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G.S. Z/28/2.

General Officer Commanding,  
Western Frontier Force.

SECRET

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With reference to letter G.S. Z/28/2 dated  
28/5/16, the 15 pdr. guns for KHARGA and MOGHARA are being  
overhauled by the Army Ordnance Department, and will not  
be available for service for about 18 days. They will, however,  
be despatched to you as soon as possible.

(Sgd) A Lynden Bell

G.H.Q., E.E.F.  
9/6/16.

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

Copies to :-  
M.G.R.A.  
D.O.S.

D.O.S.  
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Reference previous correspondence on subject of supply of  
grenades to Mounted troops, it is not intended to issue grenades  
as part of the equipment of Mounted Brigades. In the event of  
Mounted Brigades being employed as infantry, and occupying trenches,  
grenades should be drawn from the stock on charge of Divisionsal  
or from the reserve of 10,000 per division in Ordnance Depots.

(Sgd) C. F. Perkins

O(b).  
9.6.16.

Major, G.S.



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*Appl AH*

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

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**SECRET**

With reference to your G.S. 1030 of June 5th, in view of the wide gap which exists already between GEBEL HABEITA and the Northern positions in No. 1 Section, the Commander-in-Chief does not consider that the works at K.1 and K.3 should be given up without the most careful consideration on the part of the Section commander. Before coming to a final decision, however, he would like to discuss the matter fully with General Dallas, pending whose arrival he is of opinion that these works should be retained.

*(Sgd) A. Lynden Bell*

G.H.Q., E.E.F.  
9/6/16.

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



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PRIORITY.

SECRET.

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From : A.H.Q. SALONIKA.

To : G. H. Q.

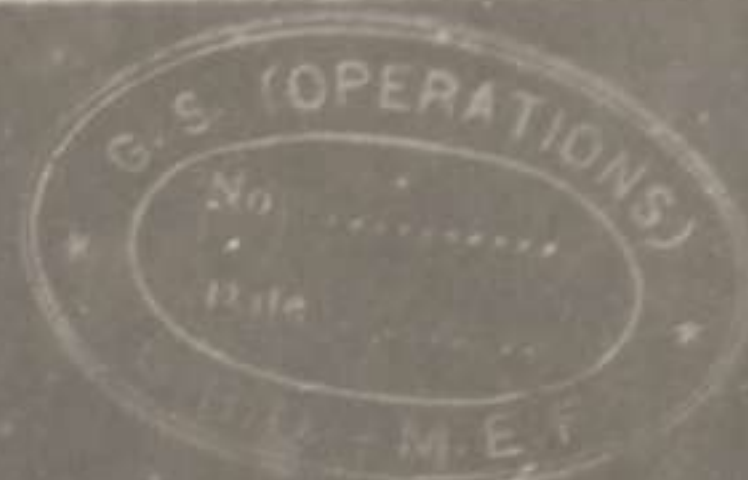
Q.B.774 cipher.

9/6/16  
10/6/16

Desp. 2015.  
Recd. 0110.  
Decd. 0125.

Owing to fresh distribution of troops eastwards supply for majority of force now depends upon SERRES road. Number of lorries here not sufficient. Addition of at least 150 3-ton lorries required,urgently. Can they be provided ?.

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



SECRET.

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From : K.H.Q. SALONIKA.

To : Chief London. Repeated G.H.Q. Egypt.

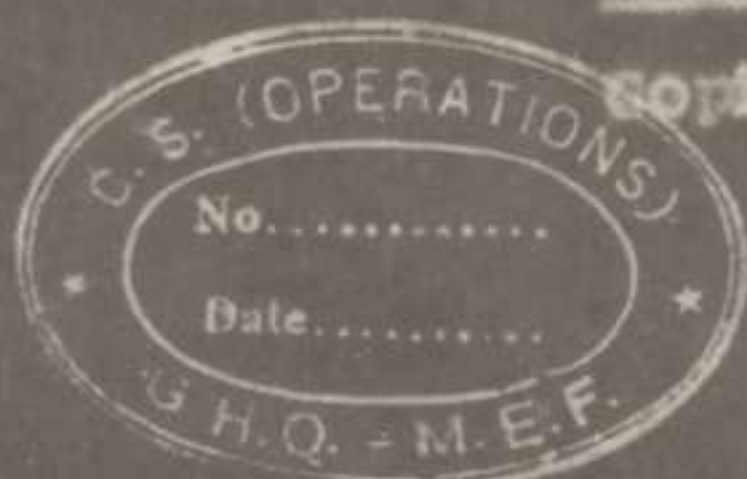
G.C. 188 cipher.

9/6/16  
10/6/16

Desp. 2254.  
Recd. 0600.  
Recd. 0635.

29th Infantry Brigade and 4 squadrons Yeomanry now at STRUMA near ORLJAK. 28th Division en route to ORLJAK. French Colonial division due to leave line STRUMA commencing night of June 10th - June 11th.

Copies to :- O(a). C-in-C. D.Q.M.G.  
O(b). I. Filed G.S. Z/S.  
C.G.S. D.A.G. " G.S. Cables.





MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message

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

TO

Canal Company

Sender's Number.

\* 005189

All clear

Day of Month

10th

In reply to Number

A A A



From

Place

Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z)

Censor.

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

\* This line should be erased if not required.

From:- G.H.Q.

To:- Westforce.

O.A.G. 191. cipher.

10/6/16.

Desp. 1000.

Your G.A. 123.

After consultation with O.C., 5th Wing, regret cannot approve of move suggested in above telegram.

Copies to :-

O(a).  
O(b).  
G.G.S.  
R.F.G.  
A.  
Q.

Filed G.S. Z/43.  
G.S. Cables.



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App E



From : Chief, Egyptforce.  
To : Troopers.

A.M. 650. cipher 10/8/16. Deep. 1010.

Reference your letter 121/Stores/4920 (S.D.2) of May 17th :- Would you like me to carry out re-organisation of Artillery at SALONIKA on same lines ? Present constitution of our Territorial Divisions in EGYPT would make it difficult to carry out this re-organisation as far as they are concerned and from an administrative point of view undesirable. They have only 2 batteries howitzers and no D.A.C.

Copies to :- C(a) C-in-C. Q. Filed G.S. 238.  
C(b). M.G.R.A. G.S. Cables.  
C.G.S. A.

App F



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

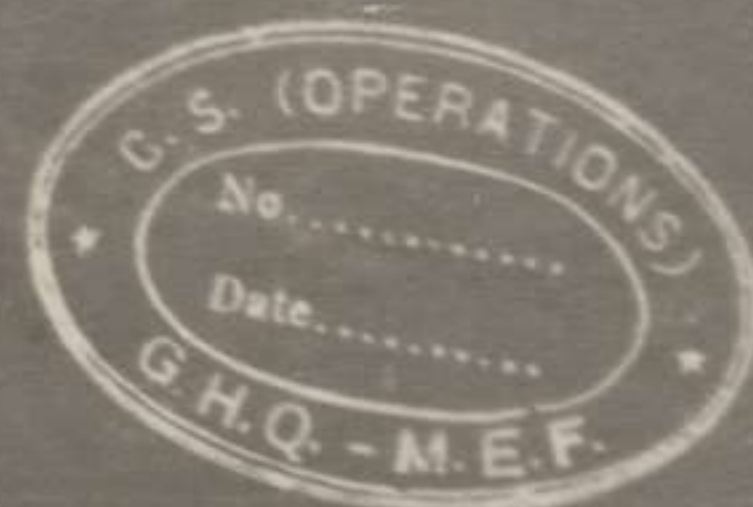
A.M. 651. cipher. 10/8/16. Deep. 1020.

Your 16749. A.O.1.

Weekly return, R.F.C. :- (a) 22, excludes No. 1 Squadron, Australian Flying Corps 2 pilots (b) 2, excludes No. 21 Reserve Squadron 1 pilot. (c) B.E. 2c's serviceable 22, unserviceable 21, Bristol Scout serviceable 2, unserviceable 3, de Havilland serviceable 3, unserviceable 4.

Copies to :- C(b).  
C.G.S.  
R.F.C.  
I.  
A.  
Q.

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





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SECRET

Xpp G



From : Chief, BRYFFORUE.  
To : Sirdar, KHANTOUM.

A.M. 632. cipher. 10/8/18 Desp. 1120.

By A.M. 632 and your 680. Would be very grateful if the despatch of flight R.F.C. could be expedited by every possible means. I may have to embark a squadron for service overseas at an early date and immediate concentration is imperative.

Copies to :- O(a). Q. Filed G.S. Z.41.  
O(b). A. " G.S. Cables.  
C.S.S. R.F.C.

"C" Form (Original).  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.  
Arms Force C. 244  
No. of  
Office Stamp: GHQ-10.VI.16.  
TELEGRAM

Prefix	Code	Words	Received	Sent, or sent out	At	To	By	Office	Received	In reply to Number.	Sender's Number	Day of Month
W 12500/4108	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
Under 4590 of 21st sent to VICKERS guns of Highland regt to be used for formation of Brigade machine gun company by 8405 no. 2445. Which will consist of three sections and MAXIMS. These would be sent to the exchange for MAXIMS. Not please cable.												
Handed in at 6449												
TO												
FROM												
PLACE & TIME												

W 12500/4108 75,000 Pads. A. J. W. & Co. 11/15 Form C/2123.  
\* This line should be erased if not required.



SECRET.

From :- Chief, LONDON.

Addressed Milne, repeated Chief, SIXPENCE.

17717 cipher.

10/8/18.

Desp. 1838

Recd. 1740

Decd. 1755

Your G.C. 149, June 8th.

French Prime Minister states that pending meeting of Conference, Sarraill has not been given orders to attack. Conference assembled yesterday and French Government were again informed that we could not co-operate in their proposed offensive because of inadequate means, relative strengths of opposing forces, and for other military reasons known to you, and that a limited offensive was an impracticable military operation. I will keep you informed of developments.

Copies to :-

O(a).

D.A.G.

O(b).

D.Q.M.G.

G.S.S.

Filed G.S. 2/8.

G. in C.

G.S. cables.

I.



SECRET.

From :- SWIZO

To :- SIXPENCE.

1830 cipher.

10/8/18

Desp. 1837

Recd. 1745

Decd. 1800

Following message received from H.M.S. "Fox" :-

Operations at JIBDA commenced. Turkish force is entrenched to the North of town. H.M.S. "Fox" and R.I.M.S. "Hardinge" shelling their positions.

Copies to :-

O(a).

D.A.G.

O(b).

D.Q.M.G.

G.S.S.

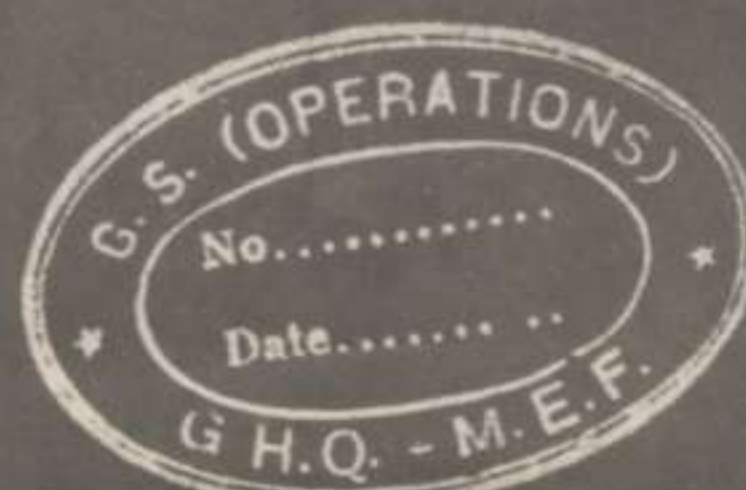
H.A.

G. in C.

Filed G.S. 2/47

I.

G.S. cables.





ND  
From :- Troopers, LONDON.

To :- EGYPTORGE.

17715 cipher A.S.1.

10/6/15.

Desp. 1430

Recd. 1745

Decd. 1750

Fourth service battalion British West Indies Regiment will shortly be sent to EGYPT. In future reinforcements will go there direct from West Indies, so the depot will be given up, and personnel sent to EGYPT. Propose send Commanding Officer and Depot Staff to form 5th Reserve battalion in EGYPT. Do you approve?

Copies to :-

O(a).

O(b).

C.G.S.

I.

A.

Q.

Filed G.S. 139.

G.S. cables.



ND  
From : G.H.Q.

To : G.O.C. No. 3 Section; G.O.C. 11th Division.

O.A. 81 cipher. 10th.

Despatched 1915.

With reference to my O.A. 79 cipher of 8th, on arrival at QANTARA these two battalions will be attached for command to the 52nd Division. Addressed No. 3 Section, repeated 11th Division.

O(a).

O(b).

C.G.S.

Q.

A.

D.A.S.

Filed 2/48.

G.S. Cables.

SECRET









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SECRET

From : Troopers.  
To : Chief Egyptforce.

17788 cipher A.G.4. 10/8/16  
Desp. 1806.  
Recd. 2120.  
Deed. 2125.

Send to ENGLAND at once by quickest route Colonel  
SPENCER BROWNE Commanding A.I.F. Training Unit and his Staff.  
Report when he leaves.

Copies to :- A. C.G.S. A.M.S.  
O(a). Q. C.-in-C.  
O(b). I. Filed G.S. 113/11.  
'A' cables.



