militaires se chargera de faire tout ce qui est nécessaire pour que ce service soit à votre disposition. Il vous faudra vous en servir du téléphone special qu'on a installé chez vous pour ce service même.

Veillez agréer, Monsieur le Comte, l'assurance des sentiments les plus distingués.

(sd) A. Sydenhale

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

Monsieur le Comte de Serionne.



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From 52nd. Division Signals  
To G.H.Q.

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East.

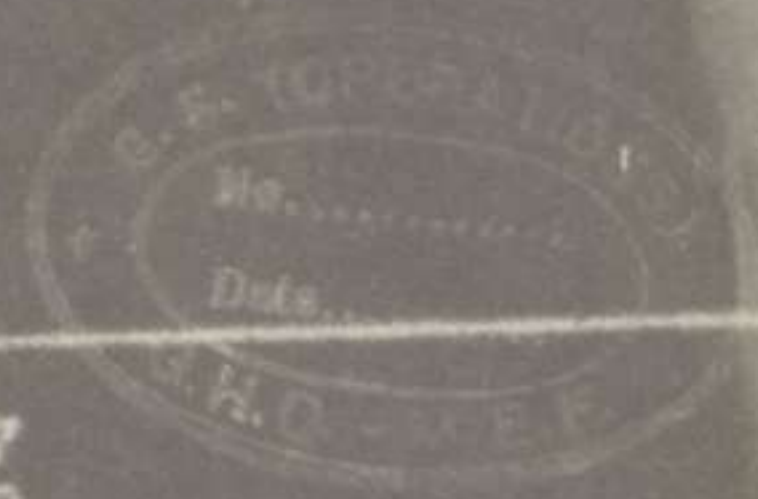
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Enemy aircraft seen flying East at seven fifteen over  
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From:- Captain Waire, O.C., No. 9. Post.

To:- G.H.Q.

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At 0045 two aeroplanes unrecognisable one of which moved off in westerly direction reported circling about two miles North.

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