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From

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF,  
EGYPTIAN  
~~MEDITERRANEAN~~ EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

To The Director of Staff Duties,  
War Office,

LONDON. S. W.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS,

6th December 1916.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith the  
War Diary of the General Staff, Operations Section,  
General Headquarters, Egyptian Expeditionary Force,  
for the month of November 1916.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*Henry de Belem*  
General,  
Commander-in-Chief,  
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

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CAIRO	NOV 17	0834	<p>Wire from SIRDAR to CHIEF LONDON SIRDAR has asked for 60 Lewis Machine Guns with 50,000 rounds per gun for the APAB PATROLS which are being organised at RABESH. They cannot be supplied from here.</p> <p>Wire from SIRDAR to CHIEF EGYPT</p> <p>Wire from SIRDAR to MIDDLE EAST BDE. 0812 Middle East Brigade informed of decision to dispatch one flight of 4 aircraft to RABESH and instructed to have this flight concentrated at SUEZ forthwith. SIRDAR wishes shipment expedited, and BRITANNIA has been asked to provide a motor lighter as before. The SIRDAR is including an escort for the flight consisting of 200 EGYPTIAN infantry under MAJOR P. C. JOYCE and this detachment will reach PORT SOUDAN on NOV 17<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Wire from SIRDAR 0801</p> <p>Wire from SIRDAR 0808</p> <p>MEMO to Q. DOS. HQRA.</p> <p>It has been decided to dispatch to SHERIF: ① 1 Battery (4 guns) 15 pd. Q.F. 4 guns with gun limbers, no wagons ② 1 Battery (4 guns) of 5 inch howitzers, with gun limbers but no wagons ③ 2 5 inch howitzer guns - 500 rounds per gun. Q.F. Battery &amp; Howitzer Battery to be provided with horse teams and harness.</p> <p>Wire from EASTFORCE 085/10</p> <p>No. 1. Helios report 2 cases of dysentery in P. Co. of LONDON Regt.</p>	<p>A</p> <p>B</p> <p>C</p> <p>D</p> <p>E</p> <p>F</p>

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CAIRO	Nov 1	-	<p>At GENEVE. ADMJ did not consider that the requirement should involve a permit.</p> <p>in anticipation of Turkish approval being secured through American diplomatic agent, G.O.C. in C. has requested P.N.T.O. to obtain permission for a hospital ship to be used to convey comforts and clothing for prisoners, &amp; possibly to convey 200 TURKISH women and children from EGYPT to MESSINA. - Would French Authorities see any objection?</p> <p>Have asked W.O. LONDON to send an engineering expert, if possible, to advise as to pipe lines now being laid in SINAI Desert, and as to the filtration and distillation plant that will be required.</p> <p>Situation requires immediate withdrawal from KHARGA of the flight of R.F.C. there.</p> <p>Evening Report - All well</p> <p>RAILHEAD on Eastern Desert is now at KILO 97. - Stations constructed at BIR EL ABD and KILO 86. Further sidings completed and in hand at KANTARA and railway pontoons ferry across CANAL in use. - Rolling</p>	
		1240	<p>Wire from N.A. BRITANNIA</p>	
		1515	<p>Wire CHIEF (AM 1200)</p>	
		1905	<p>Wire WESTFORCE + MIDDLE EAST BRIGADE</p>	G
		1925	<p>Wire CHIEF (AM 1201)</p>	
		1950	<p>Wire CHIEF (AM 1202)</p>	G

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CAIRO	Nov 1	-	<p>Stock increased to total of 16 Steam engines, 4 petrol engines + 450 vehicles of all types.</p> <p>It is not proposed to delay the departure of 1<sup>st</sup> Comdty of LONDON regiment any more. They should embark toist.</p> <p>Letter to Secy. WAR OFFICE G.S. 4/1.</p> <p>Due to the increasing wireless activity of the enemy, the work at GHQ cannot be undertaken satisfactorily by the existing W/T Staff. A memo reviewing the situation has been today forwarded to W.O. and sanction requested to an increase in personnel which is considered necessary.</p> <p>Letter to Secy. WAR OFFICE G.S. 1/2.</p> <p>W.O. Letter No 121/Staff/2336 (S. N. 2) acknowledged and this will form the basis of further recommendations regarding establishment of GHQ on the abolition of Inspector General of Communications. At the same time we have pointed out that sanction was formerly given for two A.D.M.S. and 3 D.A.D.M.S. in the case of HQ ALEXANDRIA instead of 3 A.D.M.S. and 2 D.A.D.M.S. and also that the appointment of a second A.P.M. graded as Staff Lt. + 1<sup>st</sup> class was previously sanctioned.</p>	<p>H</p> <p>I</p> <p>F</p>

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CAIRO			<p>Summary to EASTERN FORCE and WESTERN FORCE</p> <p>The following general instructions regarding command and supervision of Lewis Guns allotted to Infantry Battalions are circulated</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>① They are no longer a separate unit but are an integral part of the company - controlled by the company commander and are intended to provide an increase of fire power.</li> <li>② Company and Platoon commanders must all have a thorough knowledge of these guns and regular instruction should be arranged for.</li> <li>③ Where necessary an officer may be specially selected to train detachments but only as a temporary measure and he must always be available for duty with his company.</li> <li>④ Company commanders are responsible for the necessary training.</li> </ol> <p>A raid on JAGHBUB would be considered as a breach of faith by MOHAMMED IDRIS who was told at the negotiations that would be remained in EGYPTIAN territory this place would be administered by him. It is considered also that the death or capture of SAYED</p> <p style="margin-top: 20px;">Intelligence MEMO</p>	

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			<p>SAYED AHMED would be unfortunate as <del>was</del> IDRIS holds strong views on the necessity for the SENUSSI family holding together, while at the same time he is working to bring about the peaceful evacuation of the administered portions of EGYPTIAN territory. Western force have accordingly been informed that no offensive operations should be undertaken against either JAGHBUB or SIWA during the present negotiations.</p> <p>In order that 2nd Divn. Bde. may be available at short notice, new instructed arrangements to be made for its relief, and for its concentration at GARA or elsewhere. It will not actually be withdrawn from Western force until the situation on the Eastern front makes this necessary.</p>	M
			<p>Letter to WESTERN FORCE G.S.Z. 28/1</p> <p>Letter to C.O.C. WESTERN FORCE G.S.Z. 28/10</p>	

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CAIRO	Nov 2		<p>Telephonic message from "Cornwallis" to G.H.Q. (received 11.15.31<sup>st</sup>)</p> <p>COL O'SULLIVAN (Naval Staff Officer) reports that SHERIF ALI has personally gone on board the 'DUFFERIN' and reported that TURKS are advancing on RABEGH in considerable force. At present they are about 3 days march from that place, and FAISAL and SHERIF ALI are of opinion that RABEGH cannot hold out unless supported by white troops and machine guns. A merchant is believed to have left SUEZ for RABEGH on 1<sup>st</sup> inst.</p>	
		1300	<p>Received CHIEF 1203</p> <p>Reference TROOPERS telegram 23689 of 10<sup>th</sup> stating that only 1 Motor Air Line Section without headquarters could be sent, the second air line section already asked for is considered essential for the efficient working of our extending communications. Hope the signal personnel already promised (23573 3<sup>rd</sup>) has embarked, and the second section should reach us during December.</p>	
		1750	<p>Wire from TROOPERS 24542.</p> <p>The two infantry battalions will join SALONIKA force when relieved and MARINES are expected to embark at MARSEILLES on Nov 11<sup>th</sup>. W.O. informant that 92<sup>nd</sup> LYT RGA will be sent to EGYPT to meet requirements.</p>	



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CAIRO	Nov 2	-	<p><del>Proposals</del> put forward in our A.M. 666. June 12<sup>th</sup>. 98<sup>th</sup> Coy will join SALONIKA force to be utilized as reinforcements for siege artillery. SALONIKA request that detachment for CYPRUS should be formed from 92<sup>nd</sup> Coy and that the present detachment be transferred to 92<sup>nd</sup> Coy and that a similar detachment of 92<sup>nd</sup> Coy at MUDROS be transferred to 98<sup>th</sup> Coy.</p>	
		3	<p>Wire from SALONIKA AB 1304</p>	
			<p>Wire from SIRDAR AM 1206</p> <p>Arrangements are being made to send to RABEGH on 6<sup>th</sup> and per S. S. HARDINGE - 1 4 gun 15 pdr. Q.F. battery complete with firing battery wagons, horses and harness; also 1 5 inch Howitzer battery with gun, limber, horse and harness and 2 3 inch Howitzers without limber. 500 rounds will accompany each gun &amp; howitzer.</p>	
		2120	<p>Wire from BRITANNIA</p> <p>S. N. D. SUEZ has received instructions to send a motor lighter to RABEGH as requested by us. (AM 1198).</p>	
		1945	<p>Wire from CHIEF (AM 1205)</p> <p>Evening Report - All well.</p>	
		1648	<p>Wire from TROOPERS 17033</p> <p>Proposals in our G.B. 306 (14 Oct) for 2 General Reinforcement Depots</p>	

