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Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War

Formation Headquarters

Item number: 1/6/3 Part 4

Title: General Staff, General
Headquarters, Egyptian
Expeditionary Force

June 1916



AWM4-1/6/3PART4

SECRET.

app A

SECRET

From : Troopers.

To : Eypforce.

17369 cipher. Q.M.G.2.

31/5/16
1/6/16

Desp. 1800.
Recd. 0615.
Decd. 0620.

Drafts from garrison battalions referred to 16742 May 17th
should be despatched in one of the transports conveying
ANZAC Divisions to FRANCE.

Copies to :- Q. for action.
O(b).
C.G.S.
A.
Filed 'Q' Cables.



"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121

No. of Message

Prefix	Code	m.	Words	Charge	This message is on file of <i>Opp B</i>	Recd. at
Office of Origin and Service Instructions <i>Priority H. J. Russell</i>			Sent			Service.
			At	m.		From
			To		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By
			By			

TO *Canal Company*

Sender's Number. <i>* Oac 162</i>	Day of Month <i>1st</i>	In reply to Number	<i>AAA</i>
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all clear



From <i>Y HQ</i>	
Place	
Time <i>0850</i>	

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z)

Censor. *H. J. Russell*
Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

* This line should be erased if not required.

(T1809) Wt. 14142-641. 45000 pads. 4/15. Sir J. C. & S.

WD

App C

From :- C.O.C., HUNDOS.
To :- Chief HYPHOBOS.

B.M. 128 cipher.

1/6/16.

Disp. 1454.
Recd. 1525
Dood. 1630

Your A.M. 898 and my B.M. 112.

Paragraph about HUNDOS Island should read anti-aircraft
guns, 5 officers, and 58 other ranks. Movable armament was taken
over by Navy. Two of these guns are at present at LOWE ISLAND (?)
and four in a Naval store ship at HUNDOS.

Copies to :-

- O(a).
- O(b).
- C.O.C.
- H.O.R.A.
- R. in C.
- A.
- C.

Filed C.S. 88
C.S. cables.



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SECRET.

App D

MD

From :- Chief EGYPTFORCE.

To :- Chief LONDON.

SECRET

A.M. 594 cipher.

1/8/18

Desp. 2135

Evening report.

Enemy aeroplanes bombed our camp at ROMANI causing some casualties. We shall retaliate with interest tomorrow.

Copies to :-

G(D).

D. in C.

G.S.S.

I.

A.

G.

R.A.

Filed

M.G.R.A.

R. in C.

D.A.S.

A.M.S.

Major Vitale.

G.S. 2/88

G.S. cables.



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SECRET.

From :- Chief EGYPTFORC.

To :- Troopers LONDON.

W.D.

APR E

SECRET

A.M. 595 cipher.

1/6/16

Desp. 2145

Reference your 13096 cipher S.D.2. Following unit incorporated in R.E.F.:- 24th Stationary Hospital. Headquarters, 53rd Division, 160th Infantry Brigade, 265th, 266th, and 267th Field Artillery Brigades moved to No. 2 Section Canal Zone. 163rd Brigade, 54th Division has moved from No. 1 to 2 Section.

Copies to :-

O(a). A.
 O(b). Q.
 C.S.S. Filed G.S. 169
 I. G.S. cables.



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APP F

From:- Troopers.

To:- G.H.Q., Egyptforce.

7382. S&D.2.

31/5/16.
1-6-16

Desp. 1700.
Recd. 2211.

Decoded 0900

Your G.S. 212. 10th. May.

Proposed establishment approved except for Headquarters.

Total of two baggage camels for officers considered sufficient and same number of baggage camels for officers of a company.

Establishment of Base Depot on basis of ten per cent (%) should be amended to read, for six British companies three officers, five sergeants, seventy two rank and file and for four Australian Companies, 2 officers, 2 Sergeants, 48 rank and file.

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

Filed G.S. 212.
" G.S. Cables.



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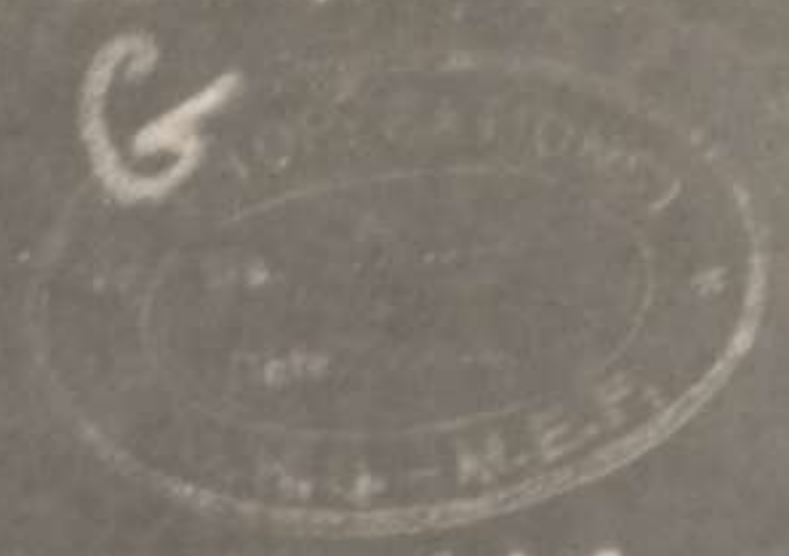
W.D.

SECRET

G.S. 2/59.

General Officer Commanding,
2nd A. & N.Z. Army Corps.

App



With reference to your private letter dated 31/5/16, the Commander-in-Chief approves of your handing over the command of No. 2 Section, Canal Defences to the General Officer Commanding 53rd Division at 1200 on Saturday, 3rd June preparatory to your departure for FRANCE. The General Officer Commanding 53rd Division is being informed accordingly.

Reginald Dyer

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

G.H.Q., E.E.F.
1/6/16.

Copies to :- A. E. in C.
Q. D.A.S.
M.G.R.A.

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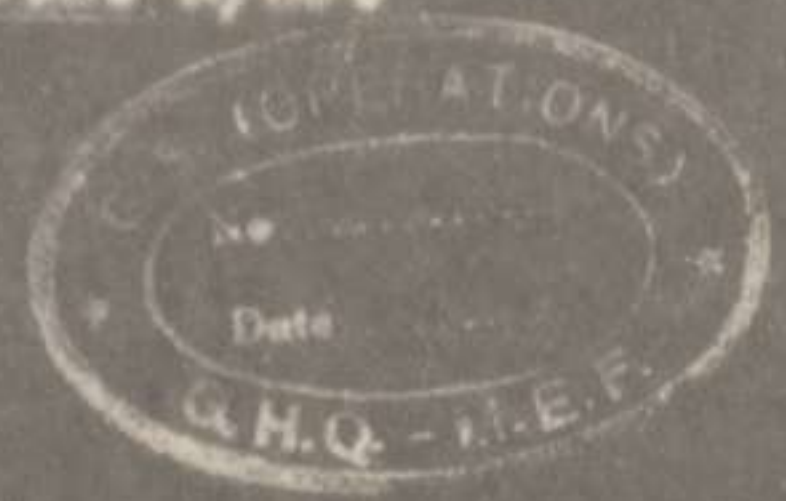
W.D.

App H

SECRET

G.S. 2/100.

General Officer Commanding,
53rd Division.



On the departure of the General Officer Commanding,
2nd A. & N.Z. Army Corps to FRANCE, you are appointed to
take command of No. 8 Section, Canal Defences.

You will assume command as from noon Saturday,
June 2nd. The General Officer Commanding, 2nd A. & N.Z.
Army Corps has been informed accordingly.

(sd) A. Lynden Bell

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

G.H.Q., M.E.F.
1/8/18.

Copies to :-

- | | |
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| A. | E. in C. |
| C. | D.A.S. |
| M.C.R.A. | <i>and</i> |

CMQ/469/18

App I



ND

General Officer Commanding,
No. 1 Section, Canal Defences.

With reference to your Q.536 of May 25th, recent experiments carried out in camel draught for artillery have led to the conclusion that this form of traction is unlikely ever to produce satisfactory results. It has therefore been decided that it is of no use to proceed with further experiments in this connection.

(Sgd) A. Ryndenberg

G. H. Q.
1.6.16.

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

*Copies to M.G.H.A.
Q.*



APP K

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G.S. 2/59.

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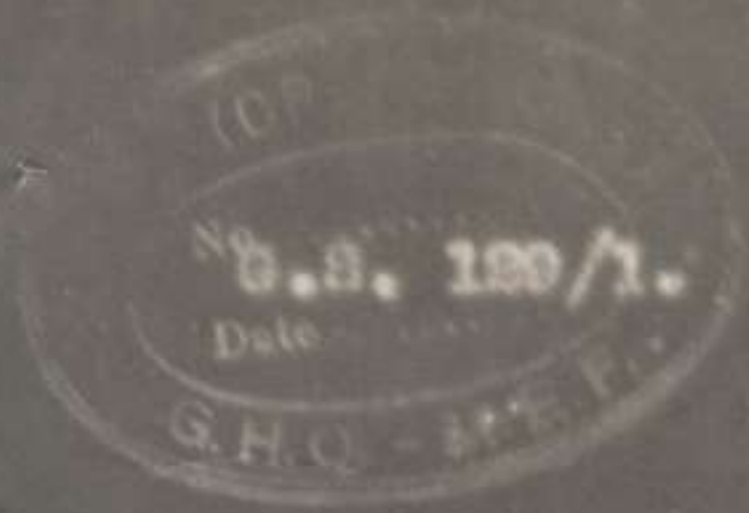
General Officer Commanding,
No. 2 Section.

