

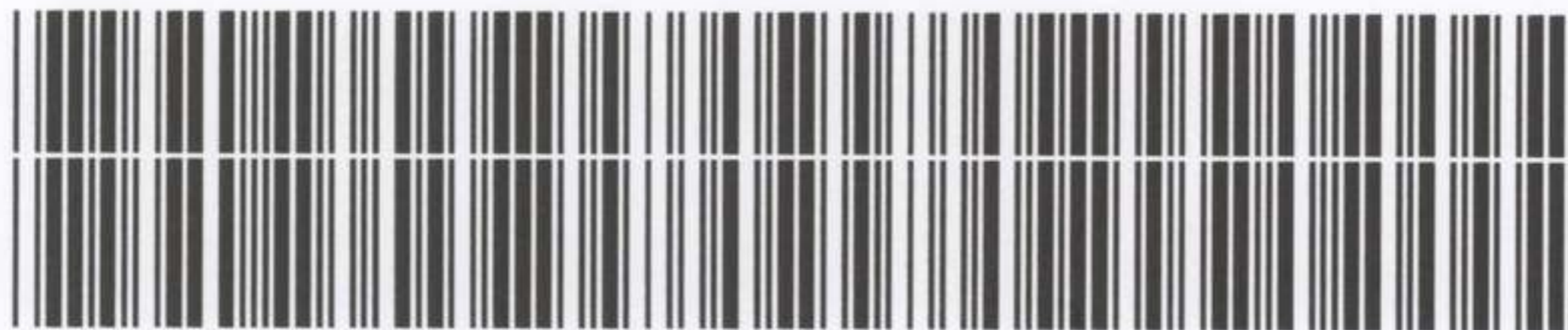
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1915.			
	Jan. 1st		<p>Correspondence :-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To Australian Division re pay of rank and file Australian Force.</li> <li>- To New Zealand Division re use of soft nosed bullets - certificate required by War Office.</li> <li>- To Headquarters, Egypt. Draft cable to War Office re gun and small arm ammunition.</li> <li>- To Australian and New Zealand Divisions re equipment for Field Coys., Engineers.</li> <li>- From Headquarters Egypt. W.O. cable re 150 motor vehicles from Australia.</li> </ol>	Appx. 11
	Jan. 2nd		<p>Following clerks reported from Australian Division - No. 69 Sgt. H.J. MacLennan.</p> <p>D.A.&amp;Q.M.G. visited New Zealand Division to discuss organisation Base Depot.</p> <p>Correspondence :-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To Headquarters, Egypt re incidence, cost, and maintenance Ceylon Contingent.</li> <li>- To G.O.C., New Zealand Division authorising expenditure practice ammunition.</li> <li>- To G.O.C., New Zealand Division re practice in cold shoeing.</li> <li>- From Headquarters, Egypt. W.O. cable 6691 demands on New Zealand Government involving increase equipment or establishment should emanate from War Office.</li> <li>- From Australian Division re provision of emergency rations.</li> <li>- To Headquarters, Egypt. Draft cable to Defence, Melbourne re embarkation details.</li> </ol>	Appx. 12 Appx. 12a Appx. 13

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	1915.			
	Jan. 3rd		Correspondence :- 1. - To Headquarters, Egypt. W.O. cable re 150 motor vehicles from Australia. vehicles not required for Army Corps purposes but W.O. should understand that motor transport for D.A. Park must be provided by them when Division takes the Field in Europe.	Appx. 14
	Jan. 4th		Correspondence :- 1. - To Headquarters, Egypt re issue of emergency rations. 2. - To Australian and New Zealand Divisions authorising them to communicate direct with Chief Engineer, Headquarters, Egypt on all questions relating to army camps. 3. - To Headquarters, Egypt. A.S.C. drivers required for 14 motor ambulances being sent from England for New Zealand Division. 4. - To Headquarters, Egypt asking them to arrange supply oats and chaff. 5. - From Headquarters, Egypt. W.O. letter re temporary commissions. 6. - From Australian Division. Copies correspondence between W.O. and High Commissioner re Intermediary Base Record Office. 7. - From Australian Division. Asks approval to arrange direct with shipping companies direct passages invalids to Australia.	Appx. 15       Appx. 20

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	1915.		<i>Correspondence (cont) :-</i>	
	Jan. 4th		8. - From Headquarters, Egypt re hire and provision motor vehicles for Army Corps H.Q.	
	(cont)		9. - From Headquarters, Egypt. W.O. cable No. 32 re procedure reporting casualties -	Appx.16
			No. C236 in reply.	
			10.- From Headquarters, Egypt. W.O. letter 104/3577 (M.T.2.) of 22.12.14 - scale	Appx.17
			ammunition for revolver practice.	
	Jan. 5th		<i>Correspondence :-</i>	
			1. - To Headquarters, Egypt re supply motor vehicles Army Corps Headquarters.	
			2. - From New Zealand Division asking for services of R.E. Foreman of Works, Cairo as	
			Engineer instructor.	
			3. - From New Zealand Division asking for services of Major Pridham, R.E. as C.R.E. N.Z. Divn.	
			4. - From Australian Division. Copy of cable from Defence, Melbourne re motor vehicles in	Appx 18
			excess of establishment.	
			5. - From Australian Division. Copy of cable from Defence, Melbourne re services Major	Appx19
			Bridges.	
			6. - From Inspector General, State Telegraphs. Notice re week end telegrams.	
			7. - From Headquarters, Egypt re candidates for commissions in Indian Army Reserve of Officers.	

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	1915.		Correspondence (cont) :-	
	Jan 5th		8. - From Headquarters, Egypt. Certificate from Headquarters Staff re soft nosed bullets.	
	(cont)		D.A.&Q.H.G. visited Australian Division.	
			First issue of Army Corps Orders.	
	Jan. 6th		D.A.&Q.H.G. VISITED 1ST Australian Division.	
			Following clerk reported from 1st Australian Division for duty at Army Corps Headquarters:-	
			No. 52 Staff/Sgt. Frank Shaw.	
			Correspondence :-	
			1. From Headquarters, Egypt. Copy telegram from G.O.C., Canal Defences, Ismailia, 32 vacancies British Officers open to men Ceylon Contingent.	
			2. - To Headquarters, Egypt re provision sea rations and 14 days land rations for Army Corps.	
			3. - To Headquarters, Egypt. Draft cable to W.O. re Colonel Plomer.	
			4. - To Headquarters, Egypt recommending temporary rank for 9 Imperial officers, N.Z. Divn.	
			5. - To Headquarters, Egypt recommending that G.O.S.C. Australian and New Zealand Divisions deal direct with shipping companies as regards passages for invalids returning to Australia and New Zealand.	Appx. 20
			6. - To Headquarters, Egypt asking for distinguishing flags and lamps for Army Corps Headquarters.	Appx. 21

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	1915.			
	Jan. 7th		Correspondence :-	
			1. - To Australian Division. <sup>Authorising</sup> Authority issue for practice - 25 rounds 18 pdr Q.F. per gun and 114 rounds small arm per rifle.	
			2. - To Headquarters, Egypt recommending hospital ship "KYARRA" proceed to England or France.	
			3. - From Australian Division. Copy cable from Defence Melbourne concurring in appointment Major Poott and asking particulars.	Appx. 22
			3. - To Australian and New Zealand Divisions. Notices re week end and casualty cablegrams.	
			4. - From Headquarters, Egypt. Copy War Office cable Major Poott ordered Egypt, Colonel Plomer cannot be spared.	Appx. 23
			5. - From Headquarters, Egypt. Copy cable to War Office. Camels and water canteens offered by Australian Government not required.	
			6. - From Headquarters, Egypt. Asking number of emergency rations required and stating these not obtainable in Egypt.	
			7. - To Headquarters, Egypt asking for information as to alterations in equipment based on experiences of war.	

