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<p>A P P E N D I C E S .</p> <p>-----</p> <p>A list of prisoners captured during the month is attached. App.1.</p> <p>Maps taken into use during the month. " 2.</p> <p>List of officers furnished by Arab Officer deserter. " 3.</p> <p>Estimate of Turkish Forces in DARDANELLES theatre at end of August. 4.</p> <p>Estimate of numbers of Turkish troops in different zones in the " 5.</p> <p>Peninsula during recent operations.</p> <p>Extracts from captured Turkish documents. " 6.</p> <p>Report by the Italian Military Attache at J'PLE, 4th July. " 7.</p> <p>Situation forces Turkish 1st, 2nd and 5th Armies.</p> <p>Report of a Russian Agent on defences of Marmora, Bosphorus, " 8.</p> <p>and Black Sea coasts.</p>				
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PRISONERS CAPTURED.

to
31/8/15.

1st Regiment.	4.	38th Regiment.	5.
5th "	9.	39th "	9.
6th "	12.	41st "	5.
10th "	252.	42nd "	6.
11th "	138.	45th "	60.
12th "	4.	46th "	19.
13th "	17.	47th "	124.
14th "	414.	48th "	12.
15th "	172.	56th "	139.
16th "	56.	57th "	35.
17th "	9.	70th "	3.
18th "	18.	71st "	1.
19th "	256.	72nd "	9.
20th "	174.	75th "	1.
21st "	37.	77th "	1.
22nd "	18.	125th "	2.
23rd "	2.	126th "	22.
25th "	40.	127th "	11.
26th "	108.	Engineers.	20.
27th "	8.	Various.	64.
30th "	4.	Germans.	8.
31st "	84.	Gendarmerie.	30.
32nd "	130.	Unclassified.	450.
33rd "	153.	(captured by French)	
34th "	14.		-----
36th "	10.	Total:-	3180.
37th "	1.		=====

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NOT TO BE CARRIED INTO ANY ATTACK.

DIAGRAM SHOWING ADVANCED TURKISH TRENCHES AND COMMUNICATIONS.

N.B.—The diagram is based on information available up to August, 1915.
Reliance however, must not be placed on the diagram showing every Turkish Trench.

NOTE.—The relative positions of the trenches are correct within small areas, but the diagram should not be used to measure long distances or bearings.

REFERENCE.

- British Trenches —————
- French Trenches - - - - -
- Turkish Trenches (traversed) = = = = =
- Turkish Trenches (ordinary) | | | | |
- Probable Turkish Machine Guns • • • • •
- Roads = = = = = Or ————
- Tracks - - - - -
- Watercourses ~~~~~
- Wire Entanglements x x x x x
- Turkish Battery Emplacements M M M M



APPROXIMATE SCALE 6-in. = 1,000 yards
 or 1-in. = 170 "
 " 1 C.M. = 60 metres.

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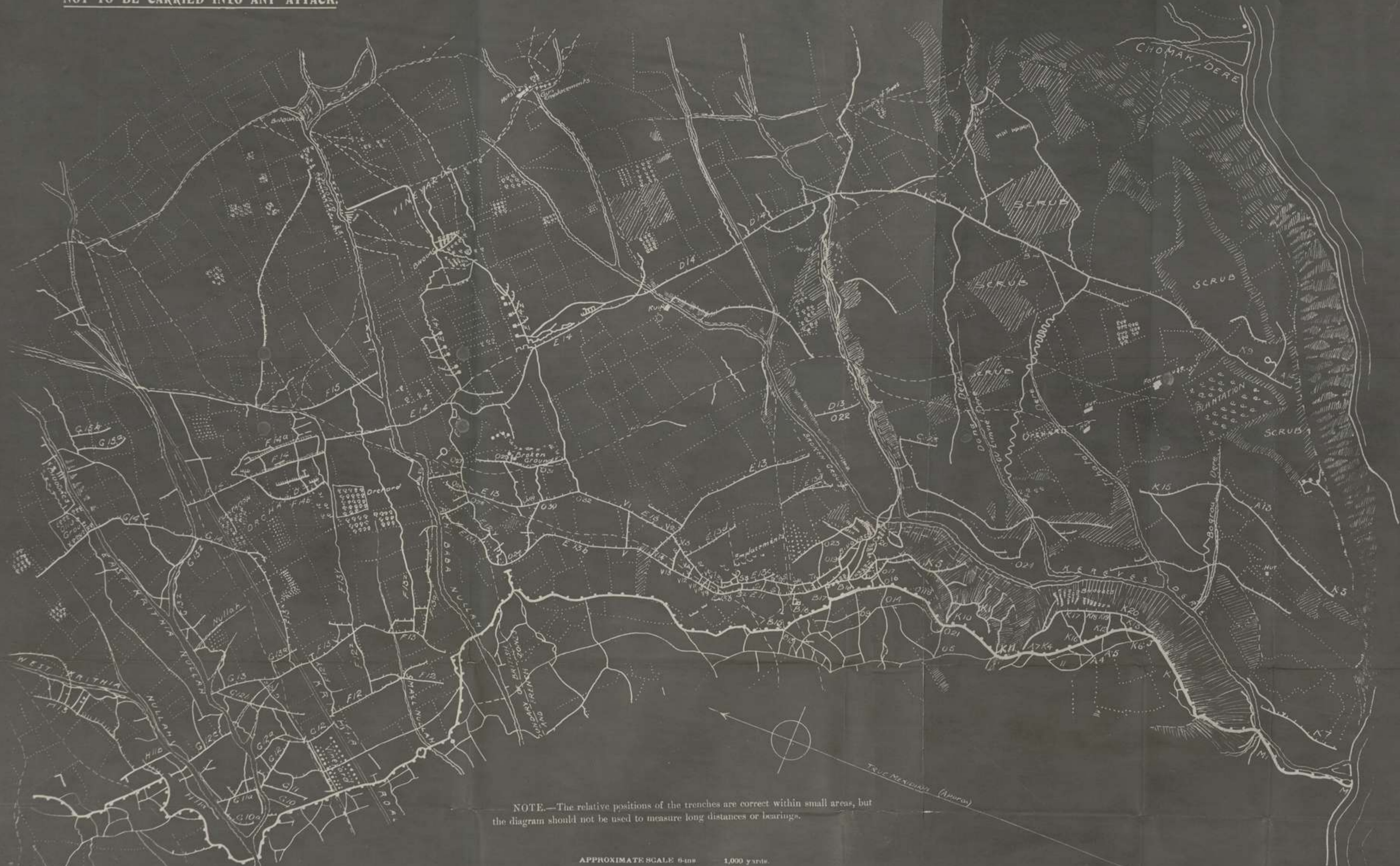
DIAGRAM SHOWING ADVANCED TURKISH TRENCHES AND COMMUNICATIONS.