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1. With reference to your proposals regarding the distribution of troops in No. 2 Section, the Commander-in-Chief considers that the scheme, in so far as it concerns the FERDAN - BALLAH sub-section calls for some ^{re-}consideration.
 2. He is strongly of opinion that defensive positions sited, in conformity with general policy, approximately to cover railheads at FERDAN and BALLAH, should be held, and for this purpose he is prepared to dispense with the mobile column contemplated for this Section, as it is apparent that only by this means can the necessary troops be provided.
 3. The Commander-in-Chief cannot agree in principle to a covering force composed exclusively of mounted troops, unsupported by Infantry. In his opinion this duty should be carried out by Infantry picquets - mounted troops being pushed out to patrol well to the front by day, and being withdrawn by night, with the exception of such standing patrols as the General Officer Commanding the Section may consider necessary.
 4. The Commander-in-Chief would be glad if you would reconsider your scheme in the light of these remarks, and forward revised proposals for this sub-section as early as possible.
 5. With regard to the FERRY POST and SERAPEUM sub-sections, distribution as suggested is approved.

(Sgd) J. Lynden Bell.

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

G.H.Q., E.E.F.
1/6/16.



WD appl

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Secretary,
War Office, LONDON, S.W.

signed
5th May, 1916.

Sir,

I have the honour to request that an alteration may be made in the Establishment of riding horses for a Mounted Brigade Field Ambulance (for dismounted duties). At present, there is no approved War Establishment for these units, but in accordance with A.F. G. 1098/177 dated September, 1915, only two riding horses are allowed. It is considered necessary, for the efficient working of these units in the field, that the following should be mounted :-

- Officers.
- Sergt-Major.
- Transport Sergeant.
- Farrier Corporal.

Approval is therefore asked for an establishment of nine riding horses for each of these units, thus bringing them into line with that allotted for Field Ambulances in War Establishment, Part VII.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sgd) A. Lynden Bell
M. G. C. C. S.

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

Copies to A
Q

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APP A

W.D.

From:- A.H.Q. SALONICA.

To:- LONDON, repeated G.H. Egyptforce and ATHENS.

G.C. 184. cipher.

1/3/16.
2/3/16.

Desp. 2250.
Recd. 0620.
Deaf. 0825.

Situation unchanged, nothing to report.

Copies to :- C(a).
C(b).
C-in-C.
G.H.S.
I.
A.
Q.

Filed G.S. 2/50.
" G.S. Cables.



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"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121.

No. of Message _____

Prefix _____	Code _____	m. _____	Words _____	Charge _____	This message is on a/c of: _____ Service. _____	Recd. at _____ m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.			Sent _____	At _____ m.		Date _____
TO: GOC No 1 section			To _____	By _____	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	From _____
Sender's Number.			Day of Month	In reply to Number	A A A	

* DA 78 2nd _____

Continuing telephone conversation with Major Kersey this morning the move of yeomanry regiment allotted temporarily to No 2 section should be carried out by march route. All details to be arranged direct with GOC No 2 section. If any rail transport required please communicate requirements direct to DAGLOCK Cairo.



From G.H.P.
Place _____
Time 1125

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) A. C. Dawson Capt G.S.
Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

* This line should be erased if not required.

W.D.

APP D

1/15

From : HUPPOND.

To : A.H.C. SAIGONA.

A.H. 898.

2/6/18

Desp. 1430.

Your G.C. 41 of May 18th. In Headquarters 87th Brigade now complete.

Copies to :- O(a).

O(b).

C.S.S.

A.

Q.

H.C.R.A.

Filed G.S. 205.

G.S. Cables.



W.D.
From :- D.M.S. SALONIKA.

To :- D.M.S. EGYPTORCE.

APP E 1/16

1114 cipher.

2/6/16

Desp. 1056
Recd. 1745
Decd. 1835

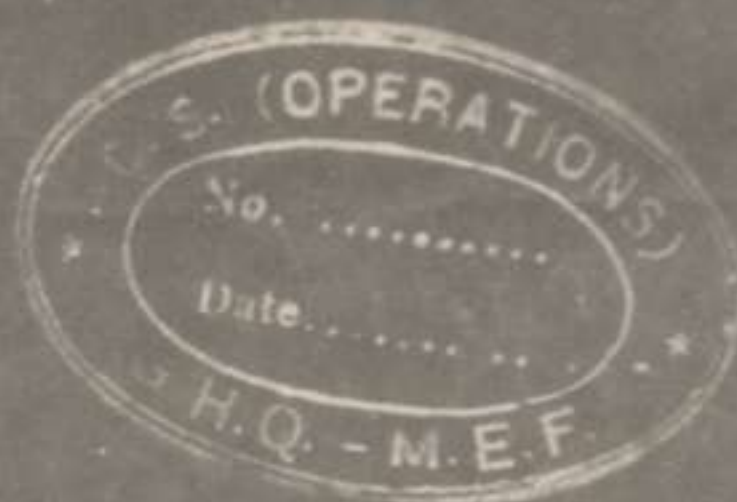
M.H.Q. 2040, 31st.

Your 2040 May 20th was not received here to complete establishments of existing units to SALONIKA scale required on May 28th. Drivers 3082, R.A.M.C. regular officers 22, Territorial 5, other ranks regulars 300, Territorials 101. Deficiencies draft mules 304, pack mules 1093, light ambulance wagons 37. Also required 40 light ambulance wagons as reserve. To bring 7th Mounted Brigade Field Ambulance to proposed ~~field~~ establishment require in addition, drivers 115, draft mules 11, pack mules 73. As pointed out with above serious shortages Medical situation cannot be considered satisfactory as Field Ambulances quite unable to deal with any large number of casualties. Am arranging three months reserve medical stores. To render 'B' Section No. 137 Indian ^{Ambulance} Field / mobile, require Duffadar 1, Naik 1, Halbond 1, Drivers 41, riding horse 1, riding ponies 7, draft mules 28, pack mules 41, light ambulance wagons 2, Indian mule carts 9. Cacolets require very strong mules otherwise too heavy but even with selected mules distance which can be traversed is limited.

Copies to :-

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

Filed A cables.



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App F

W.A.

SECRET.

From :- EGYPFORGE.

To :- Troopers LONDON.

A.M. 597 cipher.

2/6/16

Desp. 1830

Having completed arrangements here in accordance your 17944 of 22nd May I receive cable from MUDROS of which following is extract, begins: Armament being reduced two six pounder guns by order of V.A. Movable armament returned by R.N.D. to Ordnance thence to Navy 3rd May. ends. Am I to accept this situation ? It will mean modification of units detailed to the extent of 4 officers and 71 other ranks.

Copies to :-

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

Filed G.S. 86
G.S. cables.



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App G

W.P.

From:- Chief, EGYPTFORC.
To:- Chief, LONDON.

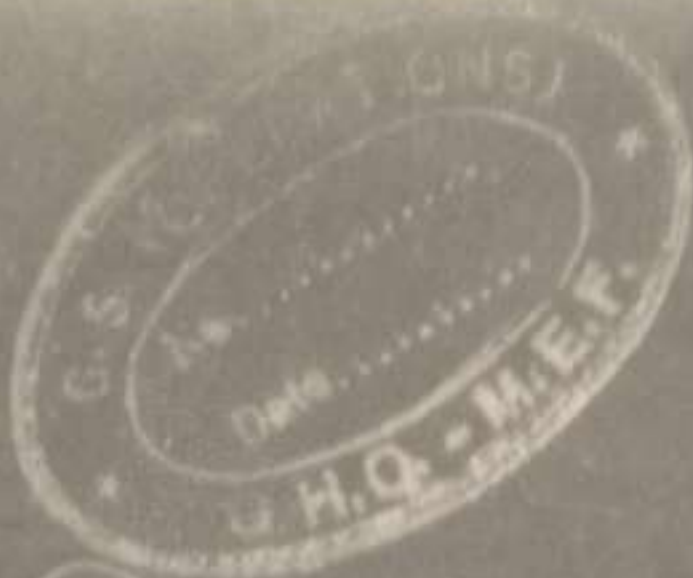
A.M. 598. 2/8/18. Desp. 2200.

Evening Report. Eastern Front. Our aeroplanes
dropped 40 bombs into enemy's camp at MAGHARA, 25 miles
east of ISMAILIA, with excellent effect.

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

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





SECRET

App H
G.S. Z/59.

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W.D.

General Officer Commanding,
2nd. A. & N. Z. Army Corps.

With reference to my G.S. Z/59 of June 1st., on the departure of Headquarters, 2nd. A. & N. Z. Army Corps overseas, the 5th Australian Division will be regarded, pending embarkation, as a G.H.Q. reserve, and will be under the direct tactical command of G.H.Q.

A copy of this letter has been sent for information to the General Officer Commanding, 53rd. Division.

(Sgd) A. Lynden Bell

G.H.Q.,
E.E.F.,
2.6.16.

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

Copies to :-

- A.
- Q.
- M.G.R.A.
- E.-in-C.
- D.A.S.
- A.M.S.
- 53rd. Division.

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WP



SECRET

G.S. Z/59.

APP

General Officer Commanding,
53rd. Division.

A copy of memo. No. G.S. Z/59 of to-day's date
addressed to General Officer Commanding, 2nd. A. & N. Z.
Army Corps is forwarded for your information.

(Sgd) A. Lynden Bell

G.H.Q.,
E.E.F.,
2.6.16.

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

SECRET

App K

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G.S. Z/54/1.

Date

G.H.Q. - M.E.F.

