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for the month of February 1919.

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	<u>FEBRUARY 1919.</u>			
	1st	1344	<p>OAM.835 from Adv G.H.Q. in continuation of G.H.Q. letter GS.1407 of 10/11/18, instructing that escort to G.H.Q. Survey party about RAS BAALBEK should be increased, if possible, by 50 O.R owing to party being more scattered.</p> <p>On 2nd inst 5th A.L.H. brigade said that owing to extremely bad weather for men and horses, it was not desirable to send more than absolutely necessary, and asked if escort of 50 sabres was sufficient.</p> <p>In reply (GA.114 on 3rd inst) 5th A.L.H. Brigade were instructed to ask Capt Macdonald, O.C. of Survey Party if absolutely essential to have 100 sabres and if so, why, as they are now working in less dangerous areas than the Litani Valley.</p>	
	1919		<p>OAM.836 from Adv G.H.Q. giving message sent to Communications instructing them, if possible, to provide camels and escorts for parties of 4th Cavalry Division proceeding from BEISAN south along the Jordan and from Jisr MEJAMIE to DERRAA, <del>gaining</del> gaining information to write up historical records. Communications were instructed to make all arrangements with 4th Cavalry Division direct.</p>	
	2000		<p>GA.96 to Adv G.H.Q. giving report from 51st Sikhs, reference ALI ISHAN carrying out tour of inspection at SERUJ and BIREJIK.</p>	APPX. ✓

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	2nd	1105	OAM.741 from Adv G.H.Q. on reply to our G.A.73 reference Administration of No.4 L.C.Patrol at DAMASCUS. This patrol forms part of force under General DAMASCUS which is tactically under G.H.Q. the units in it being administered by their own formations: No.4 L.C.Patrol continues under Descorps for administration.	

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	3rd	0930	OAM.843 from Adv G.H.Q. reference their OAM.827 of 31/1/19 saying that General Baghdad is now taking despatch to London himself, so that no aeroplanes arrangements are necessary. On 4th inst arrangements were made for General Marshall to come by train but this was cancelled later as General Marshall is proceeding by sea via SUEZ.	
		1210	2/107th Pioneers asked if one of their Companies can be recalled from ER RASTAN to provide extra labour for HAMA Station - HAMA Siding section of road to ensure its being kept open. Instructions were sent them (in G.A.112 at 1600) to be prepared to move to ALEPPO by train as soon as bridge at Kilo 194 is opened for railway traffic. Later in reply to our G.A.112 they asked if two coys could be recalled. This was sanctioned and instructions to act accordingly, issued in our G.A.124 at 1645 on 4th inst.	
		1600	GA.113 to Adv G.H.Q.(O) reference our G.A.943 of 23/1/19, asking if the motor trollies can be placed at our disposal. There are detachments at ARAB PUNAR, JERABLUS, AKCHE KEUI, GHOBANBEG, and no means of visiting them regularly from Regtl Headquarters as trains only run on special occasions.	
		1830	GA.912 from 5th Cavalry Division giving message from GOC., 6th Turkish Army reference supplying wood from ARAB PUNAR for trains.	APPX. <u>2</u>

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	4th	0930	5th Cavalry Division reported two troops of 34th Poona Horse moved yesterday from GHOBANBEG to AKCHE KEUI.	
		1035	GA.977 from GOC., British Forces at ALEPPO to G.O.C., 6th Turkish Army reference coal, now being available for trains, so that transport of 6th Turkish Army westward can be commenced.	APPX. 3
		1120	GI.118 to 21st Corps asking them for detailed information as to strengths and dispositions of 21st Corps and T.F.L. as at present located. In reply 21st Corps gave their dispositions (GA. 430 on 4th inst).	APPX. 4
		1120	GA.119 to 21st Corps asking them to place guards strength 1 Offr 4 NCOs 20 O.Rs at disposal of Controloff Baghdad Railways on trains from ISLAMIE carrying fuel for railways. Guards are required to prevent looting. Later (GA.145) it was agreed that 21st Corps should find the guards on trains proceeding Westward from ISLAMIE, and Descorps those proceeding Southward. FIVECAV. Controloff. 21st Corps and DAQMG were notified accordingly (GA.149 at 1630 on 7th).	
		1239	5th Cavalry Division reported (GA.978) that Chief of Police from URFA entered KILLIS last night on his way to CONSTANTINOPLE. He was detained, under orders of GOC., 5th Cav Divn, and is being sent in to ALEPPO today for examination.	
		1730	GA.126 to O.C. Arab Punar reference information regarding arrival and departure of Turkish troops Arab Punar. Reply was received from 51st Sikhs (W/43/2) at 1040 on 5th. Repeated to 5th Cav Div in G.A.130 on 5-1-19.	APPX. 5 APPX. 6
		1832	GA.986 from 5th Cavalry Division giving wire from 51st Sikhs asking if 5th Cavalry Division have sanctioned Turkish Civil Telegraph office being set up at AKCHE KEUI Station for communication with AINTAB. 5th Cavalry Division replied that there is no objection, but all messages will be censored at AINTAB.	

