

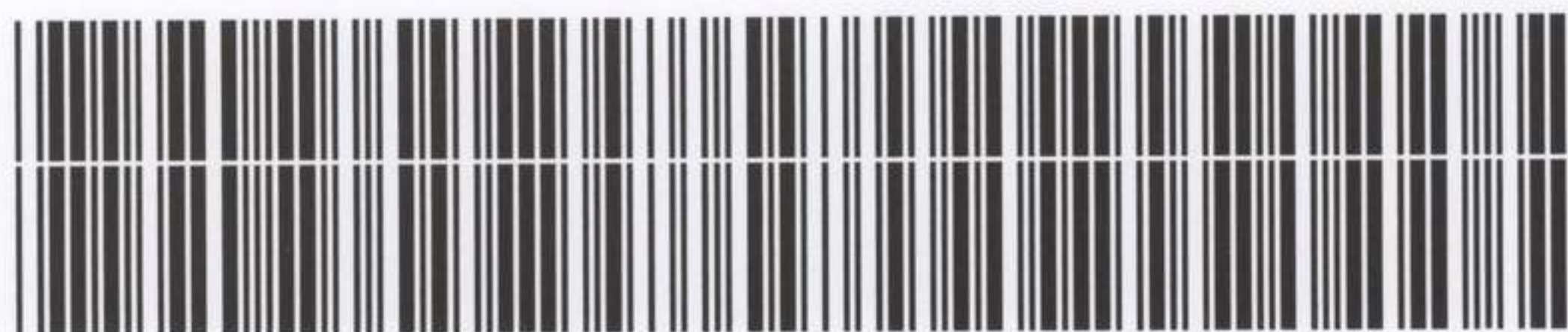
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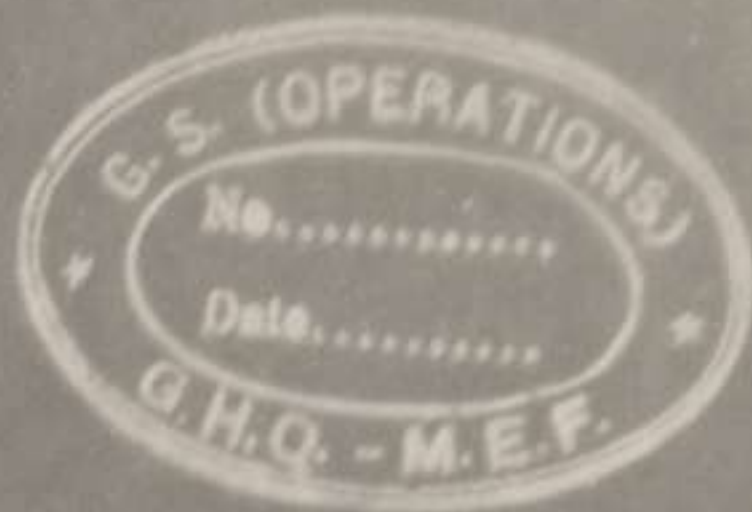
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From Chief Medford.

To Chief London.

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A.M. 887 cipher.

6/3/16.

Desp. 1400.

Your 14000 cipher.

I am in close touch with Admiral Wemyss, whose flagship is here and whom I have seen this morning. On the 28th February he sent to the Admiralty recommendations as to classes of ships to be maintained in the Canal, in which recommendations I fully concur. The recommendations amount to a reduction of three battleships.

As the defence of the Canal, both in summer and winter, is now based on offensive plans and the enemy will be not several miles from the Canal, the assistance of the battleships is not of the same importance as it was formerly. For patrolling, and for the protection of the channel of the Canal passing through the Bitter Lakes, small craft are the most suitable. The French Fleet in the Canal has, of course, been taken into account.

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" G.S. Cables.



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From

Chief, Medforce.

To

Troopers, London. Repeated Superflux, Cairo.

A.M. 225.

8/3/16.

Resp. 1300.

In accordance with your 11010 cipher S.D.2. of December 15th, and our C.M.Q.T. 165 of December 21st, instructions are being issued to hand over 18 cars and 18 cycles still belonging to R.N.A.C.D. Emergency Squadron to A.S.C. The two Wolseley Wireless Cars were lost on Western front. The following personnel will then await disposal, 8 officers and 123 men not including sick and wounded in hospital. These numbers include those mentioned in our M.F.A. 6530 of February 28th. None of the men are willing to transfer to the Army. Please wire instructions as to disposal of this personnel. Addressed Troopers, repeated Superflux.

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- A.
- Q.

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From Chief Medforce.  
To Chief London.

A.M. 226.

6/3/16.

Desp. 1450.

I do not wish to press the question unduly but I should be grateful if you could let me know at the earliest moment possible whether it is certain that a Corps Headquarters is to go to FRANCE with the first three A. & N.Z. Divisions. I am forming 2nd Corps Headquarters and 4th and 5th Division Staffs in anticipation of 1st Corps Staff going, but at the same I should feel on surer ground if I know for certain whether 2nd Corps Staff is required. In view of the peculiar organization of the Australians and relationships with the Dominions I personally consider a Corps Staff necessary for FRANCE in whatever manner it may be decided upon to employ the three Divisions.

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From : Troopers  
To : G.M.Q., Melbourne.

5th March. Desp. 1715.  
6th March. Recd. 0700.  
Desp. 0730.

14078 cipher S.D.S.

Your G.M.Q.T. 861.

Australian Divisions not required to bring any gun or howitzer ammunition. As regards S.A.A., only that carried on the van with 3,500 per machine-gun need be brought.

2 copies to Q. for action.  
1 copy to O.  
1 copy to C(b).  
1 copy to G.S.S.  
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Q cables.  
Z/49.





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From:- WAR OFFICE.

To:- G.H.Q. MEDFORGE.

14079 cipher S.D.S.

5/3/16.  
6/3/16.

Desp. 1700.  
Recd. 0615.  
Decd. 0630.

Your M.F.A. 8699.

We have already informed New Zealand and Australia that following reinforcements will suffice for the future. Monthly 15 per cent mounted troops 6 per cent, Artillery 3 per cent, R.E. 4 per cent.

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C.G.S.

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From Troopers.  
To G. H. Q.

14098 cipher Q.M.S.4. 6/3/16 Desp. 1505.  
Recd. 1805.  
Decd. 1815.

Your C.M.Q.T. 862 of 4th March.

Telegram is not clear. 2nd Australian Division is mentioned as not being able to bring more than 4598 horses. To what do the other figures refer, viz, 1080 riding, 2224 draught, 588 heavy draught 147 pack. Are we to understand 1st Australian Division will come complete in animals in accordance with our 13984 cipher March 2nd.

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- O.
- O(b).
- C.G.S.

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From Chief, Medforce.

Mpp/C

To Chief, London.

A.M.228. 6/3/16. Desp. 1930.

Evening Report.

Further reconnaissance shows that as a result of bomb attack on HASSANA of 27th February, the large water reservoir at that place has been destroyed. NEKHL was successfully bombed to-day.

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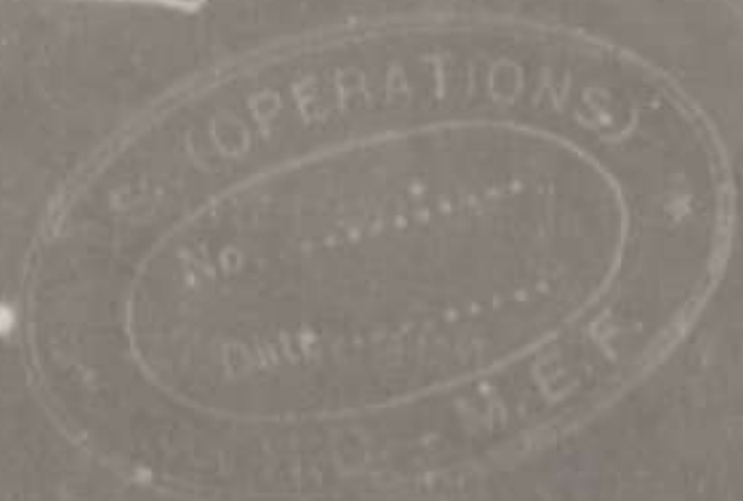
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From Chief, Salonica.

To Chief, London. Repeated Medforce.



G.C. 62.

6/3/18.

Desp. 1715.  
Recd. 2115.  
Decd. 2130

In discussion with French last night as to possible offensive operations it was agreed that nothing more than bluff could be effected. Alternatives considered were :-

- (1) Advance towards main Bulgarian concentration at GEVGELI DOIRAN.
- (2) Advance towards MONASTIR with three divisions while three formed flank guard in direction of DOIRAN.
- (3) Advance with three divisions towards PETRIC with similar flank guard towards DOIRAN.

Sarrail favours this last proposal but requires reflection and is not definitely committed to it yet. Personally I think that in view of numerical superiority of Bulgarians and especially their superior mobility, any eccentric move towards flank would be unwise and might lead to repetition of our former adventures in SERBIA. That move towards PETRIC must anyhow break down on difficulty of transport and supply depending wholly on SALONICA - SERRES road already terribly bad repair. I think that only practicable forward move towards BULGARIA would be direct advance along railways and engagement on frontier which, however, could only be demonstration and half-hearted. Local result of any such advance would probably in long run be mere exposure of our weakness. It would be more likely also to decrease than increase constantly reported friction between Germans and Bulgars and perhaps weaken anti-German party in BULGARIA. Rather than this forward move a safer and more effective step



at this juncture and one more likely to influence all BULKAN States including TURKEY and to inconvenience GERMANY would be occupation by Allies of CAVALLA. Greeks could be made to acquiesce, and in my opinion two divisions would suffice and could be spared from here for this purpose, moving partly by land and partly by sea. This move would be likely to be taken more seriously as a preliminary towards offensive on large scale than would any direct but obviously weak threats against Bulgarians in their fortified positions. Failing initiation of this measure, which would take some time to carry through and from which we could withdraw if later considered inadvisable, I do not advocate any distant move beyond protection of our fortified positions, and would recommend nothing more than active reconnaissance and repair of roads and railways on our front.

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Case 7,334

General Headquarters,

Mediterranean Expeditionary Force,

6<sup>th</sup> March, 1916.

Appx E.

General Officer Commanding,

9 Corps  
15  
ANZAC  
Aus. & N.Z. Force

1. With a view to the most effective and economical employment of the troops allotted to the defence of the Canal Zone, the Commander-in-Chief considers it necessary to lay down in broad outline the principles which should guide commanders of sections and sub-sections in making the necessary preparations and dispositions for defence.
2. Now that the evaporation of the rain pools in the Sinai Peninsula is already beginning, it is not considered possible for the enemy to undertake an invasion of Egypt on a great scale - at any rate until after the end of the coming autumn. Although it may be possible for him to bring 40,000 or 50,000 troops across the Sinai Peninsula during the next few months, it would be impossible for him to bring up and to deploy a larger army for a sustained attack against the defences which we shall shortly have prepared.
3. During the summer months the front line of defence east of the Canal, prepared to meet a heavy attack during the winter months, should be looked upon and occupied as an outpost line - no more and no less - and its further construction and occupation should be arranged accordingly. The smallest force appropriate to these circumstances should be allotted to this outpost line and all dispositions should be based on the necessity for providing



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behind it the forces necessary for undertaking a mobile defence.

This mobile defence must be considered the basis of the defensive scheme, and the danger that works and trenches already constructed may immobilise the defence must constantly be kept in view. The bridge-heads, however, already under construction in accordance with Force Order No.5 of 27th January, will be completed and maintained. The only exceptions to the above principle will be GEBEL MUHN and AKUH MUSA, both in No.1 Section, which will be made self-contained and occupied as advanced Posts.

4. Mobile Columns will be organised in the various sections as follows :-

No.1 and 2 Sections. A Mobile Column in each Section of approximately 1800 troops, composed of -

- 3 Infantry Battalions (at 600)
- 1 Section R.F.A. 18-pdr.
- Detachment Field Coy. R.E. (mainly for water duties)
- 1 Cavalry Troop.
- Detachment Bikanir Camel Corps.
- 1 W/T Pack Section.
- 2 Sections Field Ambulance.

These Columns will be provided with camel transport. Camel convoys will also be formed for them giving them a radius of action of two days' march from the Canal.

No.3 Section. A Mobile Column of about 1100 men, composed of -

- 3 Infantry Brigades (Battalions at 600 strong)
- 3 Batteries R.F.A. 18-pdr. (guns and one battery wagon)
- 3 Field Companies R.E. (on a modified scale)
- 3 Field Ambulances.
- Detachment Bikanir Camel Corps.

Camel transport will be provided for the Column, and Camel Convoys will be formed to admit of a radius of action of one days' march from railhead.

5. As soon as the necessary railway can be constructed the Commander-in-Chief intends to occupy the KATIA district, and thereby to deny to the enemy a region in which it would be possible for him gradually to assemble a considerable body

11,000  
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of troops, unhampered by difficulties of water supply, within striking distance of the Canal Defences.

6. It is proposed to allot for the occupation of the KATIA district three or four Mounted Brigades, and a Division organised as above detailed for the Mobile Column in No. 3 Section.

Behind these troops, in No. 3 Section, there will be one division and one independent mounted Brigade.

To No. 2 Section will be allotted the 4th and 5th Australian Divisions, with one Light Horse or Mounted Rifle Brigade.

To No. 1 Section will be allotted one division, two Indian brigades and one mounted brigade.

A reserve of one division will be retained in rear of No. 2 Section.

7. When the distribution of the above troops in detail has finally been made by Corps Commanders, and when the organisation of the Mobile Columns for the various sections has been completed, it is anticipated that there will remain a surplus of troops beyond those required as covering troops or those which form part of the mobile columns. This surplus will be given a sufficient degree of mobility to enable the troops of which it is composed rapidly to move out, attack and drive off any enemy appearing before our defences.

8. A table is appended showing the distribution of troops to the various sections. Commanders of sections will forward as early as possible their proposals for the detailed disposition of the troops in question, showing the number of troops that they calculate will be available

*Is this the Mobile Col. of N. 3 Sec. or a second Mobile Column*  
*W*



for mobile defence over and above those allotted to the mobile columns, and giving their recommendations with regard to rendering these troops sufficiently mobile according to the particular circumstances of the several cases.

*(Sgd) A. Hynden Bell*

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



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No. 3. SECTION.

1st Mounted Brigade.  
53rd. Division.

KATIA DISTRICT.

A.S.N.Z. Mounted Division  
(less one brigade)  
52nd. Division.  
( with camel transport )

RESERVE.

54th. Division.

No. 2. SECTION.

1 Brigade, A.S.N.Z.  
Mounted Division.  
4th Australian Division.  
5th Australian Division.

No. 1. SECTION.

4th Mounted Brigade.  
42nd Division.  
30th Indian Brigade.  
29th Indian Brigade.



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6th March, 1918

General Officer Commanding,  
9th Army Corps.

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With reference to your O/810/19 of February 3rd, the Commander-in-Chief approves <sup>generally</sup> of the dispositions which you propose. He is not, however, altogether satisfied that it is necessary to locate the mobile troops so far forward as is contemplated by your dispositions. It is a matter for consideration that troops permanently stationed at GEBEL MURR, for instance, will be more difficult to supply than if they remain in the neighbourhood of the Canal, and that the comfort of the troops will be sensibly decreased by maintaining them permanently in a forward position.