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CAIRO	Nov. 2		Establishments are approved with following modifications: Subaltern 1 Clerks 1. Batmen 3. Horses 4. Drivers 124 instead of the numbers proposed by air rig.	
	Nov 25		Wire from TROOPERS. 24232 W.O. cable with reference to our request for increase in CAMEL TRANSPORT Co establishment, that present establishment provides for 20 horses per company. What do we recommend if additional officers & W.O.s are authorized & why should it be 20 or 25 camels. Have replied that 11 horses will be required for the extra personnel including sergeant A.T.E. and that an advantage would be derived from mounting W.O.s on camels.	A
	2	2015	Wire from O.C. TROOPERS. CYPRUS. A.M. 1505 Reference has been made for 3 motor dispatch riders and motor bicycles cannot supply trained ATP but have offered to send 3 motor cycles.	
		2045	Wire from SIRDAR. A.M. 1209 The purpose is to allow the 1st Gen. Bn. WARWICKSHIRE Regt. by another Bn. from EGYPT as the former has been in KHARTOUM for a long time.	
			Wire from SIRDAR. 644 SIRDAR welcomes proposal but wishes to know of what battalions will be sent and if there are any trained camel riders. He proposes to send	
		1200	Wire from SIRDAR. A.M. 1218	

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			<p>1<sup>st</sup> ESSEX Regiment (23 off. 250 OR) who have been in SHARQUIA since 23rd Jan, and the WARWICKSHIRE Regiment which 6<sup>th</sup> would remain until replaced by trained personnel from ESSEX Regiment. Propose to spring out relief company by company.</p> <p>Word of TROOPERS. AM. 1210</p> <p>Reference TROOPERS call 21943 24/8/16 as to proposal to form two squadrons R.F.C. by transferring personnel who are mechanics from T.F. + other units + from AUSTRALIAN units. W.O. now advised that personnel of 1 squadron is now complete and nearly trained. He propose to make it into a Reserve Training Squadron and if this is sanctioned we will require to workshop lorries to be sent out.</p> <p>Word from TROOPERS. 2455</p> <p>Word from 16<sup>th</sup> Wing R.F.C. SALONIKA to be inspected by GEN SALMOND in view of report of inefficiency as to N<sup>o</sup> 47 Squadron and he should make <sup>any</sup> arrangements for replacement of officers that are necessary. R.F.C. informed.</p>	<p>B</p> <p>Word from C. 1/15</p>

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CAIRO	Nov 3	0138	Wire from CHIEF <del>24572</del>	War office informed in answer to their query that present railhead is 2 miles N.E. of BIR MOSEIFIG. (Refce. PORT SAID sheet 1/250,000 map square G 3.)	
		1015	Wire from CHIEF 1212		
		1019	Wire from EASTFORCE	Refce G.H.Q. Letter G.Z. 119 of 15/10/16, 59 <sup>th</sup> Coy Indian Camel Corps are now concentrated at FERRY POST BRIDGEHEAD. Instructions wanted as to where they are to proceed to. Have instructed EASTFORCE that they should report to Deputy Inspector, Camel Transport Corps N <sup>o</sup> 2 Depot ISMAILIA.	
			Wire from EASTFORCE OAB 233		
			Wire from TROOPERS. A.M. 1213.	Weekly Report. - Following cease to belong to E.E.F.:- 1 Squadron Cavalry Egyptian Army on return to Egyptian Army from KHARGA. - 191 <sup>st</sup> Company Indian Camel Transport Corps on return of personnel to INDIA. - Units within EGYPT: 6 <sup>th</sup> Mounted Brigade from WESTFORCE to EASTERN FORCE..	
			Wire from CHIEF 24574		
		Wire from SIRDAR 630.	In view of reported advance of TURKISH troops on RABEGH the Foreign office have instructed SIRDAR that he should communicate with Admiral who has been instructed to give all naval assistance	A	

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CAIRO	Nov 3		possible and that if naval assistance is not enough by itself the SIRDAR should send whatever troops are available - These instructions are not intended to extend to despatch of troops from this command, and there is no question of sending any force that will involve another campaign - At the same time SIRDAR has asked for a BRITISH	B	
	3	1610	Wired SIRDAR AM 1216	brigade to be kept in readiness to proceed to RABEQA - Informed SIRDAR of War Office instructions: that it is not considered that the despatch of a brigade would be justified although if troops had to go they could probably be assembled at SUEZ in as short a time as it would take to get the ships there. War Office advised.	C & D
	3	1600	Wired CHIEF AM 1216	Asked War Office to send 12 large weight carrying aeroplanes as soon as possible if available. It is expected that the occupation of EL ARISH will enable R.F.C. to attack enemy's rail head, advanced bases and HEDJAZ railway with few reaching results, if these machines can be obtained.	12
		1615	Wired TROOPERS AM 1215		

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CAIRO	Nov 5	1857	Went from S.N.O. PORT SAID. 1730	CAPT. STREATFIELDS H.M.S. HANNIBAL takes over duties of S.N.O. EGYPT from midnight tonight Nov 3/4 <sup>th</sup> ..	
		1935	Wired CHIEF A.M. 1217	Evening Report. All well.	
		2330	Went from CHIEF 24594.	<p>H.M. GOVERNMENT in agreement with FRENCH government has decided to give VENIZELOS all possible assistance and encouragement short of official recognition. This answer was A.M. 1204 enquiring what attitude H.M. Government was taking up in view of assistance proposed by some prominent GREEKS in EGYPT to send contingent to serve with VENIZELOS.</p> <p>Letter to G.O.C. EASTERN FORCE. GS. 327.</p> <p>with reference to the Provisional Establishment of a Division with Canal Troops. It is pointed out that although 5 officers are allowed for each 18 pounder and 4.5 with How. Battery this establishment can only be maintained provided that the additional officer is available from those with the immobile portions of the Divisional Artillery. In all dealings with 3<sup>rd</sup> ECHELON the War Establishment of all artillery units is Part VIII which in this case allows 4 and not 5 officers.</p> <p>Letter to D.C. CAIRO DIST. EGYPTIAN ARMY.</p> <p>As the MAHMAL Escort has now returned the relief of the British garrison</p>	

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CAIRO	Nov 3	-	<p>garrison on the EL GUISHA magazine is again requested. (Refce E/S.E.R./ 180 of October 21<sup>st</sup>)</p> <p>Letter to Secy WAR OFFICE Increase asked for Railway Establishment, in view of progress made on the KANTARA - EL ARISH Railway, of 1 Deputy Assistant Director of Railways (graded as A.A.Q.M.G) and 8 Railway Transport Officers (1 graded as Staff Capt. 3 graded as Staff Lieut. 1<sup>st</sup> Class and 4 as Staff Lieut. 2<sup>nd</sup> Class)</p> <p>Letter to EASTERN FORCE WESTERN FORCE DELTA DIST ALEXANDRIA DIST G.S. 1417 Asked for a report upon the general system adopted in each force for improving the standard of recently arrived drafts in regard to training and discipline.</p>	<p>E</p> <p>F</p>

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Cairo	Nov 21		<p>Wired SALONIKA AM 1322. SALONIKAS proposed a 5 CYPRUS Squadron (AB. 1324) agreed to 9<sup>th</sup> Company less 1 officer and 11 OR. will be sent to ALEXANDRIA as soon as shipping is available.</p> <p>Wired from CYPRUS C.H. 2. CYPRUS can find dispatch under themselves. Three motor bicycles required.</p> <p>Wired EASTFORCE OA 129. Owing to situation, reorganisation of R.F.C. in CANAL ZONE is necessary. R.F.C. SUEZ will move to ISMAILIA and maintenance when necessary of SUEZ post will be carried out from ISMAILIA.</p> <p>1630 Wires from AERONAUTICS (A104). Flight of aeroplanes for RABEGH will be concentrated at SUEZ on 11<sup>th</sup> Nov.</p> <p>1327 Wires from SIRDAR 658. After receipt of AM 1214 reporting W.O. instructions, SIRDAR considers that the safety of RABEGH can only be guaranteed by dispatch of a brigade of regular troops but as this cannot be done the equipment and organisation of new AFAB units at RABEGH is being pushed forward and engine are being made as to what naval support can be given.</p> <p>1540 Wires from SIRDAR 664. Sirdar informed in reply to his wire that aeroplane flight will be accompanied by a medical officer and 8 OR. R.A.M.C. with medical</p>	A 15