From :- Troopers LONDON.  
To :- G.H.Q., EGYPTFORCE.

7898 A.G. 7 Code. 9/8/16 Desp. 2125

With reference to your telegram A.M. 402 of 14th April,  
Major Le Sueur should be sent home for duty in trench warfare  
Department of Ministry of Munitions.

Copies to :-  
O.  
O(b).  
C.G.S.  
A.  
Filed G.S. Z/7  
G.S. cables.





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From :- Chief EGYPFORCE.

To :- Chief LONDON.

A.M. 634 cipher.

10/6/16.

Desp. 2140

Evening report.

All well.

Copies to :-

O(a).

O(b).

C. in G.

G.G.S.

I.

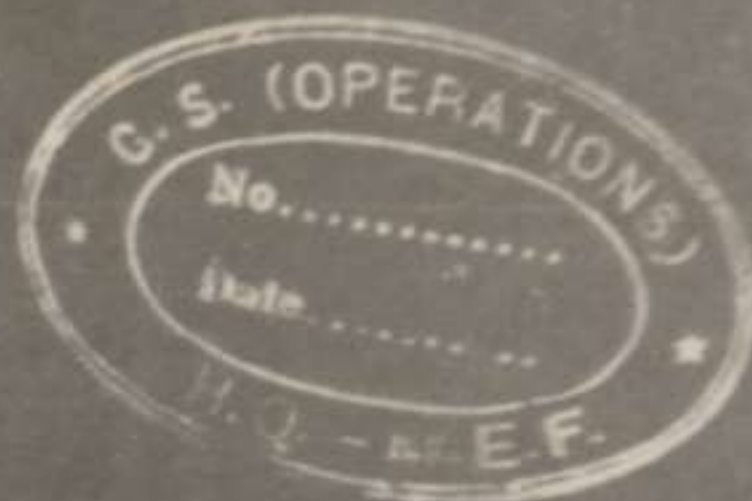
A.

Q.

Major Vitale.

Filed G.S. 2/29

G.S. cables.



From:- EGYPFORCE.

To :- A.H.Q., SALONIKA.

A.M. 633 cipher.

10/6/16.

Desp. 2145

While not wishing to add to your routine work unnecessarily, it would be of great assistance if you would wire present distribution of <sup>your</sup> troops in detail, to brigades inclusive, also important changes as movements occur.

Copies to :-

O(a).

O(b).

C.G.S.

I.

Filed G.S. 2/6.

G.S. cables.

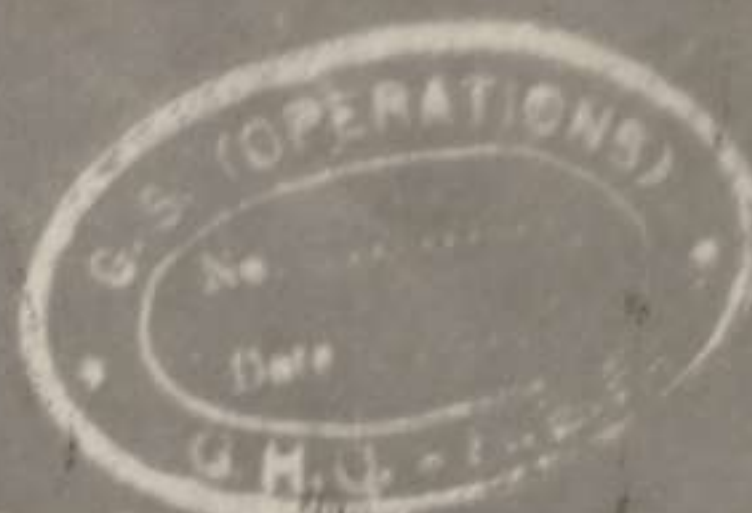




**SECRET**

G.S. Z/28/4.

General Officer Commanding,  
Western Frontier Force.



With reference to your letter S.R./23/260 dated 7/6/15, it is regretted that no pack wireless sets, additional to the four sets already allotted to you, are available at present. Arrangements are being made, however, by the Director of Army Signals to *eventually* supplement the present means of communication with MOGHARA by establishing a pigeon post. No other facilities for relieving the pack set now at MOGHARA can be given from here.

*The pigeon post will not be ready for four or five weeks.*

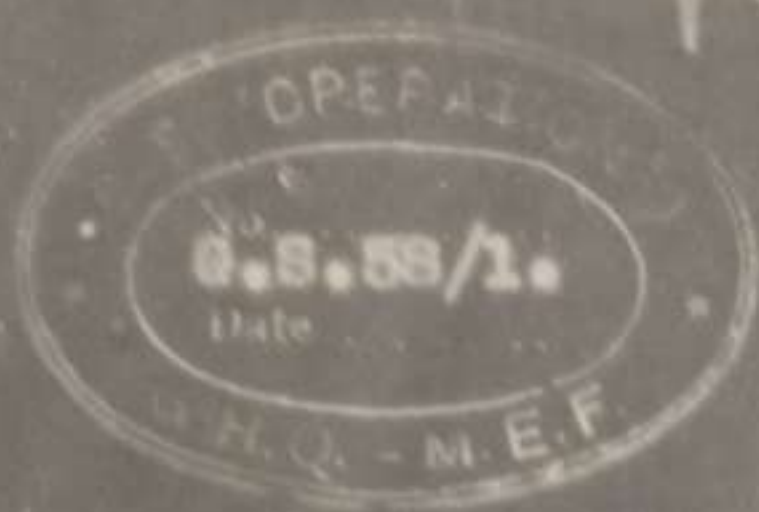
*(Sgd) A. Hynden Bell*

G.H.Q.,  
E.E.F.,  
9.6.16.

Majors General,  
Chief of the General Staff,  
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

*Copy to D.A.S.*





Apprs

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

10<sup>d</sup> June, 1916.

Sir,

Reference my G.S. 58/1, dated 23rd April and your reply No. 121/Med/933 (S.D.2), dated May 10th 1916, I now request that 1 Staff Sergeant Military Mechanist may be added to the Salonica Establishment temporarily approved by you.

This will be in accordance with the latest War Establishment of a Pack Wireless Section (Egypt), dated 17th January 1916.

The need for the above mentioned N.C.O. has been apparent for a considerable time. If approved, the vacancies for the two Salonica wireless sections can be filled locally.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sgd) A. Hyndes Bell  
H.Q. C.E.S.

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

Copy to D.A.S.



G.S. 2/8.

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**SECRET**

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

10th June 1916.

Sir,

1. I have for some time been earnestly considering the administrative wants of the Salonika Army in view of a possible limited offensive being carried out.

2. I called on the General Officer Commanding Salonika Army to submit a statement of his administrative requirements, and, although it would now appear from your telegram No. 17479 cipher of the 3rd instant that no offensive operations by the Salonika Army are at the present time contemplated, I recognise that such operations may possibly become inevitable. I therefore forward you herewith a statement of General Milne's requirements, together with my remarks thereon.

3. The extent to which I can help Salonika will be shown by a perusal of the remarks made on General Milne's statement. Will you kindly let me know if you can supplement my efforts and what, generally speaking, is the action to be taken as regards complying with General Milne's demands.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*(sd) A. J. Murray*

General,

Commander-in-Chief, Egyptian Expeditionary Force.



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No. 1293.G.

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D.Q.M.G.,

G.H.Q.,

Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

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In reply to your A.M. 529 of the 15th May, the documents sent by Lieutenant Buxton on the 15th May, give practically all the information desired. I have, however, now compiled a statement shewing our requirements under the various headings given in your telegram. These requirements are based on the assumption that the offensive is strictly limited.

Army Headquarters,  
SALONICA.  
18th. May, 1916.

(Signed) Geo.F.Milne,  
Lieut-General,  
Commanding Salonica Army.



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1. Requirements to complete SALONICA Establishments :-

<u>HORSES.</u>	Riders.	994.
	Draught.	999.
<u>MULES.</u>	Carters.	3873.
<u>DRIVERS.</u>	{A.S.C.	2398.
	{R.A.	749.
	{R.E.	<u>265.</u>
Total.		<u>5410.</u>

PACK SADDLERY. Practically complete.

2. To complete to proposed Establishments :- (after completion on above scale).

Per DIVISION.

<u>HORSES.</u>	{Riders.	100.
	{Mules.	2150.
Drivers.		1250.

The above only includes 1 Battery of 6 guns of Mountain Artillery.

For each additional Brigade of Artillery required :-

Horses.	34.
Drivers.	50.

For a Corps Headquarters :-

Horses.	40.
Drivers.	20.

PACK SADDLERY. Full details for 3 divisions have been sent D.O.S. It is possible that remaining two divisions should be equipped on same scale.



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3. REQUIREMENTS IN RAILWAY MATERIAL AND PERSONNEL.

- (a) Rails, points and Crossings now believed to be at ALEXANDRIA urgently required.
- (b) Decauville line and locomotives - (estimated 50 miles of line).
- (c) Stores as per list sent to Director of Railways, Egypt.
- (d) Railway Transport Section to be completed to Establishment - less 1 D.A.D.R.T.
- (e) Railway Operating Section.

4. AMMUNITION RESERVES.

In view of the length of Sea journey and its dangers it is important that ample stocks of Ammunition should be retained here.

I suggest the following amounts per gun or howitzer:-

	<u>To be held at Salonica including that with Formations.</u>	<u>To be held available in Egypt.</u>
13-pdr. A.A.	2000.	1000.
18-pdr.	2000.	1000.
4.5".	2000.	1000.
60-pdr. & 6" howitzer.	1200.	600.
4.7".	1000.	Nil.- ample at Salonica.
2.75".	1500.	750.
S.A.A. (Rifle).	800.	200.
S.A.A. (per Machine Gun). 50,000.		-

It is recognised that this amount is higher than that maintained in FRANCE but the conditions are not parallel. In FRANCE the Sea journey is short, transport facilities good, and the number of guns large, so that a lower percentage per gun is possible.

A high proportion of H.E. is desirable here.



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5.

MEDICAL ACCOMMODATION AND MEDICAL UNITS IN  
CASE OF HEAVY FIGHTING.

A demand has been sent (on 5th May) to I.G.C. asking for 1 General and 2 Stationery Hospitals to complete Establishment, and for an additional Sanitary Section. This will then suffice for present force.

Possibly an additional echelon of Light Ambulance Wagons may be necessary for work between Divisions and rail or lorry head; if an advance occurs; it is not possible to say definitely whether this will be essential or not as so much depends on actual plan of operations. It is hoped that by improving roads no increase in horsed ambulances, and the consequent difficulty of forage supply, will be necessitated.

Field Ambulances are at present largely below Establishment in Drivers and Light Ambulances and it is of course necessary to complete every R.A.M.C. Unit up to SALONICA Scale in men and animals and medical stores.

Cacolets and travois have not proved so far very successful and a special type of saddle and of a litter are now being tried. These, if satisfactory will necessitate a somewhat large provision.

"B" Section 137 Indian Field Ambulance now here should be made mobile.

Evacuation of Wounded.

So much again depends on the plan of operations that no definite scheme can be settled, but no difficulty is anticipated provided the flow of hospital ships is regular and constant.



6. FORMATION OF L.OF C. AND WHAT PERSONNEL  
AND WHAT UNITS WOULD BE REQUIRED.

If the scope of the Operations is not far reaching the provision of an I.G.C. and Staff does not appear necessary, but if, on the other hand, any increase in the existing troops is contemplated and operations on a large scale proposed, then the formation of an I.G.C. and Staff would be essential. A specially selected Officer for the appointment of I.G.C. would be very essential.

The following troops for L.of C. purposes would be required.

- 2 Labour Battalions, R.E. or Pioneer Battalions.
- 1 additional Labour Company, A.S.C.
- 4 Battalions - Garrison or Territorial.

Labour Companies would be required at rail or lorry heads. Local labour any distance from SALONICA would be unsatisfactory and dangerous.

7. ANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS.

- (a) Heavy Artillery - 5 Batteries 6" Howitzers of 10,000 yards range. Shorter range guns would render supply of ammunition difficult owing to nature of terrain.
- (b) Mountain Artillery - Additional Brigade. Provision of transport and of train offer existing batteries as recommended in my No. 572. of 23/2/16.
- (c) Two Brigades to hold present defensive line and secure forward portion of L.of C.
- (d) Machine Gun Companies 22nd. and 26th. Divisions.
- (e) Air Service - Desirable to have some aeroplanes of our own and not to be entirely dependent on the French.
- (f) 3 G.S. Limbered Reserve Parks on a scale of 2 G.S. Limbered Wagons to 1 G.S. Wagon.
- (g) Infantry Base Depots and reinforcements. General Base Depot for A.S.C. etc.
- (h) Reserve of Guns and Machine Guns to be increased to 10% of former and 20% of latter.
- (h.1) Supply and Ammunition Columns for 7th Mounted Brigade



- (i) Additional Workshops; 1 Travelling Workshop for 43rd Siege Battery.  
1 Heavy Repair Unit.
- (j) 6 Depot Units of Supply.
- (k) Reserve of Medical Stores to be increased to a 3 months reserve for total force and authorised complement of General and Stationary Hospitals.
- (l) Pack saddlery, harness, etc., on proposed establishment scale.
- (m) Pack animals to proposed establishment scale.
- (n) Stokes Mortars and Ammunition.
- (o) Hay reserve to be increased.
- { One Reserve Park would be required for each Division  
organised on Proposed Scale - if all Artillery accompanied Division additional wagons would be necessary.  
{ Advisable to allow for a Reserve Park for each Division of Force.