<sup>actual</sup>  
The above is not intended to convey disagreement with your proposals, but the Commander-in-Chief will be glad to have your further remarks after consideration of the points put forward.

(Sd) a Lynden Bell

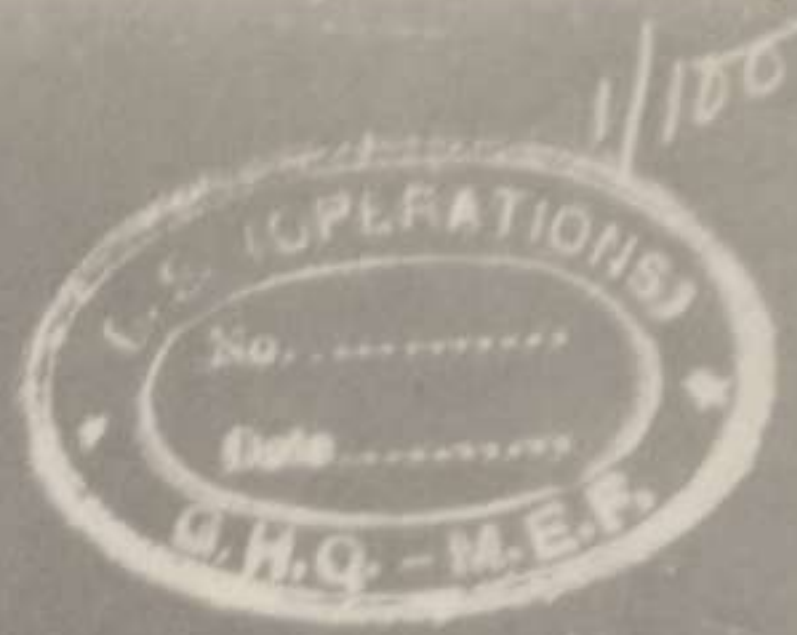
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*AMH G*

*6/4* March, 1918.

General Officer Commanding,

1st A. & N.Z. Corps.      9th Corps.

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The following revised orders for the Canal Defence  
Flotilla are forwarded for your information.

*(sd) G.P. Dawngay Lthol*

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





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Ismailia,  
Friday, 3rd March, 1916.

REORGANIZATION OF CANAL DEFENCE FLOTILLA.

Little Bitter Lake Patrol.

Twelve Motor Launches are to supersede the armed Launches and Houseboats now employed in the defence of the Little Bitter Lake.

Six are to be employed at a time, to remain one week in the Lake, be relieved by the other six and return to Ismailia.

They are to be stationed as follows:-

1	attached to Guard Ship abreast	Kilometre	118.
1	Anchored east of Channel abreast	"	121.
1	" " " " " "	"	124.
1	" " " " " "	"	127.
1	" " " " " "	"	130.
1	Attached to Naval Hopper abreast	"	132.

With the exception of the two launches attached to the Guardship and Hopper they are to burn their searchlights during dark hours, working together, and so light up the waters between KABRIT and GINEIFA.

At daylight they are to weigh and sweep from KABRIT to GINEIFA as follows:-

The Launch attached to the Guardship and the Launch at Kilometre 121 will form the 1st pair and sweep from KABRIT to Kilometre 124.

The Launches at Kilometres 124 and 127 will form the 2nd pair and sweep from north of Kilometre 124, to make an overlap, to Kilometre 129.

The Launch at Kilometre 130 and that attached to the Hopper will form the 3rd pair and sweep from Kilometre 129 to GINEIFA Gare.

When the sweeping is completed the Senior Officer of the Division will report the fact to the Officer in command



of the Naval Hopper who is the Senior Officer in the Little Bitter Lake.

After sweeping, the Launches will return to their Stations.

The object of this defence is to prevent Mine-laying. Persons on the shore or in the water after dark are therefore to be fired on.

Small boats are to be fired on and floating objects investigated and destroyed. Patrol Launches' dinghys must therefore only be used after dark for investigation purposes.

Searchlights must never be thrown on passing ships.

Provisions and correspondence will be delivered daily by Armed Launch from Port TAUFUQ.

Cases of sickness must be reported to the Guardship.

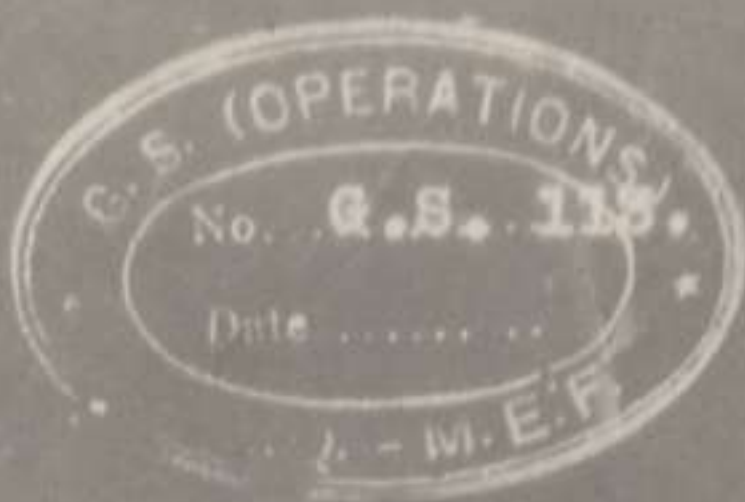
Communications are to be by Visual Signals.

Telegrams and Important Orders will be sent to the Guardship via KABRIT or to the Naval Hopper via GINEIFA.

(Sgd) W. G. Macdonald.

Capt. R.N.





*W.R.*

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*Myatt*

*G.P.*

March, 1916.

General Officer Commanding,  
A. & N.Z. Forces.  
1st A. & N.Z. Army Corps.  
Major-General Sir H.V. Cox,  
Commanding Australian Provisional Formations.

Reference G.S. 113 of January 31st, February 8th,  
and February 11th, also Force Order No. 9 of February 18th.

The four provisional Infantry Brigades, 4th and  
8th Australian Infantry Brigades and Divisional Troops  
units in process of formation, will be formed into 4th  
and 5th Australian Divisions.

The Australian Provisional Formations will  
thereupon cease to exist.

Major-General Cox will assume command of the  
4th Division, taking with him the present staff. A  
commander and staff for the 5th Division will be appointed  
later.

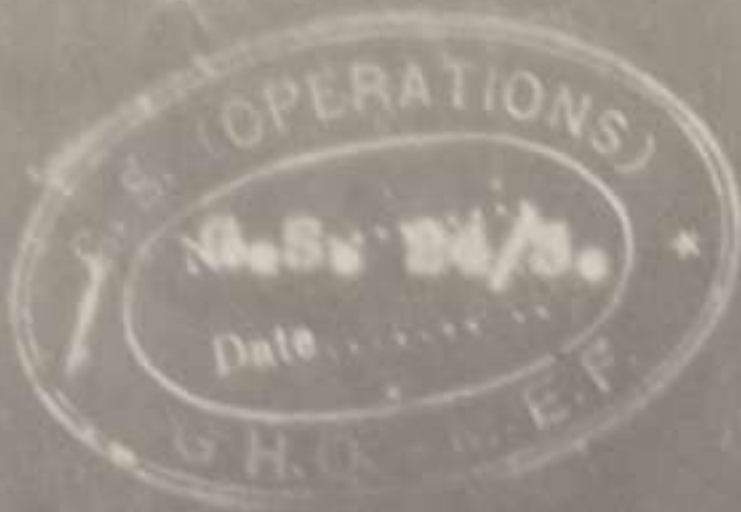
*(Sgd) A. Lynden Bell*

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

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*W.R.D.*  
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*6<sup>th</sup>*  
March, 1918

General Officer Commanding,  
The Force in Egypt.

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*Filed on  
6/2/190*

1. The attached copy of War Office letter No. 121/7761/S.D.S, dated 15th January, 1918, also copy of letter G.S.90 of the 12th February, addressed to Corps Commanders, are forwarded for your information.

2. Special courses for instruction in the Lewis Gun have been arranged at the M.E.F. Machine Gun School at Ismailia.

3. The next course, lasting one fortnight, will assemble on the 15th inst.

Subject to your concurrence, it is proposed to allot 50 officer vacancies and 50 N.C.O. vacancies to the 53rd and 54th Divisions, so that each battalion and each yeomanry regiment may have one officer and one N.C.O. available to undertake the instruction of the new <sup>Lewis</sup> Machine Gun Sections.

Will you please inform me as early as possible what number of vacancies you will be prepared to accept.

4. Nominal rolls of those selected to attend should reach the Commandant, Machine Gun School, Ismailia, not later than the 15th inst.

5. Detailed instructions for candidates joining the school are appended.

6. Lewis guns are <sup>will doubtly be</sup> available for issue to the battalions and yeomanry regiments of the divisions, but it is not

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considered desirable to make the issue until each unit is in possession of its Instructional Staff.

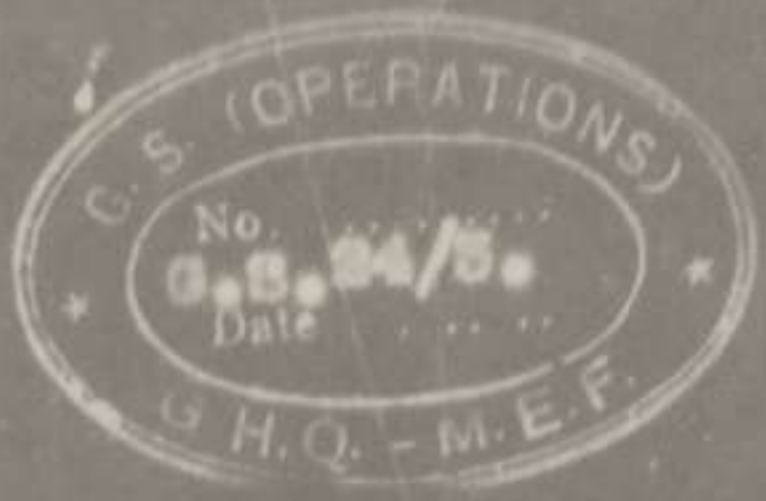
7. Machine guns, also, are available for the Brigade Machine Gun Companies of the divisions, but, as in the case of other divisions, the formation of the Brigade Machine Gun Companies should not be undertaken until battalion and regimental Lewis Gun Sections have been formed and trained.

*(copy) A. J. ...*  
*Brig. Gen.*  
*Act.*

for General,  
Commander-in-Chief,  
Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.



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6 March, 1916.

General Officer Commanding,  
9th. 15th Army Corps.

LEWIS GUN COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

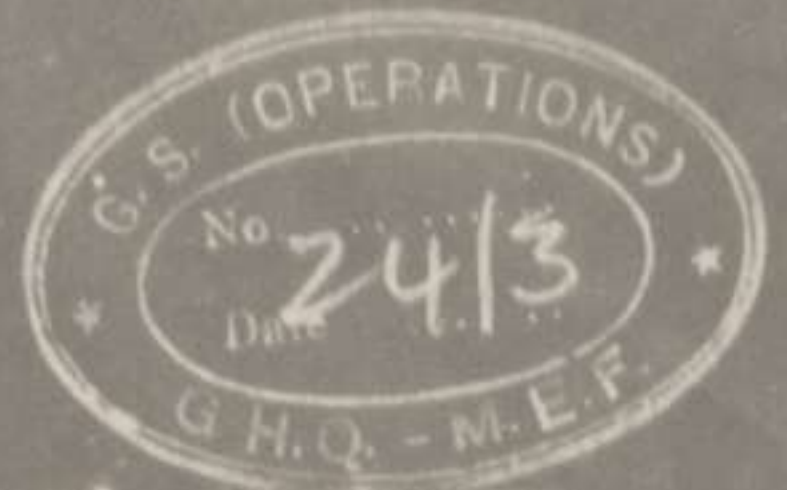
1. A course for instruction in Lewis Guns will assemble at the Machine Gun School, Ismailia, on the 15th inst. Vacancies have been allotted as follows:-  
1 Officer and 1 N.C.O. from each of the yeomanry regiments of the Dismounted Brigades.
2. Nominal rolls should reach the Commandant, Machine Gun School, Ismailia, not later than the 12th February.
3. Detailed instructions for candidates attending are appended.
4. The procedure laid down in G.S.90, of the 12th February, regarding the formation of Lewis Gun Sections and Brigade Machine Gun Companies for Divisions will apply to the Dismounted Brigades.

*(sd) A. Lynden Bell*

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



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INSTRUCTIONS FOR OFFICERS AND N.C.O.'s ATTENDING  
COURSE AT THE MACHINE GUN SCHOOL, ISMAILIA.

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1. Officers and N.C.O.'s should bring with them -
    - (a) Camp Kit, including blankets, etc.
    - (b) Knife, fork, spoon, mug and plate.
    - (c) Field Glasses.
    - (d) Notebooks, 2.
    - (e) Pencils.
    - (f) Return Railway Warrant.
    - (g) One one-man range finding instrument per unit represented on the class.
  
  2. Each officer will take one servant with him.
  
  3. N.C.O.'s should receive pay in advance as no pay can be issued at the School.
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The Vice-Admiral, Naval Commander-in-Chief,  
East Indies and Egypt.

*G. J.*  
March, 1916.

Sir,

In reply to your letter 1052 of March 2nd, I beg  
to forward the following information:-

1. Two Naval 4.7" guns were mounted at Cape HELLES. These became unserviceable and were withdrawn for repair on H.M.S. "Reliance" at request of Vice-Admiral, dated 24th July, 1915.
2. One Naval 4.7" gun was at ANZAC. This was reported as "worn and of no further use" on December 7th, and orders were issued for it to be kept until the final stage of the evacuation and then destroyed.
3. Two Naval 4.7" guns are now at SALONICA, but I have no record of their transfer to the force under my command.

No other 4.7" guns belonging to the Navy can be traced.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*Geo. A. Hyndes Bell*

*M.G.*  
*G. J.*  
General,  
Commander-in-Chief,  
Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.



G.S.

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W.R.

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April

March, 6

General Officer Commanding,  
The Force in Egypt.

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The Establishment of the Machine Gun School at  
Ismailia is six Sergeant Instructors below establishment.

As the School in future will be largely engaged  
in training members of the Territorial Force in this country,  
including the 53rd and 54th Divisions, it is considered that  
that Force should provide its quota of the Instructional  
Staff.

At present the 42nd and 52nd Divisions find five  
instructors. It is proposed to call on them for two more.  
If agreeable to you please direct the 53rd and 54th Divisions  
each to detail two N.C.O.'s for duty at the School. These  
N.C.O.'s should be selected for their general instructional  
abilities; great knowledge of the machine gun is not  
essential as they will receive special training in this  
subject at the School.

The selected N.C.O.'s should report to the Commandant,  
Machine Gun School, Ismailia, on the 15th March.