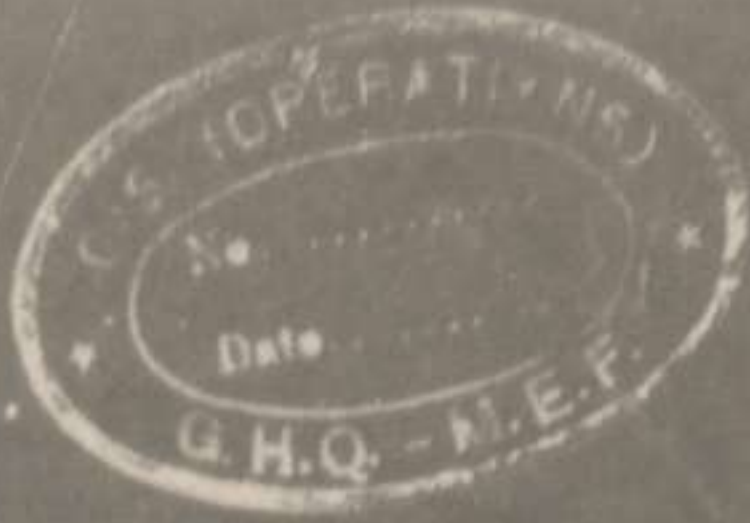
General Officer Commanding,
Lines of Communication Defences.

With reference to the L. of C. Defence Scheme, No.11 ISMAILIA Section, the Commander-in-Chief wishes to be informed whether the Signal personnel required in accordance with para 10 (communication by visual signalling) is actually available at all times, and in possession of the requisite signalling equipment for such employment.

(Sgd) A. Lynden Bell.

G.H.Q.,
E.E.F.,
2.6.16.

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



G.S. 7.26/1.

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SECRET

General Officer Commanding,
Western Frontier Force.

The Commander-in-Chief has read your special instructions issued to Officers Commanding sections with much interest and entire approval of the principles laid down. He wishes, however, to lay special stress upon the necessity of all-round wiring of detached posts in such manner as will render them absolutely inaccessible to surprise attack from any direction.

(Sgd) *A. Lynden Bell.*

G. H. Q.

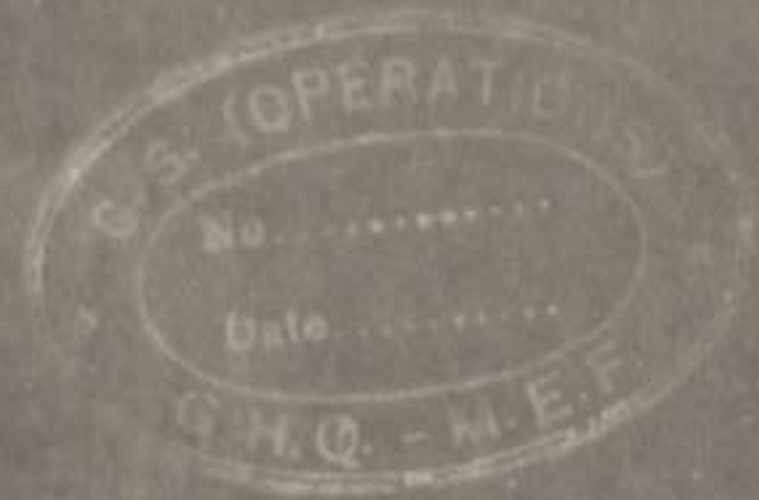
2.6.16.

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

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W.D.

APP A



From:- TROOPERS LONDON.

To:- EGYPTFORCE.

17445.cipher.Q.M.G.S.

2/6/16
3/6/16

Despd. 1900
Recd. 0615
Decd. 0645

Your A.M.587 of 31st. No authority is required to complete Railway Transport Section at SALONIKA as per 121/Rlys/68 amended by 121/Rlys/77 Q.M.G.S.E. May 10th. Where four Staff Captains, eight Staff Lieutenants 1st Class and ten Staff Lieutenants 2nd Class replace 6, 10 and 6 respectively but see my telegram June 30th (?) 322.

Copies to O(a).
Q.

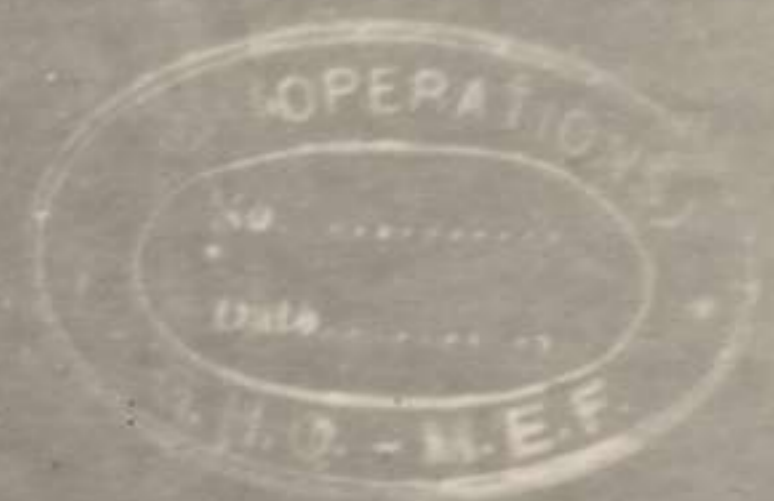
O(b).
A.

G.G.S.
Filed G.S. 184. G.S. Cables.

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W.D.

App B,



From : War Office, London.
To : Egyptforce.

17448 cipher A.G.2.a.

Desp. 1906, 2/6/16.
Recd. 0815, 3/6/16.
Decd. 0630, 3/6/16.

Your M.F.A.B. 1928, 1st.

Please have these 498 who are presumed to be all added to those reported in your M.F.A.B. 900 May 1st, in readiness to embark for FRANCE equipped and clothed according to instructions in my 16742. Any additional men becoming available between now and date of embarkation should also be sent and numbers reported here. Instructions regarding embarkation follow.

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

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WQ

APP C



From:- CHIEF LONDON.

To:- EGYPTFORCE. Repeated SALONIKA.

17454.cipher.

2/6/18
3/6/18

Despd. 2155
Recd. 0615
Decd. 0650

Your C.M.Q.T.1474. The Monmouth and Anglesey Siege Coys. have an establishment practically double that of A.T.Coy. In FRANCE Siege Companies are counted as the equivalent of two A.T.Companies which are allotted in the proportion of one per Division. On this basis there are in EGYPT 8 A.T. Companies and one additional T.F. Field Company for five Divisions and at SALONIKA five A.T. Companies for five Divisions. Under the circumstances I am unable to send the 37th A.T. Company from SALONIKA and no further R.E. units can at present be sent from home.

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

Filed C.S. 81/1.
Q Cables.

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"A" Form.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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			To			By
			(Signature of "Franking Officer.")			

TO Westforce

Sender's Number.	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
* Oac 164	3rd		

Your SR/19A/241 dated June 1st aac
 see ^{our} Oac 118 dated 9-5-16
 in reply to N.W.F. no
 G.S. 754 aac sanction ~~has~~
~~been withdrawn~~ then given has
 not been withdrawn



From	G.H.Q.
Place	
Time	0750

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z)

J.H. Gammell

Censor.

Signature of Addresser or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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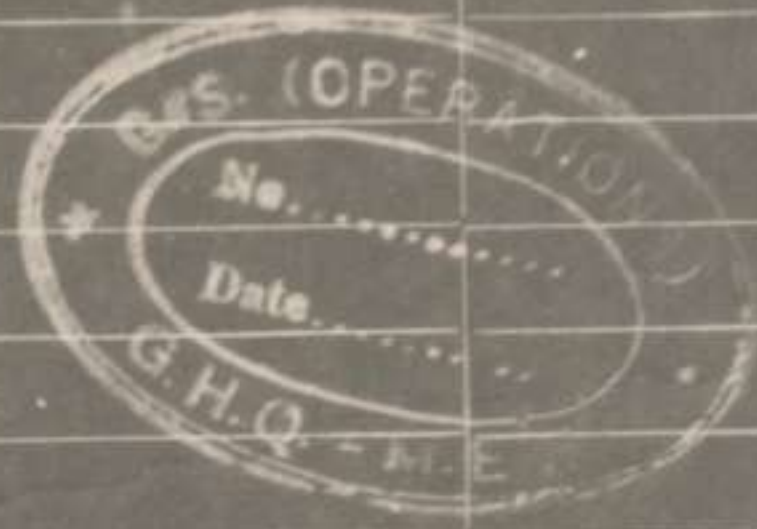
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			By		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		

TO Canal Company

Sender's Number.	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
* Oac 165	23		

All clear



From G.H.Q.
Place
Time 0850

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z)

Censor.

Signature of Advertiser or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

* This line should be erased if not required.

(T1809) Wt. 14142-641. 45000 pads. 4/15. Sir J. C. & S.

WAD

App H

From :- ISYFORCS.
To :- TROOPERS LONDON.

A.M. 500 cipher. 5/6/18 Desp. 1005

Hour 16749 A.O.I. Weekly return R.F.O.:-

(a) 29 (b) 8 (c) B.E. 2 e's servicable 27, unservicable 20,
Bristol Scout servicable 3, unservicable 3, de Havilland
servicable 3, unservicable 3.

Copies to :-

- C(b).
- C.G.F.
- R.F.O.
- I.
- A.
- S.
- Filed C.S. 102/1.
- C.S. cables.



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APP I

From End ANZAG.

To :- G.H.Q.