GENERAL.

1. It is also desirable that the Establishment of Lewis Guns and Pack saddlery be completed as soon as possible.
2. Two Officers unfit for active operations are required as Railheads Commandants. Possibly two suitable Officers could be found from EGYPT.
3. All units should be complete to SALONICA Scale as soon as possible. The deficiencies in Infantry alone amount to 400 officers and 11726 other ranks.
4. The question of Drivers is serious - the Greek Government decline to give an assurance that refugee Greek Subjects employed in other armies will be considered as relieved from liability to Service. It therefore is a question for consideration whether the requirements of this Army will not have to be provided from other sources. The matter is now being carefully investigated and a further report will be sent shortly.



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REMARKS OF GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, EGYPT FORCE, on SALONIKA  
ARMY LETTER No. 1395 G. of 18/5/16.

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(Numbers of the paragraphs below correspond to those in  
SALONIKA Army Paper.).

1. The present situation is :-

Required to complete :-

	Riders	665	} en route between ALEXANDRIA and SALONIKA. 50 riders, 750 mules.
Horses			
	Draught	NIL	
Mules		760	

The shortage of 600 Riders cannot be made good  
from EGYPT till the horses here become fit for issue, probably  
in 3 months' time.

Drivers A.S.C. General Milne is being asked to explain how  
he arrives at these figures. The Trains and  
Reserve Parks are 211 short, and there is a  
shortage of 1800 for Field Ambulances. The  
remaining shortage is distributed throughout  
the Force. There are no A.S.C. Drivers avail-  
able in EGYPT, and A.H.Q., SALONIKA report that  
up to date, they have been unable to get  
Muleteers locally, vide "General, para. 4,  
though from a telegram just received they appear  
now to be enrolling muleteers. I do not consider  
Egyptian Drivers would be suitable for the  
purpose, nor do I think it would be possible to  
raise the number required.

Pack Saddlery. From the numbers sent forward the SALONIKA Army  
should be more than complete in pack saddlery  
to SALONIKA scale.

2. It is not clear how many Divisions it is required to equip  
to this increased Establishment, sometimes 2, sometimes 3, and  
even 5 have been mentioned.

Horses. Riders. See remarks in para. 1. They could probably be  
made up in about 3 months' time.

Mules. Another 1000 could be sent from here now, but



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It is understood the Divisions cannot absorb them owing to lack of Drivers.

If the 11th and 42nd Divisions do not leave for the East on SALONIKA scale, another 2,000 mules could be sent from EGYPT.

Drivers.

It is not clear how this number is arrived at. How many are :-

1st Line Regt.  
R.A.  
R.E.  
A.S.C.

Additional for Brigade of Artillery. The 34 additional horses could be found in about 2 months' time.

It is not clearly understood what the drivers are, but the General Officer Commanding, SALONIKA Army has been asked to make this point clear.

Corps Headquarters.

The horses could be provided, but not A.S.C. drivers.

Pack Saddlery.

4,000 per Division are asked for :-

D.O.S., Base, ALEXANDRIA reports 6,400 sets have already been sent, 5,600 are still due, of these 1,600 are coming from MOMBASA and 4,000 from home, but date of prospective arrival is unknown. This would complete 3 Divisions and no steps have been taken to demand the 8,000 additional for two more Divisions.

3. Railways.

- (a) These are going forward.
- (b). Ordered from home and some Decauville shipped, but not all, no locomotives advised.
- (c). Will be shipped from ALEXANDRIA in a few days.
- (d). It is not clear what establishment is meant - whether "Full War Establishment" or the modified establishment submitted by SALONIKA some weeks ago, but there is at present, no personnel available in EGYPT for this purpose. G.O.C. SALONIKA has been asked to explain more fully.
- (e). None available here.



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4. Ammunition Reserves.

This has already been dealt with in my secret letter No. G.S. 277 of the 26th May, 1916.

5. Medical.

See my telegram No. A.M.629 cipher dated 9/6/16 as to medical requirements generally. I am of opinion that Salonika should be supplied with two more stationary hospitals, making four in all, also an additional sanitary section.

In December 1915 Salonika reported that they required 120 Light Ambulances to complete. Since that date 147 have been sent forward. They should therefore now be complete as the last 61 have arrived since this statement was made.

There are no A.S.C. drivers available. I do not know what is meant by "Travois" and this is the first I have heard of Cacoëts being unsatisfactory.

We have no means here of supplying the native personnel which General Milne considers necessary for his Indian Field Ambulance. (The numbers, ranks, etc., are given in his 1114 cipher of 2/6/16, copy attached, marked "A".)

Evacuation of wounded.

As there are 20,000 beds available in Malta and hospital ships are available for evacuation, I am of opinion there are sufficient general hospitals at Salonika. Medical and surgical stores can be supplied from here and Salonika has been told to put forward demands.

6. I concur with General Milne's remarks as regards I.G.C. and staff, personnel and L. of C. troops, but I am unable to supply them.

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7. (a). These cannot be supplied from EGYPT.

(b). There are in EGYPT two four-gun batteries 2.75".  
one six-gun battery 10 pdrs.

but it is impossible to spare these.

(c). Are not available here.

(d). The War Office was asked to provide these M.G. Companies on 15/5/18, but no reply has yet been received to this request.

(e). In accordance with War Office letter No. 121/Mediterranean/514 (A.O.1), dated 2/5/18, it is proposed to send a squadron R.F.C. to SALONICA at the end of June.

(f). D.S.T. has already represented to D.S.T. War Office that the 3 Reserve Parks held at home for SALONICA should be organised on a scale of 300 Limbered G.S. Wagons per Reserve Park.

They have at present at SALONICA one Reserve Park on a G.S. Wagon scale, and one Reserve Park on a Limbered G.S. Wagon scale of about 150 Limbered G.S. Wagons.

No provision has been made in EGYPT to make the G.S. Wagon Reserve Park into a Limbered G.S. Wagon Reserve Park, nor to make the existing Limbered G.S. Wagon Reserve Park up to 300 Limbered G.S. Wagons. Vehicles, harness, drivers, or animals are not available for the purpose.

(g). I have suggested the Base Depots of the five SALONICA Divisions be sent to SALONICA - my M.F.A. 1802 of 29th May. A General Base Depot should also be formed there.

(h). They are not available in EGYPT.

(h.1). No provision has been made for this.

(i). Additional Workshop 43rd Siege Battery already left ALEXANDRIA for SALONICA. Heavy Repair Unit ordered from home and believed to be on the way out.

(j). Could not be spared from EGYPT at present, but might possibly be spared on departure of 11th and 42nd Divisions.

(k). A three months reserve of Medical stores can be supplied and SALONICA has been told to put forward demands on EGYPT.

(l) and (m). Already answered above.

(n). There are about 30 Stokes Guns in EGYPT with E.E.F. Of these I am sending 22 to SALONICA.



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(c). Every endeavour has been made to keep 30 days' reserve and this will be increased to 42 days in time, but 15 days have just been burnt.

General.

1. Lewis guns have been completed in all Divisions. Three Divisions are complete in pack saddlery and pack saddlery for remaining two Divisions is due from England (not advised).

2. Two suitable officers for Railhead Commandants can be found in Egypt.

3. The figures given by General Milne have been checked and D.A.G. 3rd Echelon, Alexandria, reports on 7/6/16 that the total deficiencies in accordance with the latest Salonika returns are 326 officers 10,251 other ranks for all infantry, cyclists and Divisional Cavalry.

It is stated that the Training School, Zeitoun, will have about 90 officers and 30 candidates for commissions available by 18th June. There are 186 officers in addition in the Officers' Base Depot awaiting completion of training.

The Salonika strength is taken as 35 officers per battalion, but it is presumed that units will only take 29 officers into action and they will therefore have 175 officers as reinforcements.

Reinforcements for other ranks have been regularly demanded and the situation cleared up with War Office monthly, but no reinforcements for the Salonika Force have been sent us since last November.

4. There are no drivers available in Egypt, vide remarks in para. 1 of this paper.

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

10/6/16.



1116/6  
A

From :- D. M. S. SALONICA.  
To :- D. M. S. EGYPTFORCE.

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1114. cipher.

2/6/16.

Desp. 1056.  
Recd. 1745.  
Decd. 1835.

M.H.Q. 2048. 31st.

Your 2049 May 20th was not received here to complete establishments of existing units to SALONICA Scale required on May 28th. Drivers 2082, 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 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 Ambulance quite unable to deal with any large number of casualties. Am arranging three months reserve medical stores. To render "B" Section No. 137 Indian Field Ambulance mobile, require Duffadar 1, Naik 1, Nalbond 1, Drivers 41, riding horse 1, riding ponies 7, draught 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.

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W.F.D.  
app. U  
1/169  
From

Troopers, London.

To

G.H.Q. Egyptforce.

Repeated Salonika.

7906 Code.

9/8/16

Desp. 2110.  
Recd.

Following Army Order has been issued, begins.

By His Majesty's command, following Order has been issued to the Army :- The King has learned with profound regret of the disaster by which the Secretary of State for War has lost his life while proceeding on a special mission to the Emperor of Russia. Field Marshal Lord Kitchener gave 45 years of distinguished service to the State and it is largely due to his administrative genius and unwearying energy that the country has been able to create and place in the field the armies which are to-day upholding the traditional glories of our Empire. Lord Kitchener will be mourned by the Army as a great soldier who, under conditions of unexampled difficulty, rendered supreme and devoted service both to the Army and the State. Ends. Addressed Egypt, repeated Salonika.

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





SECRET

G.S. Z/32.

General Officer Commanding,  
No. 2 Section.

Information has been received from S.M.O., EGYPT,  
that H.M.S. "Aphis" at ISMAILIA will be relieved by H.M.S.  
"Scarab" from PORT SAID on 10th instant.

(Sgd) A.C. Dawney  
Capt. 25.

G.H.Q.,  
E.E.F.,  
10.6.16.

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

SECRET

G.S. Z/52.

Officer Commanding,  
5th Wing,  
Royal Flying Corps.

Information has been received from S.M.O., EGYPT,  
that H.M.S. "Aphis" at ISMAILIA will be relieved by H.M.S.  
"Scarab" from PORT SAID on 10th instant.

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Capt. 25.

G.H.Q.,  
E.E.F.,  
10.6.16.

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





**SECRET**

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W.P.

Brig-General G. F. Clayton, C.M.G.  
CAIRO.

App W

With reference to your letter dated 6th June regarding the armed steamer on the SHELLAL - HALFA reach, the attached proposal of the Naval Adviser, General Headquarters, is forwarded for your information. This proposal has been approved by the Commander-in-Chief and is being carried out. It is considered that it is a more satisfactory arrangement than that proposed by the Governor of HALFA and it is not intended to make any further change. Will you please inform all concerned ?

(Sgd) A.C. Dawson Capt  
G.S.

G. H. Q.  
10.6.16.

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



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C.G.S.  
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It appears unnecessary to now retain two armed steamers on the SHELLAL - HALFA reach.

It is proposed to retain one only, and to dismount the guns from the other and keep them in store at HALFA when they can be remounted at short notice if required.

An additional reason for unarming one steamer is that she is much required by the SUDAN Government railways for the ordinary passenger service, as owing to the low river, the larger steamers now employed cannot be used.

If this is approved it will not be necessary to approach the Sirdar with a view to his taking over the defence of the reach. This will be continued as long as necessary by one armed steamer with a small naval crew.

Should the situation at any time require, the other steamer can have its guns remounted within 24 hours, and the guns' crews sent to SHELLAL within 36 hours.

4/6/16.

(Ind) F.A.M.  
Captain, R.N.





App +

1/14/

G.S. Z/32.

General Officer Commanding,  
No. 2 Section.

SECRET

With reference to the attached letter from Officer Commanding, French ship "Requin", and our reply, will you please communicate direct with Captain Mitchell R.N., N.A., General Headquarters, as to when it is convenient for you to visit the "Requin". Captain Mitchell will make all necessary arrangements for your visit and has also been asked to attend your conference with Captain Loizeau.

Please return the attached correspondence.

(Sgt) ac. Dawson  
Capt  
Lt

G.H.Q.,  
E.E.F.,  
16/8/16.

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



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App A

From Troopers.  
To G.H.Q., Egyptforce.

7951 S.D.2 (code) 10/6/16. 11/6/16. Desp. 1845. Recd. 0150.

Your R.S. (G.S.?) 58. Appointment approved G.S.O.(3) for topographical duties. Authority War Office 121/Staff/2441, June 10th.

Copies to :-  
O(b)  
G.S.S.  
I.  
A.M.S.  
A.  
Filed G.S. 58.  
G.S. Cables.



WP

App B

SECRET

From :- A.H.Q., SALONIKA.  
Addressed LONDON, repeated G.H.Q., EGYPTFORCE.

