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To. FIVECAV.

G.A.674

1/1st.

Following from 21st Corps begins aaa G.H.Q. sanctioned all Turkish Military Food supplies on the railway or in Military Food Depots in CILICIA being used for rationing late Turkish soldiers or refugees returning their homes or for Turkish railway guards or for Turkish Gendarmerie aaa G.H.Q. also sanctions all such Turkish Food supplies and depots being taken over by Allied Control officers aaa Turks should be warned to stop all selling of such supplies by Turkish ~~authorities~~ subordinates aaa Take steps to carry above policy into effect at once aaa acknowledge aaa added DFPS Col Bird Descorps Base Comdts MERSINA and ALEXANDRETTA aaa ends.

FROM. DESCORPS.

(sd) K.A.McKenzie.  
Major G.S.

2

To DESCORPS.

B.5

1/1

C-in-C arrives ALEPPO 0700 on 4th inst aaa  
He will stay the night of 4th inst at ALEPPO  
and will probably leave on 5th inst aaa  
C-in-C would like to be in the same house  
as he had before aaa Could this be arranged  
please aaa C-in-C is accompanied by Staff  
of five.

FROM. ADC to C-in-C.

1



To. DESCORPS.

G.A.672

1/1st.

Your G.A.630 and enclosures. I entirely agree with General HAMELIN aaa If NIHAD takes over Vali of ADANA any insurrection may be expected ADANA MARASH AINTAB aaa CONSTANTINOPLE must stiffen upper lip high handed action with Orientals essential aaa Time has now arrived for immediate disarmament and replacement of all Turkish Valis and Mutasarrifs east of TAURUS by Allied officers aaa report on situation by to-days train.

FROM. FIVECAV.

1420.

4

To. 5th A.L.H. Brigade.

G.A.685

1/1

C-in-C will inspect 15th A.L.H. Regt at BAALBEK on morning of 3rd aaa His train will leave RAYAK 0700 aaa As Regt is not complete as many 5th Brigade troops as are available at BAALBEK will be drawn up dismounted as close to station as possible aaa acknowledge.

FROM. DESCORPS.

1240

(sd) K.A. McKenzie. Maj GS.

3



To. D.A. & Q.M.G.

G.A.700

2/1

Reference G. A.675 of 1st aaa Following from  
FI VECAY begins aaa Are G.H.Qs instructions  
to 21st Corps to be carried out by FIVECAV aaa  
ends aaa Please issue instructions to FIVECAV  
to carry policy into effect.

FROM. DESCORPS.

1030

(sd) K.A.McKenzie. Maj GS

6

To. FIVECAV.

G.A.687

1/1/19

As strong a guard as possible consistent  
with railway accommodation available should  
be arranged to escort C-in-C to JERABLUS and  
onwards.

(Copy to DA&QMG.

FROM. DESCORPS.

1450

(sd) H.L.Marsland. Capt GS  
for B.G.GMS.

5



To. DESCORPS.

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G.A.695

3/1

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51st Sikhs hold JERABLUS and Bridgehead  
east of river aaa Force of 250 Turks found  
in occupation retired aaa One Field gun and  
ten M.Gs taken from them before they  
withdrew.

FROM. FIVECAV.

2130.

8

To DESCORPS.

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GST/706

2nd/1

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Advanced G.H.Q. will open at HAIFA at 0600  
on 10th January aaa All correspondence and  
telegrams for General Staff Operations General  
Staff Intelligence and A.M.S. from and after  
that date will be addressed to Advanced G.H.Q.  
aaa C orrespondence and telegrams for other  
Branches will be addresses to G.H.Q. as at  
present aaa whether addressing Adv G.H.Q. or  
G.H.Q. the branch concerned will where possible  
be named e.g. GSO Adv G.H.Q. DQMG., GHQ etc aaa  
addsd all concerned.

FROM. GMH.Q.

1815.

7



To. DESCORPS.

G.A.113

4/1

Following from D.F.P.S. begins aaa  
Administrator ALEXANDRETTA wires that at  
EUZERLI (3 kilometres South of DEURTYOL)  
conflict between Armenian soldiers and Turkish  
Civilians has taken place aaa One Turk  
killed three wounded aaa Four soldiers and  
one Armenian Civilian ~~killed~~ wounded aaa  
Enquiry is proceeding aaa ends aaa added GHQ  
reptd Descorps.

FROM. 21st Corps.

10

To. G.H.Q.(O)

G.A.721

4/1

Owing to state of roads lack of fuel and  
rail communication strongly urge supply of  
six motor trolleys similar to those used on  
rails bt L.of C. and G.H.Q.Signals Units to  
cope with Administration of Corps between HOMS  
and ALEPPO aaa ALEPPO and JERABLUS and between  
MUSLIMIE and ISLAHIE aaa may these be supplied  
please.

(Copy to AA&QMG 15/1/19)

FROM. DESCORPS.

1030.

(sd) K.A.McKenzie. Maj GS.

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To. G.H.Q.(O)

G.A.723

4/1

51st Sikhs hold JERABLUS and bridgehead east  
of river aaa Force of 250 Turks found in  
occupation withdrew eastwards leaving one field  
gun and ten M.Gs in hands of Sikhs.

FROM. DESCORPS.

1200

(sd) K.A.McKenzie. Maj GS.

12

To DESCORPS.

GA.114

4/1st

Following from General HAMELIN begins aaa During  
my stay in CILICIA I told O.C. French detachment  
to forbid use of cipher by Turkish Authorities  
as per terms of armistice given me by French War  
Office viz Wireless Stations and cable stations  
will be under control Allies except that which  
concerns Turkish Government aaa I ask you if

I should continue forbid sending and receipt of  
cipher wires by Turkish administrative  
authorities including those wires concerning  
communication with Turkish Government aaa ends  
aaa A reply in the affirmative has been added  
to DFPS aaa addsg G.H.Q. repta Descorps.

FROM. 21st Corps.

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To. DESCORPS.

S.7

4/1

Your suggestions re distribution of troops  
and substitution of Infantry for Cavalry  
are approved in principle aaa orders will  
be issued on return of Chief.

FROM. C.E.S.

14

To. DESCORPS.

G.A.117

4/1

Commandant LO at ADANA wires as follows aaa  
Wire emanating from CONSTANTINOPLE the  
publication of which I have forbidden states  
ALI GHALIB Bey former vali of KASTAMOUNE is  
nominated Vali of ADANA aaa NAZIM BEY confirms  
above aaa GHALIB BEY formerly Ambassador BERLIN  
under ABDUL HAMED regime and believed be  
notoriously pro German aaa He is on point of  
leaving CONSTANTINOPLE to take up new duties  
ADANA aaa ends aaa Have ordered General HAMELIN  
that I cannot accept officials appointed from  
CONSTANTINOPLE unless approved by C-in-C aaa  
A 11 Turkish officials will therefore be  
continued in present posts and newly appointed  
Turkish officials from outside will be halted  
on frontier and prevented entering our occupied  
zones until sanction accorded by C-in-C aaa  
Have ordered General HAMELIN to assume same  
attitude towards GHALIB BEY as you ordered in  
case of NEHAD PACHA vide your O.A.M./805 of  
28th ultimo aaa please confirm aaa suggest  
that CONSTANTINOPLE Turkish Authorities be not  
permitted to change any Turkish officials  
responsible for Administration CILICIA territory  
now in possession Allies without General  
Allenby's consent aaa adtd GHQ reptd Descorps.

FROM. 21st Corps.

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To. DESCORPS.

O.A.M.661

4th/1

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Please ensure that C.G.S. receives copy of  
21st Corps wire No. G.A.117 of 4th also inform  
C.G.S. that following reply has been sent  
despatched begins O.A.M.660 GHALIB BEY should  
be prevented from entering zone occupied by  
Allies until decision of C-in-C now on tour  
in DESCORPA area has been received aaa ends

FROM. GHQ. 1730

16

To. DESCORPS.

G.A.122

4/1

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Following from Col BIRD begins aaa present  
situation railway west of BOZANTI practically  
no movement as no fuel between BOZANTI and  
UONIA aaa Between BOZANTI and ADANA movement  
starting with wood loaded by our troops and  
field ambulances aaa No labour at present  
forthcoming to our offer of 25 P.T. with food  
aaa We have not sufficient troops to enforce  
labour and will have raise rates to procure  
labour aaa Sappers at present also used for  
protecting food supply and materials aaa ends  
aaa Consider situation should be better shortly  
when military labour available aaa added GHQ  
reptd DESCORPS.