G.60

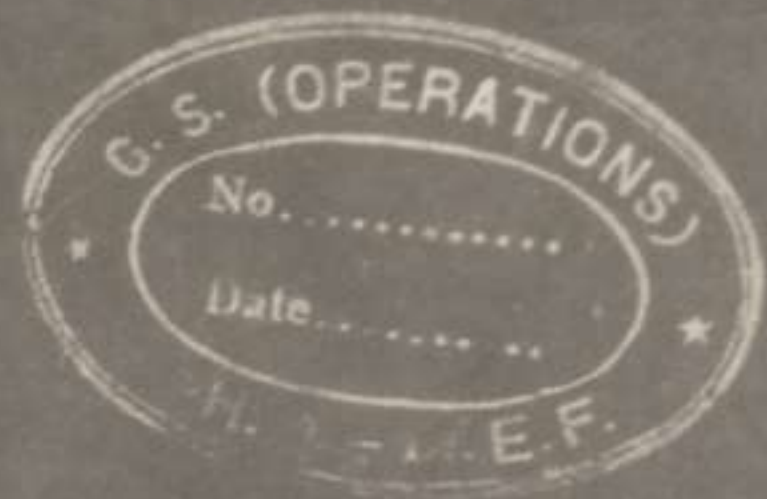
5/8/16

Desp. 1223
Recd. 1234.

No. 2 Section command has been handed over to 53rd
Division at 1800 today.

Copies to :-

- O(a).
- O(b).
- G.G.S.
- C. in C.
- I. A.M.S.
- A.
- Q.
- M.G.R.A.
- E. in C.
- D.A.S.
- Filed G.S. Z/59
- G.S. cables.



W.D.

APP L

From :- Chief LONDON.

To :- EGYPFORCE.

17461 cipher S.D. 1.

3/6/16.

Desp. 1510.

Recd. 1815.

Deed. 1830

Do you know where Brigadier General Gillman is ?

He is urgently required at SALONIKA as Howell has reached ENGLAND.

Please do all you can to hasten Gillman's arrival and inform SALONIKA

Addressed EGYPT, repeated SALONIKA.

Copies to :-

O(b).

C.G.S.

A.M.S.

Filed G.S. 30.

G.S. cables.



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SECRET.

App M.

SECRET

From :- EGYPTFORCE.

To :- A.H.Q. SALONIKA.

A.M. 601 cipher.

3/6/16.

Desp. 2145.

Brigadier General Gillman sailed for SALONIKA in "Hirondelle" June 2nd, due to arrive June 6th.

Copies to :-

O(b).

C.G.S.

A.M.S.

Filed G.S. 30.

G.S. cables.



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App N

SECRET

From :- EGYFFORCE
To :- Chief LONDON.

SECRET.

A.M. 600 cipher. 3/6/16. Desp. 2145.

Brigadier General Gillman sailed for SALONIKA June 2nd
due to arrive June 6th. SALONIKA informed.

Copies to :-
O(b).
C.G.S.
A.M.S.
Filed G.S. 30.
G.S. cables.



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WP

App

SECRET.

SECRET

From :- Chief EGYPPT

To :- Chief LONDON.

A.M. 602. cipher.

3/8/18.

Desp. 2150

Evening report. All well. Only limited air reconnaissance possible owing to heavy sandstorm.

Copies to :-

- O(b).
- C. in C.
- G.G.S.
- N.A.
- I.
- A.
- Q.
- M.G.R.A.
- E. in C.
- D.A.S.
- A.M.S.
- Major Vitale.
- Filed G.S. Z/29.
- G.S. cables.



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SECRET

APP P

COOPERATION
95 2/59

General Officer Commanding,
No. 2 Section,
Canal Defences.

The attached copy of a letter despatched this day to the G.O.C., 5th Australian Division, is forwarded for your information.

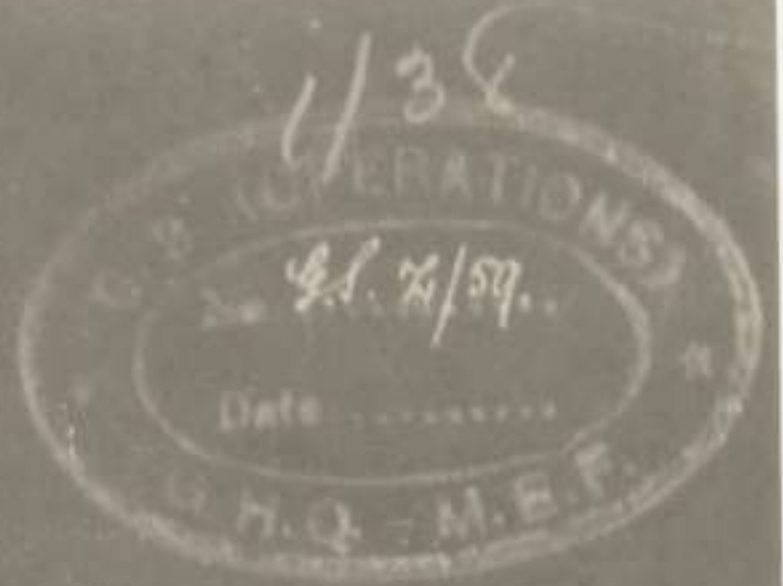
(Sgt) A. Lynden Bell

G.H.Q., E.E.F.
5rd June, 1916.

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

Copy to Q

SECRET



General Officer Commanding,
~~53rd Division.~~
No. 2 Section.

App Pia

With reference to letter G.S. 2/59 of 30/5/16, arrangements are being made to despatch the two remaining battalions, West India Regiment to the Canal zone, as soon as possible. Will you please notify D.Q.M.G., General Headquarters direct as to where these battalions should be sent.

With regard to your proposal stated in letter G.S. 3 dated 28/5/16 to make use of these three battalions at the bridge heads at SERAPEUM and FERRY POST, the Commander-in-Chief wishes you to understand that these battalions are not to be employed solely on routine and fatigue duties. They should be given every facility for completing their training in rifle shooting, the construction of field works, and all other necessary matters, with a view to fitting them to take their place in the active defence of the Canal as soon as possible.

(Sgd) *A. Lynden Bell*

G.H.Q., E.E.F.
3/6/16.

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

SECRET

App Q

9/2/59
Date
1916-1918

General Officer Commanding,
5th Australian Division.

The Commander-in-Chief has decided that the 14th Infantry Brigade will be retained on the East Bank of the Canal at FERRY POST, and will be the last brigade moved prior to embarkation for FRANCE.

(Sgd) A. Lynden Bell

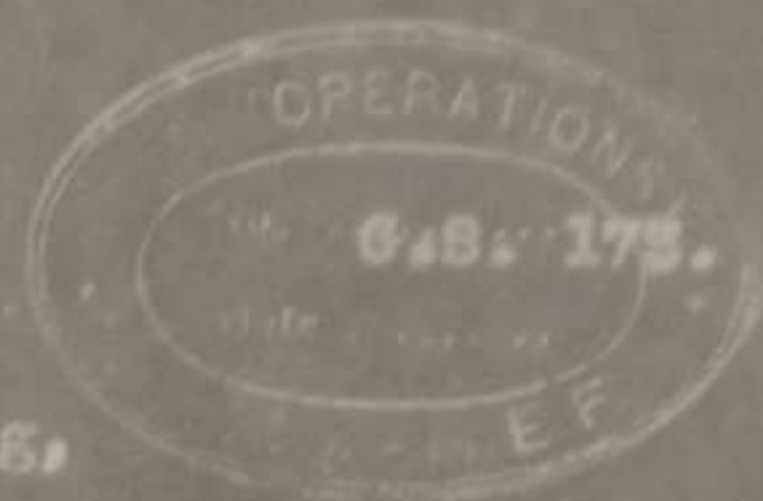
G.H.Q., E.E.F.
3rd June, 1916.

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

*Copies to Q
No 7 Section*

1/40

W.D. App R



General Officer Commanding,
Western Frontier Force.

Reference your 309 G. dated 1/6/16, forwarding an application from the Officer Commanding 1/1st. Berks R.H.A. for permission to use 100 rounds of 18-pdr. Q.F. ammunition for practice purposes, please see my G.S. 173 dated 19/4/16, my G.S. 173 dated 14/4/16 and my G.S. 173/3^{*} dated 23/3/16. From these letters you will note that sanction was given for the expenditure of 150 rounds to the batteries of the 53rd Division and that this allowance was similarly sanctioned to all R.H.A. (T.F.) Batteries.

* Copy Enclosed

This allowance would apparently meet the requirements of the Officer Commanding 1/1st. Berks R.H.A.

(Sgd) A. F. Perkins
Major C.S.
for Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

G.H.Q.,
E.H.F.,
2.6.16.

W.P.
G.S. 284

APPS



1/41

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

3rd June, 1916.

Sir,

I have the honour to request that authority may be granted to organize the detachment of 9th. Company Army Ordnance Corps, now serving in EGYPT and SALONICA, into a Service Company, A.O.C. with establishment as laid down in War Establishment Part VII.

This detachment has no War Establishment, but apparently it has been recognized that its Peace Establishment is insufficient, as additional personnel have been sent it from time to time.

I now therefore ask that it may be brought into line with the other Service Companies in EGYPT.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sgd) A. Hynden Bell
for M.C., C.E.S.

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

W R
SECRET

Opp A
1/42

From :- Chief LONDON

To :- Chief EGYPT.

17477 cipher

4/6/16.