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	1915			
	Jan. 8th		<p>Correspondence :-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. - To Australian and New Zealand Divisions. Procedure in reporting casualties.</li> <li>2. - From Australian Division. Forwards equipment tables for several units of Division.</li> <li>3. - From Australian Division. Recommends Colonel Sellheim for appointment Australian Section, Intermediate Base Depot - to be succeeded by Major Foott.</li> <li>4. - From Australian Division. Suggests medical personnel be disembarked from "KYARRA" to take charge of sick and thus set free personnel Field Ambulances for training.</li> <li>5. - To Headquarters, Egypt. Draft cable to Defence, New Zealand re appointment Major Pinwell as G.S.O. 2.</li> <li>6. - To Australian and New Zealand Divisions. Re reserve and sea rations.</li> </ol>	Appx. 24
	Jan. 9th		<p>Correspondence :-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. From New Zealand Division. Asking for 4 additional cooks for mounted units - 8 in all.</li> <li>2. - To Australian Division asking for motor car and driver for Army Corps Headquarters.</li> <li>3. - To New Zealand Division. Appointments of New Zealand officers to Staff to continue on same lines as heretofore.</li> <li>4. - To Headquarters, Egypt asking for grant of £4 per officer for Headquarters mess - Army Order No. 429 of 1914.</li> </ol>	

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	1915.			
	Jan. 9th		Correspondence (cont) :-	
	(cont)		5. - From Australian Division. W.O. letter No. 121/Finance 119 (P.1.) dated 10.12.14	Appx. 25
			financial instructions Australian and New Zealand contingents while in Egypt.	
			6. - To Australian Division approving purchase 48 horses locally to meet requirements	Appx. 26
			4 company organisation.	
			7. - From Australian Division. Deficient and unsuitable equipment.	
			8. - From Headquarters, Egypt, re reserve and sea rations.	
			9. - From Headquarters, Egypt, re allowances for officers of Headquarters.	
			10. - To Australian Division approving scale of forage.	
			11. - To Headquarters, Egypt, asking for Officers G.S.O.3 for Headquarters and G.S.O.3	
			New Zealand Division - names given.	
			12. - From Headquarters Egypt. Copy of War Office telegram 286 authorising expenditure	Appx. 27
			for practice 30 rounds per gun, 75 rounds per rifle.	
			13. - From Headquarters, Egypt re transport Army Corps Headquarters.	
			14. - From Headquarters, Egypt. Cable from Defence, Melbourne giving full details units	Appx. 28
			and reinforcements - Australians - left Albany 31st December.	

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	1915			
	Jan. 9th		Correspondence (cont) :-	
	(cont)		15. - From Headquarters, Egypt. Copy W.O. cable No. 2666. 16 Officers left England on 5.1.15 in "ASSAYE".	
			Conference at Army Corps Headquarters re advisability of disembarking in Egypt hospital units from Australia on board "KYARRA".	
			D.A.&Q.M.G. proceeded to Alexandria to see whether accommodation there for Base Depot, if formed.	
	Jan. 11th		D.A.&Q.M.G. returned from Alexandria.	
			Following clerks joined Army Corps Headquarters :-	
			from Australian Division No 1023 L/cpl. Arthur Jeffries.	
			from New Zealand Division. Gunner (actg. Sgt.) F. S. Cooper and No. 12/1007 Pte. Harold W. Millington.	
			Correspondence :-	
			1. From Headquarters, Egypt. Copy of cable No. 504E to Chief, India re commissions in Indian Army Reserve of Officers for candidates from Ceylon Contingent.	
			2. - To Australian Division re rifles and machine guns to take Mark VII ammunition.	
			3. - To Headquarters, Egypt recommending Capt. Galbraith, Ceylon Contingent for appointment as Assistant Provost Marshal Army Corps Headquarters.	

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	1915.			
	Jan. 11th		Correspondence (cont) :-	
	(cont)		4. - From Headquarters, Egypt. W.O. cable No. 275 re pay of officers, Army Corps H.Q. staff. Appx. 30	
			Capt. A.N. Galbraith, Ceylon Planters Rifle Corps joined Army Corps Headquarters Staff on appointment as Assistant Provost Marshal, subject to confirmation by the War Office.	
	Jan. 12th		Following Joined Army Corps Headquarters from Australian Division:-	
			Lieut. A. Isaacs and No. 602 Pte. T.R. Hammond.	
			Correspondence :-	
			1. - To Headquarters, Egypt. Certificates Army Corps Headquarters, also New Zealand Divn. Appx 31	
			no revolver ammunition Marks III, IV, and V in possession.	
			2. - From Headquarters, Egypt. Copy cable from War Office No. 2713. Colonel Cunliffe Owen Appx. 32	
			appointed Brig-Gen., R.A. on Army Corps Headquarters Staff.	
			3. - From New Zealand Division asking for additional 550 rounds per gun for 4 guns howitzer battery now en route from New Zealand.	
			4. - From New Zealand Division recommending Ceylon Contingent be sent to England.	
			5. - From Australian Division. Copy of cable W9249 from Defence, Melbourne giving details	Appx. 33
			on hospital ship, "KYARRA".	

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	1915.			
	Jan 13th		Correspondence :-	
			1. - To Headquarters, Egypt suggesting 2nd. Light Horse Brigade and 4th Infantry Brigade encamp at Zietoun.	
			2. - From Headquarters, Egypt. Copy cable W.O. recommending disembarkation hospitals on "KYARRA".	
			3. - To Headquarters, Egypt re provision of reserve rations.	Appx. 34
			4. - To Headquarters, Egypt re passages to Australia for invalids.	
			5. - From Headquarters, Egypt. Copy cable from High Commissioner for Australia - Major Foott proceeding Egypt.	Appx. 35
			6. - From Headquarters, Egypt. Copy cable No G 13 from Defence, New Zealand - Major Pinwell cannot be spared.	Appx. 36
	Jan. 14th		Correspondence :-	
			1. - From Headquarters, Egypt. Copy War Office cable No 518 re pay to Lt.Col. Lotbiniere	Appx. 37
			2. - From Headquarters, Egypt approving proposal that G.O.S.C. Australian and New Zealand Divisions arrange direct with Senior Naval Transport Officer, Egypt for passages invalids to Australia and New Zealand.	Appx. 38

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	1915.			
	Jan. 14th		Correspondence (cont) :-	
	(cont)		3. - From Headquarters, Egypt. Copy cable to W.O. No. C 269 re medical and surgical equipment for New Zealand Force.	Appx. 39
			4. - To Headquarters Egypt recommending that Base Depot be established.	
			5. - To Headquarters, Egypt - 40,000 emergency rations required.	
	Jan. 15th		Correspondence :-	
			1. - From Headquarters, Egypt reporting arrival Capt. Ferguson and McNeil R.E. for duty with New Zealand Division and suggesting 16th January as suitable date for their reversion from Egyptian Army to the British establishment.	
			<del>2. - From Headquarters, Egypt reporting arrival Capt. Ferguson and McNeil R.E. for duty with New Zealand Division and suggesting 16th January as suitable date for their reversion from Egyptian Army to the British establishment.</del>	
			2. - From Headquarters, Egypt stating foreman of works cannot be spared for employment with the New Zealand Engineers.	
			3. - From Headquarters, Egypt. Candidates from Ceylon contingent selected for appointments to the Indian Army Reserve of Officers.	
			4. - To Headquarters, Egypt. Draft cable to War Office re ammunition for New Zealand Howitzer Battery.	Appx. 40