FROM . 21st Corps.

15



To. 21st Corps.

G.A.734

5/1

Heartiest congratulations from Sir George  
Barrow Desert Mounted Corps to Sir E.S. Bulfin  
on your promotion.

2495

FROM. DESCORPS.

(sd) K.A. McKenzie. Maj GS

1035

TO Gen Sir George BARROW, Descorps H.Q.

J.M.36

5/1

Much appreciate your kind telegram of  
congratulation.

FROM. Gen Bulfin. 21st Corps.

18

To. FIVECAV.

G.A.730

5/1

Please communicate following to C.G.S. on his  
arrival ~~aaa~~ G.A.117 from 21st Corps dated 4th  
begins ~~aaa~~ Commandant LO at ADANA wires as  
follows begins ~~aaa~~ Wire emanating from  
CONSTANTINOPLE the publication of which I have  
forbidden ~~states~~ states ALI GHALIB BEY former  
Vali of KASTAMOUNE is nominated Vali of ADANA ~~aa~~  
NAZIM BEY confirms above ~~aaa~~ GHALIB BEY formerly  
ambassador BERLIN under ABDUL HAMED regime and  
believed be notoriously pro German ~~aaa~~ He is on  
point of leaving CONSTANTINOPLE to take up new  
duties ADANA ~~aaa~~ ends ~~aaa~~ Have ordered General  
HAMELIN that I cannot accept officials appointed  
from CONSTANTINOPLE unless approved by C-in-C ~~aa~~  
All Turkish officials will therefore be continue  
in present posts and newly appointed Turkish  
officials from outside will be halted on frontier  
and prevented from entering our occupied zone  
until sanction accorded by C-in-C ~~aaa~~ Have  
ordered Gen HAMELIN to assume same attitude  
towards GHALIB BEY as you ordered in case of  
NEHAD PASHA vide your O.A.M/605 of 28th ultimo  
~~aaa~~ Please confirm ~~aaa~~ Suggest that CONSTANTINOPLE  
Turkish Authorities be not permitted to change  
any Turkish officials responsible for  
Administration CILICIA territory now in  
possession ALLIES without General Allenby's  
consent ~~aaa~~ ends ~~aaa~~ reference above GHQ wire  
OAM 661 dated 4th begins ~~aaa~~ Inform CGS that  
following reply has been despatched begins OAM  
660 GHALIB BEY should be prevented from entering  
zone occupied by Allies until decision of C-in-C  
now on tour in Descorps area has been received.

FROM DESCORPS.

0916

(sd) K.A. McKenzie. Maj GS.

17



To. FIVECAV.

GA.736

5/1

For Gen CAMPBELL begins aaa Heartiest  
congratulations from Sir George Barrow, Desert  
Mounted Corps to Sir W.CAMPBELL on your KCB  
aaa ends

FROM. DESCORPS.

1045

(sd) K.A.McKenzie. Maj GS.

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To General Barrow,

DESCORPS.

W.10

5/1

My most grateful thanks.

FROM. General CAMPBELL.

20

To. FIVECAV.

G.A.735

5/1

Following for Gen BOLS begins aaa Heartiest  
congratulations from Sir George Barrow, Desert  
Mounted Corps to Sir LOUIS BOLS on your KCB  
aaa ends

FROM

DESCORPS.

1045

(sd) K.A.McKenzie.

Major G.S.

19



CIPHER.

To. DESCORPS.

G.A.131

5/1

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Ref my G.A.130 of today aaa Propose to  
place British troops in DEURTYOL soon as  
possible after arrival 19th Brigade in CILICIA  
aaa added G.H.Q. reptd DESCORPS.

FROM.

21st Corps.

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To. DESCORPS.

GA.130

5/1

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continuation my G.A.113 of yesterday aaa DFPS  
wire that Fracas between soldiers and civilians  
at ENZERU has been followed by brawl of much  
more serious nature aaa Band of soldiers with  
two corporals under pretext of revenging  
wounded comrades proceeded on 1st January to  
village of KARAKILISSE where killed 7 natives  
including two women and one young boy aaa  
during morning of 2nd natives fired on camp of  
LO but no casualties aaa Inhabitants have  
evacuated KARAKILISSE which is village 2 miles  
South of DEURTYOL aaa all now appears calm aaa  
ends aaa Have ordered DFPS to place all soldiers  
implicated under arrest at once and bring them  
to trial and to forward me daily report giving  
details of progress of enquiry aaa addressed  
G.H.Q. reptd Descorps.

FROM. 21st Corps.

21



To. DESCORPS.

GA.708

5/1

Situation aaa small Turkish force camped  
last night at ESKME village near SIFTEK station  
en route RAS UL ANN aaa Col Keeling with ~~lead~~  
train load of disbanded soldiers and refugees  
total 120 approx arrived DJERABLU3 at 1400  
aaa otherwise no change

FROM. FIVECAV.

1925.

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To. FIVECAV.

GA.741

5/1

Following from 21st Corps begins aaa Following  
from Gen HAMELIN begins aaa during my stay in  
CILICTA I told O.C. French detachments to  
forbid use of cipher by Turkish Authorities  
as per terms of Armistice given me by French  
War Office viz., Wireless stations and cable  
stations will be under control of allies except  
that which concerns Turkish Government aaa I  
ask you if I should continue to forbid sending  
and receipt of cipher wires by Turkish  
administrative authorities including those  
wires concerning communication with Turkish  
Government aaa ends aaa A reply in the  
affirmative has been addressed ro DFPS aaa adds  
GHQ reptd Descorpsaaa ends aaa above action  
will be carried out by you for the present

FROM. Descorps.

1520.

(sd) K.A. McKenzie. Maj GS

23



To. DESCORPS.

S.17

6/1/19

Wire to Troopers and CONSTANTINOPLE to following effect aaa The day before my troops reached JERABLUS where I sent them to control railway ALY ISHAN occupied station and removed rolling stock aaa Turks only retired under pressure after they had been made to surrender field gun and 7 machine guns aaa ALY ISHAN sent message ~~aa~~ framed in insulting terms to O.C. my troops aaa In consequence I cannot tolerate his remaining in command of 6th Army and request his immediate removal aaa added GHQ reptd Descorps and Fivecav.

FROM. C.G.S.

26

To. DESCORPS.

S.12

5/1

GA.116

Programme for Chief's tour aaa Jan 6th proceed to JERABLUS returning to MUSLIMIE aaa Jan 7th to ADANA 8th to BOZANTI 9th to KARAJELOS 10th to MERSINA thence by sea to BEIRUT via ALEXANDRETTA and TRIPOLI aaa He will make official entry into BEIRUT which he will probably reach 12th or 13th aaa Chief will spend nights at ADANA and BOZANTI in train aaa DFPS will find guard over train at these places aaa added 21st Corps reptd GHQ and DESCORPS.

FROM. C.G.S.

25



To. G.S.I., G.H.Q.

G.A.774

7/1

IMA.296

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Briton Damascus was requested obtain from French nominal roll required by your OAM 215 aaa on 7th Nov Briton replied (C.240) French unable supply roll and asked if O.Cs camps could furnish roll with view suggesting transfer to DAMASCUS and eventual release aaa On same date we instructed 11th Cav Bde in G.A.872 to obtain required information and forward to Briton Damascus for necessary action aaa GA.872 was repeated to Briton for information aaa On 14th Nov Briton wired (C.285) he had received roll from Mezze camp only and asked if OC., Kuneitra could advise re Armenians reported to be there aaa In reply (our G.A.16 of 14/11/18) Briton was instructed apply L.of C. Damascus or GOC. 9th Ind Inf Bde

FROM. Descorps.

1845

(sd) H.L.Mareland. Capt GS.

28

To. DESCORPS.

S.18

6/1

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As soon as remainder 51st Sikhs arrive ALEPPO detachment will be sent to ARAB PUNAR aaa At least a company will be sent to occupy the place but this force may be reduced later if desired aaa added Descorps reptd Fivecav and G.H.Q.

FROM.

CGS.

27



To. DESCORPS.

G.A.187

8/1

G.A.773

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Owing to distance between Brigades suggest  
holding two parades aaa 4th Bde Group near  
MEJDELAYA aaa 3rd Brigade and Div troops on  
beach 2 miles S. of EL MINA aaa added Descorps  
reptd A.Q.

FROM. AUSDIV.