Desp. 1300

Recd. 0815

Decd. 0700

Howell has arrived and has explained Sarrail's present dispositions. These do not appear to me at all satisfactory from a defensive point of view, and there also seems considerable risk that we may be drawn into offensive operations against our will. I have represented the matter to H.M. Government who have directed me to repeat that it is not their policy to engage in offensive operations in the BALKANS and that they have informed the French Governments in that sense. The Conference with the French Government on this subject has not yet taken place and no date has been fixed. The instructions in my telegram 11939 of January 10th which were to comply with Sarrail's instructions for the defence of the town and harbour of SALONIKA were never intended to refer to operations of any other nature with the exception of the slight modification in my 15781 of April 26th. As this modification now seems in danger of leading to offensive operation opposed to our policy H.M. Government wishes you clearly to understand that apart from the defence of the town and harbour of SALONIKA you are to regard yourself as an independent Commander and as such co-operate with our Allies at SALONIKA in accordance with your own discretion and such instructions as you may receive from me. This telegram cancels my 15781 of April 26th and 17231 of May 27th in so far as these telegrams bind you to any dispositions ordered or suggested by Sarrail with which you do not agree. It is impossible for me here to form a definite opinion on these dispositions but from Howell's report they seem highly unsatisfactory as main line of defence. I can only leave the matter to your judgement as in fact I intended to do in my telegrams 15781 and 17231. H.M. Government desire you to make your position in relation to Sarrail perfectly clear to him as defined above. Addressed G.O.C. SALONIKA repeated Chief EGYPT.

Copies to :-

C(a).

C(b).

C.G.S.

S. in C.

I.

Filed G.S. 2/6

G.S. cables.



W.D.

App B

1/43

SECRET

From :- Chief LONDON.

Addressed SALONIKA repeated EGYPORCE.

17479 cipher

4/8/16.

Desp. 2040 (3rd).

Recd. 0615

Decd. 0715

By 17473.

Following has been communicated to French Government begins :- According to report received from British Commander at SALONIKA it appears that General Sarrail is making such disposition of the Allied forces on and near Greek frontier as may involve them in offensive operations. As has been already clearly stated H.M. Government are unable to agree to such operations so far as the British force is concerned. They have therefore deemed it necessary to inform the British Commander that the instructions sent him in January last to comply with General Sarrail's instructions for defence of the town and harbour of SALONIKA were not intended to apply to operations of any other kind or to movements of British troops likely to lead to other operations than apart from the defence of town and harbour of SALONIKA; as to which he will continue to comply with General Sarrail's instructions, he is to confine himself to co-operation with General Sarrail in accordance with his own judgement based on instructions he received from British Government.

Copies to :-

- O(a).
- O(b).
- C.G.S.
- C. in C.
- I.
- Filed G.S. Z/c.
- G.S cables.



1/44

"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121

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<i>Primary J.H. Hammett C.A.S.</i>			At	m.	<i>AAA</i>	From
			To			By
			By			(Signature of "Planking Officer.")

TO

Cable Company

Sender's Number.	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
* <i>Oac 166</i>	<i>24th</i>		

all clear



From	<i>G.H.R.</i>
Place	
Time	
<i>The above may be forwarded as now corrected.</i>	
(Z)	<i>J.H. Hammett C.A.S.</i>
Censor.	Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

* This line should be erased if not required.

(T1909) Wt. 14142-641. 45000 pads. 4/15. Sir J. C. & S.

W/D
R/M

APP D

1/45

SECRET

From
Chief Egyptforce.
To
Chief London.

A.M. 605. 4/6/18 Deep. 1445.

It may be as well to remind you that the 11th Division are armed with LV Rifles and Artillery is organised in Brigades of 12 guns and 8 five-inch howitzers. If it is contemplated sending this Division to FRANCE I would like as much notice as possible as it will take a fortnight to rearm infantry and reorganise artillery in Brigades of 16 guns. A complete 4.5" howitzer brigade will be required on arrival FRANCE.

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

Filed G.S. Z.52.
" G.S. Cables.

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

App E

1/46

From :- EGYPTFORCE.
To :- TROOPERS LONDON.

A.M. 604 cipher. 4/3/16. Desp. 1025.

Reference my G.S. 171 dated 20th April 1916, one P.V.O. shown under heading Inspector Camel Transport Corps. This should read 1 V.O. attached, graded as A.D.V.S. Please amend accordingly.

Copies to :-

O.(b).
C.G.S.
Q.
Q (P.S.)
Filed G.S. 171.
G.S. cables



From:- Chief, Egyptforce.
To:- Chief, LONDON.

WD App F

A.M. 607. cipher. 4/3/16. Desp. 1140.

Evening Report. All well.

Copies to :- C(b).
C-in-C.
C.G.S.
I.
A.
Q.
Major Vitale.

Filed G.S. 229.
G.S. Cables.



W.D. 1147
APP G

From:- Troopers.

To:- Eypforce, repeated FRANCE.

17509. cipher. D.S.D.

4/6/16.

Desp. 1805.
Recd. 2145.
Decd. 2150.

Your T.1049.

The 21 Vauxhall, one Crossley and 2 Napier Motor Ambulance Convoys which belong to New Zealand Government will be sent to FRANCE as convenient and will there be used as spares for the Field Ambulances of the N.Z. Division. The personnel referred to should be sent to ENGLAND where they will join the reinforcements of this Division.

2 Copies to :- Q } for action.
1 Copy to A }
O(a).
O(b).
C.G.S.
Filed 2/49. Filed Q. Cables.



W.D. APP H

From:- Chief, Eypforce.

To:- A.H.Q. SALONICA.

A.M. 606. cipher.

4/6/16.

Desp. 2150.

Reference my A.M. 474. of May 5th.

Please expedite and extend period to May 30th. This is urgently required. When may this be expected.

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

Filed G.S. 32.
" G.S. Cables.

NOTE. This has reference to despatch.



Prefix Code m. Words Charge
 Office of Origin and Service Instructions. *This message is on a/c of:* Reed. at m.
 Sent Service. Date
 At m. From
 To By (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO *Gen Lawrence HQ. No 3 Section*

Sender's Number. Day of Month In reply to Number AAA
 * *0ac 168 4th*

C-in-C wishes you to attend a conference at 1100 on Wednesday the railway & other matters connected with the ROMANI district. Please acknowledge



From *GHQ.* Place Time *1100*

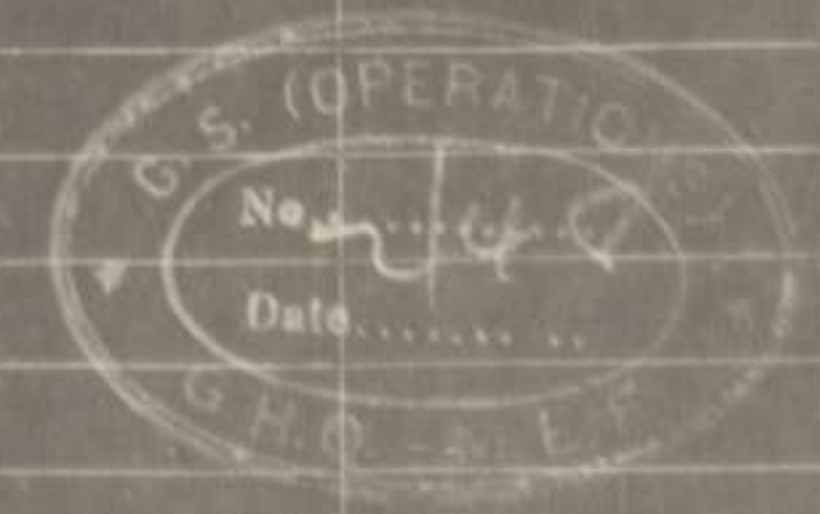
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 At m. From
 To By (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO *Sir George Macarley O.T.T. Cairo*

Sender's Number. Day of Month In reply to Number AAA
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			To		By			
			By		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")			

TO { Lt Col Lubbock
A.D.R.T. ISMAILIA

Sender's Number.	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
* Dec 159	4 th		

C-in-C wishes you to attend
a conference at G.H.Q. at
1100 on Wednesday 7th inst
to discuss the railway
alter matters connected with the
Romani district. Please acknowledge.

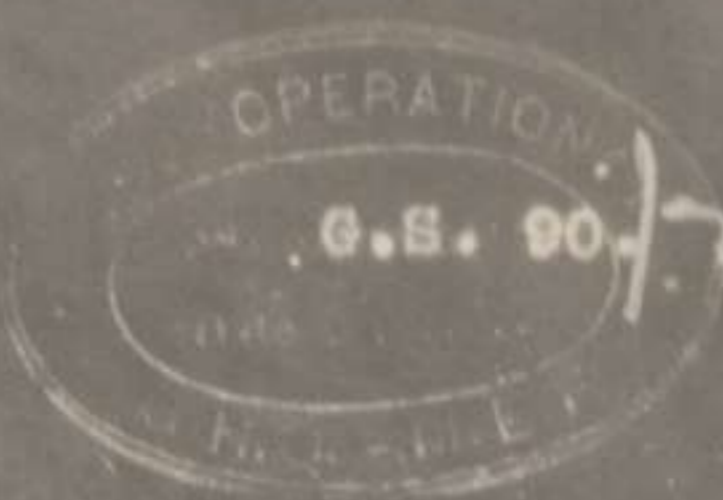


From	G.H.Q.
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Time	1100

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Censor.

(T1800) Wt. 14142-641. 45000 pads. 4/15. Sir J. C. & S.

App P



1/50

General Officer Commanding,
SALONICA Army.

The attached copy of War Office letter No. 121/Med/905
(S.D.S.) dated 10/5/16, is forwarded for your information.