G.C. 168 cipher. 10/6/16 11/6/16. Desp. 2330 Recd. 0605 Decd. 0610

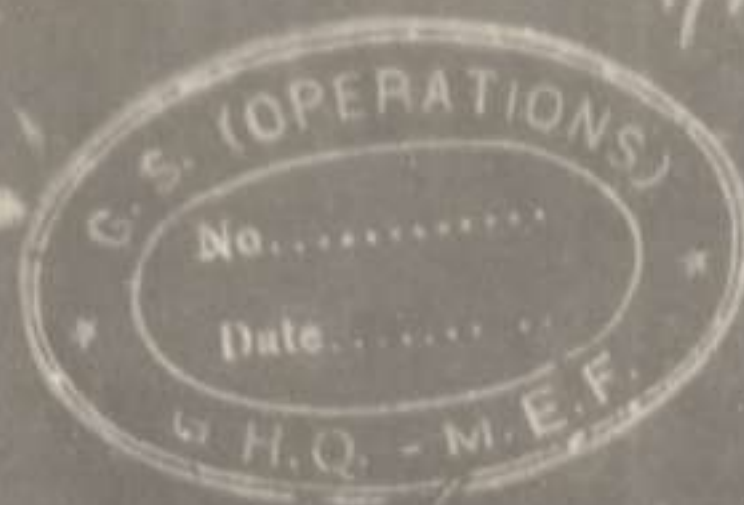
Nothing to report. Moves of troops as arranged proceeding satisfactorily.

Copies to :-  
O(a).  
O(b).  
C.G.S.  
C. in C.  
I.  
A.  
Q.  
M.G.R.A.  
D.A.S.  
E. in C.  
Filed G.S. Z/29  
G.S. cables.





W.P.  
From:- TROOPERS.  
To:- EGYPTFORCE.



17739.cipher.A.G.4.

10/6/16  
11/6/16

Despd. 2000  
Recd. 0605  
Deed. 0615

Your M.F.A.1858 May 30th.

These officers should be sent home to join the Machine-Gun Corps if they can be spared. It should be understood that they will not necessarily be posted to Companies allotted to Divisions from which they have come.

Copies to A for action.  
O(b).

Filed A Cables.  
G.S. 90.

W.P.  
From:- CHIEF LONDON.  
To:- CHIEF EGYPTFORCE.

App D

SECRET

17732.cipher.

10/6/16  
11/6/16

Despd. 1745  
Recd. 0605  
Deed. 0645

Your A.M.566 May 29th.

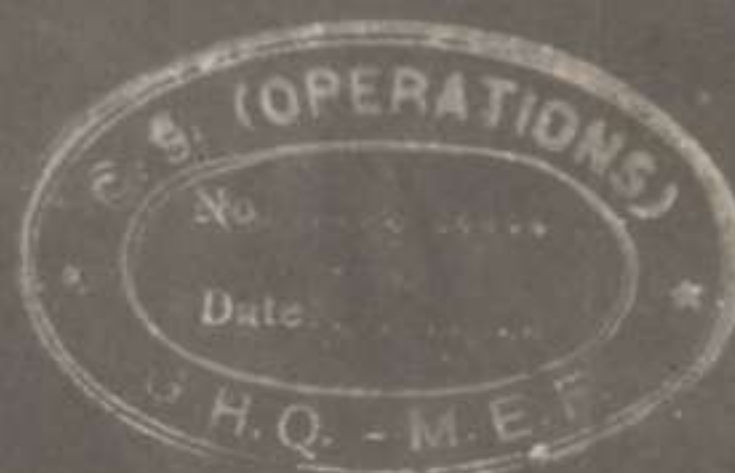
Ambassador ROME reports that Italian Minister for Colonies is willing to consider question of operation against Muri in Italian territory and Foreign Office have been requested by War Office to tell Minister to make formal request for instructions to be sent to Italian Military authorities at BARDIA to co-operate in proposed undertaking and for permission for us to operate in Italian territory when necessity arises. Similar treatment to be accorded to Italian troops to operate in Egyptian territory on the understanding that no forts or permanent posts are to be established by either force in each others territory.

Copies to O(a)  
I.  
Filed G.S. 2/20/16  
G.S. Cables.

O(b).  
D.A.G.

G.S.S.  
D.Q.M.S.

C.-in-C.





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OFF E

SECRET

From:- CHIEF LONDON.

To:- G. H. Q.

17728 cipher.

10/6/16  
11/6/16

Despd. 1700  
Recd. 0805  
Decd. 0830

One of the five British Divisions in EGYPT will be transferred to FRANCE following the 8th Australian Division. Which Division will you send and when can its embarkation begin? If you select the 11th Division its LV Rifles will be left EGYPT in reserve and it will be re-armed in FRANCE. Further instructions regarding artillery and transport details will be wired on receipt of your reply.

Copies to C(a).  
G.S.S.  
I. Q.

C(b).  
G.-in-C.  
A.

Filed G.S. Z/45.  
G.S. Cables.

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SECRET

OFF F

From Chief Egyptforce.

To Chief LONDON.

A.M. 838 cipher.

11/6/16.

Desp. 1830.

Your 17728 cipher. I am very grateful for your consideration in giving me choice of Divisions. I shall send the 11th Division, the best Division here, and shall move the 42nd Division from SUH2 to BALLAN and EL FERRAN.

Copies to :-

C(a) D.G.H.S.  
C(b) G.-in-C.  
G.S.S. Filed G.S. Z/45.  
I. " G.S. Cables.  
D.A.G.

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H.Q. - M.E.F.



MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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*The above may be forwarded as now corrected.*

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Cruiser	Signature of Addressing or person authorized to correspond to this office.
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From *Slender*.

To Chief Engineer.

see cipher.

22/5/10.

Reed, 1980.

Deed. 1890.

**Your A.M. call.**

Note every possible effort will be made to expedite return of flight R.F.G. Major Groves returns KHARTOUM today, and after consultation with him will wire you date flight R.F.G. will leave for EGYPT.

Copies to :-

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"C" Form (Duplicate).  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.



Service Instructions  
W.C.C. R. 1937  
Handed in at  
TO  
Sender's Number  
Day of Month  
In reply to Number  
Charges to Pay  
Office Stamp  
Received  
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Hostile Aircraft seen over  
ROMANI at 1542. no direction  
given

Wireless in Somalia

W. LEONARD, 1900-1905, A.J.W. & Co. Ltd. Form 312B

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App K

From : No. 3 Section.  
To : G. H. Q.

G.425. 11/5/18 Desp. 1850.  
Recd. 1802.

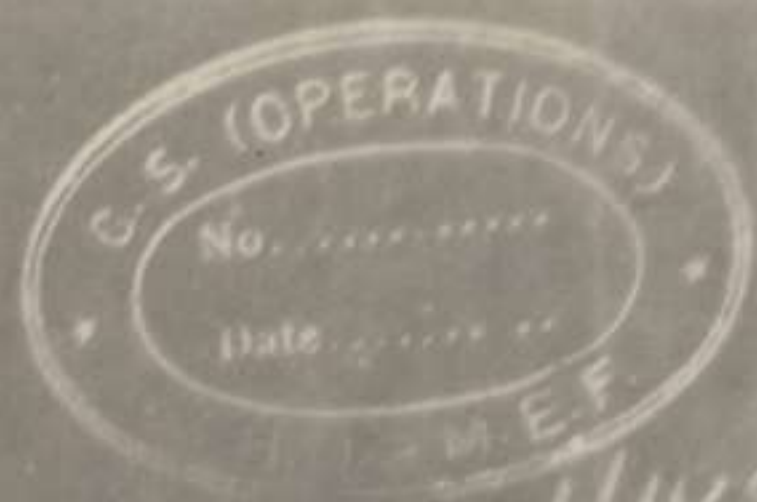
Anzac Mounted Division to-day reconnoitred  
JEFFER MAHERRA and BAYUD reporting these places all  
clear. One regiment covering reconnaissance towards  
BIR EL ASD engaged hostile camel patrol and captured  
one wounded Turk. About 1440 hostile aeroplane dropped  
about six bombs on QANTARA wounding 3 men and killing  
about 7 horses or mules.

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

Filed G.S. 2.48.  
G.S. Cable.







App L

From : Westforce.  
To : G. H. Q.

G.S.B. 222 cipher 11/8/16 Desp. 1703.  
Reed. 1815.  
Decd. 1825.

General Dallas proceeds SOLJUM leaving CAIRO  
night of 12th.

Copies to O(a). C-in-C.  
O(b). I.  
C.S.B. Filed G.S. Z.22/8.  
" G.S. Cables.

App M

From: Troopers, London.  
To : Egyptforce. Repeated East Africa.

17742 cipher S.D.S. 11/8/16 Desp. 1440.  
Reed. 1920.  
Decd. 1930.

Your A.M.610.

2nd West Indies Regt. is due to arrive MOMBASA  
July 22nd. Please despatch to join this battalion at MOMBASA  
16 officers and 500 other ranks British West Indies Regt.  
who will be provided by you with Mark 6 service rifles and  
arrange to hold in readiness drafts to replace casualties as  
demanded from EAST AFRICA. Arrangements for conveyance will  
be communicated later.

Copies to :- G. C.S.B.  
A. C-in-C.  
O(a). I.  
O(b). Filed G.S.139.  
" G.S. Cables.





From :- G.H.Q., EGYPTORCH.

To :- TROOPERS, LONDON.

APP. O 11/149

A.M. 637. cipher.

11/8/18.

Deep. 3150

SALONICA requires additional Wireless as follows :-  
one Wagon Section complete, one pack section less transport, one  
spare pack set, five extra ground wireless sets with personnel for  
Royal Artillery use. We could send immediately W.5 wagon section  
if you concur, at present it is standing by as ordered by your  
1433 cipher D.S.D., 17/3/18. If so, we should like it replaced  
in EGYPT by another wagon wireless section as soon as possible.  
We can send SALONICA one pack section, viz:- W.7, very soon. Will  
you please supply the square Pack Wireless Set, and the five  
additional ground wireless sets with personnel, making ten in all,  
see my A.M. 318 of 25/3/18.

Copies to :-

O(a).

O(b).

G.H.Q.

I.

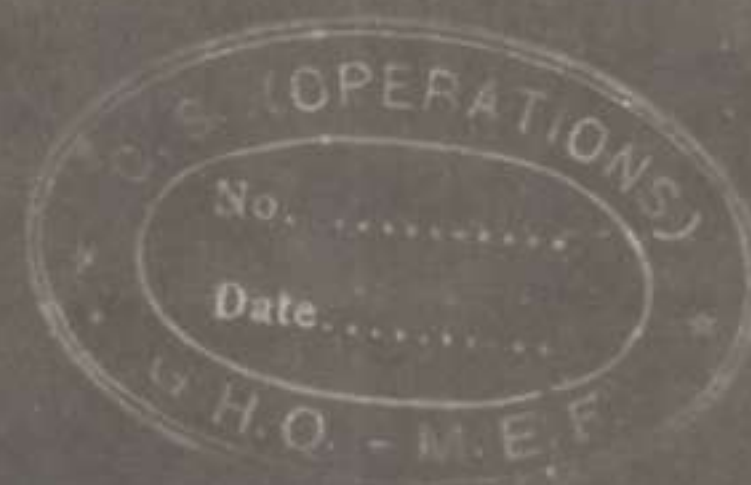
D.A.S.

A.

Q.

Filed G.H.Q. 172

G.H.Q. cables.





WQ  
From CHIEF EGYPTFORCE  
TO CHIEF LONDON.

App N 11/180  
SECRET

A.M. 638 Cipher

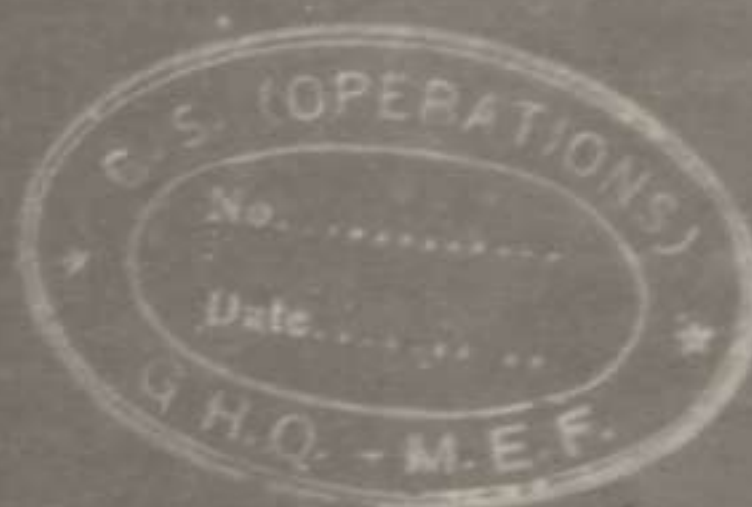
11/6/16

Desp. 2150

In continuation of my A.M. 635 Cipher,  
11th. Division will follow 5th. Australian Division as soon  
as shipping is available, probably about July 1st.

Copies to O(a)  
O(b)  
C.G.S.  
C. in C.  
I  
D.A.G.  
D.Q.M.G.  
D.A.S.

Filed G.S.Z/45  
G.S.Cables



WQ  
From CHIEF EGYPTFORCE  
To CHIEF LONDON.

APP P  
SECRET

A.M. 639 Cipher

11/6/16.