1107

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To. AUSDIV.

G.A.773

7/1

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C-in-C will inspect Ausdiv on 13th inst aaa  
Can you arrange one place where whole Divn  
less 5th Bde could be paraded dismounted for  
inspection and then close in for speech from  
Chief or would it be better to hold inspections  
by Brigades aaa wire your recommendations aaa  
Corps Commander will attend and will stay with  
7th Divn if they can accommodate.

FROM. DESCORPS.

1830.

(sd) K. A. McKenzie.

Major GS.

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To. DESCORPS.

G.A.190

9/1

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Reference your G.A.773 of 7th inst aaa Could  
we be informed please times of probably most  
convenient to C-in-C on 13th inst aaa One hour  
should be allowed between parades mentioned  
in this office GA.187

FROM. AUSDIV.

0915.

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To. FIVECAV.

G.A.787

8/1

G.A.712.

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of 6th inst aaa The spirit of instructions  
issued to 21st Corps contained in this office  
G.A.674 of 1st inst should be carried out as  
far as possible aaa Any conflict with Turks  
must be avoided aaa Do such food supplies exist  
in your area as mentioned by 21st Corps in their  
wire.

(copy to DA&QMG.12/1/18)

FROM. DESCORPS.

1600

(sgd) K.A.McKenzie. Maj GS.

31



To. BRITON Damascus.

G.A.793

9/1

G.990

No communication with TADMOR aaa Has Handley  
Page got wireless aaa Has Handley Page got  
wireless aaa Shall inquire from natives  
arrived from TADMOR aaa shall consider  
sending car if road good tomorrow.

FROM. DESCORPS.

1220

(sd) K.A.McKenzie. Maj GS.

34

To. DESCORPS.

G.990

9/1

Are you in communication with TADMOR aaa Gen  
MACEWEN in super Handley Page left CAIRO  
Tuesday not arrived BAGHDAD aaa Route via  
DAMASCUS TADMOR .and ABU KEMAL aaa Please  
make any enquiries possible.

FROM. BRITON.

38



To. DESCORPS.

G.T.35

8/1

GA.768

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We have no trace of any notes issued by General Barrow in August or September on this subject aaa Notes written by General Green descriptive of the Hotchkiss Rifle organisation at present adopted in this division are in possession of this office.

FROM. FOURCAV.

36

To. DESCORPS.

C.997

9/1

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Ref my C.990 Handley Page has arrived safely BAGHDAD.

FROM. BRITON.

35



To. MILGOV,  
HAMA.

G.A.801 10/1

10 bays of wire and cable cut from telephone lines joining HAMA Station and HAMA siding at a point  $\frac{1}{2}$  a mile North of HAMA Stn aaa The nearest headman must be made responsible and someone punished aaa Arrange for Arab soldiers to patrol the line and report what action taken addressed MILGOV HAMA repeated BRITON and ADMINCOM HAMA, C.S.O.

FROM DESCORPS.

0800

(dgd) C.Godwin. BGCS.

38

DESCORPS

S.29 9th

It is not clear whether Commander 6th Army wants to send demobilised men by rail through JERABLUS to ANATOLIA or formed units or both aaa Can you find out aaa rail accommodation would then have to be arranged from JERABLUS westward and dates and numbers of troops fixed aaa Demobilised men would have to be disarmed and guns and M.Gs taken from formed units and their arms taken over and kept under guard till arrival at Bozanti aaa added Descorps and reptd GHQ

C.G.S.

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To. FIVECAV.

GA.809

10/1

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Ascertain if Commander 6th Army wishes to send demobilised men by rail through JERABLUS to ANATOLIA or formed units or both aaa Rail accommodation would then have to be arranged from JERABLUS westward and dates and number of troops fixed aaa Demobilised men would have to be disarmed and guns and M.Gs taken from formed units and their arms taken over and kept under guard till arrival at BOZANTI.

FROM. DESCORPS.

1830

(sd) C.Godwin. B.G.G.S.

40

DESCORPS

GA.176

10th

On 2nd and 3rd Jan three bad fracas occurred at DEURTYOL and BOZANTI between Armenian soldiers and Turkish civilians aaa At BOZANTI Turkish officer was murdered by Armenian soldier aaa Enquiry elicits fact that murder was committed as act vengeance victim being in 1916 in charge of convoy of Armenians for deportation when two brothers of accused were massacred aaa Orders have been issued for soldiers guilty of murders or aggressions to be sent ALEXANDRETTA for trial by court-martial aaa Soldiers suspected of causing disorder are being dismissed the service and reported to Armenian committee aaa They will be kept ALEXANDRETTA in prison till ultimate destination decided aaa added GHQ reptd Descorps and 19 Inf Bde

21st Corps

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To. DESCORPS.

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CHIEF leaves MERSINA tonight arrives  
ALEXANDRETTA 11th TRIPOLI 12th added 21st  
Corps Descorps reptd G.H.Q.

FROM. C.F.Spencer,  
Brig-General.  
1935.

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To. DESCORPS.

X.181 10/1

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Sir Mark Sykes leaves HAL 0900 11th arr HAMA  
1530 aaa C-in-Cs box truck which arrives at  
HOMS with DMS 0630 12th is to be placed at his  
disposal for HOMS RAY journey and coach 12  
which arrives RAY 11th with D.M.S. for  
journey RAY KUS addressed Descorps reptd  
Reptd Railoffs RAY HOMS HAMA HAL KUS.

FROM. Raildad, KUS.

41



To. AUSDIV.

GA.812

11/1

Chief arrives TRIPOLI tomorrow time  
unknown may possibly see Division tomorrow  
12th instead of 13th aa G.S.O.1 should  
meet me at 7th Divn Headquarters today  
at 1600.

FROM. BGGS.DESCORPS.

0810

(sd) C. Godwin. BGGS.

44

To. C.G.S. (On tour).

GA.811

11/1

What time on 12th does Chief arrive at  
TRIPOLI. have arranged dismounted parades  
of AUSDIV on 13th will that suit.

FROM DESCORPS.

0810

(sd) C. Godwin.  
B.G.C.S.

43



To. AUSDIV.

G.A.815

11/1

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Chief will land TRIPOLI 0800 tomorrow 12th  
inst leaving 12 noon aaa Arrange parades  
suitable times and have cars and horses to  
mount G-in-C and 4 G.H.2.Officers Corps  
Commander and B.G.G.S.

FROM. DESCORPS .

0950

(sd) H.A.McKenzie.

Major GS.

46

To. DESCORPS.

S.31

11/1

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Chief will land at TRIPOLI at 0800  
tomorrow leaving at 1200 for BEIRUT.

FROM.

C.G.S.

45



To:- Descorps

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S 34            11th            GA 821  
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Inspection must be between 0800 and 1200  
tomorrow aaa Chief will also see

Officers of 7th Div aaa Arrange time and  
place for this direct with 7th Div aaa  
Added Descorps reptd 21st Corps 7th Div  
Ausdiv.

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From:- C.G.S.

48

To. DESCORPS.

G.T.50            11/1            GA.771.

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21st Corps inscription reads the BRITISH  
21st Corps with Le Detachment Francais  
Le Palestine and et Syria occupied BEYROUT  
date TRIPOLI date aaa which do you prefer  
begins the British Desert Mounted Corps  
captured DAMASCUS HOMS ALEPPO October 1918  
ends or begins the British Desert Mounted  
Corps aided by the Arab Forces of King  
HUSSEIN captured DAMASCUS HOMS ALEPPO  
October 1918.

FROM.    FOURCAV.

1020.

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To. DESCORPS.

G.A.759

11th

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ALI ISHAN Pasha has sent to AINTAB to say he has demanded the evacuation of CILICIA by Entente troops and this has been published in paper aaa there is no doubt he is at bottom of most of the trouble in CILICIA and his removal should be hastened.

FROM. FIVECAV.

50

To. General Chauvel,  
DESCORPS.

A.772

11/1

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Following from Adinaust begins 41350 9th  
aaa Lady Chauvel sailed 9th January on  
ORSOVA on account of short notice impossible  
provide passport aaa Please obtain necessary  
landing permit and make arrangements for  
disembarkation EGYPT dodds ends aaa  
arrangements re permit and disembarkation  
being attended to from here.

FROM. STRALIS.

49



To. AUSDIV. FOURCAV. FIVECAV.