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French Trenches		Tracks		Watercourses	
Turkish Trenches (traversed)		Wire Entanglements		Turkish Battery Emplacements	
Turkish Trenches (ordinary)					
Probable Turkish Machine Guns					



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			<p>A P P E N D I X N O . 3 .</p> <p>-----</p> <p>List of officers given by Lieut. Sherif el Farokhi. (vide No. 7 of 21st August.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Major YASIN BEY. Chief of the Staff 17th Army Corps. 2. Major EMIN LUFTI BEY Staff Officer, EREGLI MENZIL Commandandi. 3. Major LUFTI BEY, Staff Officer to the SAROS Group(Director of No.1 Bureau) 4. Captain MESAFA VASFI, Staff Officer, No.1. Bureau, 5th Army Corps. 5. KOLAGHASSI RESHID BEY, Chief Staff Officer to No. ? Army Corps at SEDD-UL-BAHR. 6. Captain JEMAL BEY, Chief Staff Officer to No. ? Division at SEDD-UL-BAHR. 7. Captain(of Infantry) SULEIMAN EFFENDI, 10th Division at SEDD-UL-BAHR. 	

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<p>A P P E N D I X NO. 3. (cont).</p> <p>-----</p> <p>8. CAPTAIN MUHIEDDIN EFFENDI, Staff Officer, 9th Bureau, Ministry of War.</p> <p>9. Lieut. ABDULLAH from BEYRUT, ? ? ? ? ?</p> <p>10. Gen. ALI RIZA PASHA, Comdg. 6th Army Corps.</p> <p>11. Gen. HADI PASHA, Chief of the General Staff.</p> <p>The last named of these officers has been superseded but is still in C'PLE and renders active assistance.</p>				

A P P E N D I X NO.4.

ESTIMATE OF TURKISH FORCES IN DARDANELLES AT END OF
AUGUST.

SOUTHERN ZONE.

- 1st Div.
- 10th Di v.
- 13th Div.
- 14th Div. (less one Regt.)

RESERVE.

- 25th Div.

ASIATIC SIDE.

- 2nd Div.
- 3rd Div. (less one Regt.)

NORTHERN ZONE.

- 3rd Div. (one Regt.)
- 4th Div.
- 5th Div.
- 6th Div.
- 7th Div.
- 8th Div.
- 9th Div.
- 19th Div.
- 11th Div.
- 12th Div.
- 14th Div. (1 Regt.)
- 16th Div.
- 64th Regt.

ESTIMATED MOVEMENT OF TURKISH TROOPS IN PENINSULA.
6th to 22nd AUGUST 1915.

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AREA	6th & 7th August.	8th August.	9th August.	10th August.	15th August.	22nd August.
SUVLA & EJELEMER.	Gendarmerie. 3rd Div. (1 Regt.)	Gendarmerie. 3rd Div. (1 Regt.) + 7th Div. (1 ") from reserve.	Gendarmerie. 3rd Div. (1 Regt.) + 7th Div. (2 ") from reserve.	Gendarmerie. 3rd Div. (1 Regt.) 7th Div. (com- plete).	Gendarmerie. 3rd Div. (1 Regt.) 7th Div. + 11th Div. (2 Regts.) & 12th Div. from reserve.	Gendarmerie. 3rd Div. (1 Regt.) 7th Div. 11th Div. (2 Regts.) 12th Div. + 4th Div. from Anzac.
ANZAC.	Divs. 5, 19, 16. Regts. 18 & 64.	Divs. 5, 19, 16. Regts. 18 & 64. + Div. 4 from reserve.	Divs. 4, 5, 19, 16. Regts. 18 & 64. + Div. 9 from reserve.	Divs. 4, 5, 9, 19, 16. Regts. 18 & 64.	Divs. 4, 5, 9, 19, 16. Regts. 18, 33 & 64. + Div. 8 from Asiatic side. + 41st Regt. from Kelles.	Divs. 5, 8, 9, 19, 16. Regts. 18, 33 41 & 64.
HELLES.	Divs. 1, 10, 13, 14, 11 (less 1 Regiment).	Divs. 1, 10, 13, 14, 11 (less 1 Regt.)	Divs. 1, 10, 13, 14, 11 (less 1 Regt.)	Divs. 1, 10, 13, 14, 11 (less 1 Regt.)	Divs. 1, 10, 13, 14 (less 1 Regt.)	Divs. 1, 10, 13, 14 (less 1 Regt.)
RESERVE.	Divs. 4, 7, 9, 12, 25, 6 (less 1 Regt.), 11 (1 Regt.)	Divs. 12, 25, 6 (less 1 Regt.), 11 (1 Regt.) 4 and 9 moving to Anzac, 7 moving to Suvla.	Divs. 12, 25, 6 (less 1 Regt.) 11 (1 Regt.)	Divs. 12, 25, 6 (less 1 Regt.) 11 (1 Regt.) + 8 from Asia.	Divs. 25. 6 (less 1 Regt.) 8 to Anzac. 11 (1 Regt) and 12 to Suvla.	Divs. 25, 6 (less 1 Regt.)
ASIA.	Divs. 2, 8.	Divs. 2, 8.	Div. 2. Div. 8 crossing to Peninsula.	Div. 2.	Divs. 2, 3 (less 1 Regt.)	Divs. 2, 3 (less 1 Regt.)