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4th	1834	GA. 987 from 5th Cavalry Division reporting that in answer to question from 51st Sikhs, reply has been sent that all Turks for North of ALEPPO should be sent on train leaving ARABPUNAR. tomorrow. GA. 121 to CGS., from General MacAndrew saying that unless ALI ISHAN is removed going to be removed in near future, Genl MacAndrew proposes to arrange an interview with him. Reply was received (OAM.853) that C.G.S. is away but <del>the</del> removal of ALI ISHAN is one of the points he has gone to settle.		APPX. 7

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	5th	1330	QKT.2996 from DQMG., GHQ giving message sent to Control off ALEPPO, reference placing railway trolleys at our disposal for visiting ARAB PUNAR, JERABLUS, AKCHE KEUI, and GHOBANBEG.	APPX. 8

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	6th	10 15	<p>GA.138 to O.C.51st Sikhs instructing them to investigate and ascertain if there is any truth in the statement, in a letter dated 16/1/19 from Governor of OURFA, that two motors were taken from a man named AHMAD residing at Village of ZOR NAGHARA.</p> <p>Message D.9 from Controloff ALEPPO, giving report from Control, ADANA that Stationmaster RADJOU urgently appeals for protection against robbers and brigands.                      This was forwarded to 5th Cavalry Division (GA.137 at 1900) with instructions to arrange with Controloff direct for conveyance of necessary party from detachment at KATMA to enquire into this matter.                      5th Cavalry Divn replied that there is already one Hotchkiss gun team and 1 Section at RAJUN Station and this is considered sufficient.                      Controloff was accordingly asked (GA.158 at 0800 on 9th inst) to enquire into the reason of the complaint and to take steps to have the Stationmaster removed or punished.</p>	
		2045	<p>2/107th Pioneers reported that 2 Coys rejoined the Battalion at HAMA today.</p>	

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	7th	1200	O.A.M.869 from Adv G.H.Q. referece report from Constantinople that there are some French tirailleurs now at ARAB PUNAR, who were enlisted by Turks during the war and who now are to be handed over to the British.	APPX. 9
		1215	GA.154 to 51st Sikhs instructing them to take over the Tirailleurs mentioned above and hand them over under escort to 21st Corps at ISLAHIE for return to T.F.L., travelling by train with demobilised Turks leaving ARAB PUNAR Sunday 9th February. 51st Sikhs replied (W.80/2 at 1635 on 8th inst) that there are no French Tirailleurs at ARAB PUNAR, but that 57 Moroccans were sent in to ALEPPO on 5th inst and 21 on January 20th. This was repeated to Adv G.H.Q. (GA.159 at 0800 on 9th inst) in reply to their OAM.869. In reply (OAM.878 at 2030) Adv G.H.Q. asked what action was taken with regard to these Moroccans and where are they now. Reply was sent (GA.166 at 1645 on 10th inst) that they were handed over to the French authorities, who it is understood are sending them to BEIRUT.	
		1600	GA.147 to Adv G.H.Q. reporting the situation at MARASH and BIREJIK most critical, and essential that we occupy these places. Also that we propose buying £100,000 Turkish money from ALEPPO Bourse. At 1915 Adv G.H.Q. replied (OAM.872) instructing us to wire details of situation at MARASH and BIRIJK and for what purpose £100,000 is required. Reply was sent at 2400 (GA.152) explaining the situation there and activities of local C.U.P. Committee. £100,000 was required to purchase supplies for our troops to be placed there. Adv G.H.Q. replied (OAM.875 at 1130) on 8th inst., that D.Q.M.G. has arranged for £50,000 to be issued to us by Bank at ALEPPO.	APPX. 10  APPX. 11  APPX. 12

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	8th	1450	G.A.15 from 5th Cavalry Division giving wire from G.O.C.6th Turkish Army reference train arrangements for demobilisation.	APPX. 13
		1900	GA.157 issued giving orders for move of 2/107th Pioneers from HAMA to ALEPPO.	APPX. 14
		2000	GA.20 from 5th Cavalry Division giving wire from 51st Sikhs as to whether they are still under FIVECAV, or directly under Descorps. Reply was sent (GA.161 at 1000 on 9th inst) that 51st Sikhs will become Corps Troops directly under Descorps.	

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	9th	1848	OAM.877 from Adv G.H.Q. asking to which areas in territory administered by Descorps it is <del>safe</del> safe to repatriate Armenians. Reply was sent (GA.164 at 1530 on 10th inst) that all territory around which British troops are quartered is safe.	APPX. 15

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	10th	1530	GA.165 issued ordering 28th Infantry brigade to despatch one Battn., and half M.G.Coy to JERABLUS.	APPX. 16
		1800	5th Cavalry Division reported Gloucester Yeomanry arrive KHAIAN today en route KILLIS. This was reported to G.H.Q. in our G.A.168 at 0730 on 11th February.	
		1110	OAM.879 from Adv G.H.Q. saying that it will be necessary shortly to withdraw 571st A.T.Coy. Reply was sent (GA.175 on 11th ) asking that the Coy be not withdrawn until the four bridges on ALEXANDRETTA road are finished. Adv G.H.Q. then wired (CA.891 on 12th) asking when 571 A.T.Coy can be spared, to which reply was sent (GA.189 on 13/2) that Coy could be spared about end of March.	