G.A.831

12/1

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Reference E.T.31 from Educational  
Committee dated 6th Jany aaa Divisions  
will render progress report direct to  
committee on days stated with copy to  
these H.Qs aaa added 3 Divns reptd  
Educat.

FROM. DESCORPS.

1020

(sd) K.A.McKenzie.

Major GS.

52

To. DESCORPS.

G.A.760

11/1

GA.809

-----  
Have wired ALI ISHAN for numbers  
under headings " demobilised men" and  
" formed units" aaa understand that  
your GA.809 means all arms M.Gs and guns  
are to be taken from both demobilised  
men and formed units and that the rifles  
~~only~~ of foormed units only are to be  
returned on arrival at BOZANTI.

FROM. FIVECAV.

51



To. Gen MacAndrew.  
FIVECAV.

C.G.4

12/1

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Suggest your taking your leave as soon  
as possible as Corps Commander wishes  
to leave you in command of Corps during  
his absence on demobilisation duty early  
in February.

FROM. BGG3 on tour.

1130

(sd) C. Godwin. BGG3.

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To. DESCORPS.

CG.3

12/1

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TRIPOLI-HOMS road from KHAN to about  
NAHR AKKAR was almost impassable  
consequently with further rain communication  
between HOMS and TRIPOLI will cease aaa  
The necessity from a supply point of view  
will be reduced when bridge at Kilo 154  
is ready but as a subsidiary route for  
communication purposes it is important to  
keep this road open aaa suggest that 1000  
E.L.C. be provided as no pioneers are  
available aaa added 21st Corps reptd Dcorps.

BGG3.  
FROM. Descorps on Tour

1130

(sd) C. Godwin. BGG3.

53



To. DESCORPS.

G.A.775

12/1

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KEELING reports Turkish force at ARAB  
PUNAR 250 of whom 200 are combatants aaa  
under orders ALI ISHAN the Commandant this  
force preventing him using telegraph or  
telephone aaa This force is the one I  
sent away from JERABLUS aaa on occupation  
of ARAB PUNAR by 51st Sikhs propose disarm  
this force.

FROM. FIVECAV . 1300

56

To. Lt Gen Chauvel,  
H.Q.Des Mtd Corps.

I.B.A.57

12/1

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Your letter of 7th January aaa I have  
warned Port Control Officers Port Said  
and G.S.I., 2nd Echelon to afford any  
assistance they can aaa If there is anything  
else which these ~~off~~ officers can do please  
let me know by telegram.

FROM. Buckley, Adv GHQ.

55



To. FIVECAV.  
BGGG c/o 7th Divn.

GA.847

13/1

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Continuation my G.A.842 G.H.Q. wires  
immediate removal of ISHAN has again  
been demanded aaa added FIVECAV reptd  
Descorps.

FROM. DESCORPS.

1220.

(sd) K.A.McKenzie.

Major.GS.

58

To. DESCORPS.

G.A.779

13/1

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In continuation this office G.A.775  
KEELING reports ALI ISHAN has given orders  
that no one is to be allowed to speak to  
Him aaa One Company 51st Sikh moves to  
ARAB PUNAR tomorrow and will disarm  
Turkish forces there unless I receive  
orders from you to the contrary.

FROM. FIVECAV.

0845.

57



To. Adv G.H.Q.

GA.854

13/1

Reference my G.A.836 aaa Do you agree  
to disarmament of force at ARAB PUNAR.

FROM. DESCORPS.

1810

(sd) K.A.McKenzie.Maj GS.

To. DESCORPS.

S.51

13/1

GA.854

Same action should be taken as at JERABLUS  
aaa added Descorps reptd Adv GHQ.

FROM. C.G.S.

60

To. C.G.S. on tour.

C.G.7

13/1

FIVECAV wire begins aaa KEELING reports  
ALI ISHAN has given orders that no one  
is to be allowed to speak to him aaa One  
Coy 51st Sikhs moves to ARAB PUNAR tomorrow  
and will disarm Turkish forces there unless  
I receive orders to contrary aaa ends aaa  
do you agree to proposal of disarmamrnt.

FROM. BGGS Descorps.  
TRIPOLI.

(sd) C.Godwin. BGGS.

59



To:- Descorps

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CA 211

14  
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Hold the 28th Bde Group less machine  
gun Coy in readiness to march to  
ALEPPO to join Seaforth's 56th  
rifles on TRIPOLI HOMS road will be  
replaced by a battalion of 21st Bde  
aaa HQ 7th Division and 21st Bde  
group less Black Watch will remain  
TRIPOLI aaa Black Watch will remain  
BEIRUT Added 7th Divn repta Descorps  
"X" and CE.

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From:- 21st Corps

62

To. FIVECAV.  
BGGS c/o 7th Divn.

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GA.856

13/1

GA.779  
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Reference disarmament of Turkish force at  
ARAB PUNAR aaa Following from Adv GHQ  
begins aaa Same action should be taken as  
at JERABLUS aaa ends aaa added FIVECAV  
repta BGGS Descorps.

FROM. DESCORPS.

2150

(sd) K.A. McKenzie. Maj  
G.S.

61



To. DESCORPS.

GA.795

14/1

Situation report aaa One Company 51st  
Sikhs one wireless section moving ARAB  
PUNAR from ALEPPO aaa One platoon from  
AKHTERIN and one CHOBAN BEG to AKCHE KEUI  
aaa OC., AINTAB reports that at 1600 on  
12th information was received of four armed  
Turkomans holding up passers by and Camel  
convoys on KILLIS road 3 miles from AINTAB  
aaa Two LCP cars were despatched and caught  
robbers red handed aaa In fight which  
ensued two Turkomans were killed aaa our  
casualties nil aaa added Descorps reptd  
13th 14th 15th Cav Bdes 51st Sikhs OC.,  
KILLIS OC AINTAB.

FROM. FIVECAV.

1840

64

To:- Descorps

OAM 899

14/1

28th Ind Inf Bde accompanied by M.C.  
Coy Field Ambce and one Coy Sappers and  
Miners will move from TRIPOLI to ALEPPO  
as weather and supply situation permits  
aaa Above mentioned Troops will come  
under command of Descorps on arrival  
HOMS aaa Moves of Fourcav and Ausdiv  
ordered in OAM 535 of 16/12/18 are  
cancelled Added 21st Corps and Descorps  
reptd GHQ.

From:- Adv BHQ.

1330

63



To FIVECAV.

GA.867 14/1  
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Reference G.395 of 8/1 aaa These communications should be acknowledged and Ali Ishan informed that they have been forwarded to higher authority.

FROM DESCORPS.

2115

(sd) H.L.Marsland.  
Capt GS.

66/

To:- Descorps

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GA 217 14  
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In continuation of my GA 211 aaa Machine Gun Coy will accompany 28th Bde Group aaa On arrival HQMS 28th Bde Group comes under Orders Descorps aaa Further order re date of move will be sent when supply and transport arrangements can be completed Added 7th Divn reptd Descorps Q and CE.

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From:- 21st Corps.

65/



To. AIF Official Photographer  
c/o AIF Canteens TRIPOLI.  
AAG., AIF.

GA.886

15/1

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Did you photograph BESHERRI as directed by  
Corps Commander aaa You should report to  
OC 7th Division to photograph types of Indian  
Army and other subjects for AIF records aaa  
addsd Official Photographer reptd AAG. AIF.

FROM. DESCORPS.

1800

(sd) K.A. McKenzie. Maj GS.

67

To. 12th Cav Bde. 9th Ind Inf Bde.  
FOURCAV.

GA.876

15/1

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Corps Commander will inspect your Brigade  
on probably 17th and 18th aaa 2 Regts on  
morning of 17th and remainder on 18th aaa  
Men should be standing to their horses in  
drill order in the horse lines and all  
saddlery and harness laid out for inspection  
aaa Please arrange accommodation for Corps  
Commander BGGS and ADC aaa Time of arrival  
will be notified when arranged with railway  
aaa addsd 11th Cav Bde reptd 9th Inf Bde and  
FOURCAV.

FROM. DESCORPS.

0955.

(sd) K.A. McKenzie.

Maj GS.

66A



To DESCORPS.