NOTE. 1 Regiment of Division 11 and 1 of Division 12 arrived in SUVLA AREA on night of 10th August 1915.

⊕ This does not include troops which have been moved down to BULAIR.

ESTIMATE OF NUMBERS OF TURKISH TROOPS IN PENINSULA.

AUGUST 6th to 22nd.

AREA.	6th & 7th August.	8th August.	9th August.	10th August.	15th August.	22nd August.
SUVLA - EIJELMER.	3,000. X	5,000.	7,000.	9,000. +	20,000.	26,000.
ANZAC.	25,000.	31,000.	38,000.	38,000.	47,000.	41,000.
HELLES.	33,000.	33,000.	33,000.	33,000.	26,000.	26,000.
RESERVE.	39,000.	20,000. (and 11,000 moving towards SUVLA & ANZAC.)	20,000. (and 2,000 moving towards SUVLA.)	25,000 (with 8th Division).	12,000.	12,000. ⊕
ASIA.	12,000.	12,000.	7,000. (5,000 crossing)	7,000.	12,000.	12,000.

NOTE. No allowance is made in the above for losses which are estimated to amount to 28,000.

+ An additional 4,000 located on morning of 11th August.

⊕ This does not include troops which have been moved down to BULAIR.

A P P E N D I X NO.6.

TRANSLATION OF TURKISH ORDERS.

Appendix No.6.

- 1. At ABDUL RAHMAN BAIRI.
To, O.C., 2nd Battalion.
From, O.C., 14th Regiment, July 23rd, 1915.

In view of the enemy's disembarking soldiers in the region of ANAFARTA, the O.C., ANAFARTA Zone has orders that the haycocks which have been put up in pairs between MESTAN TEPE and KEMIKLI shall be lit.

It is desirable that you should put a lookout post in the neighbourhood of your Headquarters in a position where these two spots can be seen in the event of a signal of this sort (i.e. lighting of the haycocks) being seen information should be given to the regiment.

- 2. From, O.C., 2nd Battalion.
To, O.C., AGHIL DERE Zone Commander.
July 11th, 1915.

DAMAKJELEH BAIR has been joined by a telephone to YAILLAH TEPE. In this way DAMAKJELEH, YAILLAH TEPE and HALIL RIZA TEPESSI have all been joined up to one another and to ABDUL RAHMAN BAIRI. One cannot trust the telephone however. The enem's fire frequently cuts the wires. For this reason a mounted orderly has been given from Headquarters.

Our men in the trenches on being attacked by the enemy will give notice to the rear and to the troops in the neighbourhood by firing two volleys. Every man who

hears this, without waiting for orders, will go straight to the trenches and defend themselves against the enemy. The men will be got ready in support and then await an order. If the enem's attack materializes, information will at once be given to the 3 zones and to the Regimental Headquarters. If communication with the telephone is cut off, first of all the haycocks will be fired and in this way YAILLAH TEPE will give information to the Headquarters and the Battalions. If the Battalions telephone is broken, the Battalion will be informed in the same way.

All trenches must be defended until the last moment, and any man leaving the trenches will be shot. Officers commanding companies and battalions are responsible for this.

3. From, O.C., 5th Battalion, 14th Regt.
To, O.C., 2nd Battalion, 14th "

From the men who came from ADRIANOPLE, there are no more fit for firing line. Out of 125 of the last men who came from ADRIANOPLE, 40 have been put with the old soldiers, and the remainder on account of their ⁱⁿ⁻efficiency have had their equipment taken away from them and have been returned. In the evening 55 more men came in this way. The company's strength has been made up to 162. June 30th, 1915.

The enemy is very active on his front. Also as he may land soldiers in the direction of KEMIKLI, BURNU and SAROS, it is very necessary to be on the look out.

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To,

ESSAD PACHA, 3rd Army Corps.

From,

ENVER PASHA.

10/5/1915.

Thank you for your war present. I have sent the machine guns and the cartridge belt to the Military Museum.

I expect very many more prisoners as a result of the courage and valour of the 19th Division. The biggest pleasure, however to me, will be to hear that they have driven the enemy into the sea.

I am absolutely convinced that with the help of God they will succeed in doing this. The next best thing is live prisoners. The best way of achieving this is to lay ambushes for the enemy.

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TRANSLATED TURKISH DOCUMENT.

Independent Cavalry Brigade Order.

No.885., d/ 27/7/15.

The following information has been received from a reliable source:-

The enemy intends to make a new general attack in the early days of August. This attack will probably be combined with a landing, to be made either in the SAROS Gulf or on the Asiatic Coast. Our information leads us to believe that Italy will take part in the attack on the DARDANELLES. The troops in the SAROS Gulf and on the Asiatic coast must henceforward be vigilant and ready to fight at any moment, above all after midnight and at dawn.