Sgt A. Lynden Bell

for C.I.S.  
General,  
Commander-in-Chief,

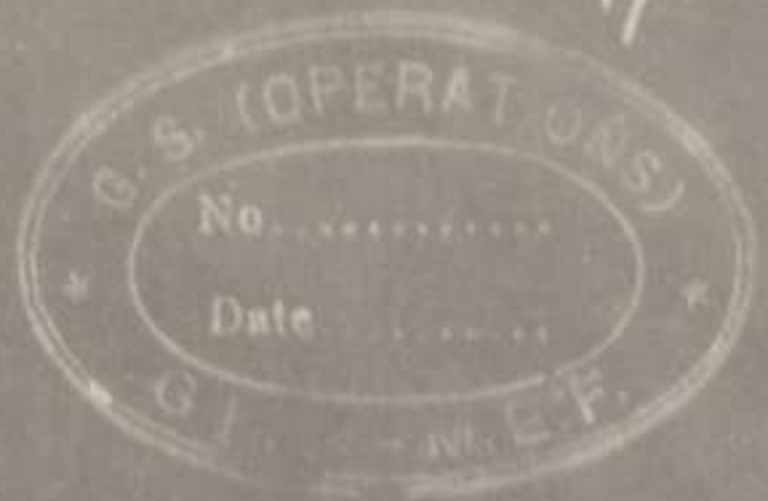
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The Chief of the Imperial General Staff,  
War Office, London, S.W.

*App M 6<sup>th</sup>* March, 1916.

Sir,

When Lt-Colonel R. C. Jellicoe, A.Q.M.G. Personal Services at General Headquarters, left England it was arranged that a clerical establishment should be applied for when the work of <sup>his</sup> the office had been assessed on the spot. This office has now been at work for several weeks, and it has been shown that the following clerical establishment is required:-

- 1 S.Q.M.S.
  - 1 Sergeant.
  - 1 Corporal.
- Total 3.

I have the honour to request that this establishment be sanctioned.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*(Sgd) A. Hynden Bell*  
*m.g.*  
*for* *C.C.S.*

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

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- Q. file.
- G.S. file.
- A.





*W.A.*

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*App N.*

*G. March, 6*

General Officer Commanding,

9th and 15th Army Corps.

Owing to the move of certain Divisions and consequent withdrawal of seven H.C.O. instructors from the Machine Gun School, will you please detail one H.C.O. from a unit of the Territorial Force under your command to report to the Commandant, Machine Gun School, Ismailia, on March 13th, with a view to being trained as a Sergeant Instructor for that School.

*Sgt A.B. Roberson*

*for Major G.S.*

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



SECRET 11/112

Appx A

From Chief, London.  
To Salonica, repeated Chief Medforce.

14108 cipher.

6/3/16.  
7/3/16.

Desp. 1805.  
Recd. 0615.  
Decd. 0830.

*your cc/59*

I cannot understand receipt by General Sarrail of such orders. I left General Joffre on Saturday morning after discussing SALONICA situation and he made no mention of any such intention. When the Franco-British were withdrawn from the North into GREECE last year the two Governments agreed to keep them at SALONICA for the defence of that place and at meeting on December 6th Allied C.-in-C's also recommended that the Franco-British Expeditionary Force should be maintained in SALONICA district. Recommendations of this conference were subsequently ratified by the two Governments. In these circumstances no offensive operations can take place without the concurrence of the two Governments and therefore if you are asked by General Sarrail to undertake them you should refer to me and await my instructions. You may show this to General Sarrail if necessity arises.

Copies to :-

- O. for action.
- O.(b)
- C.-in-C.
- C.G.S.
- I.

Filed G.S. Z/8.  
" G.S. Cables.

SECRET



W.D.

SECRET

1/113

From : Chief, Medforce.

To : Chief, London.

A.M. 229

7th March.

Desn. 0930

Your 14108 cipher and Mahon's G.C.62, in this case I do not think bluff will pay you. The occupation of KAVALLA and the consequent formation there of a new base and defences is a serious step, very costly in personnel, material and money, also a heavy ~~tax~~ tax on Navy AAA. I do not recommend that we increase our commitments by such operations.

O  
 D(H)  
 Com b  
 Chl  
 ↓  
 2/8  
 H. Miller



SECRET 11/114

Amr B

From : War Office  
To : G.H.Q., Medforce.

6/5/18. Desp. 1820.  
7/5/18. Recd. 0818.

14111 cipher S.D.S.

Your 212.

It is not clear to what Division this refers. Is it the New Zealand Division? If so, scale should be as stated in our 15984 and your A.M.197. Reference our 15957. In order that the training of new Australian Divisions may be facilitated, you need not send telephone wagons or any technical stores, including telephone stores, for the artillery of the two Australian Divisions and the New Zealand Division.

O.  
O(b).  
Q.  
C.G.S.  
M.G.,R.A.  
  
Z/49.  
G.S.Cables.

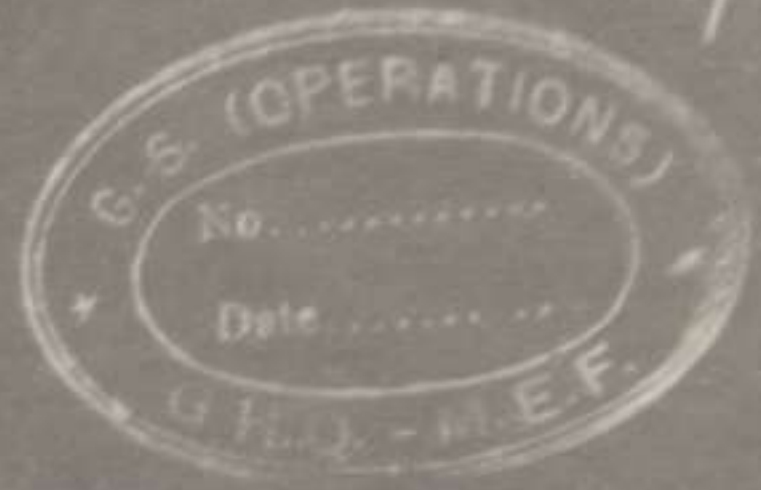




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Handwritten number '1/115' in the top right corner.



From Troopers.

To G. H. Q.

14120 cipher S.D.S.

6/3/16.  
7/3/16.

Desp. 2325.  
Recd. 0615.  
Decd. 0645.

Please wire exact distribution of all armoured car units both with Naval and Military under your command.

Copies to :-

- O. for action.
- O.(b)
- C.G.S.
- A.
- Q.

Filed G.S. 28.  
" G.S. Cables.



4205  
copy  
1/11/16  
From Superflux.

Addressed Troopers London, repeated Medforce.

G.E.545 cipher.

6/3/16.  
7/5/16.

Desp. 2200.  
Recd. 0630.  
Decd. 0725.

There is some difference of opinion between Medforce and myself as to disposal of emergency squadrons R.N.A.C.D. Medforce wishes to disband. I wish to keep them on until replaced, see my G.E.529. Can you kindly decide ?

Copies to :-

O.  
O.(b)  
C.G.S.  
A.

Filed G.S. 28.  
" G.S. Cables.





W. R. D.

Approved

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From : A.H.Q., Salonika.  
To : G.H.Q., Medford.

5/3/16. Desp. 0506.  
7/3/16. Recd. 0615.  
7/3/16. Decd. 0850.

G.C. 81 cipher. 6th.

3rd Mounted Brigade are equipped with maxims. These are heavy for cavalry in mountainous country and are moreover the only maxims with troops of this army. There would consequently be difficulty <sup>in</sup> replacement. Propose equipping them with Lewis machine guns if you approve.

3 copies to Q.  
1 copy to O.  
1 copy to O(b).  
1 copy to O.G.S.

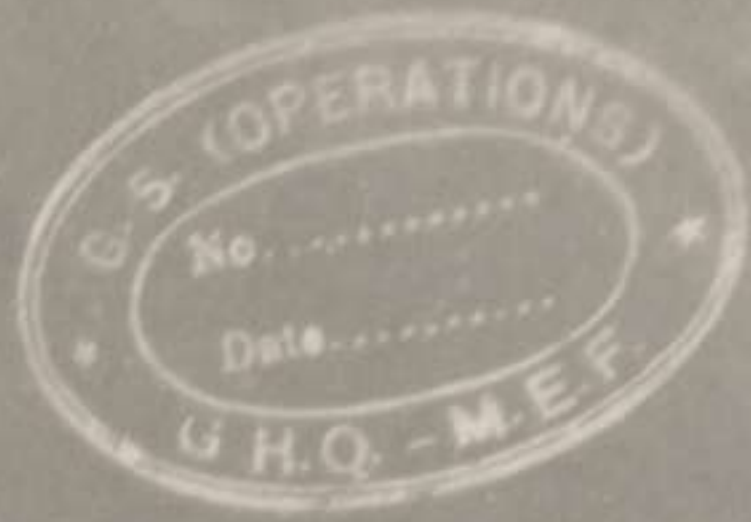
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G.S.90.





W.P.

1/16



From:- MEDFORCE.  
To:- A.H.Q. SALONICA.

O.B.234. 7/3/16. Desp. 2200.

Your G.C.61 cipher, sixth. No objection.  
What transport will be utilised also wire number of  
Lewis Guns are now in possession of units and ordnance.

Copies to :- O.  
C(b).  
G.G.S.  
D.O.S.

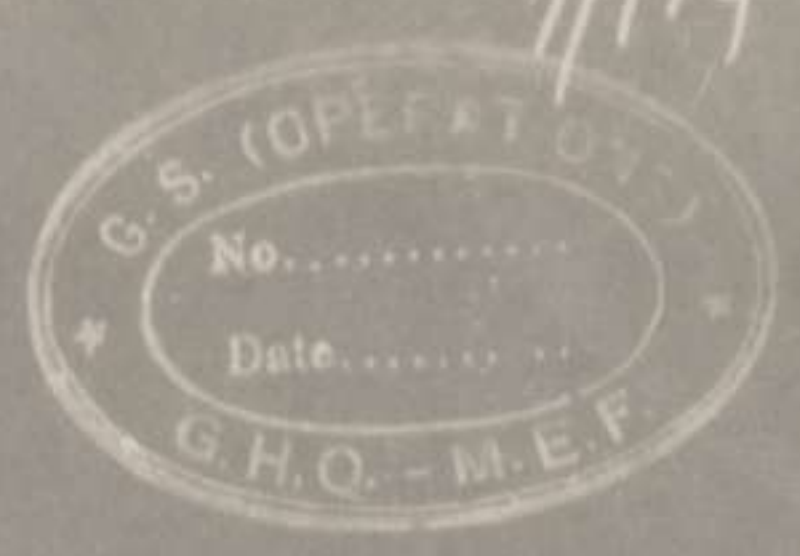
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" G.S.Cables.



WED

Appt E

1119



From: G.O.C. Alexandria District.  
To: G.H.Q.

I.B. 1201.

7/3/16.

Despd. 1055.  
Recd. 1116.

Re Superflux No. G.S. 539 of 4th "D" Squadron  
Herts Yeomanry detailed for 13th Division. 8 Officers  
28 Other Ranks belonging to it now at Mena. which part  
of regiment will retain Machin Gun. Superflux informed.

Copies to:--

- O for action.
- O (b)
- C.G.S.
- C.
- A.
- Filed. G.S. 132.
- G.S. Cables.



W.A.

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**SECRET**

G.S. (OPERATIONS)  
No.....  
Date.....  
G.H.Q. - M.E.F.

From:- SUPERFLUX, CAIRO.

To:- G.H.Q. ISMAILIA.

G.689.

7/5/16.

Desp. 1708.  
Recd. 1822.

Your I.B. 2202 of today.

Detachment "D" Squadron at MHA being ordered to rejoin ALEXANDRIA as soon as possible. Despatch squadron for 54th Division to MHA. Retain H.Q. of Regiment and remaining squadron ALEXANDRIA for further orders. Am asking Medforce to instruct you further re "D" Squadron. When above arrangements made and signal troop despatched here orders for G.O.C. and Brigade Staff will be issued. Addressed G.O.C. ALEXANDRIA District.

Copies to :-  
G.  
G(b).  
C.G.S.  
G.  
A.

Filed G.S.152.  
" G.S.167.  
" G.S.Cables.







W.D.

1/122



From

Chief Medforce.

To

G.O.C. ALEXANDRIA. Repeated Superfluous.

A.M. 234.

7/3/16.

Desp. 1945.

Your Ib 1201 cipher.

Headquarters and machine gun section should be allotted to squadron sent to 54th Division.

Copies to:-

- O.
- O(b).
- C.G.S.
- A.
- C.

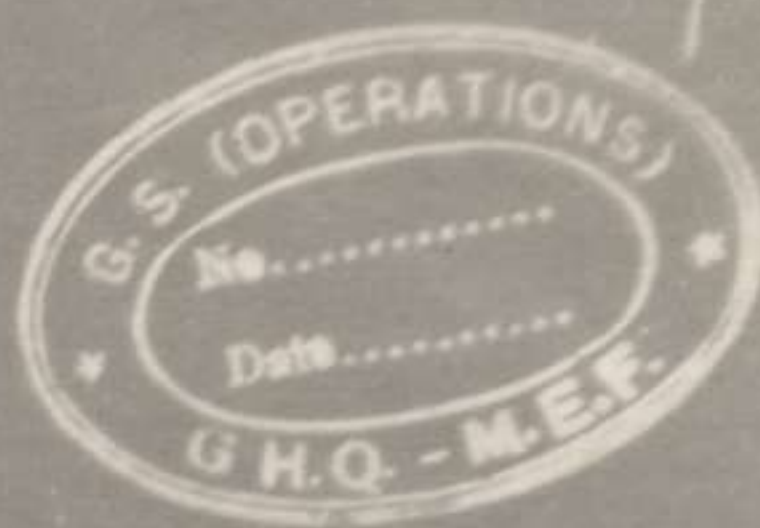
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 " G.S. 152.  
 " G.S. Cables.



W.R.

1/23

SECRET



From Chief, Headquarters.  
To Troopers, London.

A.M. 232.

7/5/16.

Desp. 2115.

Your 14060 cipher. S.D.S. D. Squadron Herts Yeomanry selected for 15th Division. Now being fitted at Alexandria, dated of despatch will be notified. Reference my G.S. 10/1. February 19th. C. Squadron Glasgow Yeomanry now being reassembled to form Divisional Squadron 52nd Division. Propose allotting Headquarters H.G. Section and 1 Squadron Herts Yeomanry to 54th Division, remaining Squadron Herts Yeomanry 11th Division. Squadron still needed for 53rd Division. Suggest temporarily allotting 1 Squadron Imperial Service Cavalry to this Division while in Egypt. If ordered to move to France perhaps a squadron could be sent from England. This avoids breaking up another mounted unit in Egypt.

Copies to:-

- O.
- O(b).
- G.S.S.
- A.
- Q.

Filed G.S. Cables.  
" G.S. 167.



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SECRET

From  
Chief, Medforce.

To  
Superflux. Repeated Ferial.

A.M. 238. 7/3/16. Desp. 2100.

Your G.889 and G.890. Following sent to War Office. Begins:-

D. Squadron Herts Yeomanry selected for 18th Division. Squadron Glasgow Yeomanry having been recounted for 82nd Division propose allotting H.Q. M.G. Section and 1 squadron Herts Yeomanry to 54th Division remaining squadron to 11th Division. Suggest Squadron Imperial Service Cavalry for 83rd Division. Message ends.

Will inform you when reply to above is received.

I.S.C. has been instructed to equip D. Squadron.

Copies to:-

- O.
- O(b).
- C.G.S.
- A.
- C.

- Filed G.S. 152.
- " G.S. 167.
- " G.S. Cables.





SECRET

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W.D.

Appt F.

From Chief Medforce.

To Chief, London.

A.M.233.

7/3/16.

Desp. 1925.

Evening Report.