GA.819

15/1

Following from OC., 51st Sikhs begins aaa Am sending in Turkish officer under arrest aaa He was in command at SIFTEK Station aaa 3/4 mile W. SIFTEK Station a rail had been removed fish plate removed and rail disengaged from clips and dragged outwards aaa Weight of engine caused it to spring back and prevented derailment aaa This was done by order ALI ISHAN Pasha as was admitted by Turkish Comdt ARAB PUNAR aaa I am sending this officer in for two reasons aaa First as evidence against ALI ISHAN aaa second for not informing me that line had been disconnected or even putting sentry or danger signal over spot ends aaa If ALI ISHAN is not removed at once trouble is bound to ensue sooner or later aaa Detachment sent to SIFTEK by ALI ISHAN to derail our train consisted of an Officer and about 60 men aaa OC. 51st Sikhs arrested officer disarmed men and took them with him to ARAB PUNAR aaa On reaching this place he found remainder Turkish detachment about 200 strong whom he ordered to retire east which they did aaa Disarmed detachment of 60 were then handed back their arms and they retired with remainder detachment aaa Am strongly of opinion that as ALI ISHAN has refused to comply with Armistice terms conditions regarding railway and in addition has been most insolent that 6th Turkish Army should be ordered to surrender and all ranks deported as P. of W.

FROM. FIVECAV.

69

To. DESCORPS.

GST/856

15/1

Owing to demobilisation of P and B.T. Instructors one of the following alternatives will have to be adopted aaa either to keep the school at ALEX at full strength and withdraw instructors as required from Divisions or to reduce numbers attending School and even closing it to enable an instructor being maintained at Divisions aaa please wire which alternative you would prefer adopted.

FROM. ADV G.H.Q.

68



G.I.892 (Contd) - 2 -

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be sent from CONSTANTINOPLE to replace ALI ISHAN at once and stop en route at ALEPPO to arrange evacuation of 6th Turkish Army but that ALI ISHAN'S departure should not be delayed on this account.

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From:- Descorps  
0755

(sd) D.Boyd  
Lt

To. GSO Adv GHQ.

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GI.892

16/1

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Following from FIVECAV begins aaa Following from  
OO 51st Sikhs begins aaa Am sending in Turkish  
officer under arrest aaa He was in command at  
SIFTEK Station aaa 3 mile W of SIFTEK a rail had  
been removed fish plate removed and rail dis-  
-engaged from clips and dragged outwards aaa  
Weight of engine caused it to spring back and  
prevented derailment aaa This was done by order  
ALI ISHAN Pasha as was admitted by Turkish  
Comdt Arab Punar aaa I am sending this Officer  
in for two reasons aaa First as evidence against  
ALI ISHAN AAA Second for not informing me that  
line had been disconnected, or even putting  
Sentry or danger signal over spot Ends aaa If  
ALI ISHAN is not removed at once trouble is  
bound to ensue sooner or later aaa Detachment  
sent to SIFTEK by ALI ISHAN to derail our train  
consisted of an Officer and about 60 men aaa  
O.C. 51st Sikhs arrested Officer disarmed men  
and took them with him to Arab Punar aaa On  
reaching this place he found remainder Turkish  
Detachment about 200 strong whom he ordered to  
retire East which they did aaa Disarmed detach-  
-ment of 60 were here handed back their arms  
and they retired with remainder detachment aaa  
Am strongly of opinion that as ALI ISHAN has  
refused to comply with Armistice conditions  
regarding railway and in addition has been most  
insolent that 6th Turkish Army should be order-  
-ed surrender and all ranks deported as P/W  
Ends aaa Suggest that some responsible Official

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To. DESCORPS.

OAM/721

17/1

GA.900

Col KEELING will be under your orders  
aaa suitable post for him is suggested  
in letter that follows.

FROM.

ADV GHQ.

1320.

42

To. ADV GHQ.

GA.900

16/1

Could we be informed please on what duty  
col KEELING is engaged at ALEPPO the  
authority for same and under whose orders  
he is acting.

FROM DESCORPS

1130

(sd) K.A.McKenzie.

Maj GS.

41



FIVECAV, FOURCAV. AUSDIV.

DA & QMG. G.S.O.

GA.907

16/1

Following from 21st Corps negins aaa Decided  
by French War Office title Detachment de  
Francais se Palestine et Syria should be  
changed to Troupes Francaises du Levant aaa  
New title will include all French troops in  
Arab Egypt Palestine Syria Armenia and Cilicia  
who will remain as at present under command of  
General Hamelin aaa Abbreviation TFL will be  
used in place of DFPS from January 20th  
inclusive aaa ands aaa added Divns DA&QMG.G30

FROM. DESCORPS.

1800

(sd) K.A.McKenzie.

Major G3.

4/4

To. DESCORPS.

GA.824

16/1

Ref my GA.819 what action is to be  
taken in case of arrested Turkish Officer

FROM FIVECAV.

1210.

(GHQ asked in GA.902)

4/3



To. DESCORPS.

GA.834

17/1

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BRAYNE has been appointed Liaison with  
and adviser to the Governor of ALEPPO  
by the Commander in Chief aaa He is ordered  
to correspond direct to C-in-C and is  
responsible for all to him aaa Admincoms  
are I understand at his disposal in this  
area as their duties are solely concerned  
with Armenian Relief.

FROM FIVECAV.

1100.

Passed to DA&QMG.

(sd) K.A.McKenzie Maj GS.

46

To. DESCORPS.

GA.833

17/1

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Please forward following to CCS aaa  
begins aaa C-in-C ordered BRAYNE to address  
telegram direct to him aaa Policy now wires  
that he is to address Briton Damascus aaa  
does this cancel C-in-Cs order.

FROM. FIVECAV.

1100

45



To. DESCORPS.

GA.255

17/1

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28th Brigade less 51st Sikhs will move to  
HOMS beginning march on 22nd January aaa  
On arrival at HOMS will come under the orders  
of DESCORPS aaa detailed arrangements will  
be made by 7th Divn aaa acknowledge aaa  
added 7th Divn reptd Descorps GHQ and Q.

FROM. 21st Corps.

Copy to DA & QMG.  
ADST for information GA. 18/1/19.

*48*

To. DESCORPS.

OAM 722

17/1

GA.902

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Was this officer in command of party  
that damaged railway.

FROM. Adv G.H.Q.

*47*



To. DESCORPS.

GA.851

18/1

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Your wire dated 14/1/19 received but does not give information required regarding number demobilised men and formed units to be railed to ANATOLIA aaa Trains can now be provided for this purpose and I am sending a General officer to arrange details with you aaa suggest this officer should meet you at ARAB PUNAR Station on Wednesday Jany 22nd aaa wire whether you can meet this officer at place and date suggestd. aaa added GOC 6th Turkish Army reptd Gen WEIR 13th Cav Bde and Descorps.

FROM. FIVECAV.

1135.

80

To. DESCORPS.

OAM.734

18/1

GA.915

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He will be detained as P.of W.  
for having committed hostile act.

FROM.

Adv G.H.Q.

1115.

49



To. DESCORPS.

GA. 276

19/1

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Wire received from Basecom MERSINA begins aaa  
Telegram received from NIHAD PASHA Bey  
TEWFIK BEY at ADANA begins aaa An English  
Colonel is going about the neighbourhood  
amongst the Kurds and Arabs who are very wild  
and ignorant should any accidents happen the  
Govt accepts no responsibility aaa ends aaa  
GHQ state this officer probably Lt.Col  
KEELING under your orders and place referred  
to ptobably ARAB PUNAR.

FROM. 21st Corps.

82

To DESCORPS.

OAM.744

19/1

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Chief will inspect 5th ALH Regt tomorrow  
20th inst aaa Regt will be drawn up as near  
SEMAKH Station as ground permits aaa Chief  
will arrive SEMAKH by train between 1100 and  
1200 the exact time of inspection will be  
wired later aaa Comdy HAIFA has been informed  
aaa added COMMNS reptd 5th ALH Regt Anzac Divn  
and Descorps.

FROM. Adv GHQ.

0915.

81



To. DESCORPS.

GA.280

\*@M\*#\*#45

19/1

Reference GHQ wire OAM 742 of 18th aaa  
Corps Commander would be much obliged  
if Lt.Col KEELING could be ordered to  
return to ALEPPO at once.

FROM.

21st Corps.

84

To. DESCORPS.

OAM 745

19/1

One Brigade AUSDIV will move by road to  
vicinity of JUNIE aaa Camp site to be  
selected in consultation with 21st Corps  
and notified Adv GHQ added Descorps  
reptd 21st Corps and GHQ.

FROM. Adv G.H.Q.

1030.

83



To. FOURCAV.

GA.936

19/1

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Reference this office GA.897 of 16th inst  
aaa Has VAUXHALL car L.C.1814 reached you  
yet aaa and if so when can we expect driver  
to arrive back here.