App. 6.(cont).

EXTRACTS FROM DIARY OF A TURKISH OFFICER.

(Found in trenches captured by Australian Division, 8th August)

No.4.

22nd July.

9.50 p.m.

Following Divisional Order received:-

"Your attention is drawn to the continual gun firing by the enemy on our Division today, both from the North and South, which may be the commencement of an attack"

"To O. C., 33rd Co. Machine Gun.
Please note above Divisional Order.
(Sgd) AHMED TEWFIK, Major,
O.C., 47th Regt.

23rd July.

12.10 a.m.

Night continued to be quiet. Enemy shelled our trenches but our guns replied and silenced enemy's guns. At 9.30 machine gun No.2 fired on enemy's right flank.

Received following report from 48th Regt. through 3rd Battalion:-

" The trenches lost yesterday by the 48th Regt. must be engaged by the advanced guard. To avoid any mistake the O.C., Machine Guns should be informed" Enemy was engaged with regiment's machine guns and it was with great difficulty that we were able to repulse bayonet charge. Machine gun No.2 fired on enemy's trenches on left of GREEN RIDGE. I wanted to move and place machine gun in its place during the night but was instructed by 48th Regt to leave it to the morning. Night passed quietly.

24th July.

KANLI RIDGE. 5-45. Quiet. In the evening following Army Corps Order was received:-
By order of A.C. Chief of Staff FAKHRI: To O.C., 47th Regt. Above is order of North Western Command. "I am aware that my Division is at all times ready and on the alert, but despite this fact I would ask you all to be alert and ready for any emergency between midnight and dawn".

(Sgd.) RUSHDI. Col., O.C. 16th Division.

To O.C., Machine Gun. Although the Regiment and M.G. Company and other ^{companies} are always ready, I would particularly ask you to be on the alert during the times above mentioned.

O.C., 47th Regt., AHMED TEWFIK, Major.

KANLI RIDGE. Today we received from the Division two tripods specially made for the purpose of firing machine gun on when firing on aeroplanes.

27th July.

9.30 p.m. Received the following confidential Divisional Order:-

"O.C. South-Western Command reported to A.C. Hd.-Qrs. that enemy seems to be preparing for an attack and that important reinforcements have arrived. Our Division must, therefore, take all necessary steps to be on the defensive. The following places which have engaged the enemy today:- KIPMEZI (RED) RIDGE, KANLI RIDGE, AL BAIRAK RIDGE, YESHIL RIDGE and neighbourhood, and the locality occupied by SUNGI BAIRI and KAPI TEPE must not on any account be yielded no matter how strongly and heavily they are attacked, as they are very valuable places. You are to fight to the last soldier and defend every inch of the ground. In the meantime you must use every means to complete and fortify the trenches begun by the 48th Regt. on the YESHIL (GREEN) RIDGE. I would also impress upon you the necessity of having suitable bomb zones in the neighbourhood of KABA TEPE to be kept in readiness in case of an attack by the enemy. The 1st and 2nd lines of the other regiments are, I believe, in good order. All officers and Company officers should see that the lines in their front are in good order and repair and complete any weak place. I hope that the orders I gave to our gunners are being carefully and diligently executed without fail. Success comes from GOD. (Sgd) RUSHDI O.C.16th Division."

28th July.

Today everything is quiet. Enemy only fired four or five shells. One of our own shells miss-fired (fell short) wounded one man and causing death of a martyr.

29th July.

Before dawn the 1st Battalion blew up enemy's trench but it was afterwards ascertained that no damage was done.

31st July.

This morning our aeroplane again flew and dropped three bombs on enemy trenches on KANLI RIDGE. All fell in enemy's trenches. While aeroplane was flying back one of our gunners mistaking it for an enemy aeroplane fired a shrapnel and his example was followed by several of our men who fired, but mistake being discovered firing immediately ceased.

About midnight enemy after gun and rifle firing blew up the trenches on YESHIL HILL belonging to 48th Regiment and attacked and captured the trenches.

Meanwhile acting on orders received from the regiment, I opened fire from Machine Gun No.1. Two of the enemy's guns, however, hit and destroyed the trench, wounding Serjt. Major MEHMED and Corpl. HASSAN.

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Machine Gun No.2 of 3rd Battalion continued firing. Enemy's guns again fired but did no damage. Enemy's firing was accurate and well aimed at our machine guns most of the hits coming in between. Two of enemy's shells hit our second line of trenches. Firing continued intermittently from midnight till 2.30 a.m. No.1 machine gun fired five boxes, No.2 4 boxes - Total 9 boxes or 2250 rounds.

2nd August. This morning while machine gun No.3 of 125th Regiment was firing a shell coming from a distance of 500 metres burst and put machine gun out of order. Sent machine gun to armourers at BOGHALI and had it repaired. Today was quiet. Enemy's aeroplane did not fire this evening. Our aeroplane flew. For the first time enemy used both gun and rifle fire.

3rd August. In the evening machine gun No.4 fired 1000 rounds at enemy aeroplane without effect.

5th August. This morning commenced with gun (Howitzer) firing, later using field guns. Our trenches were shelled until 4 p.m. but we had no casualties. Enemy's firing yesterday was not as accurate as today's is - 8 or 9 shells have fallen in our trenches doing a great deal of damage; our other trenches were also shelled but no damage done. At 3.10 p.m. received the following verbal order from O.C., 48th Regiment:- "Tomorrow at 4.30 a.m. the 48th Regiment will attack and recapture the trenches they lost the other day on YESHIL RIDGE. A machine gun from the Machine Gun Company is to be placed in trench No.81 on the 3rd Battalion front and engage enemy's trenches. In the meantime machine gun No.1 is to engage enemy's supports; when our men capture and get into trenches the machine gun is to engage the rear of the enemy".