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1915 16th Jan.		<p style="text-align: right;">Cairo</p> <p>Lieut-Colonel H.O.Knox and details ex "ASSAYE" from Port Said arrived 11 p.m.</p> <p>Correspondence :-</p> <p>1. - To Headquarters, Egypt forwarding application of G.O.C., Australian Division re Major Smith, G.O.C. 10th A.S.C..</p> <p>2. - From Headquarters, Egypt. Claim from Quarantine Department.</p> <p>3. - From Headquarters, Egypt asking for result of inquest or court of inquiry on death of Gunner McDowell.</p> <p>4. - From Headquarters, Egypt approving proposals Base Depot, Australian Section - asking <del>asking</del> accomodation required.</p>	
	Jan. 17th		<p>Lieut-Colonel H.O.Knox joined his appointment as A.Q.M.G. Army Corps Headquarters.</p> <p>Correspondence :-</p> <p>1. - To Headquarters, Egypt applying for services of Major Pridham R.E. as commanding, Engineers, New Zealand Division, and to be given the temporary rank of Lieut.Colonel dated 27th December 1914.</p>	Appx. 41
	Jan. 18th		<p>The following personnel ex "ASSAYE" reported for duty at Army Corps Headquarters :-</p> <p>Lieut. A.T. White, Nos/15988 S.Q.M.S. C. Garside, <del>S/31762</del> L/CPL D.M. Turner. All A.S.C. and for clerical duty.</p>	Appx. 42

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	1915			
	Jan 18th		Following A.S.C. motor drivers with three cars :- No. 031586 M/2 Corporal C.T. Harvey,	
	(cont)		No. 031590 Pte W.F. Spencer, No. 031520 Pte. C. Swift, No. 031510 Pte. S.R. Harrison,	
			No. 022380 Pte. R.G. Hibbert. No. 022385 Pte H. Tibbey	
			Correspondence :-	
			1. From Base Depot, passed to Headquarters, Egypt, recommending that discharges from Aust. Division be carried out in Australia and not in Egypt.	
			2. - To Headquarters, Egypt. Mobile Veterinary Sections and Veterinary Section of New Zealand Division to be attached to Australian Base Depot if disembarked in Egypt.	
			3. - From Headquarters, Egypt. Copy of War Office cable No. 684 Medical and surgical	Appx. 43
			equipment for New Zealand Division will be despatched.	
			4. - To Australian Division: Advance copy of Army Corps Order <del>for</del> <sup>re</sup> formation of Australian	
			Section, Base Depot.	
			5. - From Australian Division asking for hospital unit ex "KYARRA" to set free personnel	
			of Field Ambulances.	
			6. - To Headquarters, Egypt requesting <sup>re</sup> consideration of W.O. decision re pay <sup>officer</sup> Army Corps	Appx. 44
			Headquarters Staff.	

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	Jan. 18th		Correspondence (cont) :-	
	(cont)		7. - From Australian Division asking for ruling re transport of Division in excess of establishment.	
	Jan. 19th		Correspondence :-	
			1. - From Headquarters, Egypt re Reserve Rations.	
			2. - From Headquarters, Egypt re arrival Cairo of No. 2 General Hospital, ex "KYARRA".	
			3. - From Headquarters, Egypt approving our proposals <sup>re</sup> disposal units and reinforcements	Appx. 45
			due to arrive about 27.1.15.	
			4. - From Headquarters, Egypt. Arrangements re disembarkation of reinforcements &c. due to	Appx.46
			arrive about 27.1.15.	
			5. - From Headquarters, Egypt. Correspondence re disposal of Australian Hospitals ex "KYARRA".	
			6. - From Headquarters, Egypt. "SHROPSHIRE" will be available to convey invalids to	
			Australia.	
			Issued Army Corps Order regarding formation of Australian Section, Base Depot - Colonel V.C.	Appx. 47
			Sellheim C.B. to command.	
	Jan. 20th		Capt. R.E. Coningham 1/10th Gurkhas reported for duty in Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.	

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	1915			
	Jan. 20th			
	(cont)		<p>Correspondence :-</p> <p>1. - From Australian Division re advisability of attaching Surgeon-General Williams C.B. (now in England) to Headquarters Egypt or Base Depot.</p> <p>2. - From Headquarters, Egypt. 5 wireless operators to report at Headquarters, Abbasia 10 a.m., 21st instant.</p> <p>Movement - No. 2 Australian General Hospital, Alexandria to Mena.</p>	
	Jan 21st.		<p>Correspondence :-</p> <p>1. - From Headquarters, Egypt accepting responsibility for provision of reserve rations to be embarked with Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.</p> <p>2. - From Australian Division. Statement (Table III) shewing allotment and distribution and subsequent of second/reinforcements for Australian Imperial Force.</p> <p>3. - From Headquarters, Egypt saying that all orders for movements of medical units ex "KYARRA" should issue from Headquarters, Egypt.</p> <p>4. - To Headquarters, Egypt. Schedules Imperial officers with Australian Division for publication in the London Gazette.</p> <p>5. - From Headquarters, Egypt. Copy cable from W.O. re ammunition New Zealand howitzer battery.</p>	Appx. 48

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	1915.			
	Jan. 22nd (cont)		Movement - Nos. 1 and 2 Australian Stationary Hospitals from Alexandria to Maadi and Mena respectively.	
	Jan. 23rd.		Correspondence :-	
			1. - From New Zealand Division. Suggestion re adjustment store and supply accounts.	
			2. - From Australian Division. Copies cables to and from Australia re clothing required.	
			3. - To Australian Division. Authority to cable for oats.	
			4. - From Headquarters, Egypt. Copy of cable from Williams, London re supply 6 motor ambulances for 1st Australian Division in addition to 5 already ordered.	Appx. 52
			5. - From Australian Division. Personnel <sup>detailed</sup> <del>detached</del> for Base Depot.	
	Jan. 24th		Correspondence :-	
			1. - To Headquarters, Egypt. Draft cable to Melbourne re appointment Lt.Col. Everett as Commandant, Remounts Sub-section, Base Depot.	Appx. 53
			2. - To Headquarters, Egypt reporting accident to Capt. Galbraith.	
			Movement. No. 1 Australian General Hospital and Australian <del>Casualty</del> <sup>Hospital</sup> Clearing Station - Alexandria to Heliopolis.	
	XXXXXX25th			

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Administrative Staff,  
A.&N.Z. Army Corps.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1915.			
	Jan. 25th		Correspondence :-  1. - From Headquarters, Egypt. Orders for S.M.Os. of transports on arrival Port Said. 2. - From Headquarters, Egypt. Copy of W.O. cable directing that on arrival of "CERAMIC" W.O. be informed of personnel and motor vehicles to proceed to England. 3. To O.C., Australian Section, Base Depot. Instructions re administration of Ordnance and Remount sub-sections. 4. - To O.C., Australian Section, Base Depot. New Zealand Veterinary Sections arriving with reinforcements will join Base Depot. 5. - To Embarkation, Suez. Instructions to Os.C. transports that shore leave is not to be granted at Port Said.	Appx. 54
	Jan. 26th		Correspondence :-  1. - To Headquarters, Egypt. Proposals regarding the administration of Australian hospitals. 2. - From Headquarters, Egypt. Arrangements for transfer of Australian sick. New Zealand Infantry Brigade (including Ceylon Contingent) left Zietoun for Canal Defences.	Appx 55
	Jan. 27th		Correspondence :-  1. - From Headquarters, Egypt. Half of No. 1 Stationary Hospital to proceed <del>to</del> from Maadi to	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1915			
	Jan. 27th		Ismailia - also Clearing Hospital from Heliopolis to Port Said.	
	(cont)			
			2. - From Headquarters, Egypt. Arrange telegraphic address Army Corps Headquarters direct with Telegraphic Administration, Cairo.	
			3. - From Headquarters, Egypt. "SHROPSHIRE" unable to take details to Australia. "KYARRA" will be at Suez 30th and will embark details.	
			4. - From Headquarters, Egypt attaching <sup>Australian</sup> hospitals to units of Army Corps for rations and discipline.	
			5. - From Headquarters, Egypt. Arrangements for sick arriving Alexandria.	
			6. - From Headquarters, Egypt. Major Pridham R.E. may be temporarily employed with the New Zealand Division pending decision of War Office.	Appx. 56
			7. - From Headquarters, Egypt. Copy of cable from Sirdar to W.O. re employment Capts. Ferguson and McNeill R.E.	Appx. 57
			Movements. Half of No. 1 Australian Stationary Hospital Maadi to Ismailia.	
			Australian Clearing Hospital Heliopolis to Port Said.	
			Both for Canal Defence.	

