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WAR DIARY OR INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Date.	Summary of events and information.	Remarks and references to Appendices.
CAIRO 1/3/15	Dispositions of Turkish Forces obtained from Egyptian War office	App ^x I <u>CAS</u>
" 2/3/15	3 Div ^{ns} of III Turkish Corps located in GALLIPOLI and DARDANELLES (Int. Dep't E. War office)	Bulletin File <u>CAS</u>
" 3/3/15	Intelligence Bulletin Egyptian War Office received dated 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd March	" <u>CAS</u>
" 4/3/15	" " " " 4 th March	" <u>CAS</u>
" 5/3/15	" " " " 5 th "	" <u>CAS</u>
" 6/3/15	" " " " 6 th "	" <u>CAS</u>
" 7/3/15	" " " " 7 th "	" <u>CAS</u>
" 8/3/15	Numbers of Turkish forces in MARMORA Area, estimated at 180,000 Intelligence Bulletin E. War Office received 8 th March	App ^x II <u>CAS</u>
" 9/3/15	" " " " 9 th "	" <u>CAS</u>
" 10/3/15	Dispositions of Turkish Troops received from E. War Office This last estimate of dispositions is the most reliable up to date. It is impossible to say what troops are in the GALLIPOLI peninsula, or Dardanelles or Bosphorus. They can be moved about by sea quickly and easily.	App ^x III
" 11/3/15	Intelligence bulletin E. War Office received dated 10 th March Another estimate of troops in Gallipoli Peninsula + Dardanelles. This, deducting the I + VIII Corps is probably fairly correct. VIII can hardly be back yet from Syria.	Bulletin File <u>CAS</u>
" 12/3/15	Intelligence Bulletin received of 12/3/15	App ^x IV <u>CAS</u>

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CAIRO 13/3/15	Egyptian War Office Bulletin of 13/3/15 received	Bulletin File <u>CAI</u>
" 14/3/15	" " " " " "	" " <u>CAI</u>
" 15/3/15	" " " " 15/3/15 "	" " <u>CAI</u>
" 16/3/15	" " " " 16/3/15 "	" " <u>CAI</u>
" 17/3/15	" " " " 17/3/15 "	" " <u>CAI</u>
" 18/3/15	" " " " 18/3/15 "	" " <u>CAI</u>
" 19/3/15	" " " " 19/3/15 "	" " <u>CAI</u>
" 20/3/15	Report from Major Samson of 19/3/15 re DARDANELLES.	" " <u>CAI</u>
" 21/3/15	Egyptian War Office Bulletin of 21/3/15	" " <u>CAI</u>
" 22/3/15	" " " " 22/3/15 "	" " <u>APP V CAI</u>
" 23/3/15	" " " " 23/3/15 " Dispositions of Turkish forces	" " <u>CAI</u>
" 24/3/15	" " " " 24/3/15 "	" " <u>CAI</u>
" 25/3/15	" " " " 25/3/15 "	" " <u>CAI</u>
" 26/3/15	" " " " 26/3/15 "	" " <u>CAI</u>
" 27/3/15	" " " " 27/3/15 "	" " <u>CAI</u>
" 28/3/15	" " " " 28/3/15 "	" " <u>CAI</u>
" 29/3/15	" " " " 29/3/15 "	" " <u>CAI</u>

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30/3/15- CAIRO	Egyptian War Office Bulletin of 30/3/15 received	Bulletin file. <u>CH/1</u>
31/3/15 "	" " " 31/3/15 "	" " <u>CH/1</u>

3.4 Distribution of TURKISH Forces - 1st March.

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Appendix I

Corps	Div ⁿ	Regt.	Place.	Authority
II	4		Constantinople	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> Total MARMORA Area about 120,000 + Fedais </div> Egyptian War Office
	5		"	
	6		"	
III	7		Dardanelles	
	8		Bosanti	
	9		Dardanelles	
6 Reserve Divisions			Adrianople & Com. ple	
1 " " "			Smyrna	
25 - 30,000 Fedais				
Caucasus.				
I	1			
V	13			
	14			
IX	17		Duboyed at Samkamsish.	
	28			
	29			
X	30			
	31			
	32			
XI	18			
	33			
	34			
Baghdad Area				
I	2			
	3			
V	15			
XII	35			
	36			
XIII	37			
	38			
Syria				
IV	10			
V	23			
	25			
	27			

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Disposition of Turkish Forces

8th March

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Appendix II

Cod ^d	Div ⁿ	Pl ^{ce}	MARMORA Area.		Author ^{ity}
			3 Reserve Divisions at Adrianople	36,000	Egyptian War Office
VI			3 " " " Con. pts + Bosphorus		
			Part of " " "		
			" " "	48,000	
III	7		Dardanelles		
	8				
	9			36,000	
VI	24				
	161 [?]				
I			Some units	24,000	
			1 Reserve Div: Smyrna		
IV	11			26,000	
	12			<hr/> 180,000 <hr/>	

This seems to be an over estimate

3.6 Distribution of TURKISH Forces 10th March

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Appendix III
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Corps	Divs	Regts	MARMORA Area (Includes CON. PLE, SMYRNA & DARDANELLES)		Multinational
I	3	8			Egyptian War Office.
	3 Bis	31			
		32			
II	4	10			
		12			
	6	16			
III	7	19	with 7 th FA Regt	6 Batt ^{ns}	
		20			
		21			
	9	25	8 th	6	
		26 Bis			
IV	19	55	9 th	6	
		56			
		57			
	V	13	4	13(?)	6
		37			
	38				
VI	14 or 15		14 or 15 th	6	
	24	2	24 th	4	
		3			
	72				
	26	76	26 th	6	
		77			
		78			
<u>Corps Troops</u>					
III	4	Cavalry with 3 Batt ^{ns} HA			
	7	2 " Honitars			
	15	1 Batt ⁿ M ^{nt} HA?			
In addition to above Artillery, at least 45 Batt ^{ns} of HA, FA, & Honitars					
Say 270 guns					
<u>Caucasus Area</u>					
I	1	70, 71, and 124			
	2	1			
II	4	11			
	5	13, 14, 15 (?)			
III	8	22			
V	14	40, 41, 42 (?)			
	15	43, 44, 45 (?)			
X	30	88, 89, 90			
	31	91, 92, 93			
	32	94, 95, 96			
XI	18				
	33				
	34				
<u>Baghdad Area</u>					
I	2	5, 6			
V		part of (?)			
XII					
XIII					
<u>Syria</u>					
XIV	10				
	12	(?)			
	23				
	25				
	27				

Approx. Total in Area
84,000 rifles
1500 Sabres
548 guns, exclusive of
fortress Artillery.

Cmnt	Div	Regt	MARMORA Area.	Authority		
I	1		} Dardanelles + Gallipoli Peninsula	EWO		
	2					
	3					
	3815					
II	4	Probably reserve divisions				
	5					
	6					
III	7					
	8					
	9					
	10					
VI	24					
	26					
VIII	23					
	25					
	27					
I	2 Reserve Divisions		Constantinople			
V	14					
IV	11		Balıkesir	Smyrna		
	12		Soma			

If above is correct Total in Dardanelles & Gallipoli 160,000

But I + VIII are probably wrong. If so, total is more like 90,000.