- 5.30 a.m. Following order received from Divisions:-
- (1) A strong and well prepared attack will be made tomorrow morning at 4.30 a.m. by the 48th Regiment to recapture the trenches on YESHIL RIDGE taken by the enemy 4 days ago. Instructions have been given to the 48th Regiment to that effect.
 - (2) Today our artillery will destroy those trenches (and will not neglect the BALAMATLIK battery. At the same time the whole line of enemy's trenches on YESHIL Ridge must be fired at.
 - (3) The 48th and 77th Regiments will engage the enemy on the whole of the front. The 47th Regiment on the left wing will engage the enemy with machine guns and prevent any supports from advancing and will also fire at any of our men who may not stand firm throughout the attack or who may run away.

- (4) The reserve battalion (3rd of the 13th) will also tell off twom companies to hold the ground on ALBAIRAN RIDGE which will be pointed out to them by the 48th Regt.
- (5). Each regiment must immediately report to me anything they observe.

(Sgd.) RUSHDI, Col.

O.C., 16th Division.

6th August.

KANLI RIDGE. At the appointed time rifle and gun fire was opened on the whole of our front, the enemy replying with machine gun fire. Machine gun No.2 began firing on the trenches designated and machine gun No.1. on the space between the original trenches and trenches to be re-captured. Machine gun No.4 commenced firing from an open position. Our men approached the enemy's trenches but a fierce bomb fire caused them to keep down their heads. Our gun successfully shelled enemy trenches and our machine guns maintained their fire. Enemy bombs, however, harassed our men. Eventually a shell from our guns must have made a good hit because two of.....

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TRANSLATION OF TURKISH ORDERS AND DOCUMENTS.

GENERAL ORDER.

Dated July 28th, 1915.

The English have dressed up Egyptian soldiers in English uniforms and have tried to send them to the Dardanelles. The soldiers have refused to be sent and have revolted. The English have in consequence desisted from the idea. There are more than 17,000 wounded in Egypt, 500 of whom are blind. The hotels MATOVA, SAVOY, HELIOPOLIS, PALACE have been turned into hospitals. The Australians have brought Typhus from Egypt. The Australians had been promised that they should receive 7/- per day. As however they only give them 1/- per day there is no great desire on the part of the Australian to enlist today.

To, O.C., 3rd Battalion, 14th Regt.
From, 14th Regt.

Dated 29th July.

Although it was announced that one Medijieh was to be given to those who brought back a rifle and 100 rounds no one has yet brought one in.

I repeat therefore, that men are not allowed to keep the rifles they find but that they should come and claim the recompense offered.

From, O.C., 14th Regt.

To., O.C., 3rd Battalion, 14th Regt.

Dated 3rd July, 1915.

It must be repeated and explained to the men that ammunition is very precious and must not be expended without just cause. It is the greatest crime possible to waste ammunition.

The 3rd Battalion of the 14th Regt. expended 697 boxes of ammunition between the 18th May and 1st June.

From, Commandant AGHIL DERE Zone, Colonel Ali Rifat.

To, O.C., 4rd Battalion, 14th Regt. Dated 4th Aug. 1915.

Some of the men (no doubt in ignorance) inflicted wounds on themselves. Soldiers should be commanded that this is a criminal act before the fatherland and a stain on the Army.

TRANSLATION OF TURKISH ORDERS AND DOCUMENTS.

To, O.C., 3rd Battalion, 14th Regiment.

From, O.C., 14th Regiment.

Dated 18th July, 1915.

The men at present with the Regiment have received very little training. Some of them indeed have been despatched from depot units without receiving any training at all. In spite of the care and zeal which officers have shown, I notice that a very low standard of training has been obtained. Our task is a very important and difficult one and it is likely to become still more so. A battalion and regiment is known by the quality of its men: therefore, every possible opportunity should be taken to train them and it is the duty of the battalion and company officers to see this done. It is my earnest desire that they should do so.

To, O.C., 3rd Battalion, 14th Regt.

From, O.C., 14th Regt.

Dated 18th July, 1915.

The following order is promulgated from the Northern Group Commander:-

H.E. Essad Pasha has been promoted to the rank of Ferik (General of Division).

To, O.C., 3rd Battalion, 14th Regt.

ABDURRAHMAN BAIR.

From, O.C., 14th Regt.

2nd July, 1915.

On account of our men being raw, night operations are necessary, but are not properly carried out. In this, however, we are at fault, because some of the companies have succeeded in establishing some kind of order. These companies, therefore which are behindhand are so owing to our want of energy I think. I particularly call attention to this matter. From now on, day operations will be rare. Night operations must, therefore, be practised.

From, O.C., 14th Regt.

To, O.C., 3rd Battalion, 14th Regt.

undated.

The successes gained by ourselves and by our allies should always be communicated to the troops in a suitable manner. Also the value and means of these successes.

It is in this manner that the moral of the troops is strengthened.

It is most essential in war that the desire to fight and the joy of so doing should be imbued in the men.

Battalions Imams should expound religious themes to the men and also the fortunes of war.

Officers should also take part in these discourses.

TRANSLATION OF TURKISH ORDERS AND DOCUMENTS.19th Divisional Order.

6th May, 1915.

7th, 9th and 15th Divisions in the Southern Zone will be placed under one command and will form the 15th Army Corps.

Mirliva Weber Pasha will command the Corps.

5th, 11th and 19th Divisions at Headquarters in the Northern Zone and are under the order of the 3rd Army Corps.