Desp. 2215

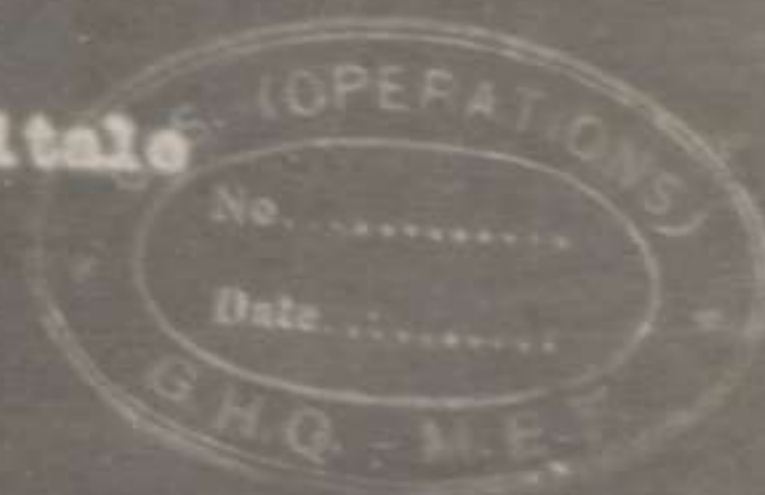
Evening Report. Eastern Front. Reconnaissance today  
towards BIR EL ABD dispersed hostile camel patrol capturing one  
wounded Turk. Hostile aircraft dropped six bombs from seven  
thousand feet on QANTARA this afternoon wounding two men and  
killing seven horses. R.F.C. fighting machines gave chase but  
owing to their height hostile machines escaped. A second hostile  
airplane attacked ROMANI with machine gun fire without success.  
Columns operating from No:1 and NO:2 Sections are engaged in  
emptying rock cisterns at MOIXA HARAB and WADI HUKSHEIB. The  
only hostile patrol seen retired as soon as sighted.

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

I  
A  
Q  
M.G.R.A.  
E. in C.

D.A.S.  
A.M.S.  
Lt. Col. Vitale

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





11/8/16  
app Q  
w D  
From :- G.H.Q.,

To :- Captain Loiseau, "Requin".

Oac. 192

11/8/16

Desp. 1215.

General Short, Commanding No. 2 Section, Canal Defences, accompanied by Captain Mitchell, R.N., Naval Adviser G.H.Q., and Colonel Robertson, proposes to visit you on board "Requin" at 1100 on Tuesday 13th instant. Will you please say if this is convenient to you?

Filed G.S. Z/32.



w D  
app R  
PRIORITY.

From :- R.S.A.S. KANTARA

To :- G.H.Q.,

11/8/16

Desp. 1435

Recd. 1439

Enemy aircraft seen over KANTARA 1432 flying North-west.

Copies to :-

G(b).

I.

A.

Q.

M.S.R.A.

E. in C.

D.A.S.

Filed G.S. 177.





W.D. app S 11182  
From : Chief, BEYFORCH.

To : Chief, LONDON.

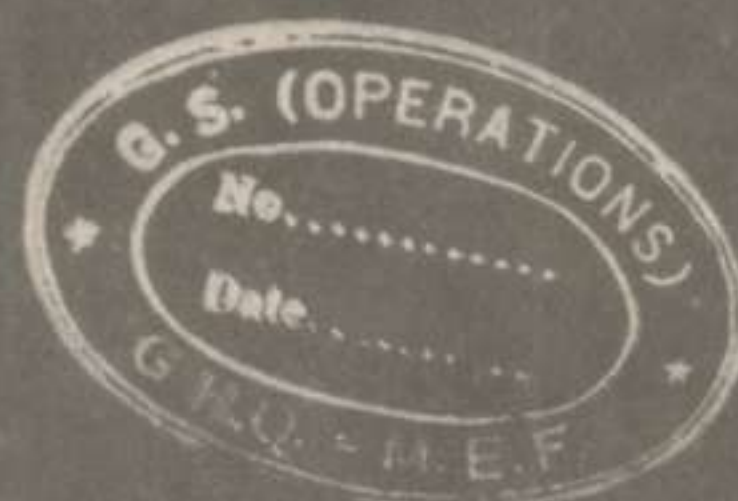
A.M. 656 cipher.

11/6/18

Desp. 1830.

Reference my A.M.624, I have carefully considered the extent to which any section staffs will require strengthening. The SUMZ section can get on with its present Divisional Staff plus the 2 Indian Staff Officers already sanctioned who are attached to the 54th Divisional Staff for dealing with Indian troops. The ISMAILIA section (No. 2) does not require any addition to its staff. As regards the Northern section, in view of the wide extent of this section and the fact that the bulk of the 22nd Division is at present in the neighbourhood of ROMANI, and will be pushed further east as we move forward, I consider that Lawrence should hand over command of the 22nd Division to a selected officer, and be placed in command of No. 3 Section. I ask therefore that Lawrence, as section commander, be given a staff consisting of a B.S.O.S., Brig-General R. E. Street; C.S.O.S, Major S.H.Kershaw; C.S.O.S, Capt., H.C.Finnis; D.A. & Q.M.G., Brig-General S.P.Hamilton-Moore; D.A.A.S., Capt. G. H. Wilmer; D.A.Q.M.G. to be selected, and that I may be allowed to promote a Brigadier to command the 22nd Division. I do not propose to give any higher temporary rank to Lawrence. Any other officers of the 9th Corps Staff not required will be sent home.

Copies to :- O(a). A.  
O(b). Q.  
C.S.S. I.  
G-in-C. A.M.S.  
Filed C.S.290.  
" C.S.Cables.





W.R.  
OFF  
1/183  
C.S. (OPEF) H.Q.  
No. 5. 212.  
Date  
H.Q. - M.E.F.

Officer Commanding,  
Imperial Camel Corps.

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It is understood that Nos. 8 and 9 Camel Companies will be ready for service at an early date. No. 8 Company has been allotted to the Western Frontier Force and should be sent to SAMALUT; No. 9 has been allotted to No. 1 Section Canal Defences and should be sent to GEMHURFE. It has been decided that these moves will be made by march route. Will you therefore please make the necessary arrangements direct with General Officer Commanding Western Frontier Force, and General Officer Commanding No. 1 Section Canal Defences respectively, informing General Headquarters when each Company is despatched. Copies of this letter are being sent to all concerned.

G. H. Q.  
10.6.16.

*Edmund A. Hyndes Bell*  
Major-General,  
Chief of the General Staff,  
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

Copies to : G.O.C. Western Frontier Force.  
" " No. 1 Section Canal Defences.  
"Q".



W.D. App V  
1/184  
OPERATIONS  
G.S. Z. 303  
Date 1/2  
H.Q. - M.E.F.

General Officer Commanding,

No. 1, 2, and 3 Sections,  
Canal Defences.

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The attached memorandum with reference to the reorganisation of R.E. Services in the Canal Zone is forwarded for your information and adoption, subject to such minor modifications as you may consider call for further consideration. With regard to such points please communicate your views direct to the Engineer-in-Chief, General Headquarters.

(Sgd) A. Lynden Bell

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

G.H.Q., E.E.F.  
10/8/16.

Copy to :- E. in C.

CRET

59  
G.S. Z. 303

W.D. App W  
General Officer Commanding,

L. of C. Defences.

With reference to your 5211/9 of June 9th, it is regretted that definite information regarding the date of the move of the 21st battalion Rifle Brigade to the Canal Zone cannot at present be given. You will be notified, however, at the earliest possible moment when this is decided, and in the meantime the Commander-in-Chief approves of the battalion being employed in such manner as will allow of its concentration to move at 48 hours notice.

(Sgd) A. Lynden Bell

G. H. Q.

11/8/16.

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



11/85

ORGANISATION FOR ENGINEER WORKS, SUEZ CANAL ZONE.  
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It has been decided that the execution of all Engineer Services in the Suez Canal Zone, shall, as far as possible, be under the direct control of the Officers commanding Sections.

(a). The Senior Engineer Officer in each Section will be directly responsible to the Officer Commanding for the execution of all Engineer Services within the Section, including

- (i). The supply of water, including the provision and maintenance of all filtering plant, pumping plant, and pipe lines.
- (ii). Provision and maintenance of bridges, ferries and landing stages.
- (iii). Construction and maintenance of roads and Decauville tramways.
- (iv). Provision and maintenance of hutting.

Army Troops Companies R.E., Siege Companies, R.E. and the R.A.N.B.T. are allotted to Sections, and it is the intention of the Commander-in-Chief that the personnel necessary to work the filtering plant, the pumping plant, and the bridges, shall be provided from these units, and not from the R.E. Field Companies which form part of the Mobile troops and are liable to be moved at short notice.

Field engineers, civil staff, and labour as required, are also provided for the construction and maintenance of the roads and decauville tramways.

The Deputy Director of Works, Suez Canal Zone, under the Engineer-in-Chief will :-

- (1) Make all contracts for works which can be carried out economically by means of contractors, and will arrange for payments to Contractors, and pass the bills for all contract work. The responsibility for the supervision of the work of any contractors employed on the East of the Suez Canal will rest with the /O.C. Section



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O.C. Section.

- (ii) Supply stone for all roads from the quarries which are controlled by him and control the delivery of stone by barges to posts on the East bank of the Canal.
- (iii) Make all arrangements for the construction of the main roads West of the Suez Canal, viz :-
- |          |    |                       |
|----------|----|-----------------------|
| ISMAILIA | to | TEL EL KEBIR.         |
| "        | to | KANTARA to PORT SAID. |
| SUEZ     | to | KUBRI and SHALLUFA.   |
- (iv) Control and maintain the inundation on the East of the Suez Canal between PORT SAID to FERDAN.
- (v) Arrange for the supply of water by barges to posts as required.

All engineer stores and material except road metal will be demanded from and supplied by the O.C. Advanced Park, R.E. at ISMAILIA.

A special staff will be attached to the Office of the Engineer-in-Chief to inspect filtration and pumping plants and all machinery throughout the Canal Zone.

2. In some cases the units allotted to sections for the maintenance of the permanent works have not at present got sufficient mechanists, engine drivers, filters, and skilled specialists to enable them to carry out their duties. Where this is the case, the Officers commanding sections (should) call for suitable volunteers for transfer from other units to the A.T. and Siege Companies, R.E. to enable those units to take over their special duties, and submit these proposals to G.H.Q.

Part of the staff which has hitherto worked on the East side of the Suez Canal under the orders of the Deputy Director of Works will be transferred to Section command to complete the works which have hitherto been controlled by the D.D. of Works, and to maintain roads and tramways.

Officers commanding Sections are requested to consider in



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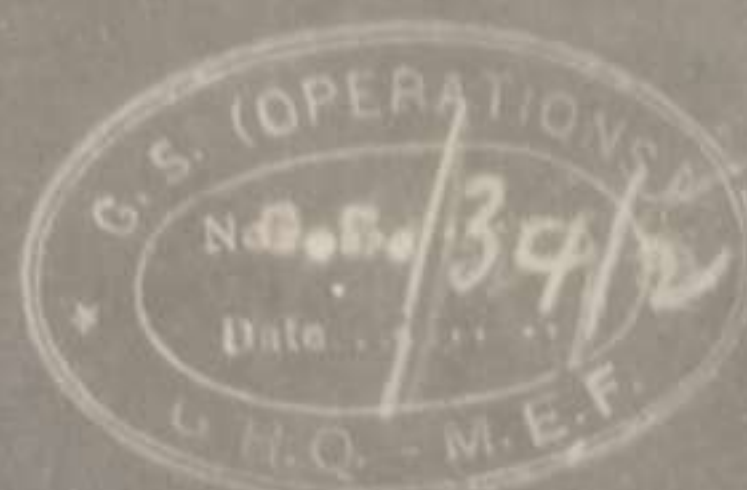
consultation with the Engineer-in-Chief their proposals as to  
the establishment of Field Engineers required for this purpose.



*W.D.*

**SECRET**

*app V*



General Officer Commanding,

No. 2 Section, Canal Defences.

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Three dismounted double squadrons (strength 250 rifles) of Australian Light Horse are being formed from surplus reinforcements now at TEL EL KEBIR, and will be ready for service very shortly.

The Commander-in-Chief has decided that these three squadrons, when formed, are to be allotted to the section under your command, and he considers that they should be retained on the east bank of the Canal at FERRY POST, ready to be employed as an active mobile reserve. Should you consider any redistribution of the troops in your section necessary, in view of this addition to your strength, please forward your proposals as soon as possible. You will be notified in due course as to the date of arrival of these squadrons.

*(Sgd) A Lynden Bell*

G. H. Q.

*cc*  
19.6.18.

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



*W.P.*  
**SECRET**

*1/189*  
**G.S. Z.34/2.**

*Opp*  
**General Officer Commanding,  
A. & N.Z. Training Centre.**

*reference*  
With letter to G.S. 275, dated 23/6/16, it is understood that three double squadrons will be complete and ready for service very shortly. It has been decided that these three squadrons are to be employed in the Canal Zone and stationed on the east bank at FERRY POST. Will you therefore please communicate direct with the D.Q.M.G., G.H.Q., and General Officer Commanding No. 2 Section Canal Defences regarding the details of the move of these squadrons up to the Canal at the earliest possible date.

*(Sgd) A Lynden Bell*

G. H. Q.  
11/6/16.

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

Copy to 'Q'.



*N.B.*

*app 4*

4190

OFFICE  
G.S. 129/1.  
Date  
H.Q. - M.E.F.

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

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Reference your letter A.4485 dated 30/5/16,  
the following amendment has been made in War Establishment  
Dismounted Brigade. Three cold shoers to be included  
in the total number of drivers for each yeomanry  
regiment. An order to this effect will be published  
in General Routine Orders.