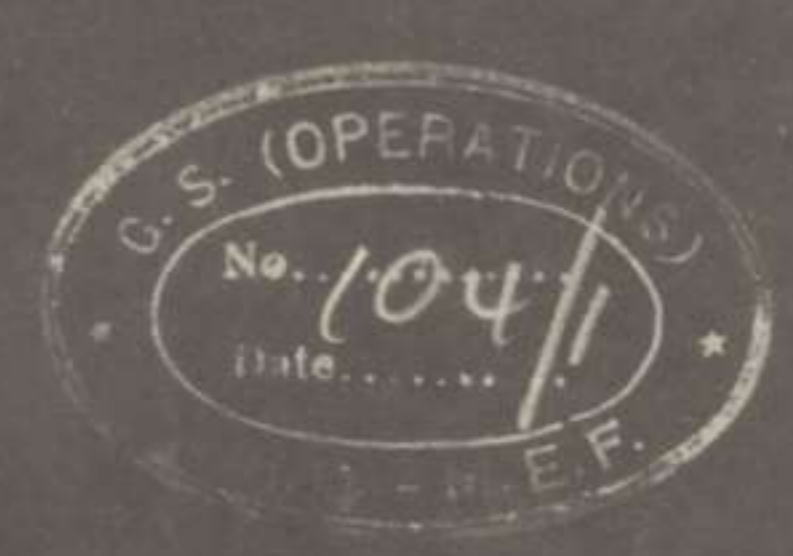
(Sgd) C. F. Perkins
Major, G.S.

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

G.H.Q.,
E.E.F.,
3.6.16.

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App K



Officer Commanding,
5th Wing,
Royal Flying Corps.

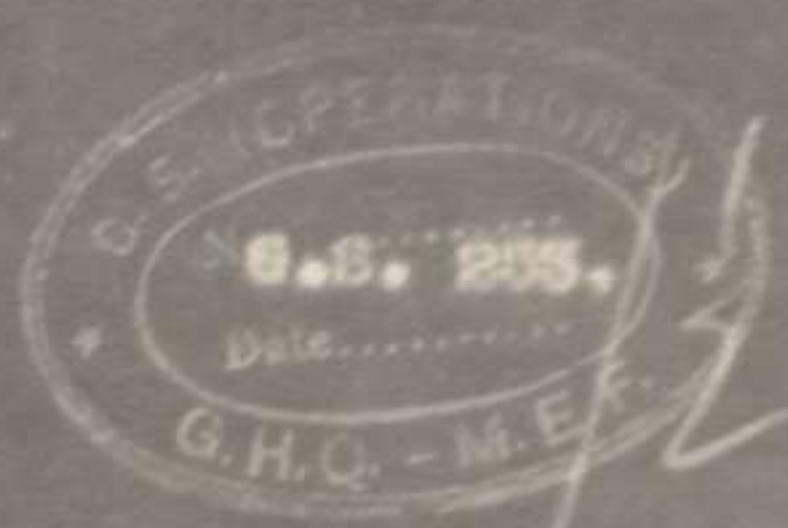
The enclosed copy of War Office letter No. 121/Med/
924 (A.C.I.a.) dated 19th May, 1916, is forwarded for your
information and retention.

(Sgd) C. F. Perkins
Major, G.S.

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

G.H.Q., E.E.F.
4/6/16.

W.D.



General Officer Commanding,
No. 2 Section.
No. 3 Section.

App. L

With reference to letter G.S. 255/2 dated 26/5/16,
the remounting of ^{11th.} ~~12th.~~ Light Horse will be completed
at an early date. The Commander-in-Chief would be
glad to know how it is proposed to employ this Mounted
Regiment when it is again available for service in the
Section under your command. Please forward your
proposals on this subject as soon as possible.

(Sgd) A. Hyndes Bell

G.H.Q.,
E.E.F.,
4.6.16.

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

(OPERATIONS)

G.S. 235.

1/52

WD

APP M

The Secretary,

War Office, LONDON. S.W.

4th June, 1916.

Sir,

I have the honour to bring to your notice a request for special consideration, in regard to the supply of technical stores and material, which has been submitted to me by the Manager of the TELEPHONE COMPANY OF EGYPT, LTD.

2. This Company provides a public telephone service in and between the principal towns in EGYPT. It furnishes very valuable means of communication for the various Government Departments and Offices, including an extensive system of special lines in the provinces for the Ministry of the Interior Public Security, and Irrigation branches, &c., &c.

3. The Telephone Company of Egypt also provides a considerable service for the Army and for the Naval authorities in EGYPT. Moreover, this Company has very greatly assisted the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force, and the Force in Egypt, by providing from their stores large quantities of telephones, and other material urgently required by the troops last year.

4. The Manager of the Telephone Company states that his stock of material in EGYPT for the maintenance of the telephone system "is approaching exhaustion, and that the lack of fresh "supplies will within the next few months seriously impair "the efficiency of the Telephone Service".

Deterioration in this service would undoubtedly react unfavourably on the work of the Army, Navy, and Government departments in EGYPT.

5. The Ministry of Munitions at present regard the Telephone Company of EGYPT as a purely commercial undertaking; and accordingly, do not allow it any precedence in the supply of material from factories in ENGLAND. Hence the difficulty in obtaining material which the Manager has brought to notice.

It is in my opinion, very important that an adequate quantity of the material required by this Company should be supplied during the next few months; and I therefore recommend that the Ministry of Munitions should be requested to place the indents of the Company as regards precedence of supply, in the same class as a "War Contract".

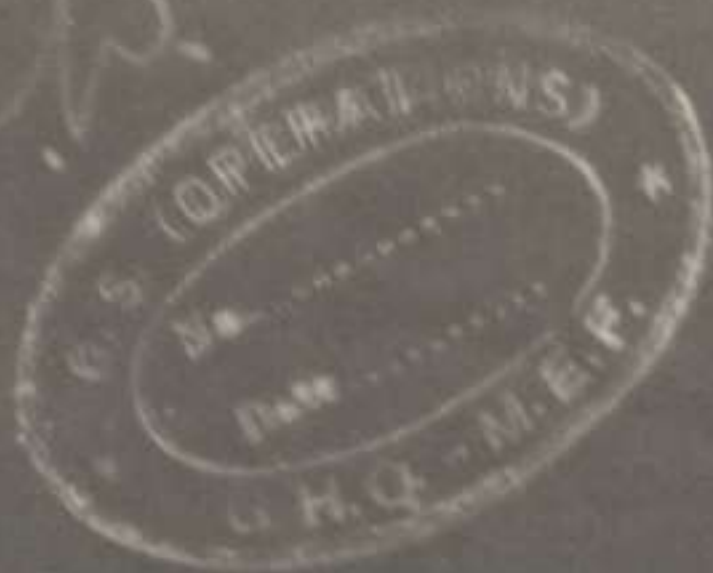
I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sg) A. Hyndes Bell M.C.

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



SECRET

App N

G.S. 2/34/1/1

1/53

General Officer Commanding,
No. 1 Section, Canal Defences.

With reference to a telephone conversation with General Street on 2nd June regarding the tactical employment of the 42nd Division, the Commander-in-Chief has decided that if and when a definite threat of an ^a hostile attack by the way of the WADI MUKSHIEB is ^{expected} in view a Brigade of the 42nd Division may be concentrated at SHALLUFA WEST. He has further decided, in the event of a similar threat against the southern sub-section of your command from the direction of AIN SUDR and the RAHA and NIJUA passes, that another Brigade may be concentrated at EL SHATT. The General Officer Commanding 42nd Division has been instructed, in the event of such circumstances arising, to place these Brigades at your disposal.

(Sgd) A. Lynden Bell

G. H. Q.
4.6.16

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

1/54

W.P.

[Handwritten signature and scribbles]

G.S. 2/34/1



General Officer Commanding,
42nd Division.

The Commander-in-Chief has decided, in the event of a serious threat against the northern part of No. 1 Section, that a Brigade of the 42nd Division is to be placed at the disposal of the General Officer Commanding No. 1 Section for concentration on the west bank at SHALJIFA. He has also decided, in the event of a similar threat against the southern sub-section from the direction of AIN SUDR and the RAHA and MIYHA passes, that another Brigade is to be concentrated on the east bank of the Canal at EL SHITT. Authority has therefore been given to the General Officer Commanding No. 1 Section to ask at his own discretion for these Brigades. You should therefore comply with any requests made by him in this sense.

(Sgd) A. Lynden Bell

G. H. Q.
4.6.18.

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

W.D.

App P

3 1/55
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G.S. 90
H.Q. - M.E.

General Officer Commanding,

Western Frontier Force.
Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Sections.

1. The attached copy of War Office letter No. 121/Med/900 (G.S. 90) dated 10/3/15, is forwarded for your information.

2. In case there may be some doubt regarding the Brigade Machine Gun Companies for Dismounted Brigades, it should be clearly understood that :-

(a) Brigade Machine Gun Companies are to be formed in these formations as guns become available, on the same establishment and under the same conditions as for Infantry Brigades. (See Army Orders 413 and 414, 1915)

(b) All Yeomanry Regiments belonging to Dismounted Brigades will, for the present, only be issued with 2 Lewis Guns per regiment. Any machine guns remaining surplus in Dismounted Brigades after the formation of Brigade Machine Gun Companies will be withdrawn.

3. The question of increasing the number of Lewis Guns per Dismounted Yeomanry Regiment, in view of the decision contained in para. 5 of the above quoted War Office letter, is under consideration.

(Sgd) C. F. Perkins
for Major G.S.

Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,

Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

G.S. 90.
E.S.P.
S.C. 16.

(Extracts from 121/7661 (SD 2) dt 13-1-16 also attached)

App P
1/56
War Office,

London. S.W.

10th May 1916.

121/Mediterranean/908 (S.D.S).

Sir,

With reference to War Office letter No. 121/7661 (S.D.S) dated 13th January, 1916, I am commanded by the Army Council to inform you that it has now been decided that each Division shall eventually have 4 Machine Gun Companies armed with Vickers Guns, of which three will be allotted to Infantry Brigades, the fourth being a Divisional Company.