Aerial reconnaissances report increased numbers of men in KATIA and EL ARISH districts. Yesterday's bombing of NEKHL caused serious fire to break out.

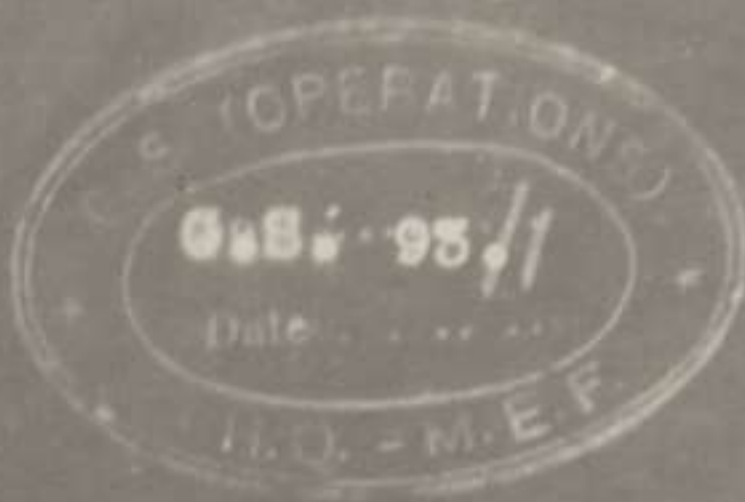
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- O(b).
- C-in-C.
- C.G.S.
- I.
- A.
- Q.
- E-in-C.
- M.G.R.A.
- D.A.S.

Filed Z.29.  
G.S.Cablesz







*W.S.D.*

*1/126*

*Mppt G.*

*7<sup>d</sup> March, 6*

General Officer Commanding,  
A. & N.Z. Forces.

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Reference your letter C.R. No. 156/97.

Arrangements are being made to withdraw the 1st Light Horse Brigade from the Force in Egypt, and it is intended that it should be included in the organisation of the Mounted Division. In accordance with my G.S. Z.34 of the 6th inst., it will be detached to form the Mounted Brigade required for No. 2 Section of the Canal Defences.

*(Sgd) C. P. Dawson*  
*Lt. Col*

*G.S.*  
Major-General,  
Chief of the General Staff,  
Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.



1127

Appx A

SECRET

From : Sir W. Robertson.

To : Sir A. Murray.

R. 3.

7/3/16. Desp. 1815.  
8/3/16. Recd. 0615.  
Decd. 0630.

Personal and secret.

Your A.M. 199 and my 14143.

I hear that Godley is not persona grata with Australian authorities, and as Hughes, the Prime Minister, is now here and will probably refer to the matter, you had better not definitely appoint Godley pending further reference to me. Would like to receive your observations at once for use with Hughes when I see him.

Copy to C.-in-C. )  
Copy to C.G.S. ) only.



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SECRET

Appt B

From : A.H.Q., Salonika.  
To : Chief, Medforce.

7/5/18. Desp. 1930.  
8/3/18. Recd. 0615.  
Decd. 0630.

G.C. 64. 7th.

Understand from certain messages received in "Q" branch that our divisions are being sent from Egypt to France. We have many means here of passing misleading information to the enemy quickly and surely, so let us know if you wish these moves kept secret and if you would like stories spread of their going Mesopotamia, East Africa or anywhere you may suggest.

O.  
O(b).  
S-in-C.  
C.S.S.  
I.

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G.S.Cables.

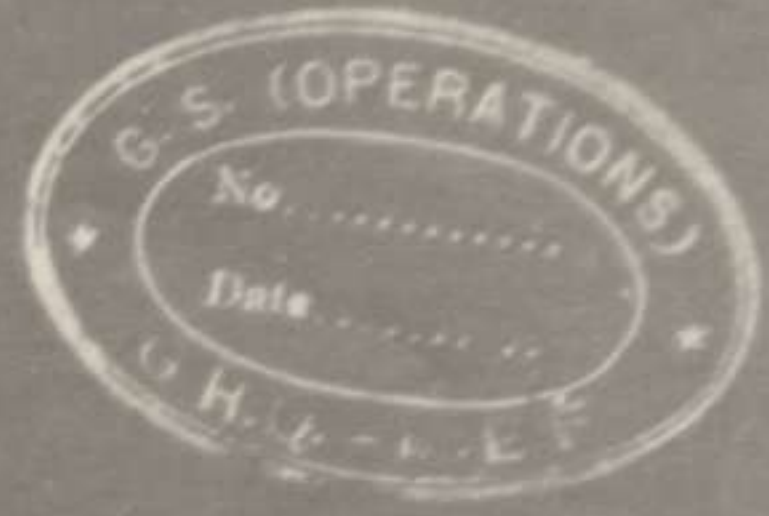




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*W.R.*

*APPC*



From  
Troopers, London.

To  
G.H.Q. Repeated Superflux.

14142 cipher. S.D.2.

7/3/18.  
8/3/18.

Desp. 1635.  
Recd. 0615.  
Decd. 0635.

Your A.M.225, and Superflux G.E.545.

Report natures and armament of 18 cars, see also  
my letter 79/7788 February 3rd. Admiralty have been  
asked to <sup>leave</sup> have the officers and other ranks R.N.A.C.D.  
at your disposal until they can be replaced.

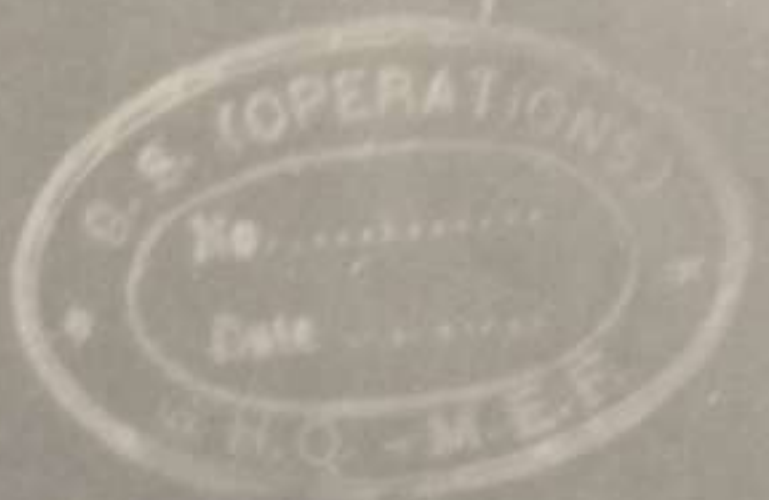
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- O. for action.
- O(b).
- C.G.S.
- A.
- Q.

Filed G.S. 28.  
" G.S. Cables.



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W.D.  
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From Chief, Hedforce.  
To Troopers.

A.M. 238.                      8/5/18.                      Desp. 1919.

Your 14142 cipher S.D.S.

Armoured cars 9. Rolls Royce waggons 3. Talbot  
Staff cars 2. Talbot waggons 2. Ford cars 2. Total 19.

Your 79/7788 of February 5rd. Cannot organise cars at present  
as they are still employed by R.N.A.C.D. Propose transferring  
these cars to the Army and forming them into 3 Armoured  
Motor Batteries (Egypt), keeping R.N.A.C.D. personnel as  
temporary measure until replaced by Military personnel.

Do you concur ?

Copies to :-

- O.
- O.(b)
- G.C.S.
- A.
- Q.
- G.O.C., F.in E.

Filed G.S. 28.  
" G.S. Cable.



SECRET

1/13/

From

Chief London.

To

Chief Headforce.

14143 cipher.

7/5/16.  
8/3/16.

Desp. 1750.  
Recd. 0815.  
Decd. 0830.

If and when it is definitely decided that the first three Australian and New Zealand A.C. divisions are to proceed to France a Corps H.Q. will certainly be required to accompany them to France. Hope to give you definite instructions this week regarding despatch of these divisions.

Copies to:-

O.  
C(B).  
C-in-C.  
C.G.S.  
A.  
Q.  
A.H.S.

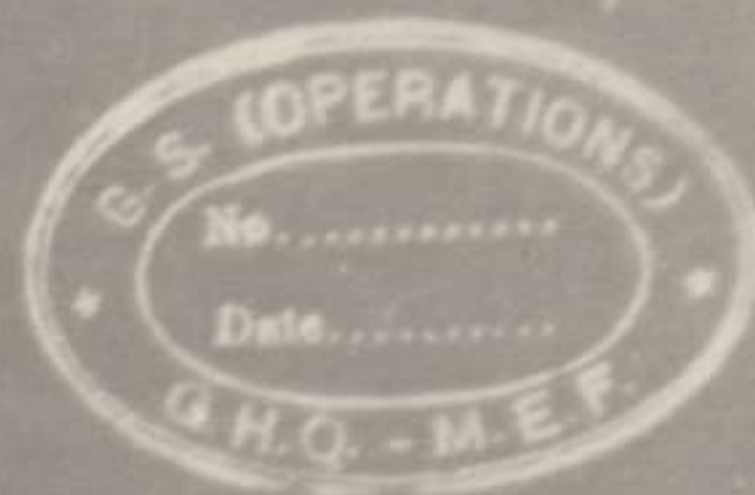
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\* U.S. Cables.





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From:- 15th Corps.

To:- G. H. Q.

mm E

G.27.

8/5/16

Despd. 2011.

increased  
With reference to the hostile movements reported by  
aeroplane reconnaissances in the area OGHRAATINA - KATIA -  
BIR HAGID - ABU DAREM precautions were taken to meet the  
situation should it develop but Intelligence Officer  
KANTARA reports to-day he does not think there has been  
any material alteration of enemy's dispositions between  
KANTARA and EL ARISH. Intend however to increase the  
escort originally proposed for the reconnaissance by  
Colonels Lubbock and Dawnay.

Copies to O.  
O (b).  
C.G.S.  
I.

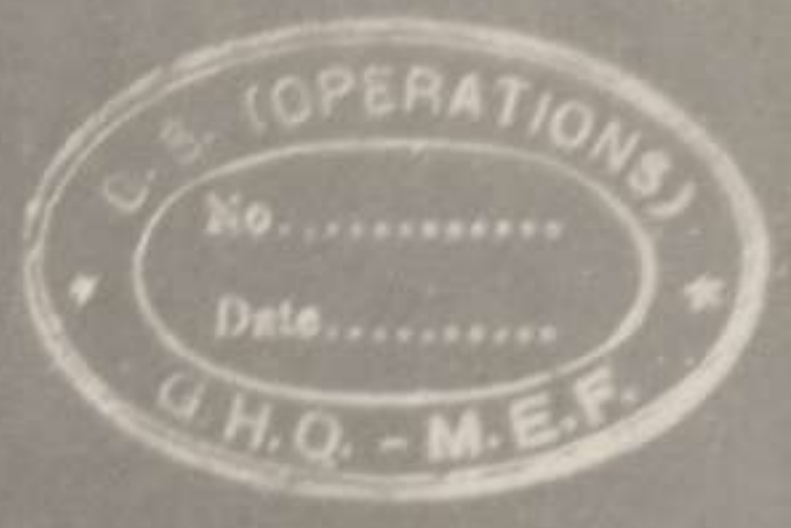
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G.S. Cables.



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SECRET



From:- CHIEF MEDFORCE.  
To:- CHIEF LONDON.

A.M. 237.

8/3/16

Despd. 2150.

Evening report.

Indications of slight increase of  
enemy patrols in KATIA district.

- Copies to :-
- C.
  - O (b).
  - C.-in-C.
  - C.G.S.
  - I.
  - A.
  - Q.
  - M.G.R.A.
  - E.-in-C.
  - D.A.S.

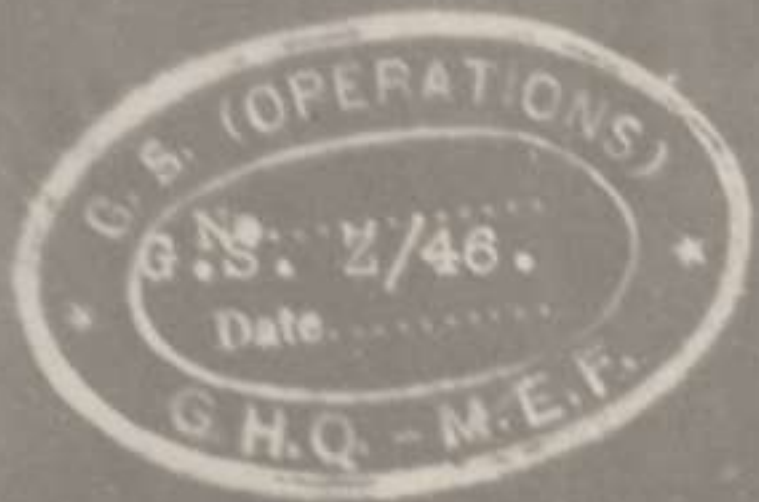
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G.S. Cables.



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SECRET

W.D.



Appx F.

The Vice-Admiral Commanding-in-Chief  
East Indies and Egypt.

8th March, 1916.

Sir,

A report has been received from the Officer Commanding, ABU ZENIMA, that 10 Turkish soldiers and 200 Arabs, armed with Mauser rifles, have been collected at RAS-EL-GHARBE near GEBEL DHALAL under the command of the Turkish Officer lately in charge of the post at GINEH. The General Officer Commanding, 9th Corps, has suggested that an aeroplane should be despatched to ABU ZENIMA to reconnoitre the country round GINEH, but it is not considered that one can be spared for this purpose.

I should be glad to know, however, if, in the event of seaplanes being employed in the Gulf of Suez in the near future, you would be prepared to undertake a reconnaissance of this district. The distance of the district from the sea is about 40 miles.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sd) A. Lynden Bell, M.G.  
C.G.S.

for

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



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W.D.

Appar G.

*[Signature]*

8 March, 6

Headquarters,  
15th Army Corps.

Reference your G.45, dated 8th March.

The programmes and notes forwarded with G.S.90 of the 24th February, were drawn up with the object of setting a standard of elementary training for the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force, and did not aim at anything more. Everything that did not come strictly under that heading was excluded, and therefore it is not considered necessary to make any alteration in the programmes issued.

The Commander-in-Chief wishes, however, to raise the standard of Machine Gun Training throughout the Force, and should Corps Commanders think it desirable to extend the courses so as to include instruction in siting and construction of emplacements or in any other particular, he leaves them full liberty to do so.

*[Signature: Sgd A. Lynden Bell]*

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



W.D

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G.S. Z.50.

SECRET



8th March, 1916.

Appx H.

General Officer Commanding,

9th, 15th, 1st A. & N.Z. Army Corps.

All works or groups of trenches in the Canal Defences will be allotted a name or a number.

Names will be forwarded for approval to G.H.Q. in accordance with G.S. 142 of March 2nd.

Numbers will be allotted in accordance with G.S. Z.50, of February 23rd, viz:-

Each Section will be divided into convenient sectors. Each sector will be allotted a letter. Lettering will be from right to left.

Letters are allotted to Army Corps as under:-

- 9th Corps.                                   A to I.
- 1st A. & N.Z. Corps.                   K to R.
- 15th Corps.                                 S to Z.

Works, trenches or groups of trenches to which a number is allotted instead of a name will be designated by the letter allotted to the sector in which they are situated, followed by a consecutive number.

(Oa) C. P. Dawney  
Lt Col

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

W.D  
G.H.