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CAIRO			<p>equipment and stores sufficient for the flight requirements.</p> <p>Memo to COMTE P de SAINTE-QUENTIN FRENCH Military Attache Instructions have been issued to D.A.D.O.S. No 1 Section to issue on demand 1000 MILLS Hand Grenades to D.C. FRENCH Base Camp SUEZ</p> <p>1945 Wined SIRDAR AM 1201 CAPT BOYLE S.N.O. RED SEA should instruct "HARDINGE" to wait at SUEZ until guns for RABEGH are all unladen.</p> <p>2200 Wined TROOPERS AM 1233 Weekly Returns R.F.C.</p> <p>Letter to C.O. IMPERIAL CAMEL CORPS Authority given to HONG KONG &amp; SINGAPORE Battery to expend 100 rounds 10 pdr. ammunition for practice.</p> <p>1950 Wined CHIEF AM 1230 Evans's Report. All well.</p> <p>Letter to C.O.C. EASTFORCE (G.S. 408) Re: memo D.C. 2 of Oct 27<sup>th</sup> it is impossible at present to provide garrison battalions for work on lines of communication east of KANTARA although 2 battalions are expected to arrive from ENGLAND shortly one of these will be placed at certain force disposal when it arrives it is suggested that the other batt<sup>n</sup> required might be formed by making a single battalion carry out the garrison duties at ISMAILIA &amp; PORT SAID</p>	B

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CAIRO	1942		<p>Letter to COMMANDER IN CHIEF INDIA (G.S. 421) C. in C. INDIA informed of the valuable work of the Imperial Services Units during the past nine months both in active operations, construction of works etc., and of the G.O.C.'s appreciation of their services.</p> <p>G.O.C. EASTERN FORCE has submitted proposals for the occupation of EL ARISH by land and sea immediately after the evacuation of that place if this were to take place in view of the moral effect which it is considered that prompt occupation would have. This proposal involves the dispatch by sea of 1 Infantry Brigade with R.E. etc. and 3 weeks supplies, and to keep this force in readiness to proceed. At the same time 1 Cavalry Regiment and convoy will proceed by road with 7 days supplies, and as supplies are landed from the sea the occupation is to be completed by bringing up the remainder of the force gradually.</p> <p>Letter to EASTERN FORCE G.S. 58 It is considered that the occupation of EL ARISH in the way proposed and the subsequent maintenance of troops from the sea especially</p>	D

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			<p>at the present time of year would be a matter of very great difficulty, and that should the evacuation proved to be a deliberate measure by the enemy, our advanced troops would be denied any base of retreat if necessary, and effective reinforcement would be impracticable. The risk of occupation until the railway makes maintenance and reinforcement assured, outweighs any political or moral advantage that such an enterprise may appear to offer.</p>	E

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CAIRO	NOV 5	1200	<p>Wire from SIRDAR 674 Reference A.M. 1231. instructions have been given to postpone departure of 'HARDINGE' until everything is loaded.</p> <p>Wire from SIRDAR 675 Reference A.M. 1218 of 3<sup>rd</sup>. - Proposals for relief of Garrison Batt<sup>n</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> WARWICK Regiment by Garrison Batt<sup>n</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> ESSEX Reg<sup>t</sup>, Company by Company is considered in and it is presumed relief will be carried out by NILE and not via RED SEA. It is suggested that ESSEX reg<sup>t</sup> must include in the first instance two platoons of selected men, so that they can have preliminary training under WARWICKshire Reg<sup>t</sup>. GAZEL CORPS and enable the latter to rejoin Headquarters in EGYPT by the time the relief is complete. WARWICKSHIRE Reg<sup>t</sup> have over 150 men trained in machine gun and field gun drill.</p> <p>Wire from BASRA 239 Situation unchanged. Successful bombing raid on TURKISH aerodrome destroying 1 ALBATROSS &amp; damaging another. NARRIYAH Railway reached 9 1/2 miles. - 51 miles AMARAH has completed.</p>	<p>A.</p> <p>B.</p> <p>9</p>

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CAIRO	NOV 5	0132	Wire from WAR OFFICE (17241) Requirer TROOPERS were 2433 Oct 27 <sup>th</sup> requiring if any 5 <sup>th</sup> Troop could be spared in view of the despatch of 6 to the Suez Canal already reported (AM 1215) it is not considered that any of the remaining 6 can be spared. One of them is already committed in (OC 3535 of Aug 6 <sup>th</sup> ) and remaining 5 may be required shortly in replacement of those sent to ARABIA		
		AM 1205	Wired TROOPERS AM 1205		
		2000	Wired CHIEF AM 1224	Evening Report. All well.	
		2200	Wire from TROOPERS 24658	Units requested upon proposal to reorganise the three remaining dismounted Germanic brigades as infantry, but not proposed to increase their strength to infantry brigade establishment at present.	
		20	Wired INT'S SECTION - EASTFORCE CAMELS ARRASSIA (OAS 115)	Announced party of 3 <sup>rd</sup> CAMEL Regiment cannot yet be received in G. H. Q. under advice EASTFORCE which they should proceed to ARRASSIA. BADDAMIL Station will be known as SAHMANA in future.	
		Letter to G. O. EASTERN FORCE G. S. 142	Letter to G. O. ALEXANDRIA DIST. Engineer work to be made as to the requirements of reinforcement to A.O.D.		

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CAIRO	Nov 5		<p>of the two is <sup>Erhard</sup> ERHARDT, <sup>former</sup> formerly at P.A. Base Depot SID/ BISH.</p> <p>Letter to G.D.C. EASTERN FORCE G.S. 98/1.</p> <p>It is not considered that there is any reason for giving the title of C.F.E. to the present D.C. A.N.Z. Mounted Division Field Squadron but there is no objection to his employing an office as acting adjutant for the purpose of coordinating P.E. signals in the Division. The proposed addition of a corporal to HQ of a mounted division is not considered necessary.</p>	<p>O.C. Division Capt. T.P.</p>

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CAIRO	Nov 6	0600	Wire from SIRDAR 627	
			<p>SIRDAR advised that War Committee has decided that it would be advised against that a force should be raised in SOUDAN for assistance of SHERIF, the raising, equipping, and maintenance of this force being a charge on Imperial funds. This force may be raised by expanding existing cadres of SOUDANESE troops but no British troops will be available to replace the force sent to the SHERIF, the War Committee's intention being to send it over, when raised, to the SHERIF to form part of his army, and although it will be paid &amp; equipped from IMPERIAL funds it will not be recognised as an Imperial force.</p>	
			<p>SIRDAR considers this scheme impracticable and is awaiting ADMIRALS' arrival before replying to W.O.</p>	A
		1455	Wire from SIRDAR 672	
			Wired SIRDAR A.M. 1226	
			<p>FAISAL asks if 15000 rifles, out of the 20000 previously sanctioned can be sent as soon as possible. - The 20000 have just arrived, but as a mixed lot and require sorting. - 2000 have already been despatched and 15000 more will be sent as soon as possible.</p>	M.

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CAIRO	Nov 6	1320	Wire EASTFORCE. OA 191	Relief of 1 <sup>st</sup> GAR. BN. WARWICK Regt at KHARTOUM will be carried out company by company, first company being sent from EASTERN force. This company should include the two platoons of men for training as carrier corps and arrangements for release should now be made.	B
		1350	Wire from AERONAUTICS. S1	MASAIID and ARISH are still reported occupied.	
		1940	Wire from TROOPERS. 24691	Requise TROOPERS cable 24053 bet 20 <sup>th</sup> . TANKS are now reported as quite unsuitable for this climate and they could not be made suitable within any reasonable time. Statement of specific causes is awaited from Ministry of Munitions.	C
		1957	Wire from TROOPERS. 24684	The extra motor air line section for which was asked for in AM 1203 is now being sent out, and the despatch of personnel is being expedited. (23573 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct. 23689, 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct).	
		1950	Wire TROOPERS. AM 1227	Evening Report - All well.	13



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CAIRO	NOV 6		<p>Letter to COMDT SCHOOL of INSTRUCTION GS 85/4</p> <p>The following points arising out of the C-in-C's visit to the School of Instruction this morning are emphasized: (a) The necessity for all ranks attending the school qualifying as instructors and not merely improving the individual standard of efficiency (b) The necessity for paying the strictest attention to all questions of discipline, general behaviour and smartness both of instructors &amp; pupils -</p> <p>Letter to O.C. Imperial Camel Corps GS 331</p> <p>A.N.Z. LIGHT CAMEL REGIMENTS will be formed as follows:</p> <p>(a) 1<sup>st</sup> Camel Regiment from 11<sup>th</sup> Australian Light Horse (b) 2<sup>nd</sup> " " " " 12<sup>th</sup> " " " " " " (c) 3<sup>rd</sup> " " " " 4<sup>th</sup> " " " " " " (The third squadron necessary to complete this regiment being formed from the dismounted double squadron AUSTRALIAN LIGHT HORSE in N° 2 Section)</p> <p>(d) 4<sup>th</sup> Camel Regiment from the composite Light Horse Regiment formed by 3 squadrons from the dismounted double squadrons with the addition of Headquarters and machine gun section</p> <p>Regiments will be formed in following order (d) (c) (a) + (b) -</p>	D