FROM DESCORPS.

1650

(sd) H.L.Marsland.

Capt G.S.

86

To. DESCORPS.

GA. 284

19/1

GA.930

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of 19th aaa G.H.Q. CAM 742 of 18th begins  
aaa Officer in question is probably Lt.Col  
KEELING aaa Place referred to is probably  
ARAB PUNAR aaa This officer is under the  
orders of Descorps aaa ends aaa See my G.A.  
276 of to-day in this connection.

FROM. 21st Corps.

83



To. DESCORPS.

G.A.288 19/1

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Ref my G.A.280 GHQ wire that ARAB PUNAR is East of EUPHRATES so please cancel my above wire aaa It was understood that Col KEELING was at KARA PUNAR close to BOZANTI.

FROM. 21st Corps.

88

To. DESCORPS.

A.Q.3426 19/1

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Reference G.H.Q. O.A.M.745 of 19th DA & QMG 21st Corps will meet representative AUSDIV at MAMELTEIN Railway Station at 1100 21st if convenient aaa added Descorps reptd AUSDIV.

FROM. 21st Corps.

87



To. Adv G.H.Q.  
21st Corps.

GA.945

20/1

Ref O.A.M.745 Have reconnoitred JUNIE Bay and neighbourhood and suitable sites for Cavalry Camps are not obtainable aaa in these circumstances suggest leaving 4th L.H.Bgde in their present locality as they would be worse off if they moved aaa added Adv GHQ reptd 21st Corps.Ausdiv.

(Copy to DA&QMG).

FROM. DESCORPS.

1100

(sd) K.A.McKenzie.Major  
GS.

90

To. C.G.S. Adv G.H.Q. DA&QMG.

GA.943

20/1

Six trollies were asked for in my GA.721 of 4th inst DQMG in his QKT.1875 promised two aaa Later in QKT.2298 of 19th these two trollies have been allotted to Controller Baghdad Railway at MERSINA aaa Can you please supply at least four motor trollies to work on the line from ALEPPO to NISIBIN for tactical purposes aaa these are most necessary for patrol work visiting posts and conveyance of small parties aaa Trollies belonging to railway department can only be available by special request and are not usually in the area when required.

FROM. DESCORPS.

1030

(sd) K.A.McKenzie. Maj GS.

89



To. FIVECAV.  
A.D.O.S.  
D.A. & Q.M.G.

G. A.955 20/1

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All Lewis guns held by units surplus to establishment of 18 per Battalion will be returned to Ordnance soon as possible and arrange withdrawal of surplus guns from 51st Sikhs unless you wish them to be retained.

FROM DESCORPS.

1830.

(sd) KA. McKenzie. Maj GA.

92

To. DESCORPS.

GA.295 20/1

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All Lewis guns held by units surplus to establishment of 18 per Battalion will be returned to Ordnance soon as possible and added 7th Division 19th Brigade repta G.H.Q. and Descorps and will Descorps kindly arrange withdrawal of surplus guns 51st Sikhs unless they wish to retain them.

FROM. 21st Corps.

91



To. 21st Corps.

G.A.979

21st/1

GA.306

-----  
Railway bridge 154 will open tomorrow aaa  
At Tripoli 120 tons supplies 1500  
reinforcements have to be removed by lorry  
when this is completed it may be necessary  
to use the road as subsidiary line but this  
will not be done if possible aaa All possible  
lorry traffic will be avoided to enable ruts  
to be filled in and allow for wheel and  
light car traffic but much repair necessary

Copy to DA&QMG.  
ADST.

FROM. DE3CORPS.

2000

(sd) K.A.McKenzie Maj G3.

94

To. DE3CORPS.

OAM.756

20/1

GA.945

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Move of Brigade AUSDIV ordered in OAM.748  
is cancelled aaa added De3corps reptd 21st  
Corps and G.H.Q.

FROM. Adv G. H.Q.

1925.

93



To. FIVECAV.

GA.987

22/1

G.432.

No. 2 and 4 L.C.P. form group only when  
together when senior officer takes command aaa  
No. 3 will move with Corps H.Q. to ALEPPO and  
then can relieve No. 2 aaa Cars of No.2 can  
then be overhauled.

FROM. DESCORPS.

1010

(sd) K.A.McKenzie. Maj GS.

96

To. DESCORPS.

GA.890

22/1

The Sqdn of the Gloucester Hussars which is  
finding one troop to patrol telegraph line  
ALEPPO KATMA will move tomorrow 23rd inst to  
KATMA in two marches aaa On arrival at KATMA  
one troop of this squadron will be sent to  
AFRIN KHAN aaa The troop 9th Hodsons Horse at  
\*KATMA\* KATMA will move rejoin 9th H.H. at KILLIS  
as soon as the Gloucester Hussars have taken  
over the Supply Depot and Railway Station at  
KATMA aaa added 13th Cav Bde reptd ADMS.Q. and  
DESCORPS..

FROM. FIVECAV.

0845

95



G.O.C.FIVECAV.

GA.997

22/1

General BULFIN will be with you night 26/27  
aaa Corps Commander would like see you with  
him aaa He proposes coming to ALEPPO with  
BGG3 and ADC on 25th remainder of Corps H.Q.  
arrive 28th aaa Could you put him up as well  
as Gen BULFIN aaa BGG3 and ADC can go into  
your B Mess or to Hotel.

FROM. DE3CORPS.

1400

(sd) K.A.McKenzie. Maj GS.

98

GA.996

22/1

Corps Commander and BGG3 proceed ALEPPO  
on 25th inst remainder of Corps Headqrs  
move on 27th inst aaa Ref your telegram  
OAM.721 of 17th does the letter referred to  
give information re Braynes appointment  
and responsibilities of which we have only  
heard indefinitely from FIVECAV also does  
it answer para 5 of this office G.985 of  
19th December.

FROM. DE3CORPS.

1400

(sd) K.A.McKenzie.  
Maj G.S.

97



To. DESCORPS.

G.529

22/1

Ref D.O.38 AAA 28th Brigade group Troops  
arrived in camp 1600 aaa Lorries camels and  
supply carts Not yet in aaa Bde reports  
condition of road appalling aaa Probably  
unable to proceed tomorrow aaa added 21 Corps  
and Descorps.

FROM. 7th Indian Division.

1720.

100

To. BGGS Adv GHQ.

GA.2

22/1

Owing to slowness of DRLS and bad weather  
reports from units delayed so there is not  
time to summarise the information required  
by your G.A.1452 of 24/12/18 aaa should the  
replies received by the four Divisions be  
be sent to you direct.

FROM. DESCORPS

1500

(sd) C. Godwin.  
BGGS.

99



To. FIVECAV.

G.A.998

23/1

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Ref your G.437 aaa Was any provision dump  
taken over from the Turks at JERABLUS if so  
what was done with it aaa Ref your G.444  
what happened about the Mudir of JERABLUS.

FROM. DESCORPS.

1400e

(sd) K.A.McKenzie. Maj GS.

102

To. 14th LH Regt. 11th CavBde.  
O.C. Survey, RAS BAALBEK. FOURCAV.  
5th A.L.H. Brigade. DA&QMG.

G.A.9

23/1

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On arrival of GHQ Survey party at HOMS from  
RAS BAALBEK the 14th L.H. Regiment will relieve  
the escort now supplied by the 11th Cav Bde  
aaa 14th LH Regiment will supply the escort  
from HOMS inclusive northwards until further  
orders aaa On relief 11th Cav Bde escort  
will march to DAMASCUS and rejoin its Bde aaa  
Details of relief will be arranged by OC.  
14th Regt who will report relief completed  
to Descorps repeating 11th Cav Bde O.C. Survey  
aaa added 14th Regt reptd OC. Survey RAS  
BAALBEK 11th Cav Bde FOURCAV. 5th LH Bde.  
DA&QMG.

FROM. DESCORPS.

1300

(sd) K.A.McKenzie. Maj  
G.S.

101



To. DE3CORPS.

E.T.165

23/1

Reference G.H.Q. Circular memo G.3.865  
dated 19/1/19 all letters for new O.E.T.A.  
formed should be addressed Chief  
Administrator O.E.T.A. North, CILICIA and  
telegrams added O.E.T.A. North CILICIA.

From. ADV.GHQ.

104

To. DE3CORPS.