To: O.C., 3rd Battalion, 14th Regiment.

From: O.C., 12th Company. 1st May, 1915.

- 1- We are exposed to the enemy's machine gun fire from both flanks and it is impossible to advance.
2. The battalion, and indeed the regiment, will be annihilated. The casualties are enormous.
3. Our own gun and rifle fire is falling upon us.
4. Please reinforce us at once.

To: O.C., 3rd Battalion, 14th Regiment.

From: O.C., 14th Company. 2nd May, 1915.

1. We have collected the men of the regiment who had become scattered after the sad events of yesterday, and hearing that an escort is required for the standard of the regiment which is in the keeping of the 1st Battalion, I have been able to collect 74 men from my own company for this purpose. As you know these men have had nothing to eat and drink for two days.

To: O.C., 3rd Battalion, 14th Regt.

From: O.C., 14th Regt. 3rd May, 1915.

A communication should be made to the troops that any men who leave their units without permission will be shot. Two men who left their trenches in this way have today been shot.

3rd Battalion's Regiment's Casualty List, 4th May, 1915.

(This occurred in one engagement)

	Officers.		Men		Missing.
	Killed	wounded	Killed	Wounded	
9th Coy.	-	1	15	58	9
10th "	-	-	6	38	34
15th "	-	1	18	71	22
12th "	1	2	16	76	27
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Totals:-	1	4	55	243	92

Translation of Turkish Orders and Documents.

Protected Trenches.

1. The covered shelter for wounded will be established always in rear of the right flank of the unit, and as near as the nature of the ground allows. It will be made 3 metres broad and 4 long.
2. Latrines will be made 1 metre in depth and 50 in length; both shelter for wounded and latrines will be increased and extended according to the ground on which the unit is. Every man after using the latrines will throw on disinfectant and earth, and the latrines will be treated with quicklime daily.
3. Direction posts will be put up on the roads leading to the latrines and shelters for wounded.
4. There will be a corporal of the Sanitary Corps in every shelter for wounded, under the supervision of the Medical Officer of the Battalion. The wounded will be sent in due course to the Ambulance Transport Station.
5. At the Ambulance Transport Station there will be two vehicles, one of which will be three wheeled and the other wheel-less. The translation station will be placed as the ground permits, and should be about 600 metres in rear of the shelter for wounded.
6. Very slightly wounded will be collected at a place chosen in rear of the transport station, and will be tended and rationed there by their own battalions.

Translation of an Order found in
a Medical Officer's Order Book.

From, Yuzbashi Momit Ali.
To, Doctor Lefther.

Gives names of one Corporal and ten men, and then says:
"The men whose names are written above were sent to cut wood, but were soon going along in a disorderly manner. Please inspect them and see if they are able to stand the Corporal ten and the men eight strokes with the stick.

Answer to the above.

I have the honour to state that the Corporal can be given 5 strokes and each of the men 3 !

Routine Order. 14th Regiment.

To; O.C., 3rd Battn., ABDURRAHMAN BAIRI, June 30th.

1. The Minister of War and Vice Generalissimo, H.E. Enver Pasha and the Imperial Prince Eumer Faroun Effendi, condescended yesterday to go to the Northern Group H.Q. in order to see with his own eyes the deeds of valour and bravery of our soldiers. He also condescended to go to the firing line trenches at ARI BURNU. In the course of his visit he witnessed many deeds of valour and as in the future acts of bravery will be performed which will cause the present ones to pale in insignificance, there is not the slightest doubt that the enemy will be unable to remain in the position which he now occupies, and will be driven into the sea. H.E. wishes his salutations to be communicated to the troops.
2. Commencing from tomorrow, maize flour will be mixed with the wheat flour in the proportion of 40% and the bread made accordingly.
3. During the last few days very mouldy and uneatable bread has been served out to the troops. Unless bread has been issued by the Divisional Commissariat and Supply Officers of Units, it will not be served out to troops.

The following are extracts from the diary of an officer of the 14th Regiment captured at Anzac, 7th August:-

April 31st. (After giving an account of the engagement continues as follows) Each of the two sections suffered very heavily in killed and wounded. At night the battalion took over the trenches.

1st. The officer commanding the regiment knowing nothing about the nature of the ground was directing his men like an old woman.

2nd. Our artillery and machine guns established no superiority of fire and afforded us no support.

3rd. As the enemy strengthened his trenches with a quantity of sandbags it was impossible to advance. A great many of our men lost their lives by acting contrary to the drill instructions. We lost as many men in one attack as we should have done in seven or eight. A curse on those who were the cause of it, and may they be the example for others. Then the third section was sent forward. Although a lot of officers sword in hand jumped over the enemy's trenches, not a single man followed them. Although the regimental Mufti and battalion Imam (Chaplains) joined in the attack with the Regimental Colours they were not able to avert the disaster. In some places the soldiers started to run away which was only stopped with the greatest difficulty. About this time our company took the trenches from the enemy. Second Lieut. Lusof Effendi was killed; the casualties were heavy in proportion to strength. Although the O.C. Battalion Djemal Bey displayed great bravery the Command^{er} of the Regiment, in order to cover his own mistake, cowardice and treachery, tried to throw the blame on him (i.e. Djemal Bey).

May 18th. Yesterday evening an enemy aeroplane dropped six bombs on AK BASHI LIMAN landing place, which killed about ten and wounded about fifteen or sixteen men.

May 21st. The enemy yesterday evening suddenly fired a new class of bomb. These bombs are very heavy and are fired with a special gun. Their effect is very considerable. One of these which had not exploded was taken and inspected by the Battalion Armourer Serjeant.