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Administrative Staff,  
A.&N.Z. Army Corps.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1915			
	Jan. 28th		Correspondence :-	
			1. - From Headquarters, Egypt. Disembarkation orders for Australian and New Zealand reinforcements.	Appx. 58
			2. - From Australian Division. Copy cable to Melbourne re formation Base Depot at Cairo and channel correspondence.	Appx. 59
			3. - From Australian Division. Copies correspondence re supply motor ambulances and travelling kitchens.	
			4. - From Headquarters, Egypt. reporting arrival reinforcements Suez.	
			5. - From Headquarters, Egypt. Approving transfer Australian Reserve Park from Alexandria to Abbassia.	
	Jan 29th		Movements.	
			Australian Reserve Park - Alexandria to Abbassia.	
			11 New Zealand details ex "WILLOCHRA" disembarked SUEZ and railed to CAIRO.	
			Correspondence :-	
			1. - From Australian Division. Administration of Ordnance and Remount Services - suggests reference to Australian Government if "pooling" is proposed.	

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Administrative Staff,

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A.&N.Z. Army Corps.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1915.			
	Jan. 29th	(cont)	Correspondence (cont) :-	
			2. - To Australian Division. Approves addition of a cooks cart to establishment of	Appx. 60
			Divisional Artillery Headquarters.	
			3. - To New Zealand Division. System for accounting for equipment, supplies etc.	
			4. - From Base Depot. Suggests staff to accompany details returning to Australia in "KYARRA".	
			5. - From Australian Division. Forwards copy cable to High Commissioner re stores required.	Appx. 61
	Jan. 30th		Correspondence :-	
			1. - From New Zealand Division. Reports that 1st Australian Light Horse have only 49 rounds S.A.A. per rifle and none for machine guns. Asks for ammunition to complete to F.S. scale.	
			2. - From Base Depot. Re remounts arriving from Australia.	
			3. - To Headquarters, Egypt. Roll of Imperial officers on staffs New Zealand Division for publication in London Gazette.	
			Movements :-	
			Brigade Section, N.Z. Divisional Signal Company - ZIETOUN to CANAL DEFENCE.	
			1st Australian Light Horse - Maadi to ZIETOUN.	

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Diary No

Sub. Registry No. Q/90

Copy of Memo. No. --

Dated 31/12/14

From:

Headquarters,  
Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.

To : Headquarters,  
Force in Egypt.

The attached draft cablegram to War Office, regarding the issue of ammunition for practice, is forwarded for favour of issue, if approved. Pending the receipt of orders I have authorised immediate expenditure of 25 rounds per gun and 114 rounds per rifle.

(signed) W.B. Lesslie,  
Lieut-Colonel,  
for Lieut-General,  
Commanding Australian and New Zealand Army  
Corps.



Draft cablegram for despatch.

TROOPERS LONDON

The following shows how the Australian and New Zealand contingents stand as regards ammunition ~~aaa~~ Eighteen pounder gun ammunition Australia eleven hundred and eleven per gun New Zealand four hundred and ninety six per gun or nine hundred and fifty seven rounds per gun for combined contingents ~~aaa~~ Gun practice is most essential as ~~both~~ neither contingents have done any real rapid firing practice and some batteries have done no firing at all ~~aaa~~ What is maximum amount I can expend in practice without unduly depleting batteries with reference to general ammunition question in Europe ~~aaa~~ I consider up to one hundred and fifty rounds per gun necessary for practice ~~aaa~~ Small arm ammunition Contingents have eleven hundred and fourteen rounds per rifle of which I propose permitting them to utilize one hundred and fourteen <sup>per rifle</sup> in practice immediately   
 New Zealand ~~aaa~~ New Zealand Infantry and Divisional Train are armed with long rifles remainder New Zealand contingent and all Australian contingent have short rifle

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Appendix No. 12

Diary No 95

Sub. Registry No. Q/101

Copy of Minute No.

Dated 1/1/15

From: Headquarters,  
Force in Egypt.

To : G.O.C.,  
A.&N.Z. Army Corps.

The attached copy of War Office cablegram is forwarded for favour of your remarks.

Any vehicles over 5 tons weight are prohibited in Cairo and most bridges are incapable of bearing weight over 5 tons.

It is a question if you consider Units should be broken up and part come heree or the whole lot go on and await you arrival.

A certain number of 3 ton lorries would be useful for general purposes in this country.

Headquarters, Cairo.  
1st January 1915.

(signed) E.I. Ward,  
Lieut-Colonel,  
for Lieut-General;  
Commanding the Forces in Egypt.

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Cablegram

From: War Office, London.

To : G.O.C., Egypt. ✓

29/12/14

2592 Cipher Q.M.G. 3. Lines of Communication Units now leaving Australia include Divisional Ammunition Park and Supply Column with 150 motor vehicles heaviest weighing seven tons aaa Do you consider the motor vehicles can be usefully employed in Egypt and if so do you require them aaa Wire reply

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Sub. Registry No. 118

Copy of Memo dated 8/1/15.  
From G.O.C., A.&N.Z. Army Corps.  
To Headquarters, The Force in Egypt.



Herewith a cablegram relative to reinforcements  
Australian Imperial Force, for favour of issue if approved.

(Signed) W.B. Lesslie;  
Major,  
for Lieut-General,  
Comdg. A.&N.Z. Army Corps.

Draft Cablegram.  
Defence, Melbourne.

When Units or reinforcements for Australian Imperial  
Force are embarked request you will cable me in case of  
each transport date of sailing also numbers by Units  
officers rank and file horses etc aaa Information now  
required as to details on board hospital ship KYARRA  
due SUEZ about 13th.

Diary No. Sub Registry No. Q/127  
 Copy of Memo No. Date 2/1/15.

From: G.O.C., A.&N.Z. Army Corps.

To : Headquarters,  
 Force in Egypt. ✓

The Mechanical Transport referred to in War Office Memorandum 2592 Cipher, Q.M.G.3., is believed to comprise nine tractors, six workshop trucks, three store and tool trucks, and one hundred and twenty five lorries, which are believed to be lorries of three tons carrying capacity.

None of these vehicles are required for Army Corps purposes, but War Office should distinctly understand that we are reorganising Divisional Ammunition supply arrangements on the basis that ~~the~~ motor transport for Divisional Ammunition Park will be forthcoming on taking the field in Europe.

(Signed) W.B. Lesslie,  
 Lieut-Colonel;  
 for Lieut-General,  
 Commanding Australian and New Zealand Army  
 Corps.

Letter No. 104/General Number/3577 (M.F.2)

Dated 22.12.14

From War Office, London.

To GOC A.&N.Z. Army Corps.