GA.894

23/1

G.A.998

Following wire received from 51st Sikhs aaa  
Begins aaa No provision dump taken over from  
Turks aaa One TALAAT styled himself Mudir of  
JERABLUS but SYKES decided he had no ~~\*\*\*~~ official  
status aaa Not known where TALAAT is now but  
another MUDIR KHALID ZIA arrived yesterday by  
order of MUTESARIF of URFA aaa end aaa Wire has  
been sent 51st Sikhs that appointment of another  
Mudir is not approved.

FROM. FIVECAV.

1830

103



To. Adv G.H.Q.

G.A.26

23/ 1

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Col Keelings wire 22nd begins aaa Following  
was my treatment at MARDEN aaa Refused  
admittance Comdts office all kit thrown out  
of carts in the streets in view of inhabitants  
aaa On approaching station seized by soldiers  
and refused admittance aaa Three days later  
when train left offered only standing room  
in crowded truck with soldiers and others  
altho train commandants truck empty all  
above stated to be on ALI ISHANs order aaa  
Stayed three days with Major who said orders  
received from VALI DIABEKER to entertain me  
aaa ends aaa may further action be taken to  
expedite removal of ALI ISHAN as it is  
considered whole tone would change if he  
were removed.

FROM. DESCORPS.

2200

(sd) H.L.Marsland.Capt  
G.S.

106

To.DESCORPS.

OAM.773

23/2

GA.996

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L etters G.S.865 of 19th and 20th give  
instructions regarding formation of and  
boundaries of new O.E.T.A. in CILICIA and  
administration of country North of ALEPPO  
aaa These answer majority of paras in your  
G.985 aaa Arab troops will not be employed  
outside boundaries of O.E.T.A. East aaa  
KEELING is suggested as suitable officer for  
controlling administration at AINTAB aaa  
BRAYNE is political officer with military  
Governor, Aleppo.

FROM. Adv G.H.Q.

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for former debts. Question regarding those sold still awaiting solution. SIS and HAJJIN not consider safe to return to until occupied further. HAJJIN almost entirely destroyed, therefore inhabitants of these should not be returned unless prepared to work elsewhere as above. Inhabitants north of TAURUS should not be permitted return, as at present transport impossible. added Descorps and Briton Damascus.

FROM FIELDING.

ADANA.

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To. DESCORPA.

A.92

23/1

Col Romieu just returned from DEURTYOL reports that all Armenians from there and neighbourhood should be repatriated first, and should, subject to transport possibilities, be sent as soon as possible. Most of former Armenian villages are already entirely abandoned by temporary Moslem occupants; remainder will be evacuated immediately by order of Turkish Administration. Means of subsistence sufficient. Recent disorders fully overcome and district now considered safe. Local Kaimakam friendly Arab. If sent by train via Aleppo, returning refugees should alight ~~at~~ TOPRA KALE, whence transport by carriages of women and children and feeding system already arranged. Officer Commandant d'Armes TOPRA KALE should previously be advised of expected arrivals. I suggest Aleppo should be cleared first of DEURTYOL inhabitants, and that Admincoms of these places should communicate numbers of refugees thence to Major Malinjond ALEPPO and dispatch by arrangement as transport may permit; further all former inhabitants of ALEXTTA, ADANA, TARSUS, MERSINA, MISSIE can return but not strangers, unless prepared to work as follows:- wood cutters 300 or 400 required and probably road work available, and a few for railway, though for lack of latter 200 E.L.C. just arriving. During March and after any amount of agricultural labour wanted, bread, sheep, but housing for strangers difficult, and rents enormous. Accommodation up to 1000 in large buildings arrangeable, bread and rations distributed for sufficient time, to new arrivals by Vali and French. Returning proprietors can recover houses unless sold



To. DESCORPS.

GA.908

24/1

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Ref this office G.A.851 18th aaa No reply has  
yet been received from ALI ISHAN so nothing  
can be ~~done~~ arranged for move of 6th Turkish  
Army aaa Have wired him again today.

FROM. FIVECAV.

1245.

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To. Descorps.

G.A.904

24/1

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As result of information given me during  
my visit to AINTAB I have arrested five  
political agitators at that place and brought  
them in to Aleppo and issued orders for  
arrest of two others aaa further particulars  
will be forwarded D.R.L.S.

FROM. FIVECAV.

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To. Descorps.

G.A.899

23/1

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Following telegram from Minister of Interior  
to Governor Aintab has been intercepted begins  
aaa Burn originals of official telegrams since  
mobilisation now on the files of the district  
aaa ends aaa propose to hold up telegram aaa  
shall we inspect files added CGS adv G.H.Q.

repta Descorps.

FROM. FIVECAV.

1920.

111

BGGS., Adv G.H.Q.

GA.31

24/1

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Your D.O. of 20th and G.S.865 of 19th band  
20th received today seems all clear aaa Am  
doubtful about your suggestion for KEELING  
but will give every opportunity to get rid  
of ALI ISHAN and all will be well aaa We  
ought to be established ALEPPO by 28th inst.

FROM. BGGS. Descorps.

1300

(sd) C. Godwin. BGGS.

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To. Descorps.

GA.344

25/1

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Following received from Milgov Alexandretta  
aaa begins Bands of Brigands are terrorising  
the country committing several assassinations  
and armed robberies aaa Have sent out small  
columns yesterday 22nd January from Alexendretta  
aaa The column furnished by the 9th Battn of  
2nd Tirailleurs commanded by Sgt Any after a  
brisk engagement captured two aaa ends aaa  
addsd Adv GHQ reptd Descorps 7th Divn.

FROM. 21st Corps.

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To. DESCORPS.

OAM.783

24/1

GA.899

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Matter referred to War Office aaa hold up  
wire until answer received aaa addsd FIVECAV  
reptd Descorps.

FROM. Adv GHQ.

1930.

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Genl Chauvel

c/o FIVECAV.

GA.51

26/1/19

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Following from GHQ aaa OAM.797 of 26/1/19  
begins aaa Chief agrees to proposals made in  
your letter to Gen BOLS of 22/1/19 aaa ends.

FROM.

DESCORPS.

(sd) A.Campbell Ross.

Major G.S.

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To.GHQ.GSO.GSI Adv GHQ. Aeronautics GHQ.  
21st Corps.Ausdiv.Fourcav.Fivecav.Anzacs.  
28th Inf Bde.5th LHBde.Briton Damascus.

GA.47

25/1

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Desert Mtd Corps H.Q. closes HOMS 1200  
on 26th and opens ALEPPO same hour aaa added  
all concerned.

FROM. DESCORPS.

(sd) K.A.McKenzie.Maj  
G.S.

114



To. Genl Hodgson,  
Continental Hotel,  
CAIRO.

U.G.8

27/1

Corps Commander proceeds EGYPT on AIF duties  
AAA General Barrow on leave General MacAndrew  
proceeding on leave ENGLAND aaa You will leave  
CAIRO Feb 3rd and proceed as expeditiously as  
possible to Corps H.Q.ALEPPO and take over  
command of Corps during absence of above  
officers aaa Suggested by sea to ALEXANDRETTA  
would be quickest if you could arrange aaa  
wire date of arrival ALEXANDRETTA and Genl  
MACANDREW will meet you returning by same  
ship aaa added Gen Hodgson repta Fivecav.Ausdiv

FROM. DESCORPS.

1050

(sd) A.V.Negus.Capt  
GS.

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GOC., 28th Inf Bde.  
Admincom HOMS. DA&QMG.  
O.C.14th ALH Regt. Mily Govr HOMS.

A.C.R.5

26/1

G.O.C.28th Inf Bde will assume command of  
all troops in the HOMS area as from midnight  
26/27th January until departure of Bde H.Q.  
for ALEPPO when command will be handed over  
to next Senior officer aaa Transference of  
command will be reported to Descorps H.Q.  
by wire aaa added GOC.28th Bde repta Admincom  
HOMS. O.C.14th Regt.DA&QMG.Mily Govr HOMS.

FROM. DESCORPS.

2155.

(sd) A.Campbell Ross  
Major GS.

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To. DESCORPS.

B.M.50

30/1

GA.72.

B.M.41 of 27th inst begins Orders to relieve you received from Descorps aaa propose moving in following order aaa First train 53rd Sikhs (less one Coy) No.3 Coy S.and M. and one Sect Field Ambulance aaa Second train 56th Rifles a aaa Third train Bde H.Q.Machine Gun Coy (less one Sect) aaa Fourth train 2nd Leicesters Regt aaa Fifth train surplus details and baggage aaa One coy 5 3rd Sikhs proceeding by road 29th with transport aaa Train timings not yet received aaa wire if programme suitable aaa addressed 14th Cav Bde reptd Descorps ref CG.5 ends.