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CAIRO	1944 6	-	<p>Letter to G.O.C. EASTERN FORCE G. 2/58/2</p> <p>Insufficient material is now available for the laying of a Decauville railway and a 3 inch pipeline from the main line to BIR QANABIL if it is considered advisable to do so. Although the C.E. N°3 Section considers that camel transport would be more suitable for supplying SALMANA the C in C is inclined to favour the additional construction, and the views of G.O.C. EASTFORCE are requested.</p>	<p>E</p> <p><i>William</i></p> <p><i>25</i></p>

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CAIRO	Nov 7 <sup>th</sup>	0305	Wire from TROOPERS 24711	Reference 22058 Aug 36 <sup>th</sup> . INDIA has wired War Office that it is hoped that companies BIKANIR Camel Corps will be ready about middle of Nov and that action is being taken to accelerate formation & despatch.	A
		1145	Wire from GEN. SMUTE 2061343	Distribution of R.F.C. in EAST AFRICA (See Appendix A)	
		1550	Wire from SIRDAR S To FOREIGN OFFICE Rep. EGYPT	The WAR COMMITTEE Scheme (W.D. yesterday) is considered impracticable owing to difficulty in obtaining recruits sufficient to keep SUDAN units up to establishment, and early measures of compulsion amongst SUDANESE would invite hostility to BRITISH government, and would well necessitate an increase in present BRITISH garrison. SIRDAR further recommended that he is anxious after his interview with ADMIRAL C.W.C. today.	B
		1330	Wired SIRDAR A.M. 1228	Aeroplane flight for RABEEN leaves SUEZ on 10 <sup>th</sup> inst. and OC Flight has orders to carry out C.O.C. WILSONS instructions. It is hoped that the O.C. flight may be authorized to refer to Middle East Cde. any orders which from a flying point of view it is considered undesirable to comply with.	R

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CAIRO	NOV 7	1230	Wired MIDDLE EAST BDE. (046 134) 1 Flight R.F.C. will shortly embark at SUEZ for service overseas.	
		1630	Wire from SIRDAR. (706 copies) - Report on situation at KUNFIDA received from S.N.O. Red Sea Patrol. Sherif NABR is considered safe from direct attacks by TURKS but it is impossible for him to dislodge the latter owing to absence of artillery. S.N.O. has suggested that 3 of the 15 pd. guns supplied for IDRISI might be spared as the moral effect of these guns with SHERIF NABR would be invaluable.	C
		1433	Wire from SIRDAR 707 The spare EGYPTIAN artillery Details attached to N° 2 Armoured Train at NEGAHAMADI are urgently required for service in SUDAN. Have wired	
		1930	Wired WESTFORCE. 046 288 WESTFORCE that they are to be returned as soon as possible, and that they are to report their artillery requirements to replace the detachment withdrawn.	
		1630	Wired WESTFORCE DELTA DIST. Inspector M.T. 046 192. Instructed early release of Squadron WESTMINSTER Dragoons at DABAA for withdrawal in order to rejoin remainder of unit at ZEITOUN.	M

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CAIRO	NOV 7	2000	Wired CHIEF. AM 1229.	
		2000	Wired TROOPERS AM 1230	
			Letter to G.O.C. WESTERN FORCE G 22/62/60	
			Letter to HQ G 2 173	
			Letter to OC Imperial Camel Corps. G 3/381	
			Letter to G.O.C. WESTERN FORCE G 22 38/10	

Evening Report - All well.

Reference W.O. cable 17433 of 2<sup>nd</sup> November. The inclusion of 1 more sub altern and 1. Balman for each camel depot urgently requested as conducting officers have to be sent to BERBERA, JEDDAH, and PORT SUDAN to bring camels from ovaries + 2 or 3 officers therefore are always away from DEPOTS.

Report covering period Oct 1-31<sup>st</sup> has been read by the C in C. whose appreciation is recorded of the successful termination of the operations during that time.

The expenditure of 8 rounds H.E ammunition per gun per quarter for the two 4 inch BL NAVAL guns at SOLLUM + MATRUH is approved.

Head of our Establishment of an AUSTRALIAN Camel Regiment forwarded for information.

With reference to Western Force order No 60 of Nov 5<sup>th</sup> it is suggested that

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CAIRO	Nov 7		<p>it would be preferable to include MOGHARA in the Coastal Section and to find the garrison for that place from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mounted Brigade rather than from the 4<sup>th</sup> Mounted Brigade as proposed, - Under the proposed scheme of redistribution the remainder of the latter Bde would be located in the Southern Section, and apart from this consideration it is suggested that the MOGHARA garrison can more easily be spared from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mounted Bde. in the Coastal Section.</p>	D
			<p>Letter to G.O.C. EASTERN FORCE (G.S. 403)</p>	
			<p>In the existing arrangements for the organisation training and equipment of the signal units of the AUSTRALIAN mounted divisions the following points require improvement (a) Establishments - Lack of a fixed proportion of fixed signal, signal house &amp; other trades (b) Technical training of recruit reinforcements (c) Replacement of casualties - Proposed fixed establishment of trades should be fixed for the various signal units (d) Australian Govt should send drafts of such trades, definitely allotted as signal units reinforcements (e) The latter should receive recruits training at MOASCAR and then should be sent to SIGNAL DEPOT ALEXANDRIA</p>	bi

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CAIRO	Nov 7		<p>Who should arrange all further technical training and carry out repairs and maintenance. A proposed Trade establishment is forwarded.</p> <p>Letter to GOC ALEXANDRIA DIST. (G5422)</p> <p>A small successful Artillery Reserve is being formed from the spare guns at present in charge of the ORDNANCE Depot ALEXANDRIA and the following guns are being equipped and handed over to the Commandant RA Base Depot SIDI BISHA to be utilized temporarily for the instruction of Artillery reinforcements at that depot - 1 section 15 pdr Q.F. 1 section 18 pdr Q.F. 1 section 4.5 Howitzer 1 section 5" Howitzer 1 gun 50 pdr 1 gun 4.7" Q.F. all well. 1 ammunition wagon per gun if available.</p> <p>Letter to Secy WAR OFFICE G'S 398</p> <p>Provisional Establishment of a Veterinary Convalescent Horse Depot for 1200 horses forwarded for approval of Army Council. This unit was created in January 1915 and although it has been shown consistently in the periodical returns it has never been officially sanctioned.</p> <p>Letter to GOC EASTERN FORCE G.S. 2/08/15</p> <p>With reference to GOC EASTERN Force proposal to call No. 1 &amp; 2 sections when completed the "CANAL SECTION", it is suggested that suitable names</p>	<p>E</p> <p>F</p> <p>G</p> <p style="text-align: right;">30</p>

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CAIRO	Nov. 7		<p>for the two new areas in that command would be NORTH CANAL SECTION and SOUTH CANAL SECTION.</p> <p>Letter to S.S.O. BIKANIR, CAMEL CORPS. GS 137 with reference to letter N° 505 of 5<sup>th</sup> Nov. The issue of a total of 2000 Minsian Sums is approved. It is understood that no additional personnel, barrels, or pack saddlery is required.</p> <p>Letter to C.O.S. EASTERN FORCE GS/2/55. In view of possible requirements for landing stores at EL ARISH, 12 landing gangways mounted on sand wheels have been arranged for. It is considered that the pontoon bridge at KANTARA should be dismantled with a view to using the trestles or forming pairs at EL ARISH when required.</p>	<p>H</p> <p>1/2</p>