I am commanded by the Army Council to inform you that approval has been given for the following scale of ammunition to be drawn for practice purposes to be carried out by officers warrant officers, non-commissioned officers, and men armed with a pistol :-

Allowance of ammunition Mark II

(i) For those not previously practised :-

	<u>Ball Rounds</u>	<u>Blank Rounds</u>
Mounted troops	50	10
Dismounted troops	50	

Course :-

Ball firing will be performed in the following manner, each practice consisting of 6 rounds :-

1st day	One single practice with each hand dismounted.	12
2nd day	One continuous practice with each hand, dismounted.	12
3rd day	One single and one continuous practice with the right hand, mounted.	12
4th day	One single and one continuous practice with the right hand, mounted.	12
		<u>48</u>

Officers of the dismounted units will not fire the <sup>of</sup> mounted practices, but will repeat the practices ~~for~~ the first two days.

(ii) For ordinary course :-

	<u>Ball Rounds</u>	<u>Blank Rounds</u>
Mounted troops	36	10
Dismounted troops	36	

Course :-

	<u>Rounds</u>
1st day	One single practice and one continuous practice with each hand, dismounted. 24
2nd day	One single and one continuous practice with the right hand, mounted. 12
	<u>36</u>

Officers of dismounted units will repeat the practices of the 1st day with the right hand only instead of firing the

mounted practices.

2. - Attention is drawn to paragraphs 471 to 476 Musketry Regulations, Part I for instructions relating to the above courses.

3. - The greatest care is to be taken in the expenditure of ammunition, and on no account are the allowances of ammunition laid down to be exceeded or the courses laid down to be departed from.

4.- A copy of this letter has been sent to the General Officer Commanding in Chief, Central Force, and the General Officers Commanding, Coast Defences.

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Appendix No. 27.

Diary No. 307                      Sub Registry No. Q/289.

Copy of cable No. 286.      Dated 9/1/15.

From S.W.O. London

To G.O.C., Cairo.

286. Your 483.B. Ammunition expenditure of thirty rounds per gun seventy five per rifle authorised.

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GOC.  
Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.

For information.

(Signed) C.M. Little, Colonel,  
A.A.&Q.M.G.,  
Force in Egypt.



Diary No 299

Sub Registry No. 291

Copy of cablegram, No. W8990, dated 6/1/15.

From Pearce, Melbourne.

To G.O.C., Egypt.

W8990. Transports second convoy left Albany on Thursday 31st  
December. On A29 SUEVIC

## Headquarters, 2nd Light Horse Brigade.

4 Officers  
20 others  
4 horses

## 6th Light Horse

23 officers  
461 others  
493 horses  
1 Chaplain

## Total :-

28 officers  
481 others  
497 horses  
2 Machine guns  
3 motor cars  
1 water cart  
1 G.S. Waggon  
1 cooks cart  
15 bicycles  
1 maltese cart  
11 limbered waggons  
48 motor cyclists

## On A30 BORDA

## 2nd Light Horse Field Ambulance

4 officers  
112 others  
106 horses

## Details 2nd Light Horse Brigade

10 others  
22 horses

## 7th Light Horse

10 others  
33 horses

## 2nd Signal Troop

1 officer  
42 others  
45 horses

## 2nd Signal Company

1 officer  
24 others  
45 horses

## 2nd Veterinary Section

1 officer  
108 others  
11 horses

## On A30 BORDA (cont)

1st reinforcements, Artillery  
 2 officers  
 100 others

Ammunition Column, 1st reinforcements.  
 19 others.

1st and 2nd Signal Troops - 1st reinforcements  
 8 others

1st Signal Company, 1st reinforcements.  
 17 others

Divisional Train - 1st reinforcements.  
 12 others

1st Light Horse Brigade Train - 1st reinforcements.  
 15 others

3rd Signal Company, 1st reinforcements.  
 3 others

## Total:-

9 officers  
 480 others  
 223 horses  
 3 motor cycles  
 2 water carts  
 3 G.S. waggons  
 16 bicycles  
 8 Ambulance wagons  
 4 Transport wagons  
 5 motor ambulances  
 4 limbered wagons

On A31 AJANA

7th Light Horse  
 7 officers  
 191 others  
 248 horses

Veterinary Section  
 1 officer  
 108 others  
 11 horses  
 1 medical officer  
 1 chaplain

## Total :-

10 officers  
 299 others  
 259 horses  
 1 water cart  
 2 G.S. waggons  
 1 bicycle  
 3 ambulance wagons  
 1 transport wagon

On A32 THEMISTOCLES

Reinforcements.  
 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Infantry Brigades.  
 12 officers  
 1157 others

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On A 32 TEMISTOCLES (cont)

## Details 4th Field Ambulance.

1 officer  
 12 others  
 1 Chaplain  
 3 Naval ratings.

## Total :-

14 officers  
 1172 others

On A 33 "AYRSHIRE"

## 7th Light Horse.

17 officers  
 310 others  
 282 horses  
 2 machine guns  
 1 water cart  
 1 cooks wagon  
 15 bicycles  
 1 maltese cart  
 11 limbered waggons

On A 34 "PERSIE"

## 5th Light Horse.

23 officers  
 487 others  
 462 horses  
 1 Chaplain  
 2 machine guns  
 1 motor car  
 1 water cart  
 1 cooks cart  
 15 bicycles  
 1 maltese cart  
 11 limbered waggons

On A35 "BERRIMA"

## Railway Supply Detachment.

1 officer  
 61 others

## Field Bakery

1 officer  
 92 others

## Field Butchery

1 officer  
 20 others

## Imperial Reservists

2 officers  
 145 others

## 4th Field Ambulance

2 officers  
 128 others

## Depot Units of Supply

2 officers 26 others  
 1 chaplain  
 1 Y.M.C.A.

On A 35 "BERRIMA" (cont)1st Reinforcements

2nd Light Horse Brigade.  
 1 officer  
 92 others  
 1st and 2nd Light horse Field Ambulances.  
 21 others  
 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Field Ambulances  
 90 others  
 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Field Companies.  
 1 officer  
 60 others  
 4th Infantry Brigade  
 4 officers  
 396 others  
 Lines of Communication Units  
 93 others

Total :-

17 officers  
 1224 others  
 1 motor cycle  
 2 water carts  
 4 G.S. Waggon  
 7 ambulance waggons  
 3 transport waggons

On A 36.

Remounts \$ 465

Reinforcements.

3RD Light Horse  
 1 Officer  
 52 others  
 Divisional Train  
 1 officer  
 48 others  
 Veterinary Section  
 1 officer  
 5 others  
 2nd Light Horse Field Ambulance.  
 1 officer  
 2 others

Total :-

4 officers  
 107 others  
 465 horses

On A 37

Remounts 465

Veterinary Officer - 1

Details 4th Field Ambulance  
 1 officer  
 4 others

Reinforcements.

Artillery  
 2 officers  
 104 others

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On A 37 (cont)

Total :-  
 4 officers  
 108 others  
 465 horses

On A38 "ULYSSES".

Headquarters, 4th Infantry Brigade  
 3 officers  
 17 others  
 6 horses  
 13th & 14th Battalions  
 63 officers  
 1958 others  
 12 horses  
 1 chaplain  
 1 Y.M.C.A.  
 1 Press Representative

Naval ratings  
 5 officers  
 3 others

Total :-  
 74 officers  
 1978 others  
 18 horses  
 4 machine guns  
 4 water carts  
 3 G.S. waggon  
 3 cooks carts  
 18 bicycles  
 2 maltese carts  
 18 limbered waggon  
 32 motor lorries  
 2 trailers  
 2 travelling workshops  
 11 travelling kitchens

On A 39 "PORT MACQUARRIE"

2nd Light Horse Brigade Train  
 6 officers  
 153 others  
 158 horses

4th Infantry Brigade  
 5 officers  
 138 others  
 149 horses

Reinforcements.