Your application for a Veterinary Officer has  
been noted, and will be attended to as soon as sufficient  
Veterinary officers are available. At present the  
animals of the 1st Dismounted Brigade should receive  
veterinary attendance in the Division to which it is  
attached.

*Sgt A. Lynden Bell*

G. H. Q.  
11/6/16.

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





*W.D.*  
General Officer Commanding,  
No. 3 Section, Canal Defences.

With reference to your G.R. 195/101 of June 4th, forwarding application from General Officer Commanding, Anzac Mounted Division, for the provision of 40 fast riding camels and equipment to furnish a Divisional Troop of Camel Scouts, careful enquiry has been made and it is regretted that the type of camel required (fast thoroughbred Bishereen) is at present unobtainable. Moreover, at present every available riding camel that can be found is urgently required to mount the new Camel Companies which it is proposed to form for employment on the eastern front, but it is hoped that when these companies become available a proportion of well-bred camels, suitable for fast scouting work, may be found amongst them. In the meantime, it is regretted that, beyond the Bikanirs already allotted to No. 3 Section, no further provision is possible.

G. H. Q.

11/6/16.

*Sgd A Hyndenberg*  
Major-General,  
Chief of the General Staff,  
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

Copy to 'Q'.



NSP  
App-AA  
1/192

Officer Commanding,  
Imperial Camel Corps.

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It has been decided to form 5 further companies of Imperial Camel Corps - thus increasing the Corps to a total of 15 companies. The personnel for these new companies will be drawn from Australian and New Zealand Light Horse, and Mounted Rifle surplus reinforcements, and the D.A.G., is at present considering in conjunction with the A. & N. Z. Authorities a scheme whereby they may be provided as soon as possible. The D.Q.M.G. has also been approached on the subject of supplying camels and equipping the additional companies on the same scale as those already in existence. Will you please say how soon you will be prepared to receive the first of these <sup>new</sup> companies at ABBASSIA, and give us some idea as regards the approximate rate at which others should follow in succession ?

G.H.Q.,  
E.E.F.,  
S.S.13.

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



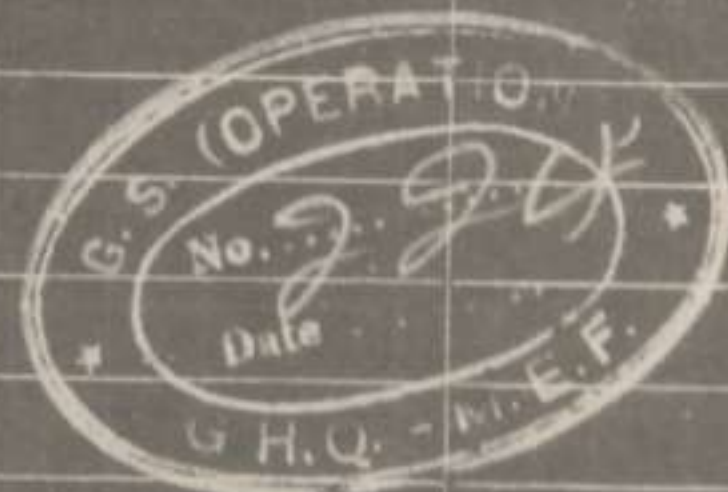
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TO No 1 Section

Sender's Number. \*Oac 195 Day of Month 12<sup>th</sup> In reply to Number AAA

With reference to the ~~company~~ Heavy Battery  
allotment of 15<sup>th</sup> to avoid  
to your action to be  
misunderstanding it is  
understood that this battery is  
administered as well as  
under your command tactically.



From G.H.Q.  
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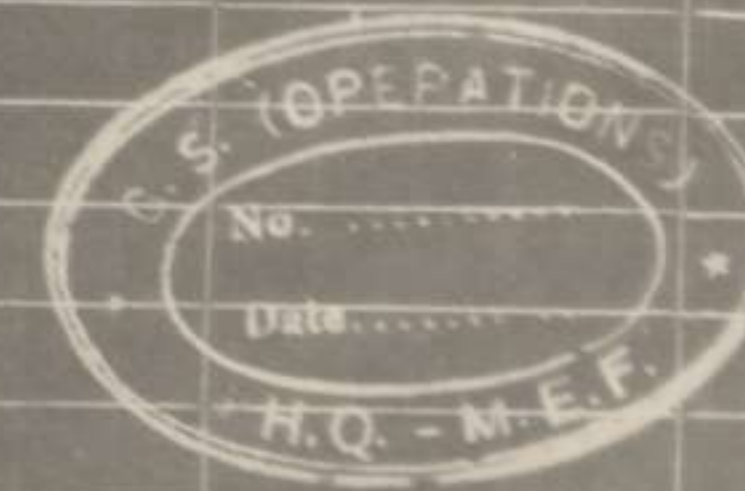
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TO Camel Company

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Sender's Number.

Day of Month

In reply to Number

AAA

with reference to the  
allotment of 91st Heavy Battery  
to your section  
to avoid misunderstanding  
it is to be understood  
that this battery is  
administratively as well as  
tactically under your command



From G.H.O.  
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Day of Month

In reply to Number

AAA

with reference to the  
allotment of 10th Heavy Battery  
to your section  
to avoid misunderstanding  
it is to be understood  
that this battery is  
administratively as well as  
tactically under your command



From G.H.O.  
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Time 1245

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WD

App C



1195

From :- G.H.Q.

To :- G.O.C., MUDROS.

O.A. 88

12/8/18.

Desp. 1510

Your B.M. 143 cipher of 3th. Question of reductions in armament referred to in your B.M. 112 cipher of 30th has been referred to V.A., E.M.S. On receipt of reply from V.A., personnel will be despatched as soon as transport is available. You will receive further notification as soon as possible.

Copies to :-

O(a).  
O(b).  
C.G.S.  
I.  
M.G.R.A.

A.  
Q.  
Filed G.S. 86  
G.S. cables.

SECRET

WD

From:- Chief, Egyptforce.

To:- V.A. E.M.S.

SECRET

App D

A.M. 640. cipher.

12/8/18.

Desp. 1515.

With reference to your 5051 cipher of 24/5/18, I understand from G.O.C., MUDROS that anti-aircraft armament has subsequently been reduced by 2 six-pounder guns, also that the whole movable armament of 6 twelve-pounder naval guns has been withdrawn. As this will very considerably affect the number of R.A. personnel to be supplied from here, please inform me whether these reductions are intended to be permanent or temporary. A very early reply is urgently requested.

Copies to :-

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

I.  
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Q.  
M.G.R.A.

N.A.  
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W.D. From :- A.H.Q., SALONIKA.

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

G.O. 174 cipher.

12/8/35.

Desp. 1200

Recd. 1745

Decd. 2750

Reference your A.H. 593, Headquarters 57th Brigade  
now complete.

Copies to :-

O(a).

O(b).

C.O.S.

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A.

Q.

H.G.R.A.

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G.S. cables.



W.D. SECRET.

From :- WESTFORCE.

To :- G.H.Q.

G.S.B. 226 cipher

12/8/35

Desp. 1820

Recd. 1840

Decd. 1845

May authority please be granted for an aeroplane  
reconnaissance to SAHARIA?

Copies to :-

O(a).

O(b).

I.

C.O.S.

S. in C.

H.F.C.

Filed G.S. 2/43.

G.S. cables.





SECRET.

From :- A.H.Q., SALONIKA.

To :- EGYPTFORCE.

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G.O. 175 cipher

12/3/16.

Desp. 1525  
Recd. 1915.  
Decd. 1955.

Your A.M. 633. Reference SALONIKA 1/200,000.

Present distribution. 10th Division Headquarters  
JAJLADZIK. 29th Brigade with R.F.A. Brigade guarding right bank  
STRUMA, LOZISTY to KONERJAN till relieved on June 14th by 28th  
Division, then will hold line ORLJAK southwards. 30th Brigade  
marches to LIKOVAN tomorrow. 31st Brigade in defence line between  
AIVATLI and TUMBA. 32nd Division Headquarters at KUKUS. <sup>65</sup> 33th Brigade  
2½ miles north-west of KUKUS. 34th Brigade 1 mile south of IRIKLI.  
35th Brigade at JANES. 36th Division Headquarters at LEMBET.  
37th Brigade at AMBARKOJ. 38th Brigade in defence line between  
BALDZA and FIRNAR. 39th Brigade at DREMI GLAVA. 27th Division  
Headquarters LANGAVUK. 40th Brigade at RENDINA Gorge. 41st and  
42nd Brigades concentrating near REPA(?)TACKOJ. 28th Division  
Headquarters vicinity of LAHANA. 43rd Brigade SERES Road moving  
north towards LIKOVAN. 44th Brigade MOZGAL West of LIKOVAN moving  
north to HAMZALI. 45th Brigade about LIKOVAN moving north to  
ORLJAK to relieve 29th Brigade above ORLJAK on June 14th. 7th  
Mounted Brigade Headquarters and Derbyshire Yeomanry KUKUS area.  
S. Notts Yeomanry at GRAMATNA moving north to BESTAVUK-MAH. Notts  
Yeomanry (Sherwood Rangers) ORLJAK. Artillery 28th and 29th  
Infantry Brigades moving by Brigades grouped with Affiliated  
Infantry Brigades.

Copies to :-

O(a).  
O(b).  
C.G.S.  
C. in C.  
I.  
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G.S. cables.





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From:- Westforce.  
To:- C.H.Q. Egyptforce.

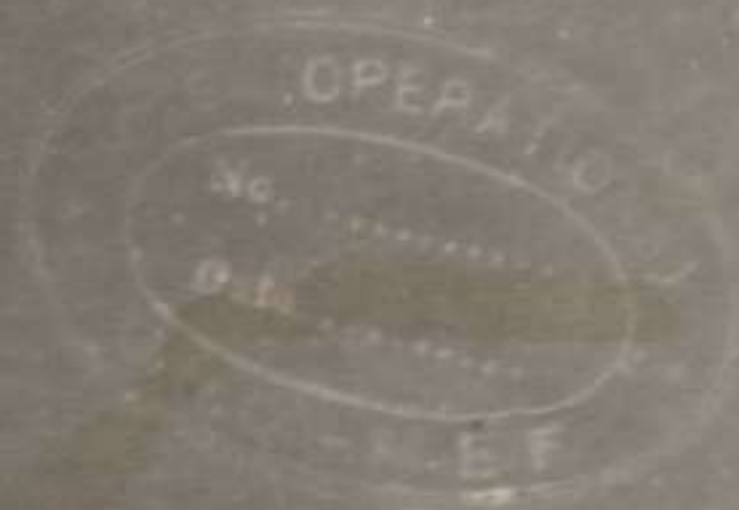
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G.S.B. 229. cipher. 12/8/18. Desp. 1947.  
Recd. 2100.  
Decd. 2115.

General Dallas leaves for SOULAM to-night. Probably  
returns Sunday next. Will keep you informed his movements.

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

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" G.S. Cables.



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

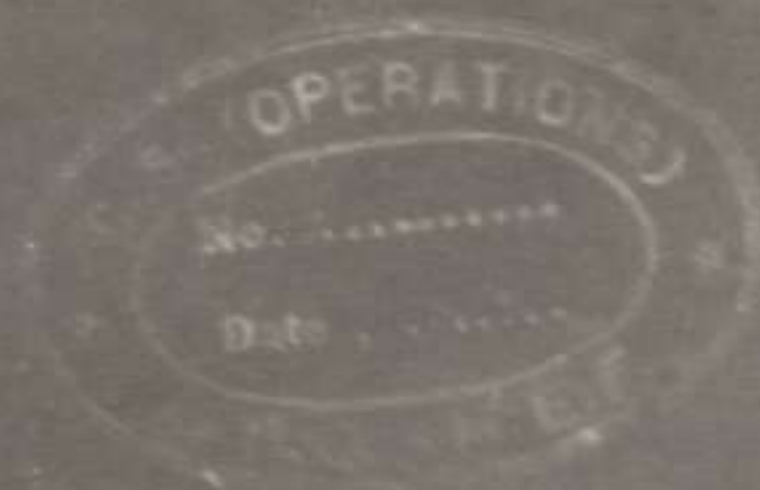
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A.M. 641. cipher. 12/8/18. Desp. 2155.

Evening Report. All well.

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

Filed G.S. 2/29.  
" G.S. Cables.





WQ  
App K  
G.S. 8/3  
11/199  
The Commandant,  
Imperial School of Instruction,  
ZEITOUN.

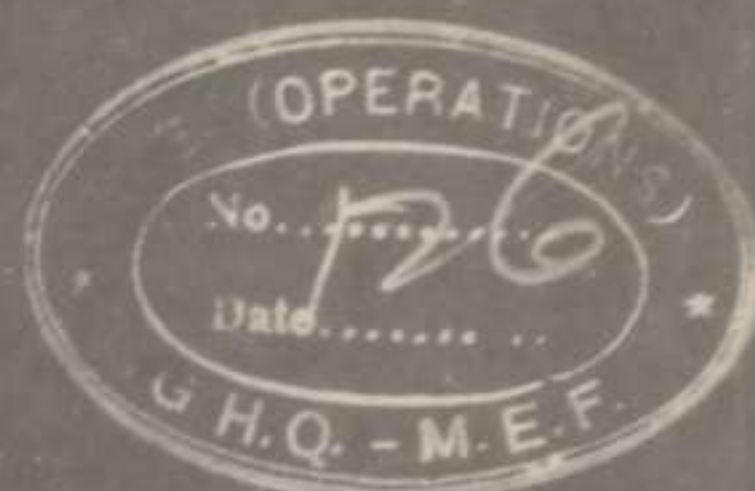
In view of the early move of Australian personnel from TEL EL KEBIR, the instructional staff at present employed by you, other than that belonging to the Light Horse Regiments, should be relieved as early as possible, and will proceed to TEL EL KEBIR under orders issued by the Inspector General of Communications. Would you please inform the Inspector General of Communications direct the earliest date on which this move can take place

Copy to Q  
G. H. Q.