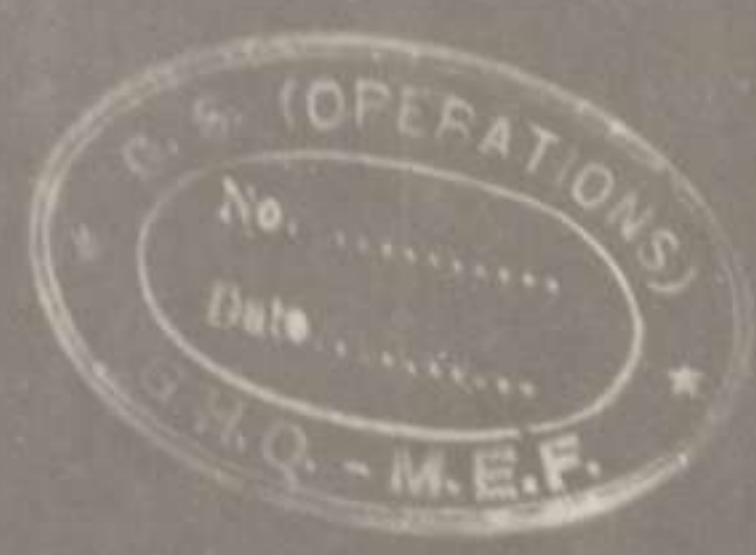


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SECRET

G.S. 2.45.



*Approved*

*St* March, 1916

General Officer Commanding,  
9th Army Corps.

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Reference your I.56, dated 6/3/16.

The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief concurs in your suggestion that at the next reconnaissance to NEKHL no bombs should be dropped. The Officer Commanding, 5th Wing, Royal Flying Corps, has been instructed in this sense.

*(sd) G.P. Dawson*  
*for Lt Col G*

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



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*Appt K.*

*gsl*

March, 6

General Officer Commanding,  
1st A. & N. Z. Army Corps.

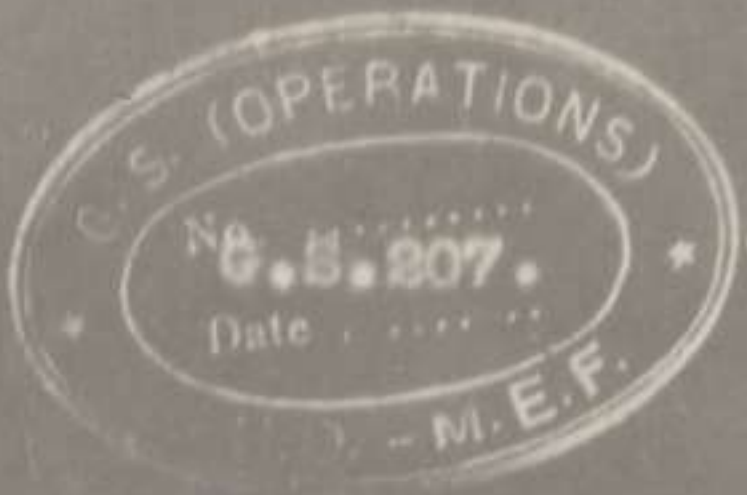
With reference to your C.R. 41/18/1. G.b., no record of any land mines in front of the old inner line defences is in our possession, nor can any information on the subject be obtained from the Force in Egypt or from the (late) 10th Indian Division. It seems probable therefore that the mine discovered by the 2nd Australian Division is one of those brought by the Turks in their attack on the Canal last year, and abandoned by them on the failure of their attempt.

*Sgt C. P. Dawson*  
*Lt. Col*  
*A.S.*

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

*Copy to A. & N. Z. Forces*





W.D.

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Appt L

8<sup>th</sup>

March,

8

General Officer Commanding,  
The Force in Egypt.

I can arrange to place at your disposal immediately one airline section (horsed), and one cable section, on condition that these units will be returned to the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force within 7 days, if required.

2. I regret that a second cable section cannot be spared at present. But, the airline section includes one cable wagon, fully equipped and horsed, and one wagon light spring; and probably Levant Base could now provide the rest of the vehicles, stores, and horses necessary to complete the second cable section.

If you should decide to form thus an extemporised cable section, I will arrange to send you the personnel for it from reinforcements (wheeler and shoeing smith excepted).

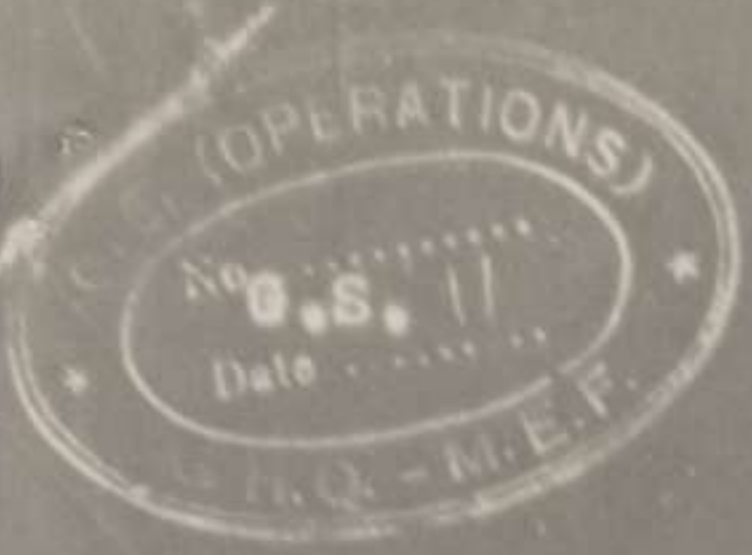
(Sgd) Lt Col P. Dawson  
Lt Col  
Genl

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

copy to -  
DAS



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*WR*

*App + M.*

Secretary,  
War Office, London, S.W.

*8/2*  
March, 1916.

Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 8th February last, No.G.S.11, I have the honour to forward herewith the proposed establishment for the Army Postal Services Directorate, for insertion on page 7 of the establishments forwarded with my letter under reference.

I have the honour to be,

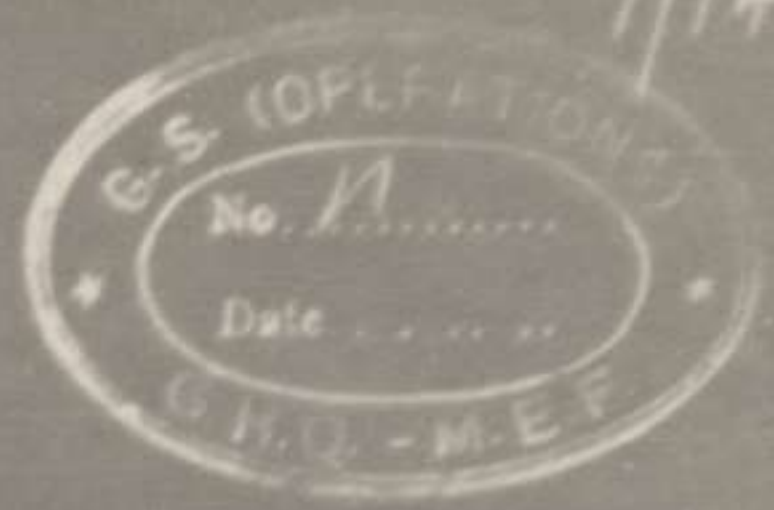
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*Sgt A. Lynden Bell*  
*M.C.*  
*for C.C.S.*

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





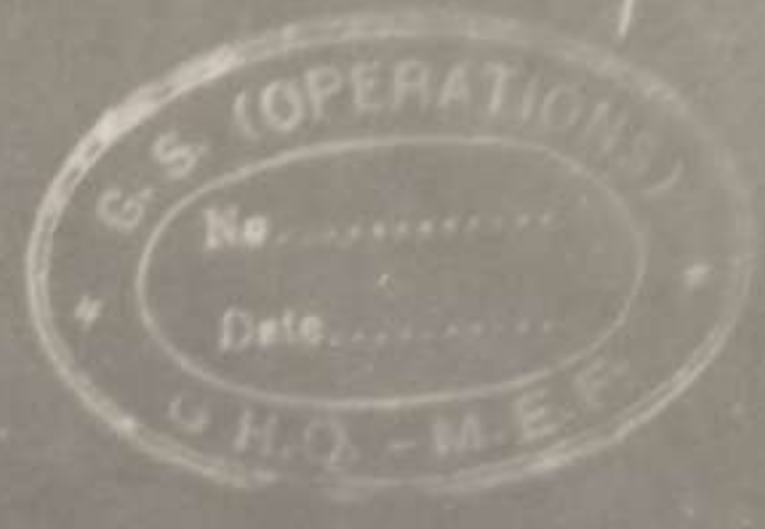
DIRECTOR OF ARMY POSTAL SERVICES.

ESTABLISHMENT.  
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	Officers.	Warrant Officers.	Staff Sergeants & Sergeants.	Rank & File.	Total.		
Director of Army Postal Services.	1	-	-	-	1	-	
Assistant Director of Army Postal Services.	1	-	-	-	1	-	
Batmen.	-	-	-	2	2	-	
Deputy Director of Army Postal Services.	1	-	-	-	1	-	• Detached for service with Force in Egypt.
Deputy Assistant Director of Army Postal Services.	1	-	-	-	1	-	
Batmen.	-	-	-	2	2	-	



1/142



Ampt A.

From Troopers.  
To Medforce.

14199 cipher.

8/3/18.  
9/3/18.

Desp. 2115.  
Recd. 0705.  
Decd. 0710.

Your letter G.S.11, 8th February.

Establishments recommended for your Headquarters are approved temporarily, but in view of reduction of forces in EGYPT will be subject to revision at an early date. The grading of these establishments for pay are still under consideration.

Copies to :-

- O.
- O.(b)
- C.-in-C.
- C.G.S.
- A.M.S.
- A.
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- E.-in-C.
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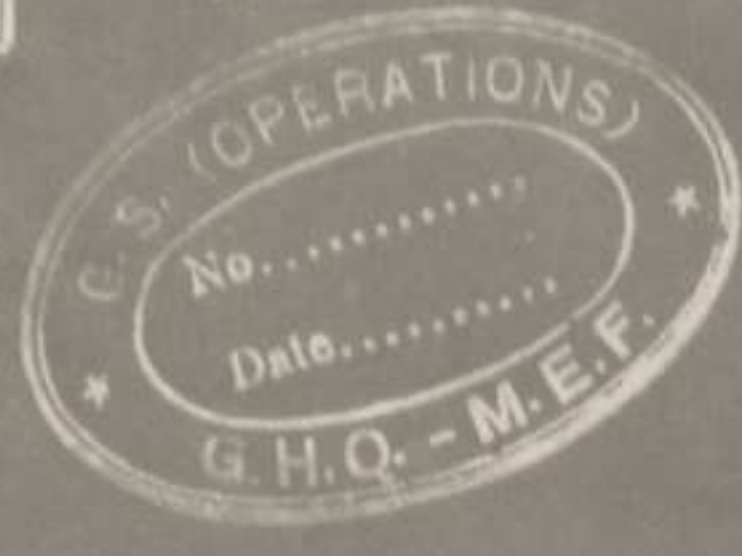
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W.R.D.

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App B

From 10th Corps.  
To G.H.Q.

G.S. cipher.

9/3/16.

Desp. 1159.  
Recd. 1216.  
Decd. 1225.

Is any further constructions on roads, railways, water supply to the front, to be carried out beyond that required by the modified scheme ordered in your No. G.S.34. Is original scheme as regards above to be continued.

- Copies to:-
- O. for action.
  - O(b).
  - C.S.S.
  - Q.
  - E-in-C.
  - I.

Filed Z.34.  
" G.S.Cables.



WD

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SECRET

From Chief Medforce.  
To Chief London.

*Mpp C.*

A.M.239.

9/3/16.

Desp. 1355.

Your 14179 cipher.

Permanent posts have already been established as far as BIR EL DUHIDAR. The broad gauge line from QANTARA to QATIA has been commenced, and I hope will reach the latter place by 1st week in April, by which date I shall have at QATIA one division and the A. & N.Z. Mounted Division.

The railway will not be pushed beyond BIR EL ABD, about 15 miles east of QATIA. I must hold the water bearing area and leave the enemy the desert with only a defile as an approach.

Copies to :-

- O.
- O.(b)
- C-in-C.
- C.G.S.

Filed G.S. 2/48.  
" G.S. Cables.





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Appt CC

From Chief, Medforce.

Addressed Superflux, repeated Troopers.

A.M. 838.

9/3/18.

Desp. 1055.

It is suggested for your consideration that in the event of the 1st and 2nd Australian and New Zealand Divisions leaving for FRANCE it might be found necessary to despatch to the Western theatre certain of the Australian and New Zealand hospitals now in this country. If the transfer of these three Divisions should take place, the Australasian forces in EGYPT would then consist of approximately two Australian Divisions and a Mounted Division and possible later a third Australian Division. Addressed Superflux, repeated Troopers.

Copies to :-

- A.
- O.
- O.(b)
- C.S.S.
- D.M.S.
- Q.
- G.O.C. A. & N.Z. Forces.

Filed C.S. 2/45.  
 " C.S. Cables.

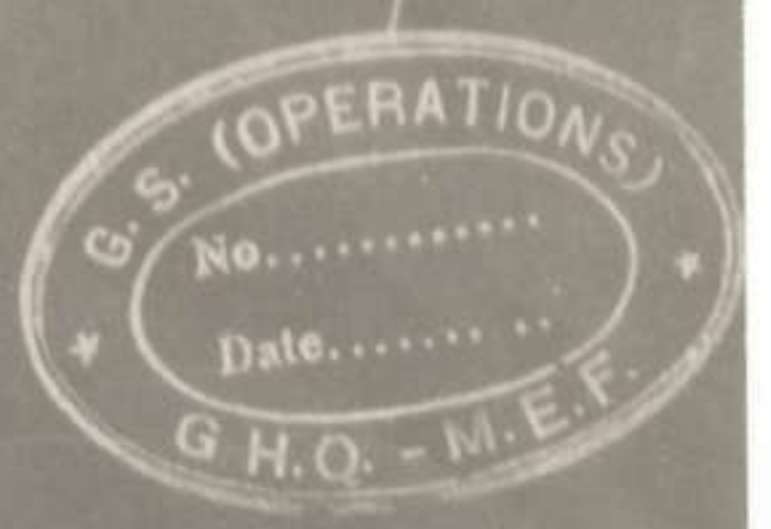




W.D

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1/146



From *Amr D*  
A. H. Q. SALONICA.

To  
Chief, London.  
G.H.Q. Medforce. Reference No. 701 January 10th.

G.E.68.

9/3/16.

Desp. 1050.  
Recd. 1845.  
Decd. 1850.

Reference DIRMILINT Number 14083 March 5th,  
instructing us to send intelligence and operations telegrams  
separately. Presume intelligence telegram which is sent  
practically every evening will be sufficient information  
regarding general military situation and that separate  
negative telegram regarding operations will not be required  
when there are no operations to report.

Copies to:-

- O.
- O(b).
- C-in-C.
- C.G.S.
- I.

Filed Z.29.  
\* G.S.Cables.



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*War diary*



From. War Office.

To. U.H.Q.

*Ampt E*

14214. Cipher. M.A. 1.

9/3/16.

Despd. 1435.  
Recd. 2045.  
Decd. 2100.