2nd Light Horse Brigade Train  
 15 others  
 4th Infantry Brigade Train  
 13 others

Remounts - 120

Details, 4th Field Ambulance  
 1 officer  
 4 others  
 1 Chaplain

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On A 39 "PORT MACQUARRIE" (cont)

## Total :-

13 officers  
 323 others  
 427 horses  
 2 motor cycles  
 2 motor cars  
 2 water carts  
 59 G.S. waggons  
 16 bicycles  
 2 limbered waggons.

On A 40 "CERAMIC"

## 15th and 16th Battalions.

60 officers  
 1941 others  
 21 horses

## Ammunition Park

7 officers  
 464 others

## Supply Column

5 officers  
 240 others  
 1 chaplain  
 1 Y.M.C.A.  
 1 naval rating

## Total :-

75 officers  
 2645 others  
 21 horses  
 4 machine guns  
 22 motor cycles  
 11 motor cars  
 4 water carts  
 2 G.S. waggons  
 18 bicycles  
 4 maltese carts  
 18 limbered waggons  
 4 travelling kitchens

On A 41

## Remounts - 16

## Mobile Veterinary Section

1 officer  
 13 others  
 15 horses

## Details 4th Infantry Brigade

2 officers  
 52 others  
 218 horses

## 4th Field Ambulance

1 officer  
 16 others  
 70 horses (for hospitals 20)

Reinforcements.

6th Light Horse  
 1 officer  
 38 others

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On A 41 (cont)

## Total :-

5 officers  
 119 others  
 339 horses  
 1 G.S. waggon

On A 42.

Remounts - 390

Veterinary officer - 1

Details 2nd Light Horse Field Ambulance

1 officer  
 2 others

Reinforcements.

1st & 2nd Light Horse  
 3 officers  
 104 others

## Total :-

5 officers  
 106 others  
 390 horses

On A 43.

Remounts - 350

Reinforcements.

4th Light Horse  
 1 officer  
 52 others

Ammunition Column

1 officer  
 37 others

Veterinary Section

1 officer  
 5 others

Details 4th Field Ambulance

1 officer  
 2 others

## Total :-

4 officers  
 96 others  
 350 horses  
 22 motor lorries  
 1 trailer  
 1 travelling workshop  
 1 travelling kitchen

On A 44 "VESTRALIA"

Mobile Veterinary Section

1 officer  
 13 others  
 15 horses

On A 44 "VESTRALIA" (cont)

Details 5th and 6th Light Horse  
2 officers  
76 others  
171 horses

2nd Light Horse Field Ambulance  
1 officer  
2 others

Reinforcements

5th Light Horse  
1 officer  
26 others

Remounts - 225

## Total :-

5 officers  
117 others  
411 horses  
1 G.S. waggon  
22 motor lorries  
3 trailers  
3 travelling workshops  
5 motor lorries

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Diary No. 355.

Sub. Reg. No. 337

Copy of memo. No A571, dated 15.1.15

From:

G.O.C., Australian Division.

To :

Headquarters,  
Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.

The following is a copy of a cablegram received by me this morning from the Defence Department, Melbourne :-

"W9249. Reference your cable 0239 following details on Hospital transport "KYARRA"

	Officers	Others	Nurses
1st General Hospital	23	147	81
2nd General Hospital	22	147	80
1st Stationary Hospital	9	90	--
2nd Stationary Hospital	8	90	--
Clearing Hospital	8	84	--
Chaplain	1	--	--
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TOTAL	71	558	161
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14 motor ambulances."

(signed) W.T.Bridges,  
Major-General,  
Commanding 1st Australian Division.

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Diary No 422

Sub Registry No Q/431.

Draft cablegram to War Office, dated 14.1.15.



New Zealand Field Artillery Howitzer Battery of four guns due Egypt about third February is bringing only two hundred and fifty rounds four point five ammunition per gun. Request sanction to expend fifty rounds per gun for practice.

If approved (six hundred) rounds per gun will be required to complete field service scale of ( eight hundred).

Alternative	{	Presume you will supply this at destination.
		or
		Request you will despatch this early to Egypt.

Headquarters,

Force in Egypt.


The above draft cablegram is forwarded for favour of despatch, if approved.

Cairo.  
14.1.15.

(signed) R.A. Carruthers,  
Colonel,  
for Lieut-General,  
Commanding Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.

Diary No. 500.

Sub Registry No Q/506.

Copy of Minute No ~~5414~~ <sup>5520A</sup> Dated 19.1.15. 

From Headquarters,  
Force in Egypt.

To G.O.C.,  
A.&N.Z. Army Corps.

With reference to your Aa 461 dated 16th January, -

1. - Approved. The camp for the 2nd Light Horse and 4th Infantry Brigades will be at the Aerodrome, Heliopolis, and the Base Camp N.E. of Abbas Hilmi Barracks, Abbassia.

2. - A copy of a telegram received from the War Office on the subject of the Ammunition Park and Supply ~~xxxxxx~~ Park is attached.

3. - The arrangements for the disembarkation and despatch to Cairo will be made in this office, but assistance will be required - a detail of which is being sent you in a separate letter. The sites for camps have been selected and are I understand known to your D.A.A.&Q.M.G. Water supply will be arranged for by the Chief Engineer. Sanitation arrangements will be made by the A.D.S.T. The provision of tents, the pitching of camps, and all other details should be provided under your orders.

Cairo.  
19.1.15.

(signed) C.M. Little,  
Colonel.  
A.A.&Q.M.G., The Force in Egypt.

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Copy of cablegram.

Dated 17.1.15.

From Secretary War Office.

To G.O.C., Egypt.

2772. Cipher. Q.M.G.2. Your Cipher #05E.

The motor vehicles of the Australian Divisional Ammunition Park and Supply Column and the personnel for these vehicles only are to be sent to England aaa The motor vehicles are on A29 Suevic A38 Ulysses A44 Vestralia and Transport A43 aaa The personnel is on the Ceramic.

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Diary No 499  
Copy of minute No.  
5514 Q  
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Sub. Registry No Q/507

Dated 19.1.15.

From: A.A.&.Q.M.G., Egypt.  
To : G.O.C., A.&.N.Z. Army Corps.

With refernce to the disembarkation of the reinforcements for the Army Corps under your command which are due to arrive about 26th instant, the arrangements for disembarkation and despatch to Cairo will be made in this office and the D.A.A.&.Q.M.G. will proceed to Alexandria to superintend these arrangements on arrival of the convoy.

The following officers should be detailed by you to assist in the disembarkation and entrainment at Alexandria :-

8 Military Landing Officers.

8 Raileay Transport Officers.

They should report to the D.A.A.&.Q.M.G. at Alexandria, date and place to be notified to you later when the time of the arrival pf the convuy is known.

A staff officer should be detailed to take charge of all the detraining arrangements at Cairo with the necessary Railway Transport Officers to assist him. Troops for Heliopolis will be detrained at Palais Kubba. Troops for Abbassia will be detrained at Abbassia.

Arrangement for the transport of baggage from station of detrainment to camps should be made by the Staff officer detailed to superintend the detrainment at Cairo.

(signed) C.M. Little, Colonel,  
A.A.&.Q.M.G., The Force in Egypt.

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Diary No 495                      Sub Registry No Q/573

Copy of cablegram received 19.1.15.

From Secretary War Office London.

To G.O.C., Egypt.



819. Your telegram 16th January C/293. Practice  
4.5 howitzers cannot be sanctioned. Not possible to complete  
amount brought with batteries to 800 rounds per gun for some  
time.

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G.O.C.,

Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.

For information. A copy of the cablegram referred  
to was forwarded to you on the 17th instant.

Cairo.  
19.1.15.

(signed) C.M. Little,  
Colonel,  
A.A.&Q.M.G., Force in Egypt.