12.6.16.

*C. F. Perkins*  
Major-General,  
Chief of the General Staff,  
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

WQ  
App L  
General Officer Commanding,  
No. 3 Section,  
Canal Defences.



With reference your Q.1355/1 dated 7/6/16, in view of the early move of the 11th Division, it is not considered advisable to make an issue of rifles and ammunition.

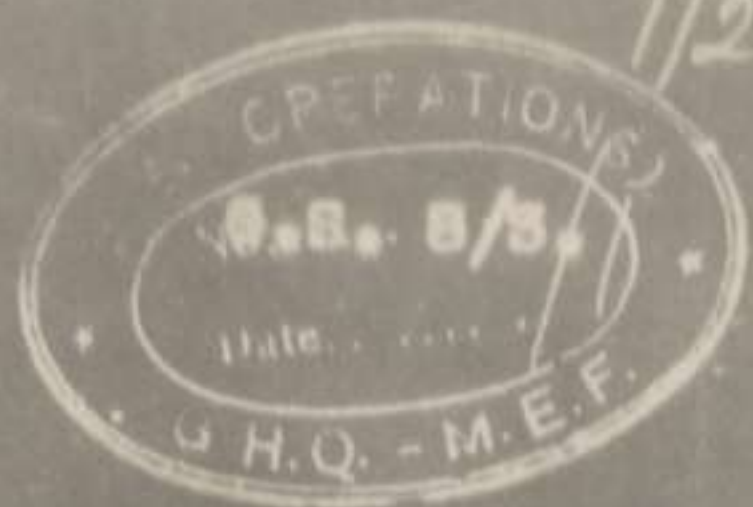
G.H.Q.,  
12/6/16.

*(Cgo) C. F. Perkins*  
Major-General,  
Chief of the General Staff,  
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.



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APP M



Inspector General of Communications.

With reference to my G.S. 8/5 of 28th May, arrangements are being made to relieve the instructional staff of Australian units (other than Light Horse Regiments) at present employed at the Imperial School of Instruction, ZEITOUN. The Commandant has been ordered to inform you direct the earliest date by which these can be released. On receipt of this information would you please arrange to send them to TEL EL KEBIR. As regards the 148 other ranks employed at the ZEITOUN School, these should be transferred to TEL EL KEBIR as early as convenient within the next few days.

*Sgd. C. F. Perkins*  
*Major-General*

G. H. Q.  
12/6/16.

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



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

Copy to E.-in-C.

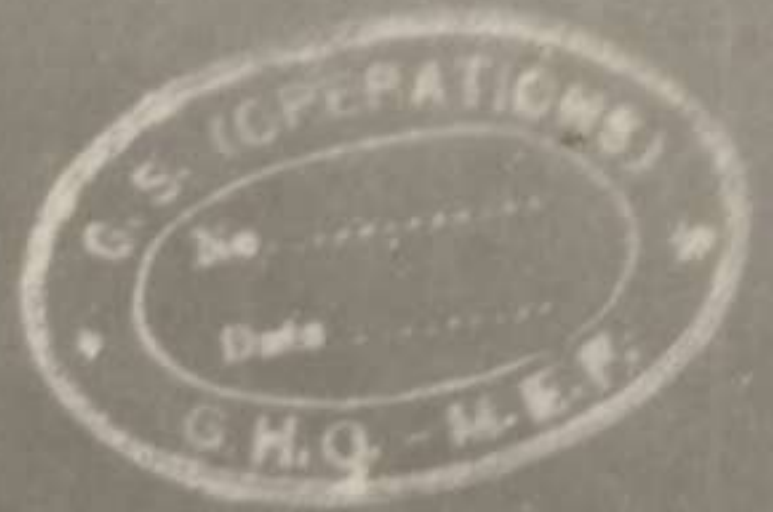


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**SECRET**

1/202  
G.S. Z.28/3.  
App O

General Officer Commanding,  
Western Frontier Force.



The Commander-in-Chief has read with great interest your revised scheme in connection with the BAHARIA operation, and he is quite satisfied with the progress that is being made.

With regard to the blockhouse line Sir Archibald considers that it is most important that the troops who are employed as garrisons for the posts on this line should be relieved as frequently as circumstances will allow.

(Sgd) A. Lynden Bell

G. H. Q.  
12/6/16.

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

WP

**SECRET**

G.S. Z/59.  
App P

General Officer Commanding,  
5th Australian Division.



With reference to your G. 12/3126 of 12/6/16, the Commander-in-Chief has sanctioned the move of the 4th. Infantry Brigade and Field Ambulance from FERRY POST to MOASCAR on 15th instant. The C-in-C hopes that the move will not be made during the heat of the day.

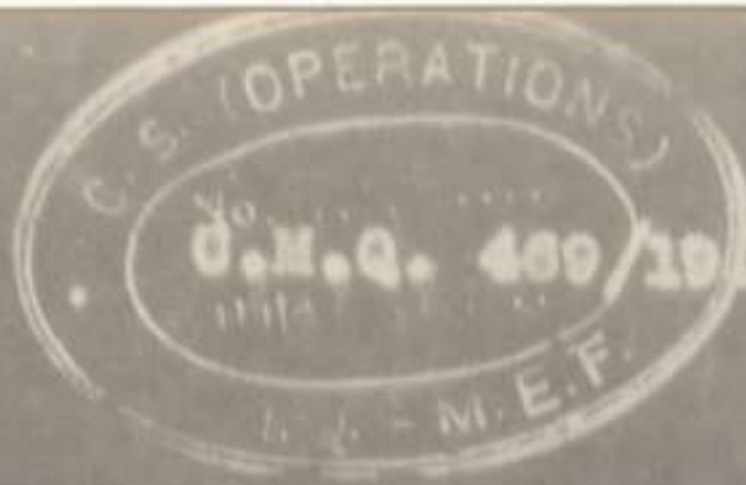
(Sgd) A. Lynden Bell

G.H.Q.,  
E.E.F.,  
12.6.16.

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



WA  
App Q  
General Officer Commanding,  
Western Frontier Force.



11/203

1. With reference to your W.F.F./866/G. of May 30th., concerning the circumstances under which a camel company was marched 94 miles in 5 days, the Commander-in-Chief had read your report and those of the officers concerned and is quite satisfied that you will take whatever action may be necessary to prevent the recurrence of such an incident in future.
2. As regards para. 4 (c), however, Sir Archibald is strongly of opinion that "normal day's march" for camels should not exceed 15 or 16 miles; - and although it is clearly impossible to lay down any hard and fast rule in this matter which must of necessity be governed by the exigencies of the tactical situation, he considers that a march of 20 miles and upwards should be regarded as exceptional and only to be undertaken under circumstances of special urgency.
3. With regard to para. 9, the Commander-in-Chief approves of the attachment of an extra officer to General Herbert's Staff, if you consider this necessary, but it must be understood that no addition to the existing staff can be authorised and that such an appointment would be "acting" only, without extra pay or grading to the officer concerned. In this connection it is suggested that Captain MacLullum might be suitably employed in this capacity, as this officer already has experience in the work of a Staff Captain and it is not considered that the retention of the extra staff officer temporarily sanctioned for the South Western Force should any longer be necessary. The Commander-in-Chief would, however, be glad to have your concurrence in this point.

(Sgd) A Lynden Bell

G.H.Q.  
12/6/16.

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



From Chief, INDIA.

To Egyptforce.

50230 cipher.

13/6/16.

14/6/16.

Desp. 2230.

Recd. 0600.

Recd. 0645.

Your A.M. 530, May 31st. No objection to employment of additional British officers with each Camel Corps as proposed by you, provided you can make officers of Indian Army or Indian Army Reserve available without replacement from INDIA. Pay will be debitable to Imperial Government. The concurrence of the War Office will, however, be necessary, and should be obtained by you.

Copies to :-

A. (PS)

O.(a).

O.(b).

G.G.S.

Q.

I.

Filed G.S. 137.

" G.S. Cables.



From- A.H.Q. SALONICA.

To- LONDON. repeated G.H.Q. EGYPTFORCE.

G.G. 277. cipher

12/6/16.

13/6/16.

Desp. 2510.

Recd. 0605.

Decd. 0650.

Nothing to report.

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G.G.S.

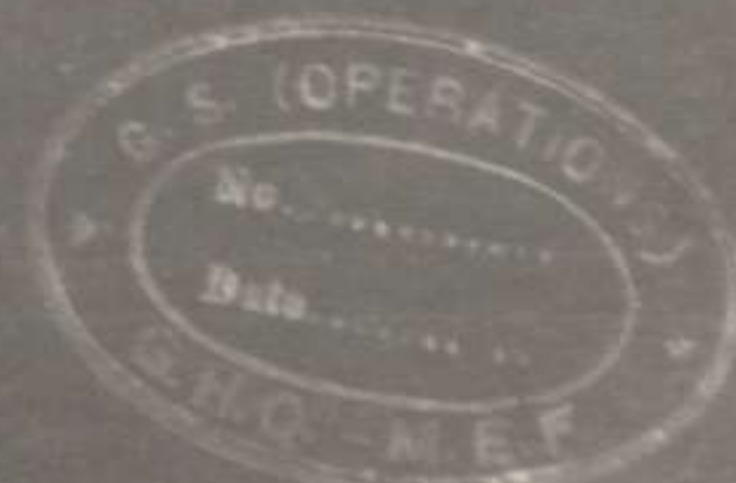
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App C

SECRET

From : Troopers  
To : G.H.Q., Egyptforce.

17773 cipher S.D.R.

Desp. 1745, 18/8/18.  
Recd. 0603, 18/8/18.  
Decd. 0650, 18/8/18.

Our 17723 and your A.M. 435.

The 133rd Howitzer Brigade should be broken up and the three 18-pr. gun batteries of the Division re-formed. The Division will then have 48 18-pr guns which it will bring to FRANCE. A complete howitzer brigade will be provided in FRANCE and also "B" Echelon of the Divisional Ammunition Column. No gun ammunition is required. Each battalion should bring four guns. No, G.S. wagons or H.T. vehicles are required but all other vehicles should be sent. All chargers and riding horses on charge and at least 1,500 draught horses are to accompany the Division but no mules. Appropriate saddlery and harness should be sent for all horses. Supply details of Divisional Train should be sent; remainder of the Train will be provided from ENGLAND. Casualty Clearing Station and Infantry Base Depot should be sent but other L. of C. units are not required.

Cable total numbers requiring conveyance.

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I.  
A.  
Q.  
H.Q.R.A.

Filed 2/48.  
G.S. Cables.





Dep. 2015.  
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Depd. 0015.

The reserves for the 4th and 5th Australian Divisions should be sent to ENGLAND after these divisions have left EGYPT. Cable numbers requiring conveyance. Arrangements for sea transport will be communicated in due course.

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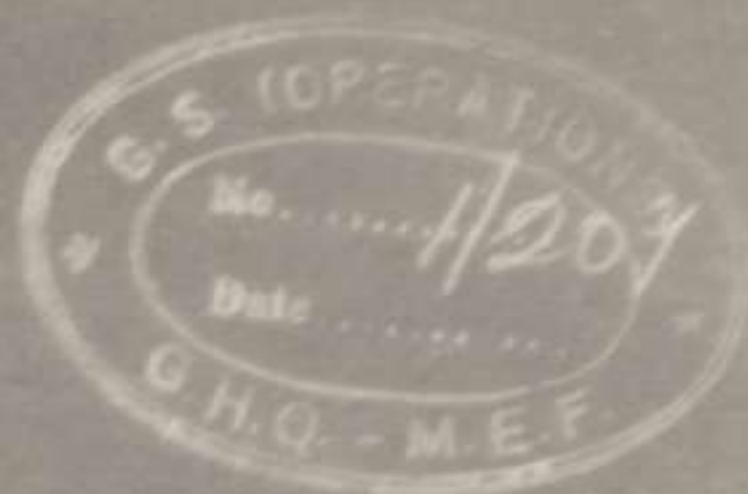
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From 53rd Division Signals.

To G. H. Q.



15/8/18.

Desp. 0714.  
Recd. 0719.

Enemy aircraft seen over SERAPHIM proceeding east; no time given.

From B. Subsection.

To G. H. Q.

15/8/18.

Desp. 0718.  
Recd. 0728.

Enemy aircraft seen Railhead front line 0717 passing west.

From Ferryport.

To G. H. Q.

15/8/18.

Recd. Desp. 0728

Enemy aircraft reported passed over Railhead in Westerly direction.

From A. Subsection.

To G. H. Q.

I.B. 0728.

15/8/18.

Recd. 0728.