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			<p>RE-ORGANISATION CONSEQUENT UPON MOVEMENT OF G.H.Q. TO CAIRO AND THE ABOLITION OF THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OF COMMUNICATIONS.</p> <p>=====</p> <p>With reference to our A.M. 1134 cipher of 12th October, it will be useful to note briefly how the re-organisation consequent upon the abolition of the Inspector General of Communications has been effected. Some suggestions on the subject were made by Gen. Altham before he relinquished his appointment and these suggestions for the most part were acted on.</p> <p>(a) As regards command and inspection the old L. of C. area was subdivided in 4 sub commands:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. DELTA District.</li> <li>2. ALEXANDRIA District</li> <li>3. PORT SAID Base.</li> <li>4. SUEZ Base.</li> </ol> <p>Of these the DELTA District is by far the largest and includes the sub-district of ISMAILIA. The position of PORT SAID and SUEZ bases, as sub-commands of the L. of C. area had been, from time to time, slightly complicated as regards the relations of the Base Commandant with the <del>Administrative</del> <i>nearest</i> Commandant. The responsibility for the defence of SUEZ, for instance, rested with General Officer Commanding No. 1. Section, not with the Base Commandant. Further, although PORT SAID and SUEZ were under the Inspector General of Communications, as well as the whole sea traffic from those ports, the inland water traffic up and down the Canal was controlled direct by G.H.Q. A simpler arrangement has now been come to. The Eastern Force, with headquarters at ISMAILIA, are to exercise undivided control over the Canal Zone including PORT SAID, SUEZ and ISMAILIA, and water transport on the Canal, but exclusive of all embarkation work at SUEZ and PORT SAID, the control of which will continue to be exercised by the embarkation staff at CAIRO which will now be absorbed by the D.Q.M.G.'s department. Further, the sub-district of ISMAILIA has now been placed under headquarters, Eastern Frontier Force. <i>Inspection devolved on C-in-C.</i></p> <p>(b) As regards Administrative work, no very large amount of reorganisation has been necessary since the whole of the administrative services and departments have been shown upon the establishment of G.H.Q. during the whole of this year. The effect, therefore, of G.H.Q. assuming direct control of L. of C. has involved little more than the addition of the works and railway transport directorates to those already controlled personally either by the D.A.G. or D.Q.M.G. The attached plan shows the distribution in detail of the various functions of the Inspector General of Communications between the C-in-C, D.A.G., and D.Q.M.G., which makes entry into further detail unnecessary.</p> <p>Upon one point, however, some discussion has arisen, which has finally been settled by the</p> <p style="text-align: right;">/letter</p>	<p><i>Plan App</i></p> <p><i>app I</i></p>

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			<p>This system, he pointed out, had worked very well up to now and he could not admit that the provision of works material, for which the Director of Works is <del>certainly</del> responsible in accordance with Field Service Regulations, could be under the Engineer-in-Chief who has no responsibility in the matter. The Chief of the General Staff adopted the view of the Deputy Quartermaster General, and the Commander-in-Chief took the same view and wrote the Minute as follows :-</p> <p>" I am in general agreement with the Minute of the Deputy Quartermaster General. The Engineer-in-Chief will remain my adviser on R.E. matters connected with the Field Armies.</p> <p>" The Director of Works will continue the performance of his work as when there was an Inspector General of Communications, the Deputy Quartermaster General acting as Inspector General of Communications. Time will show whether this decision is sound or not. "</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Solely</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>J. C. Williams Capt RFP</i></p>

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			<p>letter G.S./348 of the 7th November addressed to the General Officers Commanding Eastern Force, Western Force, DELTA District and ALEXANDRIA District, a copy of which is attached in the appendix. This letter is <u>the definition of the respective duties of the Engineer-in-Chief and the Director of Works.</u></p> <p>Under General Altham's administration the Director of Works, though shown upon G.H.Q. Establishment, actually worked in CAIRO under General Altham while the Engineer-in-Chief naturally was at G.H.Q., but now both of these officers are together on the same staff and in the same place and it has been necessary to come to some decision as to their relations. Gen. Altham himself discussed this point before he left and said that he was adverse to making the Director of Works a mere subordinate of the Engineer-in-Chief as the former had financial responsibility of a far-reaching nature which, in General Altham's view, entitled him to direct access to higher authority. He took the view that the Engineer-in-Chief's responsibility <del>in the main</del> was limited in the main to the Field Army Zone while the Director of Works was responsible for the rest of the theatre of war; also that while the Engineer-in-Chief was adviser to the Commander-in-Chief on questions connected with the Army and personnel as well as on all General Staff questions involving R.E. matters, the Director of Works was responsible for the provision of such material as was needed for Engineer work in the Field Army Zone and could not be obtained locally.</p> <p>The Engineer-in-Chief however took the opposite point of view and considered that the Engineer-in-Chief must now be the sole adviser of the Commander-in-Chief and of his staff on all engineer questions on the grounds that the allocation of personnel to various duties, the decision as to how all available means of dealing with R.E. work can best be utilized and the supply of stores and material for works for the force in EGYPT and the army in SALONIKA must be dealt with in one office and under one officer. The Engineer-in-Chief pointed out that the Field Service Regulations do not deal with the situation because they were drawn up before the appointment of Engineer-in-Chief was made. The Engineer-in-Chief recommended at the same time that the Director of Works should be retained but that all engineer questions should be referred to the Engineer-in-Chief and that to him should be allotted the responsibility of advising as to the manner in which they should be dealt with. The D.Q.M.G. strongly adopted the view of General Altham that the Director of Works should not be made subordinate to the Engineer-in-Chief but that, while the Engineer-in-Chief should remain the adviser to the Commander-in-Chief in all R.E. matters connected with the Field Army, the Director of Works should continue to carry out his executive functions :-</p> <p>(a) The provision of work and material for the Field Army.</p> <p>(b) The construction and maintenance of all buildings on the L. of C. under D.Q.M.G.</p>	

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CAIRO	Nov 7	-	<p>Went from SIRDAR to ARBUR 9</p> <p>Submitted picture of military situation in HEDJAZ. (1) RABEIGH position of strategic interest would not be tenable even with naval assistance unless a Brigade of regular troops with artillery could arrive in time or a trained ARAB force of 5000 with artillery was available. (2) FAISALS' movement, who have constituted the ARAB defence against a TURKISH advance south, would be kept in the field and to enable the tribal army at KHEIF to continue their defence in the hills and their attempts on HEDJAZ railway, the necessary guns, machine guns and equipment should be supplied. (3) This defence is successful RABEIGH will be the training ground for ARAB trained troops, a naval base for their stores and an aeroplane station. Meanwhile FRENCH contingent is proceeding direct to RABEIGH. The raising of trained ARAB bands is beginning and it is hoped that many ARAB prisoners now in INDIA will join the SHERIF. Staff are required.</p> <p>Went from WILSON to ARBUR W 532.</p> <p>Went from SIRDAR to ARBUR 714</p> <p>PARKER report slight TURKISH advance at GHAYER. Appears unimportant.</p> <p>AZIZ EL MASRI proposes to transfer base from RABEIGH to YEMBO. It is believed that hand written stations are being arranged for at JEDDAH by the NAVY.</p>	<p>A</p> <p>55</p>

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CAIRO	Nov 8	2200	<p>Wire from SIRDAR to WILSON                      rep. G.H.Q. 709</p> <p>Wire from SIRDAR 710</p> <p>Wire from SIRDAR to WILSON 711</p> <p>Wire of TROOPERS. A.M. 1231</p>	<p>BREMONT informed that it has been decided between H.M. Government and FRENCH government that the FRENCH contingent was on its way to SUEZ with proceed, with the m.g. sections at present at SUEZ, immediately to RABEGH, and that inquiries are being made from ADMIRAL C.M.C. as to steps to be taken in the event of withdrawal from RABEGH being necessary. The instructions on lines mentioned in A.M. 1222 are being given to COL. WILSON and he has been advised that flight leaves SUEZ on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> and that the officer commanding Flight will be given a free hand.</p> <p>Special instructions for O/C. REC Flight detailed for duty at RABEGH (see App. D)</p> <p>W.D. proposal (24668) as to reorganisation of demounted yeomanry brigades on basis of infantry brigades is approved in principle. Proposals for reorganising the 6 regiments of each brigade to form 4 Battalions will be forwarded and it is promised that reinforcements will eventually bring the regiments up to strength. Strength of each brigade at present is 110/120 officers and 5300/2400 or</p>	<p>A</p> <p>B</p> <p>C</p> <p>D</p> <p style="text-align: right;">56</p>

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CAIRO	1st 8	0500	Wire from TROOPERS. 24759	<p>The squadrons referred to in AM 1232 of 8<sup>th</sup> (which submitted a proposal for forming a Reserve Training Squadron out of personnel now completely trained) is an R.F.C. Squadron which has not been formally authorized although its formation was foreshadowed in 21943 of 24<sup>th</sup> August.</p> <p>Reported Revolt by NURI SHALLAN against the TURKS under the help of heavy weight carrying aeroplanes still more details (AM 1215)</p> <p>It is proposed to establish temporary landing grounds in SHALLAN'S country from which enterprises against HEDJAZ can be undertaken. Amms could be conveyed by air if these machines were available.</p> <p>A supply of bombs is also required.</p> <p>SIRDAR informed of foregoing wire. Is NURI SHALLAN to be advised upon and if so how can he be communicated with?</p> <p>Refusives preceding intakes only MARTINSYDES and B.E. 12's are available.</p> <p>Evening Report. All well.</p>	
		1653	Wire CHIEF AM 1233		
		1653	Wire SIRDAR AM 1234		
		1945	Wire from TROOPERS. 24766		
		1945	Wire CHIEF AM 1236		