Diary No 575

Sub Registry No Q/600

Copy of Minute No

Dated 22.1.15. ✓

From :

A.Q.M.G., A.&amp;.N.Z. Army Corps.

To :

Headquarters,  
Australian Division.

The transport of the 1st Australian Division should be re-organised on the lines of an Imperial Division, and the 4-horsed vehicles reduced to two accordingly.

(signed) H.O.Knox, Lieut.Col.  
A.Q.M.G., Aust. & N.Z. Army Corps.

Appendix No 50.

Diary No 590                      Sub-Registry No. Q/620  
Copy of Memo. No 5611/A      Dated 22.1.15.

From :                      Headquarters,  
                                 Force in Egypt.

To :                                      G.O.C.,  
   A.&N.Z. Army Corps.

The attached copy of a letter, No. 116/Colonies/  
448 dated 30.12.14 from the Secretary of the War Office to  
the General Officer Commanding Egypt Command, is forwarded  
for information.

(signed) C.M. Little,  
Colonel,  
A.A.&Q.M.G., Egypt Command.



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Diary No. 591

Sub Registry No Q/623.

Copy of cablegram No 2772 Cipher Dated 17.1.15. ✓

From War Office

To G.O.C., Egypt.

2772 Cipher. Q.M.G.2. Your 505.E. Cipher. The motor vehicles of the Australian Divisional Ammunition Park and Supply Column and the personnel for these vehicles only are to be sent to England. The motor vehicles are on A29 Suevic A38 Ulysses A44 Vestralia and Transport A43. The Personnel is on the Ceramic.

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G.O.C.,  
Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.

For information.

Cairo.  
21.1.15.

(signed) C.M. Little, Colonel,  
A.A.&.Q.M.G., Force in Egypt.

## Australian and New Zealand Imperial Force Reinforcements.

## DISEMBARKATION ORDERS. ✓

By Lieut-General Sir J.G. Maxwell, K.C.B., C.V.O., C.M.G., D.S.O.  
Commanding the Force in Egypt.

## 1. Ports of disembarkation.

(a) The whole convoy carrying the Australian and New Zealand reinforcements will disembark at Alexandria with the exception of the New Zealand transport No 14 "Willochra" which will disembark at Suez. The arrangements for the disembarkation of this vessel will be made by the General Officer Commanding, New Zealand Division. The embarking staff officer, Suez, will render every assistance.

(b) On arrival of the convoy at Suez, one Staff Officer from each Brigade will disembark and proceed to Cairo by train reporting on arrival there to the G.O.C., Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.

## 2. Berthing.

It will probably be possible to berth up to eight ships at one time but it will not be possible to despatch more than about 10 trains a day, four to six cavalry and the remainder Infantry. These will carry about 3000 men and ~~xx~~ 1100 horses. The despatch of the whole force to Cairo therefore will take about 4 days.

## 3. Rest Camps.

Two rest camps, each capable of accomodating 500 horses and 160 men will be arranged for near the Quays, each under a Camp Commandant. Units sending men and horses to be accomodated in these camps must get into communication with the camp commandant who will arrange for rations and forage to be drawn and who will inform the officer in charge of the party of the amount of camp equipment to be taken there from the ship.

The rest camps are primarily for the use of the hurses which have been disembarked, but for which there is no train

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accomodation immedi ately available, and for the men in charge of them.

All men not in charge of horses at the rest camps will remain on board their ships till trains are available to take them to Cairo.

#### 4. Military Landing Officers.

Military Landing officers will meet ships at each quay and will give all necessary information and asistance.

Railway Transport Officers have also been appointed.

#### 5. Discápline.

Troops will disembark in marching order, carrying with them their rifles and kit bags. On entering the railway carr- iages, men will take teir seats and remain seated till the accomodation of each coach has been fully allotted. All ranks are forbidden to stand outside the communication doors between carriages, and should be warned accordingly.

#### 6. Meals.

A breakfast meal will be taken on the ship before entraining, and sufficient food for 24 hours should be carried in the haversack. Water bottles should be filled on board ship.

#### 7. Police.

An N.C.O. and 6 men will be detailed from each transport, alongside the quay, for police duty. They will prevent troops from leaving the quay without orders.

#### 8. Sanitation.

Particular care is to be taken by Officers Commanding, to prevent troops from fouling the ground. The ships' latrines must be used by the troops disembarking.

#### 9. Medical.

Detailed orders regarding sick will be given on arrival at Alexandria. All serious cases will be moved to hospital

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Ras-el-Tin. Other cases will be sent up to Cairo in the hospital train under the orders of the Medical Officer on duty.

10. Watering and feeding. ✓

All animals will be watered and fed on board ship before landing.

11. Porters.

Porters will be detailed as available to assist in unloading stores etc.

12. Entrainment by Units.

As far as possible, Units will be railed to their destination by Squadrons, Batteries, and Half-Battalions, and they should take with them all their horses (except as referred to above) equipment, stores and rations. It will probably be necessary to send vehicles and guns up on special trains.

13. Composition of trains.

Troop trains are made up as follows :-

Cavalry or Artillery	Infantry
1 First class coach	1 First class coach
1 Second class coach	1 Second class coach
4 third class coaches	11 third class coaches.
18 Horse trucks	4 animal trucks
2 30 ton box trucks	3 30 ton box trucks
6 flat trucks for vehicles	3 flat trucks for vehicles

NOTE. Third class coach accomodates 48 men.  
Animal truck accomodates 10 horses.  
Flat truck will carry four 2 wheeled, or two 4 wheeled vehicles.

14. Stations of detrainment.

Stations of detrainment are hewn in the disembarkation schedule.

Headquarèers Staffs of Division, Brigades, and Units will, whenever possible, proceed to their respective destinations with the first train detailed for their command.

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15. Transport.

Transport by road will be provided, and kits should accompany the men to their camp. Any surplus baggage on the trains, for which transport is not immediately available, must be stacked at the detraining station under a guard, till it can be moved. Guides will be provided.

16. Returns.

On arrival at Destination, officers Commanding will render disembarkation returns to this office, through the usual channel.

Cairo.  
28.1.15.

(signed) -- Broadbent,  
Major,  
D.A.A.&Q.M.G.

(in pencil) Disembark daily 3500 men, 1100 horses.

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DISEMBARKATION OF SECOND REINFORCEMENTS  
AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND IMPERIAL FORCES.      January 1915.

SHIPS IN THE CONVOY.

AUSTRALIAN

A No. 29 Suevic  
A No. 30 Borda  
A No. 31 Ajana  
A No. 32 Themistocles  
A No. 33 Ayrshire  
A No. 34 Persic  
A No. 35 Berrima  
A No. 36  
A No. 37  
A No. 38 Ulysses  
A No. 39 Port Macquarrie  
A No. 40 Ceramic  
A No. 41  
A No. 42  
A No. 43  
A No. 44 Vestalia

NEW ZEALAND

No. 13 Veadalla  
No. 14 Willochra  
No. 15 Knight of the Garter

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AUSTRALIAN TROOPS.