2. The establishment of all the Companies will be the same. The fourth company will be raised in England at the Machine Gun Training Centre for all Divisions whether originally armed with Vickers Guns or Lewis Guns.

3. As regards the distribution of Lewis Guns it has been decided that each Infantry Company shall have two of these guns manned by personnel provided from the Company Establishment. This detachment will consist of 1 non-commissioned officer, and 12 men.

4. The personnel of the existing battalion machine gun sections will be absorbed into the Companies, and battalion establishments will in consequence be smaller by the strength of the machine gun section, which for the present will fall into abeyance.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sgd) B. B. CUBITT.

The General Officer
Commanding-in-Chief,
British Forces in Egypt.

G.S.90.11

W.D. App Q

1/57



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

3rd. June, 1916.

Sir,

With reference to para. 3 War Office letter No. 121/ Med/905 (S.D.2.) dated 10th May 1916, in which it is decided to increase the number of Lewis Guns per infantry battalion to eight, each company being armed with two, I have the honour to suggest for the consideration of the Army Council that, in the case of Yeomanry regiments belonging to Dismounted Brigades in the Force under my command, Lewis Guns should be issued on the scale of one per squadron.

At the present time, Brigade Machine Gun Companies, are being formed in Dismounted Brigades on the same establishment as that laid down in Army Orders 414 of 1915 for Infantry Brigades. The machine gun sections of Dismounted Yeomanry Regiments are, at present, only being armed with two Lewis Guns each, but it is considered desirable that they should be brought more into line with the scale now laid down for infantry battalions when the necessary Lewis Guns become available and it is for this reason that I submit the above proposal for consideration.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sgd) A. Hyndentell
M.G. Co. S.

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

Copy 10 - D. O. S.

SECRET

G.S. 2/32.

R 1/56

Senior Naval Officer,
EGYPT.

With reference to attached copy of letter* from the General Officer Commanding, Western Frontier Force, will you say please if you consider his suggestions necessary or feasible, and if you will take any steps in the matter.

(Sgd) F.H. Mitchell

G.H.Q., E.E.F.
3/6/16.

Captain,
R.N.

* SR/2A dated 31/5/16 re suspicious sailing vessels near Alexandria. (attached)

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General Officer Commanding,
Western Frontier Force.

The G.O.O. CAIRO has been instructed to issue on application 20 Lewis Guns for use with Motor Patrols. These are at present earmarked in CAIRO for the purpose.

(Sgd) C. F. Perkins
Major G.S.

G. H. Q.
4.6.16.

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

S E C R E T.

1/59

General Headquarters,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

Cases have recently been reported of sailing ships behaving suspiciously, close to the coast at various points West of ALEXANDRIA, and in at least one case, it is tolerably certain that a small party was landed and did not re-embark.

The Senior Naval Officer at ALEXANDRIA reports that he has insufficient patrol vessels to supervise closely the entire coast, and also that licensed sailing ships are under no restriction as to the locality in which they may work.

As the number of patrols which can observe the coast is limited and the defended posts far apart, if it is desired to maintain the blockade of this coast, I would suggest that representations be made to the responsible Naval Authority with a view to :-

- (1) Prohibiting any sailing ships from approaching within 5 miles of the Egyptian Coast, West of ALEXANDRIA.
- (2) Compelling all licensed fishing boats to carry distinguishing letters and numbers painted large on hulls and sails.

Savoy Hotel,
Cairo.
31st May, 1916.

(Sgd) A. G. Dallas,
Major-General,
Commanding Western Frontier Force.

W.D. APP A 1/60
From:- A.H.Q. SALONICA.

To:- EGYPTFORCE.

A. 569. cipher.

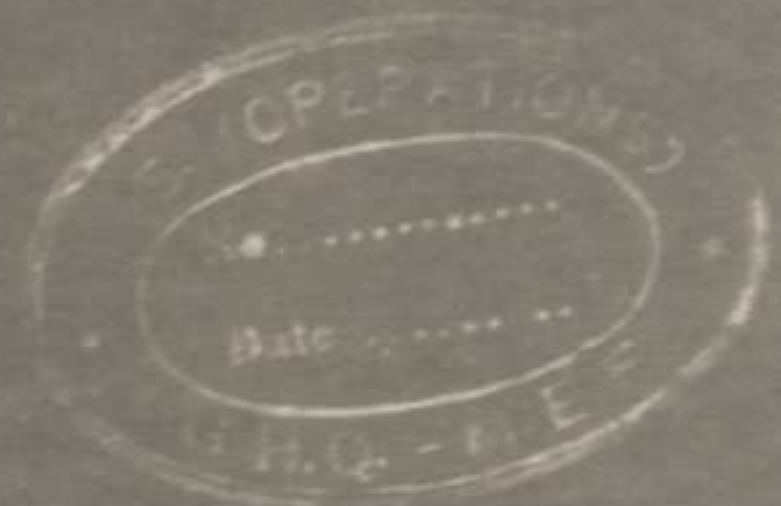
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5/6/16.

Desp. 1800.
Recd. 0635.
Decd. 0640.

May a wagon wireless section complete with two wagons wireless sets personnel and horses be sent here ? These now considered very desirable. Should also like three pack wireless sets with personnel but without transport for divisions and five additional ground wireless sets with personnel for Royal Artillery.

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

Filed G.S. 179.
" G.S. Cables.



From:- A.H.Q. SALONICA.

To:- London, repeated EGYPTFORCE.

G.C. 145. cipher.

4/6/16.
5/6/16.

Desp. 2225.
Recd. 0710.
Decd. 0712.

Nothing to report.

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

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



W.D.

APP F

1/63

SECRET

From : No. 1 Section.

To : G. H. G.

B. 680.

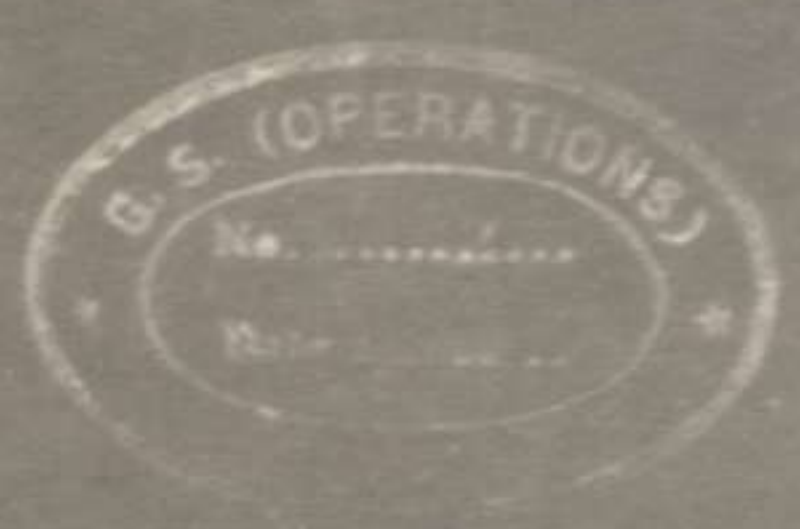
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Desp. 1642.
Recd 1627.

City of London Yeomanry left KUBRI 0500 4th June
for SHRAPPEM by march route. Expect to arrive SHRAPPEM
8th June. No. 2 Section informed.

Copies to O(a).
C(b).
Q.
A.

Filed G.S. Z.34/2.
" G.S. Cables.



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APP H

From : Chief, London.

To : Chief, Egypt Force.

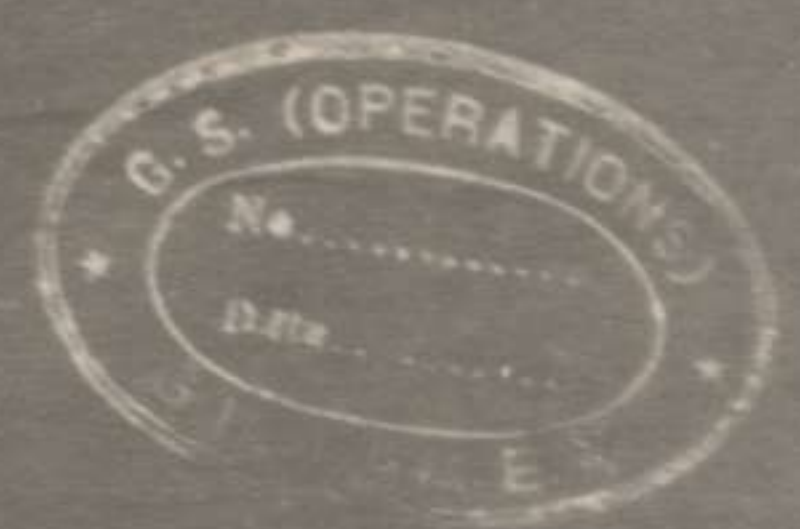
17527 cipher M.O.

5/6/16.

Desp. 1520.
Recd. 1823..
Decd. 1830.

Your private letter. You may rely on my
full support of such action as you deem necessary.
I feel strong measures will quickly produce desired
results.

Copies to :- G.-in-C.
C.G.S.



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W.A.
Front- A.H.Q. SALONIKA.
To:- CHIEF EGYPTORCE.