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CAIRO	Nov 2	2215	Wire from CHIEF 24788.	
			Reference A.M. 1190 via 30 <sup>th</sup> General SMUTS reports that 98 <sup>th</sup> Infantry are unfit for further active service, consequently INDIA will take 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion and send 128 <sup>th</sup> Rifles here instead.	
		2330	Wire from SIRDAR 722.	
			MEDJAZI FAISAL has submitted a list of winter equipment required by his troops, and as there are good fighting men and possible opponents to a TURKISH advance, it is considered necessary to supply them as far as possible. List forwarded to ARAB BUREAU.	
			Letter to EASTERN FORCE (GS 416) re objection to proposal that the departure of the Garrison Battalion EDDER Regiment for KHARTOUM should be postponed until end of this month. SIRDAR will accordingly be informed that move will begin on Dec 1 <sup>st</sup> .	
		2015	Wire to TROOPERS AM 1237.	
			Reference 17350 of 7 <sup>th</sup> . HONG KONG SINGAPORE Battery is now being reorganised on casual basis, but proposed establishment makes no additions to personnel allowed by permanent establishment other than those referred to in GS 223/1 of 9 <sup>th</sup> September.	
			Letter to Western Force GS 2/44.	
			Instructions given for the rendering of a weekly report of all work	

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CAIRO	Nov 2	-	<p>in progress in Western Force area, as in the case of Nos 1, 2, &amp; 3 sections - this report to deal with defence works, progress of work on roads, wharves &amp; piers, water supply, Huttling etc. - and it should be accompanied by a statement showing distribution of R.E. - E.L.C. - work involving an expenditure of more than £200 should not be undertaken without the previous approval of C.W.C. and the strictest economy in regard to materials and labour must be observed.</p> <p>Letter to GOC EASTERN FORCE GS 426</p> <p>Letter to GOC WESTERN FORCE GS 129</p>	<p>G.</p> <p>bcc</p>
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CAIRO	Nov. 8		<p>that the four strongest regiments might be left intact, retaining their present territorial designations, the two remaining regiments being broken up and incorporated in the others in proportion to their strength. Views as to re-grouping, and as regards time and place of conversion requested. Meanwhile training in Infantry Drill should commence forthwith.</p> <p>Letter to Western Force GS 129/a</p> <p>Reference suggestions in 7515 G of 7<sup>th</sup> inst. that a request should be made for the removal of the Egyptian Army explosives to the CITADEL, in view of the fact that the British guard has now been relieved by Egyptian Troops by the express request of G.H.Q. It is not considered that this further applications should be made.</p> <p>Letter to G.O.C. DELTA District GS 146/c</p> <p>Reference explanation given in reply to GS 2/54/1, as the guns refused to had been definitely earmarked for possible service elsewhere it is considered that the necessity for overhaul should have been reported to G.H.Q. with a view to their replacement, before arranging for their removal.</p>	H
			<p>Letter to ALEXANDRIA DIST 2/54/1</p>	

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CAIRO	Nov 8		<p>Letter to G. H. Q. EASTERN FORCE 2/58</p> <p>Reconnaissance instructed to be carried out on eastern shores of BARDAWIL Lake with a view to rendering a report on a creek near ZARANK which is believed to have sufficient depth of water for native sailing craft and to be suitably protected from violent winds - suggested that arrangements should be made for a simultaneous reconnaissance by Navy.</p> <p><i>Note:</i> The sinking of the P. C. liner ARABIA on Nov 5. has resulted in the loss of the copy of this War Diary for October which was being forwarded to the D. S. D. Another copy is now being prepared.</p>	<p>I</p> <p>at 10/11 Capt. G. J.</p>

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CAIRO	1000	6	<p>Letter from ARBUR to SIRDAR (AB 175) would SHERIF be asked if he can say with certainty where NURI SHALAN is to be found and whether he could have message sent to him regarding concerted action with EGYPT FORCE, who are prepared to co-operate with NURI?</p> <p>Letter from SIRDAR to ARBUR 752 NURI's agent was seen in FAISALS camp &amp; he was seen starting back to NURI who had been in some HAWRAN but was intending to go to JAMF. Messages there would require 3 weeks and NURI's whereabouts would be uncertain. Before instructing COL WILSON can nature of proposed cooperation be indicated?</p>	
		9	<p>Letter from TROOPERS 54797 Issue of 30 machine guns from EGYPT is authorized for SIRDAR. Carried pack saddling must be provided locally. These machine guns will be replaced by Vickers from house. Sirdar informed.</p>	
	0027		<p>Letter SIRDAR AM 1238 Two 15 par. guns with ammunition are being sent from KHARTOUM.</p>	
			<p>Letter from SIRDAR to ARBUR 722 FAISAL wishes to proceed north with ARABS as soon as possible and he is sending 2000 tribesmen from BILLI &amp; GEHEINA against WEDJ. After</p>	
	0016		<p>Letter from SIRDAR 746</p>	

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CAIRO	Nov 9		<p>that the rifles already promised may be sent to YENBO, and wishes to know when they will leave SUEZ. - FAISALS ARABS have sent up a TURKISH convoy and captured 100 laden camels which are reported to have been on their way to MEDINA.</p> <p>Wire from ARBURGH SIRPAR AB 121. "POTHUAI" and the ENTRECASTEAUX have received orders to go to RABEGH to assist ADMIRAL WEMYSS. - POTHUAI left DJIBOUTI on the 5<sup>th</sup> inst and ENTRECASTEAUX will follow.</p> <p>Wire from CHIEF LONDON N INDIA reported Egyptian 24790. Instructions to be given by INDIA as to destination of 22<sup>nd</sup> and 63<sup>rd</sup> Infantry which are being sent from EGYPT where available. - 2/3<sup>rd</sup> GURKHAS are in front line and cannot be spared from EGYPT until fresh reinforcements arrive and are found efficient.</p> <p>Wired TRUGGERS. AM 1239. Weekly report of events re the Appendixes.</p> <p>Wired CHIEF AM 1240. Evening Report. All Well.</p> <p>Letter to WAR OFFICE 43410. Copies of the following letter re. compiled by Major's Instructions with Branch.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CAIRO	Nov 9		<p>Imperial School of Instruction, and authority requested for distribution of first two to EEF units.</p> <p>① Notes on employment of LEWIS guns in desert warfare.</p> <p>② Notes on " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>③ Battle actions in EGYPT.</p> <p>Letter to C.O. EASTERN FORCE. G.S. 327/E.</p> <p>As it is not practicable to carry defence stores to meet all requirements, it has been decided that all stores over and above those allotted to first line transport should be provided by means of a system of Advanced Depots, the position for each being selected by Senior R.E. Officers of Mobile Columns, the personnel being found from the immobile positions of Divisional T.E.</p> <p>Letter to Chief of the IMPERIAL GEN. STAFF G.S. 2/31.</p> <p>Training (scale 1/125,000) showing course and progress to date of KANTARA ELARISH Railway forwarded - Route beyond BIR EL MAZAR has not been arranged but the course shown should prove substantially correct.</p>	B
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CAIRO	Nov. 10	0030	Wire from SIRDAR to CHIEF, LONDON SIRDAR associates himself with request contained in AM 1233 for heavy weight carrying aeroplanes and with the scheme therein referred to for action against railway with co-operation of NURI SHALAN or other Chief.		
		0530	Wire from SIRDAR	Reference AM 1234 (contemplated operations against HEDJAZ railway if heavy machines available) NURI is not considered reliable nor does he control any part of the railway. Quickest method of communication with him is to land a messenger by aeroplane in BENI SAHR District with instructions to come to agreement with most likely tribe and this should be no difficulty in finding a landing grounds between KHAN ZESIB and BATN EL GHUL when dynamite mines could be laid.	
		1050	Wire from SIRDAR	Reference the supply of 30 MAXIMS for SIRDAR from LONDON for which he can provide camel pack equipment for 10, application was made for the remainder and 50 camel pack equipment and 30 if possible to be sent from here to RABEESH. Following are also required by COL PARKER for RABEESH base & defensive positions: 50 Barrels for pickets 4 large target machines 40 rails, 50 telegraph poles & supports, 15000 sand bags. SHERIF has asked	A
		1325	Wire from SIRDAR		
		1520	Wire from SIRDAR		

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CAIRO	1918		Wire from WILSON to ARBUR W. 528	Used the balance of 3000 rifles should be sent to JEDDAH, as he is going north with ARABS. 3000 BILLINSEP and GEHEINA are shortly being sent by WILSON against WEDJ.	
		0034	Wire from TRIPPERD 24840	Reference our 43171 Oct 6 <sup>th</sup> and A.M. 1207. proposed increases in establishment of camel transport form approved. W.D. to be advised how many of the additional officers can be provided locally, and when camel selection improve, M.C.O.s should be mounted on horses.	
		1135	Wire SIRDAR (AM 1241)	Reference report at KHARTOUM, move of first Company ESSEX Regiment will commence on December 1 <sup>st</sup> . EASTFORCE are to forward (1) Plans of entrainment of 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> Companies giving approximate strengths; (2) An estimate as to how soon after arrival of 1 <sup>st</sup> Company of WARWICK Regiment from KHARTOUM the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Company of ESSEX can be entrained.	
		1200	Wire CAMELS ABBASSIA (Oct 24)	Wts 14 + 15 camel companies proceed from ABBASSIA to KANTARA on 13 <sup>th</sup> inst.	
		1953	Wire CHIEF AM 1242	Evening Report. All well.	