B.E. Aeroplanes will be replaced in one Squadron of 8th Wing by Fighters and Scouts. 6 DE HAVILLAND fighters leave about March 21st. MARTINSYDE Scouts will follow. Both take Austrian DAIMLER Engine.

Copies to :--

- O. for action.
- O(b).
- C-in-C,
- O.G.S.
- I.
- Q.

Filed G.S. 104.  
" G.S. Cables.



G.S. 2/32.

*W D*

*1/145*

*Apppt F*

*(7-10)*  
Commander-in-Chief,  
East Indies and Egypt.

*at* March, 1916.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 1147 dated 27th February 1916, I have the honour to inform you that six copies of your orders and other similar memoranda will be sufficient for my requirements, and I agree with your proposal that such documents should reach me through my Naval Adviser.

As regards the memoranda which have been previously issued, however, I find that two copies of Memo. 1147.B. and one copy of Memo. 1147.C., both dated 20th December 1915, are required in order to enable me to make a complete distribution to Corps Commanders, and I should be very glad if these could be sent to me. Recent amendments to Memo. 1147.B. have already been received through Captain Mitchell.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*(Signature) Bell*

General,  
Commander-in-Chief,  
Mediterranean Expeditionary Force



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*W.D.*  
*M.H.G.*

*9/8* March, 1918

General Officer Commanding,  
9th Army Corps.

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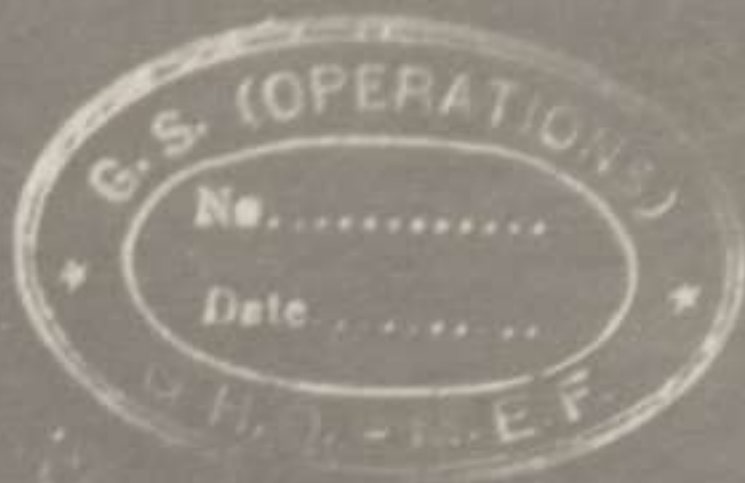
With reference to your A.493 of 6th March,  
the Commander-in-Chief is unable to agree to the transfer,  
from the 29th Division to another Division, of the 1/5th  
Royal Scots, a battalion which formed part of the 88th  
Brigade throughout the Dardanelles Campaign from its  
very inception.

*Ego A. Lynden Bell*

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



G.S. Z/46.



SECRET

1/150

Ampt H

Chief of the Imperial General Staff,  
War Office, London, S.W.

9<sup>th</sup> March, 1918.

Sir,

I think it necessary to give some indication of the degree of efficiency which the Australian and New Zealand Divisions will be found to have reached when they arrive in FRANCE..

What has been possible in the way of training in EGYPT has been done, including a certain amount of firing; but naturally the exigencies of refitting, re-organizing, re-equipping, preparation of defences, etc. etc., has militated against uninterrupted training.

A considerable proportion of the artillery of the 1st and 2nd Australian Divisions and the New Zealand Division consists of entirely new units, which have had practically no opportunity for training or practice.

In the 2nd Australian Division there are 4 new 18-pdr. batteries and 3 new 4.5" howitzer batteries, each with no more than a minimum nucleus of trained personnel. Of the personnel of the remaining batteries only some 10 per cent saw service in the Dardanelles; the remainder have, however, fired in EGYPT recently.

In the 1st Australian Division there are also 4 new 18-pdr. batteries and 3 new 4.5" howitzer batteries, each with a minimum nucleus of trained personnel. The remaining batteries were on the Gallipoli Peninsula, but part of

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their personnel has necessarily been withdrawn to form the nucleus for new batteries.

In the New Zealand Division there are 8 new 18-pdr. batteries and 1 new 4.5" howitzer battery, each with a minimum trained nucleus. The remaining batteries saw service in the Dardanelles, but their personnel has also been drawn upon to provide a trained nucleus for the new batteries.

I have the honour to be,

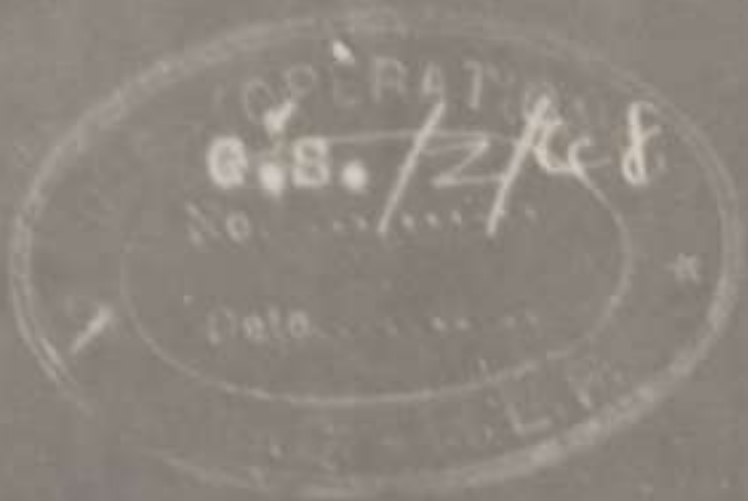
Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*(sd) A. J. Murray*

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





W.D.

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W.D.

His Excellency,  
The High Commissioner for Egypt.

Also General Officer  
Commanding,  
Force in Egypt.

9<sup>th</sup> March, 1918.

Sir,

The War Office has signified approval of a proposal, submitted by me, to construct a railway (standard gauge) from QANTARA to the QATIA district.

I am therefore proceeding immediately with the construction of this railway so as to enable the QATIA district to be occupied by my troops as early as possible.

The actual railhead will probably have to be some considerable distance East of QATIA, as in order to deny this district to the enemy and efficiently to provide for the defence of EGYPT, I anticipate that it will be necessary to maintain troops as far East as BIR EL ABD.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*(sig) A. J. Murray*

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



SECRET

W.D. 1/153

9th March, 1918.

The General Officer Commanding,  
Force in Egypt.

The War Office has signified approval of a proposal, submitted by me, to construct a railway (standard guage) from QANTARA to the QATIA district.

I am therefore proceeding immediately with the construction of this railway so as to enable the QATIA district to be occupied by my troops as early as possible.

The actual railhead will probably have to be some considerable distance East of QATIA, as in order to deny this district to the enemy and efficiently to provide for the defence of EGYPT, I anticipate that it will be necessary to maintain troops as far East as BIR EL ABD.

(Sd) A.J.Murray,

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



W.D.

SECRET

1/154

G.S. Z/55.

9<sup>th</sup> March, 1916.

Appr+K

General Officer Commanding,

9th, 15th and 1st A. & N.Z. Army Corps.

In view of the impending modification of the defensive positions east of the Canal, which may involve temporary withdrawal from a number of prepared works in the advanced line, attention is drawn to the importance of marking permanently the positions of such works in order to facilitate their re-occupation should circumstances in the future so demand.

It should be borne in mind that works excavated in the desert may, in certain conditions, if abandoned, become rapidly obliterated by drifting sand. Provided, however, that their exact position is known, but little labour will be required to clear the loose drift sand if at any time it were decided to re-occupy them.

To this end it is suggested that stakes driven well into the ground, with sufficient projection only to ensure permanent visibility, would serve the purpose simply and satisfactorily.

(sd) A. L. G. ...

Major-General,  
Chief of the General Staff,

Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.



W.D.

1/155

G.S. 147.

Appt L.

9th March, 1916

General Officer Commanding,  
Force in Egypt.

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In reply to your G.S. 143.

Attached please find details of mobile columns,  
one about 10,000 and the other about 2,000 strong.

The Field Companies R.E. are organized on a  
reduced establishment and each company carries all the  
stores etc. necessary for the watering of 4,000 men and  
250 horses. The only baggage allowed for is officers'  
kits. Camels are provided to carry the current day's  
rations, and also to replace water carts. The water  
camels with the column will be kept as a permanent water  
reserve and will be filled up daily from the water convoy.

(Ed) a Lynden Bell  
M.G. C.S.

for General,  
Commander-in-Chief,  
Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.



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W.D.

SECRET

G.S. Z/54.

9<sup>th</sup> March, 1916.

Appx M

General Officer Commanding,  
9th, 15th and 1st A. & N.Z. Army Corps.

Reports have lately been received of larger numbers of the enemy in the QATIA district than usual.

All reports come from the Royal Flying Corps, but Agents have been sent out to investigate and confirm. There are many groves of palm trees etc., which preclude efficient observation from aeroplanes in this area.

The area particularly in which these hostile bands are reported is roughly QATIA - 10 miles south of QATIA - ABU DAREM - HOD EL KHIRBA.

The total numbers actually seen do not amount to more than 100 men and several camels. But the parties are reported to be in small groups of two and three.

Minor concentrations may also be taking place at other points with a view to attacking small isolated posts and reconnoitring our dispositions east of the Canal.

All detached parties pushed forward to the front line should be especially vigilant and prepared to meet attacks carried out against our front by small bodies of the enemy.

(sig) A. Lynden Bell

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



W.D.  
G.S. 129.

1/157

Approved

9th March, 1918

General Officer Commanding,  
15th Army Corps.

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Reference your G.32.A. of the 6th.  
General Routine Order 857 of the 18th  
February supersedes G.S. 129/1 of the 4th February.  
The designation of the Signal Troop from that date  
is 1st Dismounted Signal Troop. The establishment  
is somewhat larger than an ordinary Signal Troop.  
The personnel was made up from the Scottish Horse  
and Lowland Mounted Brigade Signal Troops.

The establishment must be maintained.  
Should, however, there be a surplus as regards the  
Lowland Mounted Brigade Signal Troop, then there is  
no objection to the men being absorbed into their  
own units.

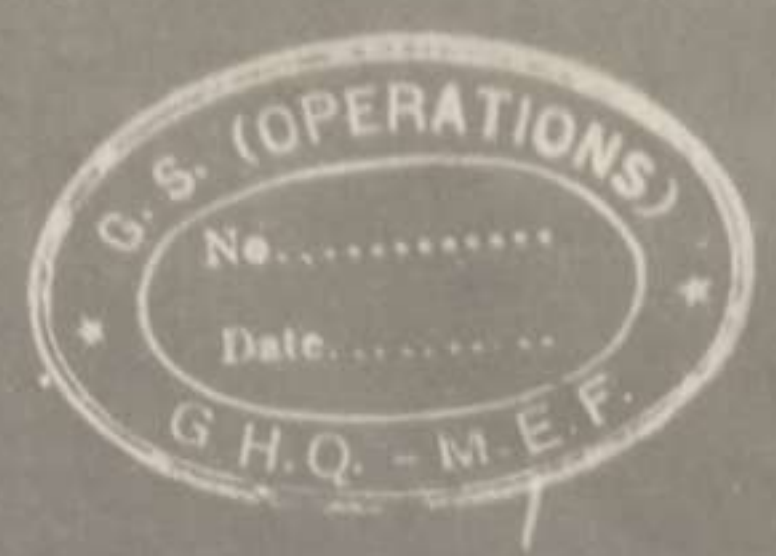
It must be remembered that the brigades may  
some day again become mounted ones, and for that reason  
it is important that at least a nucleus of the old  
Lowland Mounted Brigade Signal Troop should remain in  
the present 1st Dismounted Brigade Signal Troop.

(sd) A.R. Robertson  
for Major-General,  
Chief of the General Staff,  
Mediterranean Expeditionary Forces



WM

**SECRET**



1/158

From. Chief. London.  
To. Chief. Medforce.

Appx A.

14280 Cipher.	9/3/18.	Despd. 2020.
	10/3/18.	Recd. 0615.
		Decd. 0635.

My 13801 February 27th and your A.M. 188.

The Second Australian Division will be despatched to France immediately following the 30th Division. Please report date on which the embarkation will begin. It is most important to expedite despatch as much as possible.

Copies to:--

- G. for action.
- O.
- O(b).
- C.in.C.
- C.S.S.
- A.

Filed G.S.245  
" G.S.Cables.



W.D

SECRET



1/159

Apppt B.

From. Chief. London.  
To. A.H.Q. Salonika. (repeated Chief Medforce).

14228. Cipher. M.O.86. 9/3/16.  
10/3/16.

Despd. 1925.  
Recd. 0810.  
Deed. 0830.

By 14109 March 5th. Following from Yarde Buller.  
"Have seen PERLE and all correspondence on subject. SARRAIL  
mis-understood Joffre's instructions. There is no  
intention of assuming offensive from Salonika at present.  
Joffre renews his assurance to you that no decision  
will be given by him modifying the line of policy agreed  
without your assent."

Copies to :--

- O.
- C(b).
- C-in-C,
- G.S.S.
- I.
- Q.
- A.

Filed G.S. Z/6.  
" G.S. Cables.



W.D.

1/160

Appr C

From : G.H.Q.  
To : A.H.Q., Salonika.

O.B. *241* 10th March. Desp. *(215)*

Your G.A.344, 9th, duplicate of my G.S.149 dated 19th February, with table of establishments attached, was posted to you 6th instant AAA Following is establishment in question AAA Personnel-AAA 1 subaltern with riding horse, 2 sergeants, 1 corporal, 24 privates, 2 drivers, 1 batman, 2 wagons limbered G.S., 4 draught horses AAA





*Handwritten initials/signature*

*Approved*

1/16/16  
G.S. (OPERATIONS)  
No.....  
Date.....  
G.H.Q. - M.E.F.

From:- Chief Medforce,  
To:- Troopers London.

A.M. 244.                      10/3/16.                      Desp. 1900.

SALONICA have asked for Divisional Squadron for 10th Division who left their squadron of South Irish Horse in ENGLAND. They are anxious if possible to have this squadron sent out. At present squadron from 3rd Mounted Brigade is attached to 10th Division, but G.O.C. SALONICA considers this is expedient owing to large area to be covered by 3rd Mounted Brigade. No squadron is available here without breaking up another mounted unit. See my A.M. 232.

Copies to :- O.  
                  O(b).  
                  C.G.S.  
                  A.  
                  Q.

Filed G.S. 167.  
" G.S. Cables.



W.D

Appt E

1/162

From:- A.H.Q. SALONICA.

To:- G.H.Q. MEDFORCE.

A.789.cipher.

10/3/16.

Desp. 1750.

Recd. 2100.

Decd. 2105.

Reference your O.B.237 March 9th.

Number six Armoured Car Battery only two cars one gun each have arrived no personnel other than four drivers A.S.C. Motor Transport. No Machine Gun Batteries.

Copies to :- O.  
O(b).  
C.G.S.  
A.  
Q.

Filed G.S.211.  
" G.S.Cables.





W.D.

1/163

SECRET



Appt F.

From Chief, Medforce.

To Chief, War Office.

A.M.245.

10/3/16.

Desp. 2155.