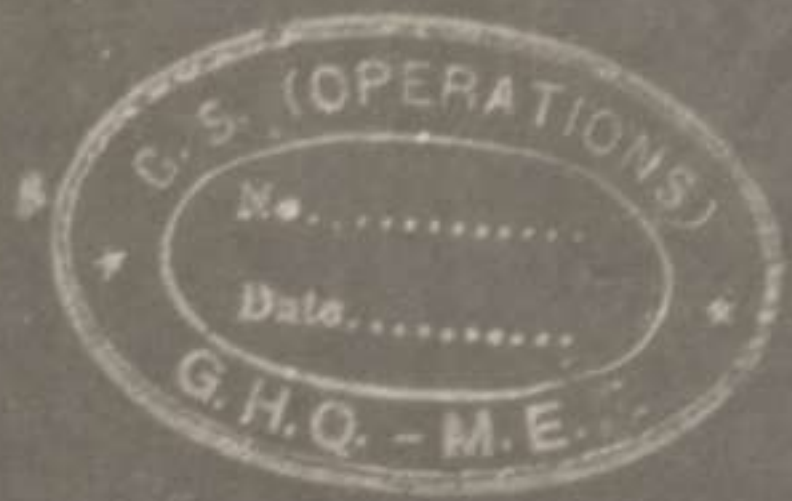
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Despd. 1995
Recd. 1990
Decd. 1830

I am informed by French H.Q. that 12 British aeroplanes are being sent here and will arrive about June 15th. Have received no notification other than this. Have you any information to this effect?

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

Filed G.S. 104/1.
G.S. Cables.



W.A.
Front- CHIEF LONDON.
To:- CHIEF EGYPTORCE.

App K

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7829.

5/6/18

Despd. 1645.
Recd. 2112.

Your A.M. 603. * Noted.

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

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G.S. Cables.

* re rifles and artillery of 11th Division.



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AM L

NRD

From- Chief, Egyptforce.

To:- Chief, LONDON.

A.M. 608. cipher.

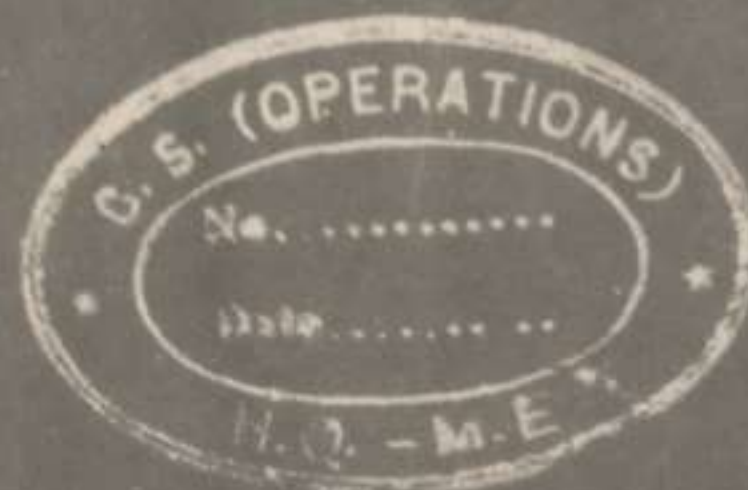
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Desp. 2125.

Evening Report. All well. Heat intense, shade temperature 115 degrees.

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

Filed C.S. 2/29.
C.S. Cables.



App M

NRD

General Officer Commanding,
No. 1 Section.

No. 9 Company, Imperial Camel Corps has been allotted to the Section under your command. This company, which is being raised and trained at ABEASSIA, will be ready for service very shortly. Will you please say where you wish it sent.

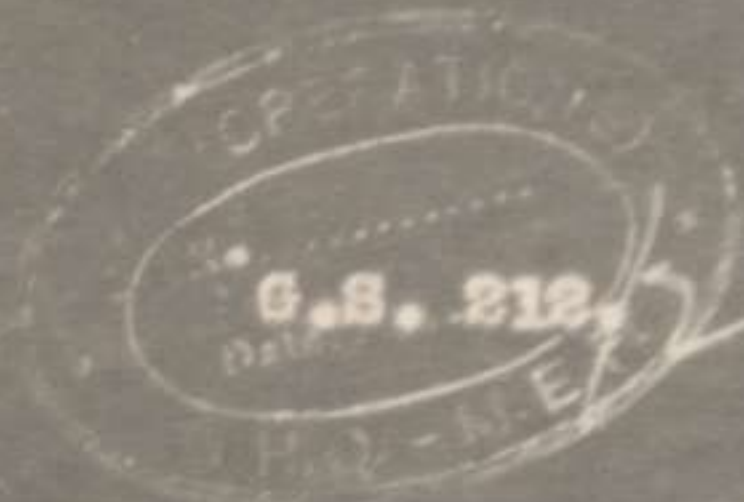
Sgd A Lynden Bell

G.H.Q.,
E.E.F.,
5.6.18.

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

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App. N



General Officer Commanding,
Western Frontier Force.

No. 8 Company, Imperial Camel Corps has been allotted to the Force under your command. This company which is being raised and trained at ABBASSIA will be ready for service very shortly. Will you please say where you wish it sent.

(Sgd) A. Rynden Bell

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

G.H.Q.,
E.E.F.,
5.6.16.

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App O



General Officer Commanding,

No. 1 Section, No. 3 Section.

I should be glad if you would give me your views as to the number of grenades that you consider a Mounted Brigade in the front line should have on charge.

(Sgd) C. F. Peckham
for Major G.S.

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

G. H. Q.
5.8.16.

Copy to D.O.S.

W.D.

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APP. P

There have from time to time been various questions raised regarding the lines on which training is conducted in the various courses of instruction at the Imperial School of Instruction, ZEITOUN.

With a view to assisting the Commandant by means of personal interviews with formation and unit commanders, it has been decided that he shall make occasional visits to the headquarters of the various sections, etc. It is hoped that General Officers Commanding will afford Lieut.-Colonel Colston, the Commandant of the Imperial School of Instruction, every facility for visiting as many brigades as possible during the time at his disposal. It is further hoped that by this means a high and level standard in the methods of training will be maintained and that the general efficiency of troops in the command will be still further increased.

Colonel Colston will visit Nos. 1 and 3 Sections as under :-

No. 1 Section, June 5th to June 8th, arriving at SUEZ at 1655 on June 6th.

No. 3 Section, June 9th to June 12th, arriving at QANTARA at 1121 on June 9th.

Dates of visits to No. 2 Section and the Western Frontier Force will be notified later.

(Sgd) A. Hyndes Bell

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

G.H.Q., E.E.F.
5th June 1916.

Addressed to :-
G.O.C., No. 1 Section.
G.O.C., No. 2 Section.
G.O.C., No. 3 Section.
G.O.C., Western Frontier Force.

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Headquarters,
South Western Force.
ASSIUT.

2nd. June, 1916.

Headquarters,
Western Frontier Force.
CAIRO.

O.C., KHARGA Detachment, reports that the aeroplane which made a forced landing 50 miles north of MEHERIQUE is now a total wreck.

The camels commenced to drag it home, but strong gales supervened and smashed the machine. Parts of it are being salvaged.

The above is all the information I have at the moment of writing.

(Signed) H.W. Hodgson,
Brigadier-General,
Commanding, South Western Force.

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

For your information and return please.

(Signed) H.G. Dallas,
Major-General,
Commanding, Western Frontier Force.

4.5.16.

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5/6/16

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Headquarters, ¹¹⁶⁹
South-Western Force,
ASSIUT.

SECRET.

27th May, 1916.

Headquarters,
Western Frontier Force,
CAIRO.

The following plan has been put in hand for the salvage of the aeroplane 50 miles north of MEHERIQUE.

A force consisting of :-

1 officer, 2 o.r. R.F.C.

8 o.r. Imperial Camel Corps.

60 Transport Camels under Lt. Munro
of 1st Lovat Scouts.

Native Guide.

Will start from Kilo 145 on the morning of the 28th inst. and will bring the plane back to Kilo 145.

The party will carry 7 days rations and forage. Necessary camel harness and an extra water tank will be dumped at Kilo 145.

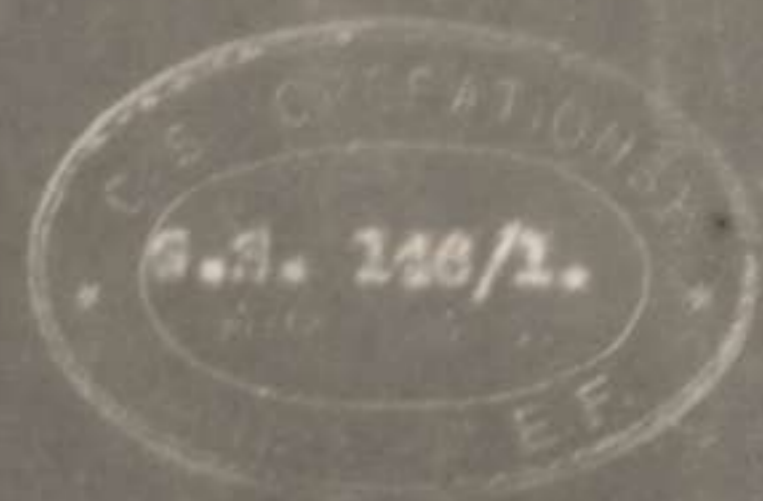
It is calculated that the operation will take about one week.

(Sgd) H. W. Hodgson,
Brig-General,
Commanding South-Western Force.

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General Officer Commanding,
DELTA District.

Reference A.A. 9449, dated 28th. March 1916, the appointment of Captain R. Vaughan Williams as Staff Captain was approved as a temporary measure. I suggest that it should be possible now to retrench this appointment. In the proposed War Establishment forwarded to War Office, this appointment has not been included. I should be glad if you would inform me whether you can now dispense with the services of this officer.

(Sgd) A Hynden Bell

G.H.Q.,
E.E.F.,
S.C. 16.

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

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