May 26th. Comments on the fact that the orders for the parsimonious use of ammunition is having a very serious moral effect on the men.

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June 18th. Prayers were said at midday. At 2 o'clock there were theatrical performances and comic pieces were recited.

June 21st. A German Sergt. Major and a Sergt. from the "Barbarossa" had a conversation with us through the medium of one of our men who knows a little English. According to their statements those two Germans were detailed to give information to our cruisers in order to prevent the enemy's ships from approaching the shore and landing troops. Two German submarines have been detailed to the Black Sea and a Zeppelin balloon was about to come. There were four enemy submarines in the Sea of Marmora which had not yet been caught. The men today received their April pay.

Turkish Routine Order. 3rd June.

The enemy have been seen dressed in our uniform and trying in this way to deceive us. No notice is to be taken of this attempt of theirs to trick us, or their attempts to deceive us by waving flags, but they should in every case be fired upon.

Extract from
Regimental Order, 14th Regt.

To, O.C., 3rd Battalion.

Mashik Dere. 20th June.

"Diarrhoea has assumed very serious proportions, but thank GOD there is no dysentery. The reason of this is want of sufficient attention to cleanliness."

TRANSLATION OF TURKISH ORDERS.

Regimental Order. (Probably 14th Regt.).

To, O-C-, 3rd Battalion.

24th June.

1. As a result of the battle which continued night and day on the left wing of the Southern Group on the 8th June (21st June) all the enemy's attacks were repulsed and our units have maintained their former positions.
2. Units will from now on get their bread from the Divisional bakery at ALOVA.
3. The 13th, 14th, 15th Regts. will take it in turns to carry the parcel post of the Divisional Post Office.
4. Bands will play at the Headquarters of units at stated intervals so long as they are not in the hearing of the enemy.
5. All the men of the years 202 to 285 liable to short service and who possess the necessary qualifications for reserve officers according to the regulations and are employed up to the age of 40 will send to the Division by 25th June their papers with a view to their being sent to the school for officer candidates.

* Aged 29 - 46.

Regimental Order. 14th Regt.

To, O.C., 3rd Battalion.

21st June.

Copy of an order from the Minister of War.

The trials of men accused of deserting should take place at once, and only those men whom it is necessary to execute as a public example, will be executed. Others to be put to hard labour. Information has been received that there are very large numbers of such persons detained at many different places and it is most desirable that they should be kept for a long time awaiting trial. Steps should therefore be taken to try them and report results.

MISCELLANEOUS.

ROME, 1-8-15. (Recd. 7-8-15)

Report by the Italian Military Attaché at CONSTANTINOPLE,
4th July (translated).

SITUATION AND FORCES OF THE TURKISH 1st, 2nd and
5th ARMIES AT END OF JUNE 1915.

APPROXIMATE CALCULATION OF THE FORCES.

Average strength of each unit :-

Infantry battalions	--	900 rifles.
Machine gun companies	-	4 guns.
Cavalry Squadrons	--	110 sabres.
Field batteries	--	4 guns.

DARDANELLES ARMY :

The losses up to the end of June by the 5th Army of the DARDANELLES, including all arms and services, are estimated at 75,000 men, of which about 60,000 would be combatants in the infantry, which means 60,000 rifles. Of these at least one third are slightly wounded cases, some 25,000 rifles, and these have returned to the front; so that the effective losses to the end of June may be estimated at 35,000 rifles.

The army consists of 129 battalions, say 116,000 rifles. After deduction of the 35,000 losses, there remain approximately 80,000 rifles. Of these the exact situation is not known, but they are probably situated as follows :-

3/5,	say	48,000 rifles,	in the Gallipoli Peninsula.
1/5,	"	16,000	" on the Anatolian coast of the Dardanelles.
1/5,	"	16,000	" in reserve at ERZURUM.

Besides the six field howitzer batteries shown in the statement, there are at the DARDANELLES many other field howitzer batteries (number not known) which have arrived from Germany or Austria or have been taken from ADRIANOPLE or CHATALGA, and a few special anti-aircraft batteries.

STRENGTH AND POSITIONS OF THE TURKISH ARMIES (THE 1st, 2nd and 5th) AT THE END OF JUNE 1918.

	Battns. of Infantry		Machine Gun Companies	Squadrons of Cavalry	Batteries of Artillery		
	Nizam	Reserve			Field	Mountain	Howitzer
<u>1st Army. CONSTANTINOPLE.</u>							
<u>M. I. V. S. DEN SOU.</u>							
At Con'ple and European coast of the Bosphorus - 1st A.C. newly formed res. battns	-	9	-	5	-	-	-
III " 19th Div. (58th & 59th)	-	6	-	-	-	-	-
Scutari & Asiatic coast of the Bosphorus -							
Vth A.C. 13th Div. (4th-5th)	3	3	1	4	4	2	-
14th Div. (41st-42nd)	6	-	1	-	4	2	-
15th Div. (56th-60th)	-	6	-	-	-	-	-
Res. Battns. of new formation	-	9	-	-	-	-	-
1 Regt. of Condarmes	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Smyrna & coast of Aegean Sea							
IXth A.C. 12th Div. (35th - 36th)	6	-	2	2	-	-	-
20th Div. (61st, 62nd, 63rd)	-	9	1	-	6	3	-
1 Militia Div. being formed.		9					
Totals for 1st Army :	18	51	4	11	14	5	-
<u>2nd Army. S. STEFANO.</u>							
<u>VEHIS PACHA.</u>							
Fortified lines of Chatalge.							
Vith A.C. 24th Div. (2nd-3rd)	6	-	-	4	-	-	-
25th Div. (75th-78th)	6	-	1	-	2	2	-
Newly formed reserve battns.	-	6	1	1	1	-	-
	12	6	1	4	2	2	-
Bulgarian Frontier (Demotice-Adrianople-Kirckilisse)							
IVth A.C. 10th Div. (28th-29th-30th)	9	-	2	12	4	-	-
Newly formed res. battns.	-	12	-	-	-	-	-
Totals for 2nd Army :	21	18	3	16	6	2	-

5th Army. DARDANELLES KESHAN.
M.I. LIMAN.