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CAIRO	NOV 10		<p>Letter to GDC WESTERN FORCE G.S. 104/1 Enquiry to be made by Western Force as to the alleged use of R.F.C. landing ground at MERSAH MATRUH for parades etc.</p> <p>A° A° G.S. 304/10/1 Inspector of Mounted Troops proposes to visit 2<sup>nd</sup> MTD BDE during week 19/26<sup>th</sup> Nov.</p> <p>Letter to SECY WAR OFFICE G.S. 223 In accordance with W.O. instructions (W.O. 20 Artillery 4031 S.A. 2) proposed Establishment of HONG KONG - SINGAPORE Mountain Battery RGA organised on a camel basis for operations in EGYPT is submitted for approval.</p> <p>Letter to GDC EASTERN FORCE G.S. 2/52 C in C approves of GEN. DOBELLS proposals (D.X. 1 of 7<sup>th</sup> Nov) to prepare the position recommended by him 2 miles E of EL ABD. It must be thoroughly prepared for affording best advantages for counter attacks and work should be begun without delay. (Note The position now proposed by Gen. Dobell has taken the place of the defensive position at SALMANA formerly selected, 7 miles approximately N. S. about 2 miles E of BIR EL ABD. Starting from a point 1000 yards N of the railway it runs due S for 2000 yds. its right thereafter advanced back to a point 2000 yards S of EL ABD station. The reasons for GEN. DOBELLS change of plan are (a) That the construction of a branch line to BIRGANADIL which the SALMANA position involved entailed an amount of labour that cannot be spared and (b) owing to lack of water and to the effect of SALMANA position its preparations would involve the allocation of a large number of camels for transport of material thus constituting a further factor of delay to the general advance.</p>

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CAIRO	Nov 20		<p>Letter to W.O. LONDON G.S. 418. Copies of letters despatched by land mail, and which were sent in 1915 ARABIA forwarded to WAR OFFICE</p> <p>Letter to O/C IMPERIAL CAMEL CORPS. G.S. 429 with reference to the visit of the C.O. to the IMPERIAL Camel Corps this morning. The condition of the saddlery and equipment and of the animals was most satisfactory, but it is considered that the tactical handling requires improvement and special attention must be given to this in training. In view of an adverse report from G.O.C. EASTERN Force as to prevailing faults in regard to march discipline and animal management, this report is forwarded for information &amp; action.</p> <p>Letter to WAR OFFICE G.S. 2. It is desirable that the new establishment of the Lancer of Communication Signal Company EGYPT should incorporate the L. of C. workers which it now shares with WESTERN Force Signal Coy and sanction is requested for transfer from W.F. establishment to establishment of L. of C.</p> <p>G.S. 17/11 sanction requested for the raising of a third CAMEL Hospital to be located in Eastern Force Zone, on the establishment of a Veterinary Hospital</p>	B
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			<p>EGYPT (for 1250 camels) WAR ESTAB. Part II and amendment. The increase in strength of camels has used the third hospital necessary and it has been provisionally sanctioned.</p> <p>Capt. F. H. Mitchell, Naval Advisor, relinquishes his appointment to command of HMS EXMOUTH.</p>	<p>E</p>

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CAIRO	<del>1944</del> 1944	E. 2.0	Wire from WILSON to ARBHR re SIRDAR. W. 455		
			Suggested that a letter or telegram giving full particulars of C. in C.'s proposals regarding cooperation, should be sent to NURI, through COL. WILSON and that NURI should be asked to consult FAISAL and then send reply direct to C. in C. EGYPT.		
			Wire from SIRDAR to LONDON re EGYPT. 783	Foreign Office have wired SIRDAR that the proposal to send a BRITISH Military Mission to RABEGH has been approved of by WAR COUNCIL and SIRDAR has put forward the names of RFA & RE officers as members of mission who have the necessary qualifications & a knowledge of Arabic.	A
			Wired WAR OFFICE AM 1944	Sanctions requested for the establishment of Liaison <sup>graded 32.3</sup> officer between G. H. Q. and the SIRDAR during the time the latter is at KHARTOUM directing the SHERIFS operations.	
		Wire from CHIEF INDIA 91078	123 <sup>rd</sup> Rifles will leave INDIA as soon as possible after sailing of 63 <sup>rd</sup> and 48 <sup>th</sup> Infantry from EAST AFRICA. No transport except machine gun mules is being taken by that regiment.		
		Wire from TROOPERS 24876	Decision come to for the reorganisation of 18 pdr. gun batteries on a	5	

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CAIRO	Nov 11	-	<p>6 gun basis at the same time making where possible a reduction in the number of brigades in a division. Reported that in FRANCE where the divisional artillery consists of 48 18 pdr guns and 12 or 16 4.5 inch howitzers. Field Artillery Brigades are being organized on 3 6 gun batteries of 12 pdr guns and 1 4.5 inch howitzer battery or two 6 gun batteries and 1 or 2 4.5 inch howitzer batteries.</p> <p>Wired TROOPERS AM 1245</p> <p>Reference AM 402 of 14<sup>th</sup> April since TURKS have been using gas and gas bombs on CAUCASUS front and may use it in SYRIA have asked for a suitable officer who will advise on anti gas questions.</p> <p>Wired TROOPERS AM 1246</p> <p>Weekly Returns R.F.C.</p> <p>Wired CHIEF AM 1247</p> <p>Evening Report - All well.</p> <p>Letter to EASTERN FORCE GS 287</p> <p>Instructed tests to be carried out of Caterpillar tractors with a view to repairing these tractors for all 60 pdr batteries of the trials prove satisfactory. Suggested that the tests take the form of 1 caterpillar.</p>	B

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CAIRO	Nov 11	-	<p>tractor hauling a 60 pdr gun + limber plus a caterpillar truck loaded with ammunition + stores. The trial should extend over 2 consecutive days, a distance of 12 to 15 miles daily being accomplished, a record of time occupied, with voluntary + non-voluntary halts, and of petrol + lubricant consumption to be taken.</p> <p>Letter to EASTERN FORCE. GS/426</p> <p>In view of reorganisation of EASTERN FORCE and especially in connection with the formation in the northern sector of a subordinate command which will approximate an Army Corps in size and organisation, the distinctive emblem of HQ E.F.F. will be those of an Army.</p> <p>Letter to Secy WAR OFFICE. GS/433</p> <p>It is proposed to continue the administration of the Military Forwarding Branch with A.S.C. personnel in place of R.E. personnel in view of the satisfactory way it has worked hitherto, of difficulty in getting the present personnel to transfer to the R.E. and of the inability of the Director of Railways, who is a Government Official to supervise this branch in addition to his ordinary work. The proposed establishment</p>	C

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CAIRO	Nov 11	-	<p>is forwarded for approval</p> <p>Letter to EASTERN FORCE G.S. 304/10</p> <p>Inspector of Mounted Troops will inspect the 5<sup>th</sup> Mounted Brigade during his visit 19<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> November -</p>	D