Evening Report. Naval Air Service reconnaissances confirm agents' reports that railhead has reached 3 miles south of ASLUJ. Bridge over WADI SABA not yet completed and trains cross by a deviation. Most of camps previously observed at BIR SABA have been struck and old sites are plainly visible. There appears to be a great diminution in numbers concentrated here, but considerable activity observed on railway. Further north no important concentrations observed. TUL KERAM, SEBUSTIA, HABLUS LUDD, RAMLERH, EL FELUJA, EL MEDJEL, GAZA, but country everywhere largely entrenched facing west. Further south no change observed AUJA and KOSSAIMA.

Copies to:-

- O.
- O(b).
- C-in-C.
- C.G.S.
- I.
- A.
- Q.
- M.G.R.A.
- E-in-C.
- D.A.S.

Filed Z.29.  
 " G.S.Cables.



W.D

SECRET

1/164

From : Sir A. Murray.  
To : Sir W. Robertson.

Appt G.

A.M. 243. 9th March. Despatched 2225.

In reply to R. 3. of 7th.  
Personal and Secret.

You must remember that Godley is a Corps Commander and temporary Lieutenant-General and has been so since 25/11/15, when he relieved Birdwood, who succeeded to command of Dardanelles Army on Monro being appointed to command the latter Army and Salonika. Godley has done splendidly with the A. & N. Z. Army Corps, and his alleged unpopularity may be due to the fact that he has very strict ideas of discipline which much needed, and also to the fact that he is closely associated with New Zealand, between which and Australia there is a considerable amount of jealousy as you know.

I should feel as great if not greater confidence in Godley for operations in France than for Birdwood.

(OPERATIONS)  
No. 245/3  
Date  
G.H.Q. - M.E.F.









*W. J. D.*

1/166

*Appx J.*

*10<sup>th</sup>* March, 1916

Colonel Lord Denbigh, C.V.O., A.D.C.  
Honourable Artillery Company.

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With reference to your letter of the 3rd inst., requesting that 'A' and 'B' Batteries, H.A.C., may be brigaded under the command of Major O. Eugster, it does not seem that such a step would be justified at the present moment, when the batteries are serving separately in different Mounted Brigades. At the same time, we shall not lose sight of your recommendation, and Major Eugster's name will be noted for command of the Brigade, if the batteries are again united in the future.

*(Sgd) A. Lynden Bell*

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



SECRET

1/16Y

W.D.

Ampt-A

From : War Office.  
To : G.H.Q.

10/3/16. Desp. 1240.  
11/3/16. Recd. 0610.  
Decd. 0630.

14268 cipher S.D.S.

What changes and additions should be made to the composition of 2nd and 1st Australian Divisions as shown in the Order of Battle dated January 22nd ?



O(b). for action.  
O.  
C.S.S.  
A.

Z/25.  
G.S. Cablee.



W.P.V.

SECRET



From  
Chief, Medforce.

To  
Troopers.

A.M.247.

11/3/16.

Desp. 1840.

Your 14268 cipher S.D.2.

Following changes and additions should be made in composition of 2nd and 1st Australian Divisions as shown in Order of Battle dated Jan. 32nd. 2nd Australian Division. To 5th, 6th, and 7th Infantry Brigades add 5th, 6th and 7th Brigade Machine-gun Companies, Divisional Troops. Add No. 2 Australian Pioneer Battalion, Headquarters Divisional Artillery, Headquarters Divisional Engineers, No. 2 Australian Sanitary Section. For "13th Regiment Light Horse" read "1 Squadron 15th Light Horse Regiment". Delete portion relating to artillery brigades and heavy battery and read as follows :- 4th Australian F.A. Bde. (10th, 11th, 12th, 19th batteries), 5th Australian F.A. Bde. (13th, 14th, 15th, 20th batteries), 6th Australian F.A. Bde. (16th, 17th, 18th, 21st batteries), 22nd How. Bde. (104th, 105th, 106th How. batteries). Delete No. 4 Australian Field Co. and add No. 7 Australian Field Co. Question of cyclist companies for these two divisions awaits War Office decision, see my A.M.246. 1st Australian Division. To 1st, 2nd and 3rd Infantry Brigades add 1st, 2nd and 3rd Brigade Machine-gun companies. Divisional Troops. Add No. 1 Australian Pioneer Battalion, Headquarters Divisional Artillery, Headquarters Divisional Engineers, No. 1 Australian Sanitary Section.

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For "4th Light Horse Regiment" read "1 squadron  
4th Light Horse Regiment". Delete portion relating to  
artillery brigades and heavy battery and read as follows:-  
1st Australian F.A.Bde. (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 22nd batteries),  
2nd Australian F.A.Bde. (4th, 5th, 6th, 23rd batteries),  
3rd Australian F.A. Bde. (7th, 8th, 9th, 24th batteries).  
21st How. Brigade (101st, 102nd, 103rd, How. batteries).  
After 1st Australian Divisional Train delete "Supply  
details only". 2nd Australian Division accompanied  
by SX Cable Section, 1st Australian Division by  
LO Cable Section. L. of C. units. 2nd Australian  
Division. Australian Depot units of Supply numbers 6  
to 10 inclusive, 2nd Australian Field Bakery, 2nd  
Australian Field Butchery, 2nd Australian Division  
Infantry Base Depot, 2nd Australian Divisional Record  
Section. 1st Australian Division. Australian Depot  
Units of Supply numbers 1 to 5 inclusive. 1st Australian  
Field Bakery, 1st Australian Field Butchery, 1st  
Australian Casualty Clearing Station, 1st Australian  
Division Infantry Base Depot, 1st Australian Division  
Record Section.

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Copies to:-

O.  
O(b).  
C.G.S.  
A.  
Q.

Filed Z.25.  
" G.S.Cables.



SECRET

11140

Ampt B

From : Proemial.

To : General Sir A. Murray, Hedforce.

14248 cipher. 10th.

10/3/16. Desp. 1435.  
11/3/16. Recd. 0017.  
11/3/16. Decd. 1800.

Now that the situation in Egypt is clearer and a gradual reduction of the troops there is being made, H.M. Government have decided to unite the Imperial troops remaining in Egypt under your sole command as G.O.C.-in-C. General Maxwell has been instructed to transfer to you the command of the troops hitherto commanded by him as soon as you can mutually arrange and then to return home. As regards martial law in Egypt, Brigadier-General Asser will be sent at once from France with rank of temporary Major-General on your staff for the purpose of administering martial law and acting at Cairo as liaison officer between you and the High Commissioner. You should consult with the High Commissioner as to details of this duty. As regards organization for the purposes of command, please send your proposals early. We think that you will require subordinate commanders only for such columns on the western frontier as it may be necessary to employ.

1 copy to G.-in-C.  
C.G.S.  
O.  
C(b).  
D.A.G.  
D.Q.M.G.  
I.  
A.M.S.

Filed G.S.10/3.  
G.S.Cables.





SECRET

1/14/1

From : Chief, London.  
To : Chief, Medforce.

11/3/10. (Decd. 1110.  
(Decd. 1220.  
(Decd. 1280.

14283 cipher.

War Committee recently decided that two divisions in Egypt should for the present be earmarked to reinforce India in the event of a general rising on the North-West frontier accompanied by hostilities on the part Afghanistan. Aylmer has again failed to relieve Townshend but will try again later. If relief is successful and Russians continue their success we anticipate great improvement in East generally. If relief is unsuccessful we may have trouble on Indian frontier and the two divisions may be required. Those to go would be 11th and one T.F. Division. We shall watch situation and not deplete you unduly. Meanwhile, above is sent merely for your information. Which T.F. Division could you send ?

1 copy to O.  
O(b).  
S.-in-C.  
C.G.S.  
I.  
D.A.G.  
D.Q.M.G.

Filed 2/22.





SECRET

1/172

W.P.

Appx D

From Chief, Medforce.

To Chief, London.

A.M. 248.

11/3/16.

Desp. 1930.

Evening report.

Agent reports water in rock cisterns and pools round MOYA HARAB to be now reduced to about 6000 gallons. In first week February estimated supply was about 60,000 gallons. If Agent's report is true the difficulties of a hostile advance by the central road will be considerably increased. Agent's report will be checked.

Copies to :-

- O.
- O.(b)
- C.-in-C.
- C.G.S.
- I.
- A.
- Q.
- M.G.R.A.
- E.-in-C.
- D.A.S.

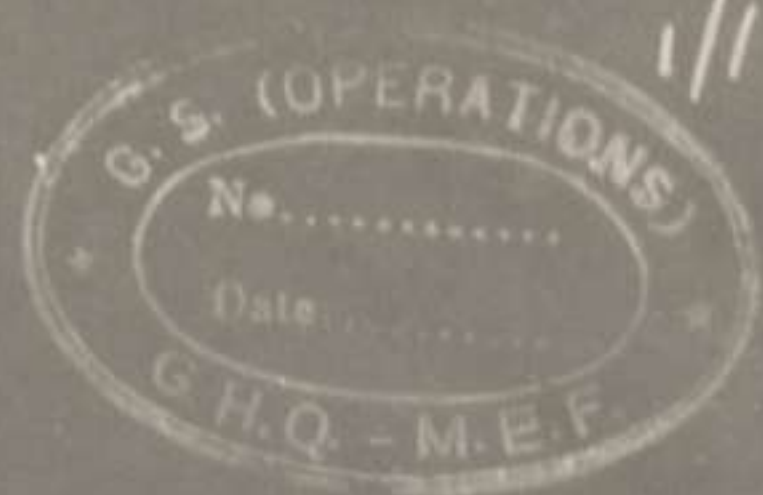
Filed G.S. Z/29.  
" G.S. Cables.

OPERATING  
Date



W.D.

App+E



From Chief, Medforce.  
To Troopers, London.

A.M. 249. 11/3/16. Desp. 1935.

Your 14120 cipher S.D.S. 6th March.

The Armoured Car units are distributed as follows :- Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Armoured Motor Batteries (Duke of Westminster) are allotted to the Force in Egypt and are operating with the Western Frontier Force. No. 17 Motor Machine-gun Battery with Force in Egypt at FAYUM. No. 6 Armoured Motor Battery at SALONICA. Nos. 3, 4, 9, 10, 11 and 12 Squadrons R.N.A.C.D. have been broken up and personnel returned home. All that remains of these is the emergency Squadron, for disposal of which please see my A.M. 236 of 6th March. There are no other Armoured Car units under my command.

Copies to :-

- O.
- O.(b)
- G.C.S.
- A.
- Q.

Filed G.S. 211.  
" G.S. Cables.





G.S. 2/45.

*W.D.*

SECRET

*11/174*

*Mpp+F.*

11th March 1916.

The,

General Officer Commanding,

1st A. & N. Z. Army Corps.

Australian & New Zealand Forces.

The 2nd Australian Division will be despatched to France immediately following the 29th Division.

It must be ready to commence embarkation on the 16th instant.

Further orders will be issued.

*Col L. K. Bernard*  
*Capt. led.*  
*for*

Major-General,

Chief of the General Staff,

Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.



G.S. 113/11.

*W.R.D.*  
**SECRET**

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*Appt G*

*11* March, 6

Lieut.-General Sir W.R.Birdwood, K.C.S.I., etc.  
Commanding Australian and New Zealand Forces.

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The Chief of the General Staff, who is away with the Commander-in-Chief, instructed me to forward to you today the attached draft letter to the War Office.

The Chief of the General Staff would be grateful for any suggestions you may care to make on the letter. He is anxious that the proposals submitted to the War Office from here, should be clear and defined, and represent the united views of the Commander-in-Chief and yourself.

I attach copies of two wires on the question of Hospitals. Perhaps you would say what you think should be done with respect to them.

*Col A.B. Robertson*

Major, G.S.



G.S. 24/1

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11<sup>th</sup> March, 6

Administrative Commandant,  
Ismailia.

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The attached is passed to you for disposal.  
If possible please give effect to the request  
in the last paragraph of Commandant Machine Gun School's  
memo, marked A.

(Sgd) A. B. Robertson  
Major  
Major-General,  
Chief of the General Staff,  
Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.





M.G.S. 32/9.

1/1/44

G.H.Q.,

M.E.F.

I find that the work necessary to keep the interior economy of this school (Sanitation, Feeding arrangements etc.) is so great when I have a large class assembled that it interferes very much with my instructional duties and those of my Staff. Up to date I have not finished my work till 10.p.m. except on one evening ; and the night following that I had to work till midnight to pull up again. My strength when full up is about 300 or the equivalent of a battalion at home in peace time. And yet I have no Adjutant, Qr.Mr., Sergt Cook, O.Mess Sergt, ( 84 officers in Mess) Pioneer Sergt etc. My fatigue men are all class "B" men and my Qr.Mr.Sergt is 54 years of age. The Administrative Commandant, at a meeting of all the Commanding Officers in Ismailia District, laid great stress on the sanitation and tidiness of all the various camps under his command and issued stringent orders in detail on this subject. To comply with his full wishes is impossible with my present staff. My 13 fatigue men are fully employed already on the following duties . Cooks, Wood choppers, gun storeman ( 27 machine guns) Postman, Qr.Mr's Stores, sanitation, target making and repairs etc. Batmen (1). A sentry has been ordered to be placed over the water stand pipe in all camps. This I cannot do at present. As a minimum I require the following :-

Adjutant and Qr.Mr.	1	(Responsible for Camp etc.)
Pioneer Sergeant	1	(In charge of fatigue men).
Officers' Mess Sergt.	1	(In charge of O.Mess.)

/Sgt.Master Cook.



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Sergt. Master Cook.	1.	(Cooking for Staff Sergts N.C.O's and men.)
Corporal.	1.	(In charge of Water supply guard.)
Fatigue men.	25.	

If I could have attached to me permanently  $\frac{1}{2}$  a platoon with 1 Officer, 3 sergeants, 1 Corporal and 25 men this would be a solution.

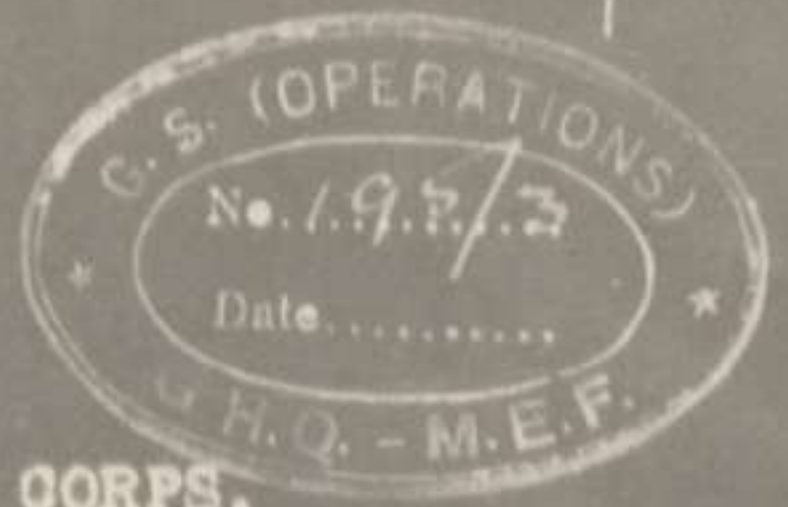
M.E.F.  
10/3/16.

(Sd) N.K. Charteris, Major,  
Commandant G.H.Q. Machine Gun School.



W.A.  
C.R. No. 21/7/

App't J.



1st AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

Subject.- INVENTIONS.