Ist A.C. 1st Div. (70th-71st-124th)	9	-	2	-	4	2	3
2nd Div. (1st-5th-6th)	9	-	2	-	4	-	-
3rd " (31st-32nd-39th)	7	2	1	-	2	3	-
IIInd A.C. 4th Div. (10th-11th-12th)	7	2	2	7	4	-	-
5th Div. (13th-14th-15th)	7	2	2	-	4	2	-
5th " (16th-17th-18th)	7	2	2	-	4	2	-
1 Regt. of Gendarmes.	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
IVth A.C. 7th Div. (19th-20th-21st)	9	-	2	10	4	2	3
8th Div. (22nd-23rd-24th)	9	-	2	-	4	2	-
9th " (25th-26th-27th)	9	-	2	-	4	1	2
19th " (57th)	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Res. battns. of new formation	-	6	-	-	-	-	-
11th Div. (33rd-126th-127th)	9	-	1	-	4	2	-
12th " (34th)	3	-	-	-	4	-	-
Vth A.C. 13th Div. (38th)	3	-	1	-	-	-	-
14th " (55th)	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
15th " (45th)	3	-	1	-	4	2	-
VIth A.C. 16th " (47th-48th-125th)	9	-	1	-	2	2	-
24th " (72nd)	3	-	-	-	2	2	-
26th " (77th)	3	-	-	-	-	-	-

Totals of 5th Army : 109 20 21 17 50 22 6

General Totals : 148 89 28 44 70 29

(1) Note. according to reliable but unconfirmed information, the whole of the 12th Division, IXth A.C., 1st Army, is at the DARDANELLES, it is thought on the Asiatic Coast.

Copies to - D.I.D.
M.O.S. 10-8-15.

REPORT OF A RUSSIAN AGENT ON DEFENCES OF MARMORA, BOSPHORUS,
AND BLACK SEA COASTS, ETC., DATED CONSTANTINOPLE, AUGUST 2.

1. DEFENCES OF MARMORA COASTS:- The removal of the Christian population from these districts was designed to facilitate the fortifications of certain strategic points. In the region of TEKFOR DAGH (Rodosto) have been fortified SHARKEUI, AMAPLI, KERASSIA, HORA BURNU, and other points along the coast up to RODOSTO. The island of MARMORA is being fortified on three sides to oppose the passage of an enemy fleet: there are also batteries on the Rodosto side. Work on secondary defences is being carried on in the islands of KAPNOGHI (γ), KUTALI, AFISTA, and ALONI. At many points on these islands and on the Rodosto side, mines and torpedo-tubes have been placed. The right bank of the ROWAKI (KAVAK) stream, which flows into the Gulf of Saros, and the KURU DAGH mountain, which commands it, are already defended by numerous works.

2. DEFENCES OF THE BOSPHORUS. Above DOLMA BAGGHE, on the eminence known as "the stones" (petres), below the Armoury, there are trenches and 2 ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ batteries, one of 15cm., the other of 22-24 cm. guns. There are two or three heavier pieces. The height above BELLOS, commanding the gulf of BUYUK DERE, was defended in the middle of May by guns of 15-27cm. Similar works exist at BIUK CHALLIJA and above KUSGUNJUK and KANDILI.

On the height east of ROBERT COLIEGE the Turks placed three months ago 4 guns of $4\frac{1}{2}$ - 5 metres length: four pairs of buffaloes were harnessed to each for transport.

Great changes were made in the middle of May at MAJIAN MALESSI, ANADOLI KAVAK, and ROMELI KAVAK, where the biggest long-range gun on the shore were replaced by quick-firers of 7.5 and 15 cm. Of the big guns six (of 27-28 or even 30.5 cm.) are now placed on the IOUSHA DAGH. This hill is now surrounded by a wall of iron rods, reinforced concrete, and other obstacles. The hill between SARI YER and KESTANESUYU is also armed with these guns. In the

same neighbourhood a battery near the valley of CHIRCHIR DERE is said to be composed of heavy guns (22-28 cm.) sheltered by temporary earthworks. West of ROUMELI KAVAK is a hill which is certainly defended by the guns above mentioned, and by German guns of 15 - 28 cm. or more, 9 in all. From SARILIK to YENI MAHALLE and thence to the entrance of the Black Sea was constructed in the middle of May a series of gun emplacements and trenches. The first were executed with great technical skill, with rails and cement: they have convex armoured shields and are designed for quick firers, which are already placed in the emplacements. There are two lines of trenches for infantry. Besides this the Turks have brought torpedo tubes from damaged torpedo-boats and destroyers and placed them in spots difficult to locate. There are two at POIKAS LIMAN and on the opposite coast.

3. DEFENCES OF BLACK SEA. In the district of ERGELI many points are fortified. Landmines have been constructed at points on the coast where a landing could easily be made. e.g. at KURU IORI (Y), KERPE (near LIMAN KEFKENLI) KALMAS, and the district of YENI YEU.

Fougasses were made in the middle of May at SAZANJIK, DOGANLI and as far as KARAMAN in the DRILE district; also at two points near the fort ELMAS KALESSI.