FROM. 28th Inf Brigade.

0910

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To. DESCORPS.

O.A.M.803

27/1

Reference your ~~444~~ priority wire No.C.G.9 of today regret that personal matters of this description cannot be wired to General BAGHDAD through whom all communications have to be made.

FROM. Adv G.H.Q.

2016.

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To. B.G.G.S., Adv G.H.Q.

GA.65

29/1

OAM.803

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If you will not wire for Col Keeling's kit  
please inform/<sup>how</sup>this officer can get it aaa He  
left Mesopotamia on duty expecting to return  
and has been detained here on duty by G.H.Q.  
aaa A train is shortly going to NISIBIN and  
this affords opportunity of recovering it.

FROM. DESCORPS.

1300

(sd) C.Godwin. B.G.G.S.

121

To. DESCORPS.

G.100

28/1/19

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I have two petitions one signed by the Govt  
and Municipality of Moallaka and surrounding  
villages the other by the Govt of ZEBDANI ~~as~~  
asking that a delegation go to PARIS to voice  
its opinion against the delegation being sent  
from Lebanon aaa Shall I send them to you or  
direct to Briton Damascus.

FROM. Admincom,

MOALLAKA.

2015.

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To. 5th A.L.H. Brigade.

GA.80

30/1

BM.436

Section may be relieved if necessary but  
not dispensed with aaa The present section  
would be better for a turn a H.Q. as it  
was dirty and badly turned out when inspected  
a week ago.

FROM. DE3CORPS.

1930.

(sd) A. Campbell Ross,

Major GS.

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To. C.G.S., G.H.Q.

GA.68

29/1

It is proposed and strongly advocated that the  
following or similar cablegram be sent for  
transmission to the Peace Congress aaa After  
enquiring into the Armenian question it has  
been found that ~~there~~ a great deal of wanton  
destruction and confiscation under compulsion  
has been done to Armenian property by the Turks  
to the enrichment of certain classes and well  
known officials aaa This destruction has not  
been necessitated by any Military Operations  
in fact Military operations have not taken  
place in towns such as AINTAB MARASH KILLIS etc  
etc aaa It is considered that one of the Peace  
terms should include a clause ensuring that  
restitution of land and ~~pp~~roperty be made by the  
Turkish Govt. and local officials and landlords  
concerned and also reconstruction as far as  
possible of destroyed buildings aaa This  
restitution and restoration to be assessed by  
a mixed committee of the Allies aaa A  
sufficiency of competent knowledgeable British  
French and American officers can be found on  
the spot if the American Red Cross Society be  
drawn upon to carry out these assessments.

FROM. DE3CORPS.

(sd) C. Godwin. BGGS.

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To. Descorps.

O.A.M.827

31/1

General Baghdad informs us he is sending a dispatch by aeroplane arriving ALEPPO on or about February 8th and requests us to forward same to LONDON as expeditiously as possible aaa when dispatch arrives please inform Adv GHQ by priority wire aaa If landing ground is fit for landing an aeroplane will be sent ALEPPO and dispatch will be flown to G.H.Q. aaa If landing ground cannot be used please take steps to forward despatch by an officer as speedily as possible to Adv G.H.Q. HAIFA.

From. Adv G.H.Q.

1100.

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To. Adv G.H.Q.

G.A.87

31/1

Inn In order to write up records of the recent operations 4th Cav Division wish to despatch parties about 15 strong from BEISAN South on East bank of Jordan and from JISR MEJAMIE to DERAA aaa Can L.of G.provide camels and escorts for these parties from SEMAKH and BEISAN aaa If you agree may L/G be asked to arrange direct with 4th Cav Divn.

FROM. DESCORPS.

1045

(sd) C.Godwin. BGG3.

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	1919			
	January			
	1st. to			
	4th.		N i l.	
	5th.		Fivecav reported small Turkish force camped night 4th/5th. at ESKNE village near SIFTEK station en route RAS UL AIN. Col. Keeling with train load of disbanded soldiers and refugees, total 120 approx., arrived at JERABLUS at 1400.	
	6th. to			
	10th.		N i l.	
	11th.		Fivecav repeated that ALI ISHAN Pasha sent to AINTAB to say that he had demanded evacuation of CILICIA by Entente troops and this had been published in paper.	
	12th.		Col. Keeling reported Turkish force at ARAB PUNAR numbered 250 of whom 200 were combatants. Under orders ALI ISHAN the comat. this force prevented him using telegraph or telephone. This force was the one which evacuated JERABLUS on the arrival of 51st. Sikhs on 3rd. January.	
	13th. &			
	14th.		N i l.	
	15th.		Turkish force reported at ARAB PUNAR on 12th. inst. removed and our post established there. Discovered by 51st. Sikhs that detachment of 60 Turkish troops under an officer and acting under orders ALI ISHAN had damaged railway at SIFTEK Stn. with intent to wreck our train. Officer was arrested and brought to ARAB PUNAR.	
	16th. to			
	20th.		N i l.	
	21st.		Report from Advantell confirmed 24th. Regt. at RAS UL AIN and indicated presence of First Lancer Regt. in that area. in reply to request from G.S.I., G.H.Q., estimate of Turkish locations and strengths furnished as follows. 1st. Div. 13th. Regts, 70th. 110th. 111th. 1,000 rifles, 3,000 rations. 11th. Div. 13th. Regts, 33rd. 127th. 1,000 rifles, 3,000 rations. 23rd Div. ANGORA.	

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			<p>68th. Regt. 544th. Coast Defence Bn. 1,000 rifles 3,000 rations. 24th. Div. AFIUN KARAHISSAR. Regts. 2nd. 58th. 143rd. 800 rifles 2,400 rations. 41st. Div. KONIA, Regts. 3/131st. 1/132nd. 538th. Coast Def. Bn. 1,000 rifles 3,000 rations. 43rd. 44th. Divs. disbanded and remnants absorbed by 24th. and 41st. respectively. EAST of EUPHRATES, 6th. Army H.Q. NISIBIN. 5th. Div. Total for army 5,000 rifles 500 sabres 15,000 rations. 5th. Div. MARDIN NISIBIN 15th. Regt. with remnants of 13th. and 14th. 2nd. Div. H.Q. JASIRAH IBN OMAR, 88 miles N.W. of MOSUL. 1st. Regt. ditto. 6th. Regt. CHILPARAT 65 miles N.W. of MOSUL. 18th. Regt. on river KHABUR N. of MOSUL. 24th. Regt. from EUPHRATES and 12th. Cav. Regt. RAS UL AIN - ARAB PUNAR area. Later absorbed 31st. Cav. Regt. 5 Labour Bns. total 426 rations on railway work in AMANUS. H.Q. supply depots and hospitals remain BOZANTI till Feb. 1st.</p>	
	22nd.		N i l.	
	23rd.		Report from Lt. Feilding recommended that Armenians exiled from DEURTYOL and surrounding villages should be repatriated. This district was reported quiet, the means of subsistence sufficient, and Armenian houses which had been occupied by Moslems now reported abandoned. Further recommended that all former inhabitants of ALEXANDRETTA, ADANA, TARSUS, MERSINA and MISIS might return. Work could be found for woodcutters, and railway workers. Cost of living and rents of houses stated to be very high, and organisations for relief work was available. SIS and HAJJIN considered unsafe for returning Armenians until further occupation, and in case of latter it was stated the town was almost entirely destroyed.	
	24th.		CONSTANTINOPLE report stated that Turkish G.S. proposed in interests public order to transfer 700 men of 11th. Div. from NIGDE ( 40 miles N. of BOZANTI ) to ALBISTAN forthwith. Desired to make ALBISTAN H.Qrs. of 11th. Div. as soon as transport permitted. During armistice 11th. Div. not to exceed 1,500 in strength.	
	25th.		Report from BAGHDAD confirmed 31st. Cav. Regt. disbanded at NISIBIN and part of men and horses absorbed by 12th. Cav. Regt. at DIARBEKR.	
	26th.			
	27th.		N i l.	



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	28th.		BRITON. DAMASCUS proposed to repatriate immediately Armenian Exiles of DEURTYOL and neighbourhood.	
	29th. to 31st.		N i l.	