To.-

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

1. From time to time especially on Gallipoli inventions by Officers and Other ranks of this Corps have been submitted. In the past they have been dealt with as follows.- (1) They were considered by a committee composed of the B.G.G.S. C.E., and A.D.O.S. of the Corps, and the inventores were in most cases present to explain their inventions. (2) When it was considered advisable facilities were given to the inventors to perfect models and in some cases men were sent to Alexandria for this purpose. (3) When it was considered that the case warranted it the inventions were brought to notice of the Inventions board of the Ministry of Munitions through the High Commissioner for Australia, or N.Z. in London.
2. Under the altered conditions in which we now find ourselves it is suggested that step (1) above be continued and that where favourable recommendations are made by the Committee the inventions be passed to G.H.Q. for any further action deemed advisable.
3. It is recommended that if inventions of Australians and New Zealanders are submitted to the "Inventions Board" of the Ministry of Munitions, it should be done through the High Commissioner of Australia and New Zealand respectively with a view to safe guarding in interests of the inventors.



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4. In accordance with the plan I forward herewith the papers and models in connection with a number of inventions on which the "Inventions Committee" of this Corps has given favourable reports.

Those marked "A" appear to be of importance.

Those marked "B" were actually used at Gallipoli with good results.

*G. G. G. G.*

Ismailia.

Lieut.-General,

11 March 1916.

Commanding,

1st A. & N.Z., A.C.

Enclosures.-

Papers in connection with.-

- 1. Aiming Post Lamp Lighter  
(Gunner Cheeseman, 3rd B.A.C. A.F.A.)
- 2. Loophole Shield.  
(Gunner Cheeseman, 3rd B.A.C. A.F.A.)
- A 3. Machine Gun Silencer and Flash Absorber.  
No. 1809 Private F.R. Devere, 24th Bn. A.I.F.
- B 4. Traversing and Elevating Levelling bar for attachment  
(No. 1809 Private F.R. Devere, 24th Bn. A.I.F.)
- 5. Loophole Plate.  
Cpl. Morrinson, 8th Field Coy Australian Engineers.
- 6. Sand Tyre.  
Ssgt. H. J. A. Ferguson, 1st Div. Sig. Co. A.E.F.
- A 7. Bomb Projector or Bomb throwing machine.  
Lieuts Kemp-Small, and R.P. Butler, R.E. N.Z., Division.

Under Separate Cover.

MODELS.-

- 1. Aiming Post Lamplighter marked "A"
- 2. Loophole Protection " " "B"
- 3. M.G. silencer and flash absorber "C"
- 4. Rifle Rest. "D"
- 5. Loophole Plate. "E"



SECRET



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W.P.  
M

From

A. H. Q. SALONICA.

To

G. H. Q.

*Handwritten signature*

G.C. 71. cipher.

12/5/18.

Desp. 1300.

Recd. 1830.

Decd. 1825.

Reference A.M.37. January 21st.

Progress of Defences and roads satisfactory,  
supply of timber backward, hospitals delayed owing to  
inclement weather and deficiency of transport, waterworks  
progress, 400 Royal Engineers Drivers still deficient.

Copies to:-

- O.
- O(b).
- C.G.S.
- E-in-C.
- A.
- Q.

Filed Z.S.  
" G.S.Cables.



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Oppt B



From  
A. H. Q. SALONICA.  
To  
G. H. Q.

A.790.

Recd. 11/3/16.  
Corrected. 12/3/16.

Instruction establishment Officers 1, Commandant 1,  
Assistant Commandant 1, Sergeant Major 1, Q.M.S. 1, and 5  
Sergeant Instructors, Other ranks 4, Cooks 3, Sanitary  
men 5, Fatigue men include 1 carpenter, 1 N.C.O. and 2  
men 4 (for) transport duty. All personnel other ranks  
except instructors to be marked permanent base if  
possible Transport 1 G.S. limber wagon 4 miles.

Copies to:-

- O(b).
- C.G.S.
- A.
- A.M.S.

Filed G.S. 149.  
" G.S. Cables.



W.A.

SECRET

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G.S. (OPERATIONS)  
No. ....  
Date. ....  
G.H.Q. - M.E.F.

From *mpc*  
Superflux. Cairo.  
To  
G. H. Q. Medforce. Repeated Troopers.

G.E. 572. cipher. 11/3/16. Desp. 2230.  
12/3/16. Recd. 0615.

Following from Governor-General SOUDAN begins:-  
"As result of my inspection here am satisfied generally and military arrangements are well forward. Troops detailed for occupation of UM SHAGA and GEBEL EL HELLA leave NAHUD about March 16th. Examination on the spot fully confirms my previous opinion that ALI DINAR's action had necessitated more forward policy by us regarding DAFOUR and that an advance west of EL HELLA will probably be forced on us at an early date for which we must prepare. This necessitates careful preparations and immediate improvement of long lines of communications from rail-head at EL OBBID to KORDOFAN boundary. This will be taken in hand at once and I hope to be able to supplement camel by withdrawal transport over parts of this line. Will report on above on return to KHARTOUM."

Copies to:-  
O.  
O(b).  
I.  
C-in-C.  
C.G.S.  
Filed Z.28.  
" G.S. Cables.



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SECRET

W.D.

App D

From War Office  
To G.H.Q. Medforce.

14307 cipher.S.D.2.

11/3/15.  
12/3/16.

Desp. 2115.  
Recd. 0615.  
Decd. 0650.

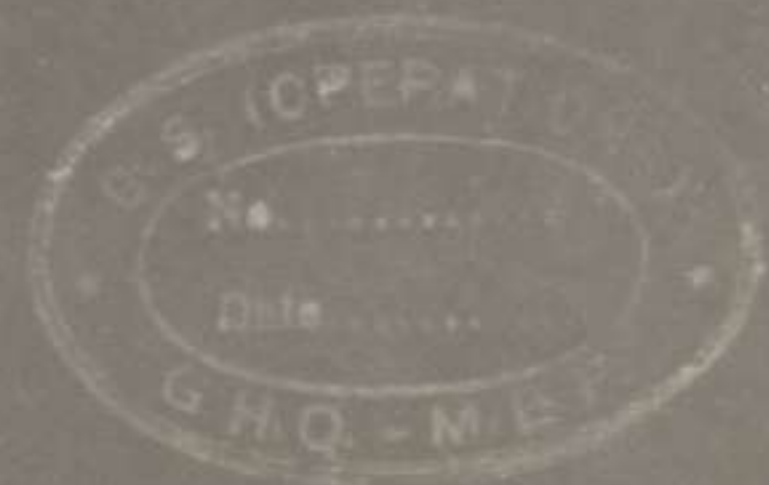
Your A.M. 162, February 22nd.

Please wire exactly what machine guns will accompany Australian and New Zealand Divisions to FRANCE. Have Machine-gun Companies for these Divisions been formed ?

Copies to :-

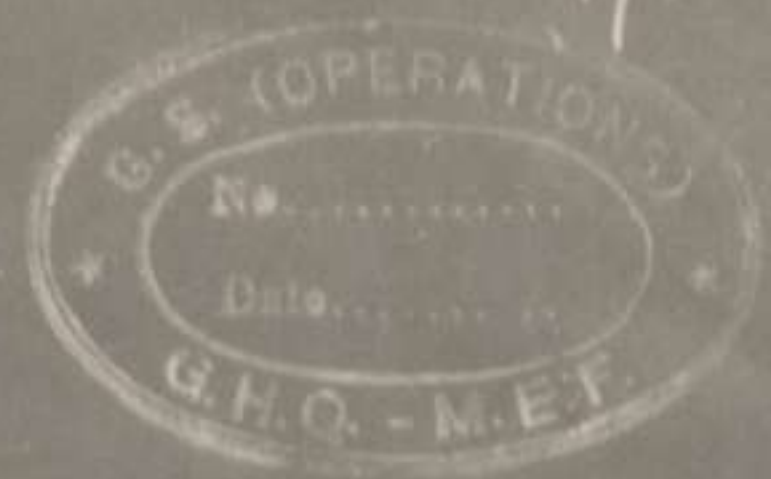
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- O.(b)
- G.G.S.
- A.
- Q.

Filed G.S. Z/49.  
" G.S. Cables.





SECRET



W.F.  
M

From

Chief, Medforce.

To

Troopers, London.

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A.M.251.

12/3/18.

Deep. 1205.

Your 14807 cipher S.D.S of 11th.

Each battalion of the Australian and New Zealand Divisions going to France is organised with Machine Gun Sections equipped with 4 Lewis Machine Guns. Each Infantry Brigade will be accompanied with its Machine Gun Company, organised and armed as per War Establishments, Part VII. These Machine Gun Companies have just been formed and their training is, therefore, naturally in a backward state, but they are keen and promise well.

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Copies to:-

O.  
O(b).  
C.G.S.  
G.  
D.O.S.  
A.

Filed Z.49.

" G.S.Cables.



W.D.

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**SECRET**

*Apple*

From : Chief, London.  
To : Sir A. Murray.

11/3/18. Desp. 1800.  
12/3/18. Recd. 0615.  
Decd. 0620.

R. 4. Cipher.

Your A.M. 243.

Secret and Personal.

Have seen Hughes, Australian Premier, to-day. He does not like idea of Godley. Apparently he has heard certain yarns. He has agreed to abide by what Haig and I decide. I go to France to-day and will see Haig. I return Tuesday and will then let you know for certain.

1 copy to G.-in-C.)  
1 copy to G.G.S. ) only.

G.S. (OPERATIONS)  
No.....  
Date.....  
G.H.Q. - I.I.E.F.



1/19/47

SECRET

W.D.

From : Chief, Medforce.

To : Chief, London.

Appt F

A.M. 250.

12/3/46.

Despatched 1055.

Your 14283 cipher noted.

I think 42nd Division would be the best for the indicated operations. It is the strongest.

Let me know if any special scale of transport and equipment is required for the two Divisions, and what India will hold ready for the emergency.

I presume Dismounted Brigade will go with the 42nd.

1 copy to O.  
O(b).  
C.-in-C.  
C.G.S.  
D.A.G.  
D.Q.M.G.

Filed 2/52.





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Apppt G

W.R.  
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From: Chief Medforce.

To:- Troopers.

A.M.253.

12/3/16.

Desp. 1405.

Following from Birdwood, begins :-- "On arrival from AUSTRALIA of Mining Corps I had intended to use the Headquarters and 3 Companies of which it is composed to form nucleus of Pioneer Battalions for 5th, 1st., 2nd. and 4th Australian Divisions respectively. I now learn Mining Corps has been despatched direct to ENGLAND. May War Office be asked if Mining Corps may still be used to form nucleus of Pioneer Battalions specified. Ends. You will probably want them as mining Corps and not pioneers. Is that so ?

Copies to :-  
 O.  
 O(b).  
 C.G.S.  
 A.  
 Q.

Filed G.S.Cables.  
 " G.S.113.



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W.A.  
M.A.

From Troopers.  
To G. H. Q.

Appt H

14315 cipher S.D.S.

12/3/18.

Disp. 1440.  
Recd. 2100.  
Deod. 2115.

Your A.M.236.

Personnel for two armoured motor batteries are being prepared for service in Egypt, and will be sent out as soon as possible to replace R.N.A.C.D. personnel. The establishment will be similar to those you have. The batteries will be numbered 11 and 12.

Copies to:-

- O.
- O(b).
- C.G.S.
- A.
- Q.

- Filed G.S.28.
- " G.S.211.
- " G.S.Cables.







SECRET

1/1910

Apppt J.

12<sup>th</sup> March, 1916

General Officer Commanding,  
1st A. & N.Z. Army Corps.

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Reference your G.R. No. 41/8/1 GA. There is no change in the allotment of heavy artillery to your section.

The personnel and horses of the 32nd Siege Brigade are at ISMAILIA, only the guns being at PORT SAID.

The 130th Heavy Battery is also at ISMAILIA, while H.Q., 35th Brigade and 25th Heavy Battery are at ALEXANDRIA.

Arrangements are therefore being made to complete the concentration of these units in your area as soon as possible.

*Cody & K. Bernard  
for Capt. ...*

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



SECRET

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MP+A

From

A. H. Q. SALONICA.

To

London. Repeated G.H.Q. and ATHENS.

G.C.72 cipher.

12/3/18.  
13/3/18.

Desp. 3225.  
Recd. 0815.  
Decd. 0850.

French have moved detachment consisting of an infantry brigade with four batteries Artillery and two Squadrons to frontier about SMOL. MAKUKOVO KARABINAWCI. Object harass enemy's working parties in both Greek and Serbian territory but have orders not to cross frontier. Detachment should have reached its position to-day.

Copies to:-

O.  
O(b).  
I.  
C-in-C.  
C.S.S.

Filed Z.S.  
" G.S.Cables.





SECRET

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M/H+B



From:- CHIEF MEDFORCE.

To:- CHIEF LONDON.

A.M.256.

13/3/18

Despd. 1955.

Have seen Maxwell and High Commissioner to-day. Have arranged to take over on the 19th. Maxwell probably leaving 22nd. Presume no objection to my abolition abolishing Levant Base, by which I can economise officers and improve administration.

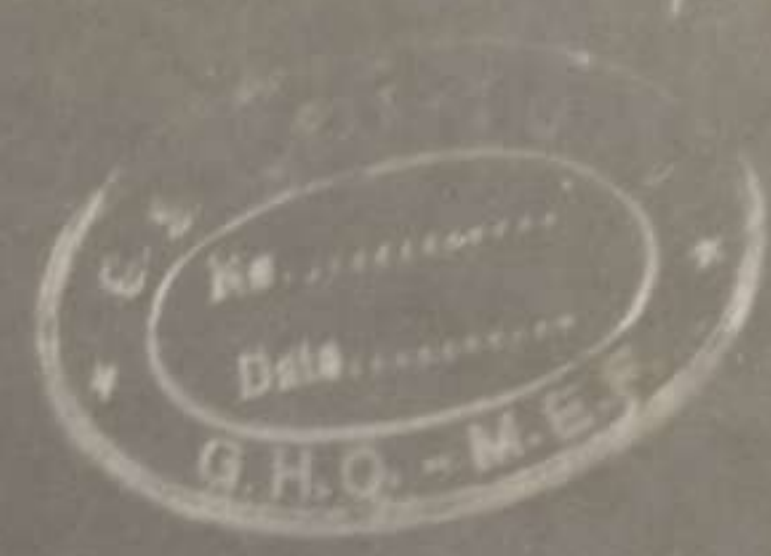
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C.-in-C.  
C.G.S.  
A.  
Q.

Filed G.S. 10/2.  
G.S. Cables.



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From:- CHIEF MEDFORCE.

To:- TROOPERS LONDON.

A.M.207.

13/3/16

Despd. 1955.

Reference my wire M.F.A.8588 of 1st March. I must have an A.G. as soon as possible in view of my taking over Egyptian garrison on the 19th in addition to my own force, which is over 500000 strong. In my command the only suitable officer appears to be Poett, and I shall be prepared to accept him if you have not made other arrangements. Early instructions requested.

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

Filed G.S.215.  
G.S. Cables.



W.V.

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G.S.Z.34/1.

SECRET

13th March, 1918

Appx C.

General Officer Commanding,  
9th Army Corps.

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In reply to your O/810/31. The Commander-in-Chief agrees with your proposal to locate the mobile forces in forward positions on each flank as stated in your O/810/19 of 3rd March.

(Dd) D.K. Bernard  
Capt

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