Enemy aeroplane passed over SERAPHIM 0800. Bombs were dropped on east bank of Canal; three reported wounded. Then proceeded Railhead and dropped more bombs without doing damage.

Copies to :-

O(a)

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G.C.S.

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H.C.R.A.

D.A.S.

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Filed G.S. 177.

\* G.S. Cable.



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PRIORITY.

From:- 1/5th Norfolks.

To:- G.H.Q.

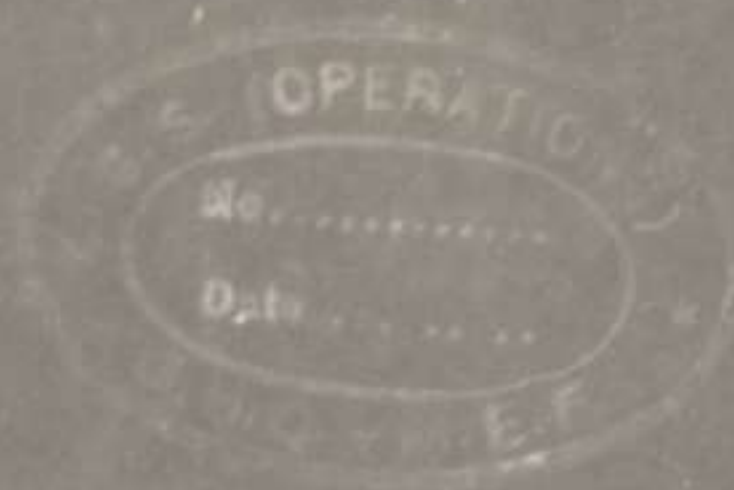
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Desp. 0728  
Recd. 0728.

Enemy aircraft seen flying west passed over No. 7  
Post, 0700.

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From Wireless Station, ISMAILIA.

To G. H. Q.

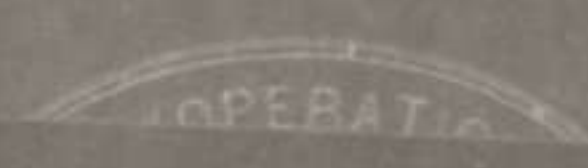
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13/6/16.

Desp. 0905.  
Recd. 0941.

Following from reconnaissance, begins :- Apparently  
hostile aeroplane over HAG-HASSAN, left going west 0835.

Copies to :-  
O.(a). Q.  
O.(b). M.G.R.A.  
C.G.S. D.A.S.  
C.-in-C. E.-in-C.  
I. H.A.  
A. Filed G.S. 177.





Total - 6.H.Q.

Desp. 0754.  
Reed. 0754.

Inform Signal-master hostile aeroplane seen over  
DUEIDAR 0740.

PRIORITY.

To: G.H.Q.

Desp. 0742.  
Recd. 0743.

Hostile aircraft passed over Railhead point at 0710  
dropped almost about dozen bombs then flew east towards  
MUKSHIB, have warned Col. no damage here.

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

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# MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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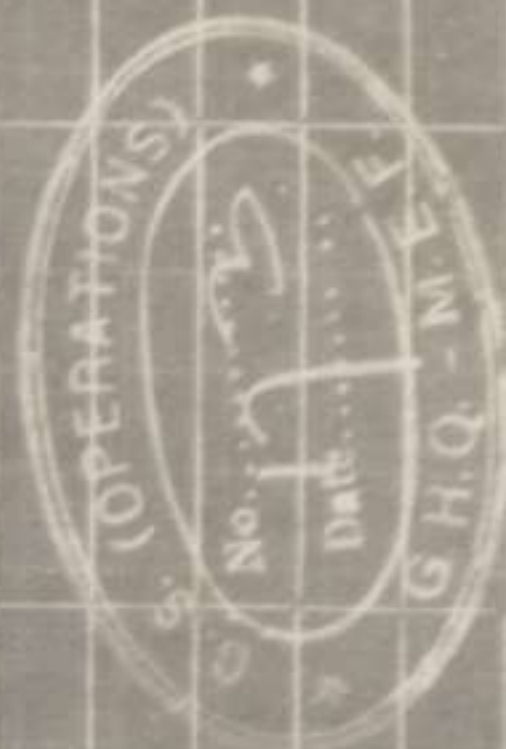
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Signature of Addressee or person authorized to telegraph in his name.

\* This line should be crossed if not required.

From Wireless Station, ISMAILIA.

To G. H. Q.

Handwritten signature/initials.

15/6/16.

Deep. 1030.

Recd. 1040.

Following received from Reconnaissance, begins :-

Reporting Centre W. end of Wadi this afternoon. Pierce, 0950.

Copies to :-

O.(a).

O.(b).

C.G.S.

I.

R.F.C.

Filed G.S. 13.





SECRET.

1/21/16  
SECRET

From Chief Egyptforce.  
To Troopers, LONDON.

A.M. 642 cipher.

15/8/16.

Desp. 1225.

Sherif Mecca asks for the following material assistance.  
6 Maxim guns, 180,000 rounds Mark VI ammunition. 6 10-pdr.  
mountain guns and 3,000 rounds ammunition. 10,000 rifles  
and 4 million rounds ammunition. I can meet his requirements  
letting him have worn Mark VI rifles, or could you send  
Japanese rifles and ammunition from home? Wire if you  
approve issue of Maxims, Mountain guns and rifles. I wish  
to give him every assistance.

Copies to :-

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

Filed G.S. 234 (F.-in-E.)  
" G.S. Cables.





From No. 2 Section, ISMAILIA.  
To G. H. Q.

G.T.33.

13/8/18.

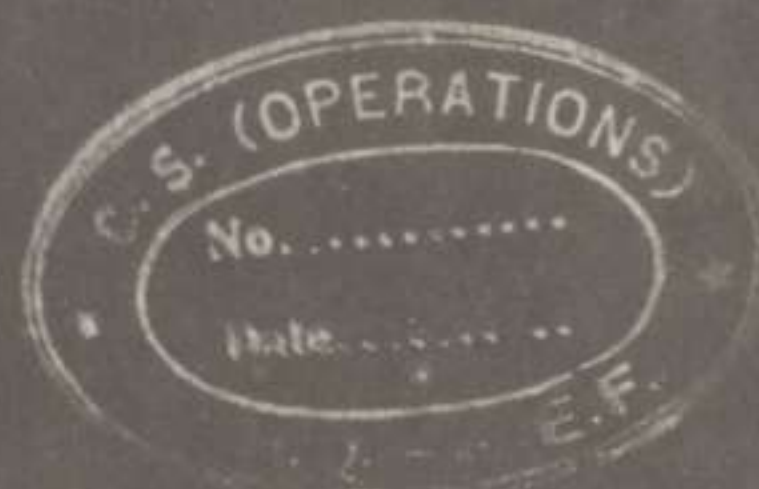
Desp. 1430.  
Recd. 1442.

Following message received from 3rd A.L.H. Brigade,  
begins :- Operations are now complete and water disposed  
of. Convoy leaves west end of MURSHIEB this afternoon  
about 1600. Column following few hours later. All should  
reach Railhead during night. Will send Bedouins on  
tomorrow. Train and boat accommodation will be required,  
details later. All well with Column. Am in signal  
communication with Convoy. Ends.

Copies to :-

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

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





From :- A.H.Q., SALONIKA

To :- EGYPTFORCE.

G.C. 180. cipher.

13/6/16.

Desp. 1000

Recd. 1430

Decd. 1445.

I request you will send ~~by~~ an Officer to replace Col. Tyrrell as liaison with Sarraill. He has neither the necessary temperament nor tact to carry out his duties successfully and is never likely to be taken into Sarraill's confidence. I also feel sure that Tyrrell's good fighting qualities will prove more useful in command of Troops in the field. A senior officer is required.

Copies to :-

O(a).

O(b).

C.G.S.

A.M.S.

I.

Filed G.S. 30.

G.S. cables.

SECRET.

From :- G.H.Q.,

To :- WESTFORCE.

O.A. 85 cipher.

13/6/16.

Desp. 1500

Your G.S.B. 226. Regret aeroplane reconnaissance requested cannot be sanctioned.

Copies to :-

O(a).

O(b).

C.G.S.

I.

R.F.C.

Filed G.S. 2/43.

G.S. cables.





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

SECRET

A.M. 645. cipher.

15/6/16.

Desp. 1615.

Your 17775. cipher S.D.2.

As regards Artillery, I propose sending 3 brigades of 3 batteries 18-pdr with B.A.C. complete and one brigade of 3 batteries without B.A.C. The re-organisation of the D.A.C. to take place on arrival in FRANCE. Requirements will be Headquarters and "B" Echelon D.A.C. also the howitzer portion of "A" Echelon and four howitzer batteries. Do you concur?

Reference your 16656 cipher S.D.2. dated 15/5/16, should "B" Squadron Herts Yeomanry Divisional Cavalry, and 11th Divisional Cyclist Company, be sent? Are bayonets and scabbards to be withdrawn with rifles?

Copies to :-

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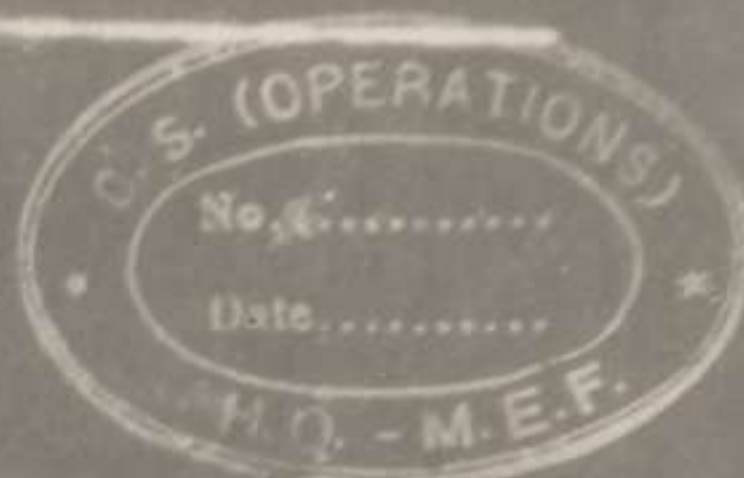
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G.S. Cables.



From :- Navy MUDROS.

To :- EGYPTFORCE.

SECRET

1300 cipher.

15/6/16.

Desp. 1430

Recd. 1815.

Decd. 1825.

MUDROS is being made principal Base for Royal Naval Air Service in Eastern Mediterranean Squadron. It is therefore necessary to build light railway from MUDROS Harbour to new air camp. Total length of railway required is 3,366 yards. Can this be supplied, together with one locomotive, four trollies and two trucks?

Copies to :-

Q.

O(a).

O(b).

C.G.S.

E. in C.

H.A.

Filed Q cables.





109  
From : Troopers.

To : Egypt. Repeated Salonica.

17908 cipher. S.D.S. 13/8/18

App R 1/215  
Desp. 1385.  
Recd. 1900.  
Decd. 1925.

Your A.M. 850.

Divisions in Egypt will retain their present Artillery organisation. Please ascertain from SALONICA whether the organisation described in War Office letter 121/Stores over 4920 May 17th is applicable to local conditions there.

Copies to :- O(b). H.G.R.A.  
O(a). Q. Filed G.S. 238.  
C.G.S. A. " G.S. Cables.



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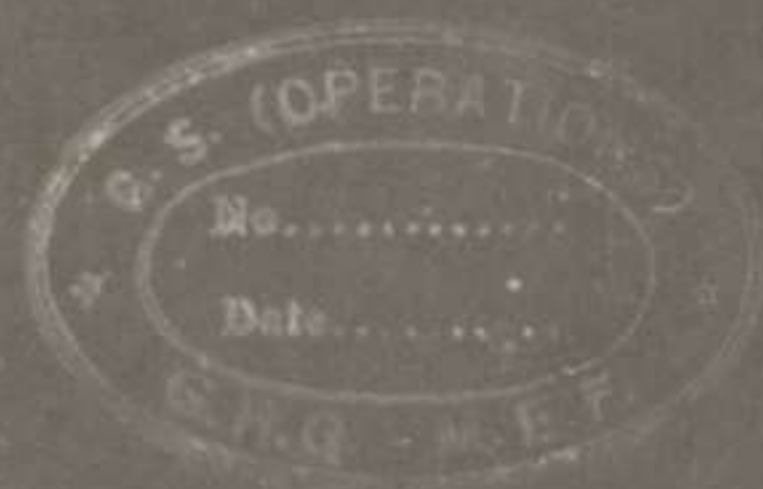
To CHIEF EGYPTFORCE.

App S  
00146. 13/8/18

Desp. 2109  
Recd. 2112

Royal Flying Corps detachment and A.S.C. lorries are due at PORT SUDAN on 19th. instant and will embark for SUEZ as soon as possible.

Copies to O(a)  
O(b)  
C.G.S.  
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Filed G.S. 2/41  
G.S. Cables





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Sender's Number. Day of Month In reply to Number  
\* 000207 13<sup>th</sup> 4250 AAA

Cancel my OA 87 addressed to  
you in error.



From	YHQ
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Time	2200

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*[Signature]*

Signature of Addressee or person authorised to telegraph to him.

Censor.

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"C" Form (Original).  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121

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\*Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number  
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this section. Only 14th and  
East Lancs AT. Co's with  
no 2 section presumed  
wise does not refer to  
either of them



FROM	No 2, Section
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