Transport	Unit	Detrainat	Officers	Other Ranks	Horses	Vehicles	
A 29	Suevic	Headquarters, 2nd L.H.Bde. 6th Light Horse Chaplain	Abu el Ela	4 23 1	20 461 -	4 493 -	2 Machine guns 2 motor cars <del>ixwat</del> 1 water cart 1 G.S. waggon 1 Cooks cart 15 bicycles 1 maltese cart 11 limbered waggons 48 motor lorries
Total			28	481	497		
A 30	Borda	2nd Light Horse Field Ambulance Details 2nd Light Horse Bde. 7th Light Horse 2nd Signal Troop 2nd Signal Company 2nd Veterinary Section 1st reinforcement A.F.A. Amunition Column 1st & 2nd Sig. Troops Reinf. 1st Signal Company. Divisional Train 1st L.H. Brigade Train 3rd Signal Company	Abu el Ela P. Kubba Abbassia Abbassia	4 - - 1 1 2 - - - - - -	112 10 10 42 24 108 100 19 8 17 12 15 3	106 22 33 45 6 11 - - - - - -	3 motor cycles 3 G.S. waggons 8 Ambulance waggons 5 motor ambulances 2 water carts 16 bicycles 4 transport waggons 4 limbered waggons
Total			9	480	223		
A 31	Ajana	7th Light Horse Veterinary Section M.O. & Chaplain	Abu el Ela <del>Abbassia</del> Abbassia Abbassia	7 1 2	191 108 -	248 11 -	1 water cart 2 G.S. Waggons 1 bicycle 3 Ambulance waggons 1 transport waggon
Total			10	299	259		

Transport	Unit	Detrain at	Officers	other ranks	Horses	Vehicles
A32 Themistocles	Reinforcements - 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Infantry Brigades	Abbassia	12	1157	-	
	Details 4th Field Ambulance	P. Kubba	1	12	-	
	Chaplain and Naval Ratings	P. Kubba	1	3	-	
		Total	14	1172	-	
A33 Ayrshire	7th Light Horse	Abu el Ela	17	310	282	2 machine guns 1 water cart 1 cooks waggon 1 maltese cart 15 bicycles 11 limbered waggon
A34 Persic	5th Light Horse ) Chaplain )	Abu el Ela	23 1	487 -	462 -	2 machine guns 1 motor car 1 water cart 1 cooks waggon 15 bicycles, 1 maltese cart 11 limb. waggons
		Total	24	487	462	
A35 Berrima	Railway Supply Detachment ) Field Bakery ) Field Butchery ) 4th Field Ambulance ) Depot Uniss of Supply ) Chaplain & Y.M.C.A. ) 1st Rein. 2nd L.H. Bde. ) 1st & 2nd L.H. Fld.Amb. ) 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th F.Amb ) 1st, 2nd, & 3rd F.C.A.E. ) 4th Infantry Brigade ) L. of C. Units )	Abbassia P. Kubba Abbassia	1 1 1 2 2 2 1 2 - 1 4 -	61 92 20 128 26 - 92 21 90 60 396 93	- - - - - - - - - - - -	1 motor cycle 2 water carts 4 G.S. waggons 7 Amb. waggons 3 Transport wgn Total 17 C. 1224 C

Included in the total are Imperial Reservists. 204 1450R

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Transport	Unit	Detrain at	Officers	Other Ranks	Horses	Vehicles
A 36	Remounts	Abbassia	-	-	465	
	Reinforcements 3rd Light Horse		1	52	-	
	Divisional Train		1	48	-	
	Veterinary Section		1	5	-	
	2nd Light Horse Fld. Amb.		1	2	-	
	Total		4	107	465	
A 37	Remounts and Veterinary Offt.	Abbassia	1	-	465	
	Details 4th Field Amb.	P. Kubba	1	4	-	
	Reinforcements, Artillery	Abbassia	2	104	-	
	Total		4	108	465	
A 38 Ulysses	Headquarters, 4th Infy. Bde	Helmia	3	17	6	4 machine guns
	13th & 14th Battalions		63	1958	12	4 water carts
	Chaplain & YMCA		2	-	-	3 G.S. waggons
	Press Representative		1	-	-	1 cooks waggon
	Naval ratings		5	3	-	2 trailers
	Total			74	1978	18
A 39 Port Macquarrie	2nd L.H. Brigade Train	Abu el Hla	6	153	158	2 motor cycles
	4th Infantry Bde. Train	P. Kubba	5	138	149	2 motor cars
	Rein. 2nd L.H. Bde Train	Abbassia	-	15	-	2 water carts
	" 4th Infy. Bde Train	Abbassia	-	13	-	59 G.S. waggons
	Details 4th Field Amb.	P. Kubba	1	4	-	16 bicycles
	Chaplain and Remounts	Abbassia	1	-	20	2 limb. waggons
	Total		13	323	327	

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Transport	Unit	Detrain at	Officers	Other ranks	Horses	Vehicles
A 40 Ceramic	15th & 16th Battalions	P. Kubba	60	1941	21	4 machine guns
	Ammunition Park } for England }		7	464	-	22 motor cycles
	Supply Column }		5	240	-	11 motor cars
	Chaplain & YMCA }	Abbassia	2	-	-	4 water carts
	Naval Officer }		1	-	-	2 G.S. waggons
						18 bicycles
					4 maltese carts	
					18 limbered waggons	
					4 travelling kitchens	
Total			75	2645	21	
A 41	Remounts, Horses for hospitals	Abbassia	-	-	20/16	1 G.S. waggon
	Mobile Veterinary Section	"	1	13	15	
	Details 4th Infantry Brigade	P. Kubba	2	52	218	
	4th Field Ambulance	P. Kubba	1	16	70	
	Reinforcements 6th Light Horse	Abbassia	1	38	-	
		Total	5	119	339	
A 42	Remounts and Veterinary Officer	Abbassia	1	-	390	
	Details 2nd L.H. Field Ambulance	Abu el Ela	1	2	-	
	Reinforcements 1st & 2nd L.H.	Abbassia	3	104	-	
		Total	5	106	390	
A43	Remounts & Veterin ary Section )		1	5	350	22 motor lorries
	Reinforcements 4th Light Horse )	Abbassia	1	52	-	1 trailer
	Ammunition Column		1	37	-	1 trav. workshop
	Details 4th Field Ambulance	P. Kubba	1	2	-	1 trav. Kitchen
		Total	4	96	350	

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Transport	Unit	Detrain at	Officers	Other Ranks	Horses	Vehicles
A 44 Vestalia	Remounts	Abbassia	-	-	225	1 G.S. waggon
	Mobile Veterinary Section	"	1	13	15	22 motor lorrie
	Details 5th & 6th Light Horse	Abu el Ela	2	76	171	3 trailers
	2nd Light Horse Field Ambulance	Abu el Ela	1	2	-	3 trav.workshop
	Reinforcements 5th Light Horse	Abbassia	1	26	-	5 motor lorries
		Total		5	117	411

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NEW ZEALAND TROOPS.

Transport	Unit	Detrain at	Officers	Other ranks	Horses
No. 13 Verdalla	Mounted Rifles	P. Kubba	11	410	
	Field Troop		-	16	
	Signal Troop		-	1	
	Signal Company		-	3	
	Field Ambulance		1	41	also 1 dentist
	Veterinary Section	Abbassia	1	26	
	Army Pay Department		-	1	
	Chaplain & Imp. Reservists)		1	2	
	Horses				456
			Total	15	500
No. 14 Willochra	Artillery	P. Kubba	3	117	
	Mounted Rifles		3	10	
	Infantry		15	784	
	H.Q. Units		-	12	
	Signal Troop		-	8	
	Signal Company		1	14	
	Div. Train		1	16	
	Army Service Corps)		1	26	
	Base Depot		-	1	
	Mounted Ambulance)		1	24	
	Medical Corps	2	8		
	Veterinary Section	Abbassia	1	132	
	Army Pay Department		1	1	
	Chaplains & Imperial Res.		21	10	
			Total	32	1163
No. 15 Knight of the Garter	Howitzer Battery	P. Kubba	5	152	
	Mounted Rifles		1	1	
	Infantry		1	-	
	Signal Company		-	4	
	Field Ambulance		-	4	
	Medical Corps	Abbassia	1	1	also 1 dentist
	Veterinary Section		2	90	
	Army Pay Department		-	1	
	Chaplain & Imperial Res.	1	5		
	Horses				503
		Total	12	258	503

The numbers of vehicles are not stated.

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