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CAIRO	Nov 12	0.150	<p>Wire from SIRDAR to For. Office rep EGYPT 75</p> <p>COL BREMOND advised of decision that French contingent and machine gun companies at SUEZ were to proceed to RABECH and he has instructed COL. CADI to come from MECCA to take command of them. Instructions given to CAPT. BOUCHER at SUEZ to have machine guns ready for embarkation, and despatched to RABECH. Measures in regard to water supply will be ascertained from ADMIRAL C. C. who should reach JEDDAH tomorrow (12<sup>th</sup>). British Medical Officers and Staff are being sent and the aeroplane flight should arrive at RABECH on 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Wire from SIRDAR to WILSON rep ARBUR 76</p> <p>When COL. NEWCOMB arrives, it is proposed to send him to YENBO where his knowledge of tribes he met in SINAI will be most useful. How is it proposed to distribute the other members of the military mission?</p> <p>Wire from SIRDAR to CHIEF LONDON rep EGYPT 77</p> <p>In view of increased importance of artillery training in HEDJAZ it is hoped that both officers of RFA recommended in SIRDAR'S 763 of yesterday will be sent.</p> <p>Wire from SIRDAR to WILSON 768</p> <p>ARAB prisoners are being sent from INDIA to EGYPT via RABECH at the earliest.</p>	A
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CAIRO	Nov 12	-	<p>middle of the month without being told of their destination and C-in-C EGYPT has committed to take charge of any who refuse the SHERIFS service.. What measures of persuasion are proposed by PARKER &amp; AZIZ?</p> <p>Wire from SERDAR to WILSON rep. EGYPT. 778</p> <p>Parkers requirements for defense works at RABECH will be embarked with airplane flight -</p>	
		11	<p>Wire from CHIEF 24903</p> <p>RABECH and dispatch of troops there, again being considered at home. H.O. engine high prospective operations will be affected if troops in EGYPT were reduced by (A) 1 infantry brigade (B) 2 infantry brigades</p>	
		12	<p>Wire from CHIEF AM 1251</p> <p>2 artillery brigades and 3 camel corp. companies. These operations contemplate occupation of EL ARISH, the clearing of provinces of SYRIA &amp; harassing the TURKS in SYRIA with the object of extracting military forces which otherwise would be engaged against the SHERIF. The RUSSIANS in MESOPOTAMIA - This offensive will be greatly weakened by sending any detachment to RABECH, and it is considered that under the present EGYPT is to assume a purely defensive role, the highest in readiness</p>	B



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CAIRO	JULY 13	1730	<p>Wire to DM W. ROBERTSON. Personal AM 1252</p> <p>Letter to WESTERN FORCE C.S. 2/581</p> <p>has now been reached. If it is necessary to send a mixed Brigade then the 2<sup>nd</sup> Demounted Brigade is proposed (Strength 127 Officers 2479 OR) with 1 Battery (4 18 pdr guns) and Field Company and two Field Ambulances - meanwhile orders have been given for concentration of the brigade at GABA and for the submission of a scheme for the occupation of KHARGA oasis (bay) and the protection of the lines of communication with such camelby as can be made available so as to allow of the withdrawal of units from the oasis without waiting to be relieved by the 4<sup>th</sup> Demounted Brigade.</p>	
		0405	<p>Wire from TROOPERS 24904</p> <p>Reference AM 1200 of 13<sup>th</sup> inst. EDWARD SANDEMAN has been selected as Technical engineering expert asked for and leaves LONDON tomorrow.</p>	
		2000	<p>Wire CHIEF AM 1253</p> <p>Evening Report - All well</p> <p>Wire from TROOPERS 24915</p> <p>W.O. ask of in view of necessity for economy arrangements could be made to assist establishment of CAMEL Reinforcement Report by utilizing officers of camel corps.</p>	

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CAIRO	Nov. 12, 1938	1249	<p>Successful air attacks made yesterday on BIR SABA and MAGHABA by six machines belonging to AUSTRALIAN Squadron and six machines belonging to NO 14 SQUADRON. At BIR SABA direct hits were obtained on aerodrome, an AVIATION and a hangar. 2 FOKKERS were driven down damaged, and much damage done to railway station and railway stock. At MAGHABA 4 x 20 lb and 2 100 lb bombs were dropped on camp and store sheds and much damage done - Country reoccupied by CAPT. GUILFOYCE as far as HEBRON. Letter of congratulations sent by C-in-C Middle East Brigade.</p>	
		1250	<p>Word GOVERNOR GEN. AUSTRALIA AM 1250</p>	
		2324	<p>Word from TROOPERS 24947</p> <p>Establishments proposed for HQ 3<sup>rd</sup> Echelon EGYPT and SALONIKA in regard to other units. 70 and 66 respectively are considered excessive. The establishment of HQ 3<sup>rd</sup> ECHELON EEF when under a D.A.S. and responsible for both forces was only 66 OR - but a reduction be made.</p>	E
		2340	<p>Word from TROOPERS to SIR DAR AM EGYPT 24951</p> <p>would two armoured cars which are no longer required in EAST</p>	

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CAIRO	Nov 19		<p>EAST AFRICA bc of cost at HEDJAZ, or, if no Ghassiani personnel can be sent there, in the SUDAN?</p> <p>Letter to GOC EASTERN FORCE. GS 139</p> <p>LIEUT COL C. WOOD HILL to 1<sup>st</sup> B<sup>n</sup> W. I. Regiment instructed to report at G.H.Q. at 10 a.m. on 30<sup>th</sup> NOV to attend conference on subject of British West Indies contingents.</p> <p>As a result of a further inspection of the work in progress upon the seed-imitation plant at KANTARA WEST, carried out on NOV 9<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with Sir MURDOCH MACDONALD the E. I. C. considers that the work offers good prospects of success, and that the repairs now proceeding should be completed before deciding to scrap the installation as suggested in O/W/3/1 of 2<sup>nd</sup> inst. Until this has been done the C. I. C.'s decision as regards the ultimate reconstruction is deferred.</p>	

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Army Form C 2118.

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G. H. Q. EGYPT (U)

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CAIRO	Nov 19	1900	<p>Wire from SIRDAR to FOREIGN OFFICE. Rep EGYPT</p> <p><u>BARFOUR REPORT</u> of October 7th Major HUDDLESTON, Nunscliffe Regiment, in consequence of information as to movements of ALI DINAR was despatched from EL FASHER to form a post at DIBRIS with 270 men, 1 British &amp; 10 Egyptian Officers, 4 machine guns and 2 guns. He decided upon an immediate advance on KULME where ALI DINAR was, and arrangements were made to reinforce him as soon as possible. On November 1st the force left DIBRIS and KULME was reached on Nov 3rd by which time DINAR had already left for GUIBA. After a night march Major HUDDLESTON made a surprise attack on DINAR'S camp, getting within 500 yards before his force was driven. ALI DINAR was killed, with several of his principal adherents; some 200 prisoners and many horses, camels &amp; a quantity of ammunition etc. were taken. A military post has been established at KEBEKEBIA - 100 miles W. of EL FASHER and Major HUDDLESTON is remaining in this district for the present.</p> <p>Messages of congratulation on this successful enterprise, and on the good judgment shown by officers in charge sent to SIRDAR by Gen. C.</p>	
	13	1650	<p>Wire from SIRDAR to 19 copies</p>	A
	13	1500	<p>Wire SIRDAR AM 1955</p>	B

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G HQ Egypt (0)

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CAIRO	Nov 13	1155	Wire from SIRDAR to TROOPERS reg. EGYPT 791	
		1600	Wire from GEN. SMUTS. G O F 1353.	
		1650	Wire TROOPERS AM 1256	
		2140	Wire CHIEF AM 1257	
			<p>The announced coast which are no longer of use in EAST AFRICA and which are offered to SIRDAR would be of great use in HEDIAZ and should be sent to RABEGH with their British personnel in so far as possible.</p> <p>For distribution of R.F.C. in EAST AFRICA see App C.</p> <p>Refer W.O. 24542. - by arrival in EGYPT, 92nd Coy. R.C.A. will be absorbed in 103rd Company R.C.A. manning ALEXANDRIA defence and all surplus R.M.A. men will be sent home in accordance with W.O. instructions (17967 S.W. 2. 17/6/16) - but Major R.C.A. with knowledge of coast defence is still required. (A.M. 750. 2/7/16)</p> <p>A Ho:tel aeroplane flying at great height dropped 10 bombs in and about CAIRO this morning. - no military damage was done and 1 soldier killed was the only military casualty. - 14 civilians were killed and 25 wounded.</p> <p>Letter to Eastern Force.</p> <p>Reference G.S. 15/3 of 3rd inst from EASTERN FORCE, as to guards on</p>	C

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CAIRO	Nov 13	—	<p>Ships in SUEZ Harbour, and while passing through the CANAL, on consultation with the NAVAL AUTHORITIES they consider that guards of 2 men are necessary to assist the Port Examination Service while ships are at anchor in SUEZ, and they agree that in the case of ships passing through the canal, guards may be reduced from 2 N.C.O.s and 12 men as at present to 1 N.C.O. and 6 men. - The Navy are unable to accede to our request that these duties might be taken over by marines. -</p>	
	13	—	<p>Letter to EASTERN FORCE G.S. 58/12</p> <p>The C. in C. having considered EASTERN FORCES O.C. 1/4 of 2<sup>nd</sup> inst. is still of opinion that the most suitable designations for the reorganised sub-divisions of that command are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>① Desert Column</li> <li>② Northern Canal Section (embracing L of C to Desert Column)</li> <li>③ Southern Canal Section</li> <li>④ SHARQUIA Province</li> </ul>	<p>Sy Perkins M.A. 1/5</p>