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	11th	1300	G.A. 171 to 51st Sikhs (repeated FIVECAV) instructing them to arrange that SHARKIR Bey, Chief of Police OURFA, who is proceeding to JERABLUS, is sent on to ARAB PUNAR.	APPX. 17
		1600	5th Cavalry Division reported that Gloucester Yeomanry arrive KEFR ANTUN today en route KILLIS, and detachment 13th C.F.A. arrive MEJER en route AINTAB. This was repeated to Adv G.H.Q. in G.A. 178 at 1700, with addition 28th Infantry Bde are en route by rail HOMS to MUSLIMIE, less 53rd Sikhs who have already arrived MUSLIMIE.	
		1700	GA. 172 to 5th A.L.H. Brigade instructing them to send one troop to HAMA to camp by Railway Stn. This troop will be at disposal of Admincoms for maintaining peace and order.	
		1700	GA. 173 to C.C.s 51st Sikhs, GHOBANBEG and AKCHE KEUI, saying that Corps Commander leaves ALEPPO at 0900 tomorrow and will inspect the detachments on the railway, who should parade in drill order.	
		2000	GA. 177 to Adv G.H.Q. giving moves that have been ordered.	APPX. 18

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	12th	0845	QKT 3163 from DQMG., GHQ giving wire from BRITFORCE, CONSTANTINOPLE reference 848 Arabs demobilised soldiers for ALEPPO and 87 for DAMASCUS left HAIDAR Pasha Stn by rail on 7th January.	APPX. 19
		1030	GA. 185 to 21st Corps reference notifying numbers and final destination, to enable arrangements to be made before any refugees are despatched from ADANA.	APPX. 20
		1100	GA. 181 to Adv G.H.Q. reporting moves of units of 14th Cavalry Bde to ALEPPO on relief by 28th Infantry Bde as under:-  Sherwood Rangers Yeo and 20th M.G. Sqn on 12/2/19. 34th Poona Horse. 14th Cav Bde H.Q. and Bde Signal Troop 14/2/19.	
		1100	GA. 183 to Adv G.H.Q. reporting that 53rd Sikhs will move from MUSLIMIE to JERABLUS by three trains at 0500 on 12th, 18th and 19th Feby.	
		1845	5th Cavalry Division reported Gloucester Yeomanry en route KILLIS, and 13th C.F.A. (less detachment ISLAHIE) en routr AINTAB, arrive AZAZ today.	

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	13th	0730	28th Infantry Brigade reported that their Brigade Headquarters closes at HOMS and reopens at MUSLIMIE at 0900 on 13th inst.	
		1810	5th Cavalry Division reported that Gloucester Yeomanry and 13th C.F.A. arrive KILLIS today. 9th Hodsons Horse arrive KASIKLI Area today en route AINTAB. Sherwood Rangers and 20th M.G. Sqn arrived ALEPPO 12th inst. 14th Cav Bde H.Q. and Signal troop today.	
		2225	GA.66 from 5th Cavalry Division giving report from O.C. Poona Horse Troops AKCHE KEUI, reference arresting natives concerned in shooting affray, and asking for instructions as to disposal. instructions were sent (GA.195 at 1555 on 14th inst) that they should be handed over to nearest Turkish Civil Authorities.	Appx. 21 Appx. 22
		1230	GA.189 to 28th Infantry Brigade instructing them to send one troop of Cavalry from GHOBANBEG to JERABLUS and suggesting simplest method is to move troop at GHOBANBEG to AKCHE KEUI and one from AKCHE KEUI to JERABLUS. 28th Brigade replied B.M.25 on 14th, Squadron of Poona Horse was only three troops strong. 28th Brigade proposed to distribute one troop at each JERABLUS, AKCHE KEUI and GHOBANBEG. Reply was sent (GA.199 on 14th) asking why a troop was required at GHOBANBEG as there are no duties there as far as is known. Troops must remain AKCHE KEUI to provide escort for AINTAB convoy. Moves suggested in our G.A.189 were eventually decided on.	

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	14th	1504	W.129/2 from 51st Sikhs asking for use of engine and coach to make rail reconnaissance as far as TEL ABIAD.	APPX. 23
		1600	G.A.198 to 28th Infantry Brigade instructing them to make arrangements to guard R.A.F.Stores left at MUSLIMIE, when Poona Horse leave there.	
		1605	GA.197 to Adv G.H.Q. reference their G.S.1411 asking if officers and all O.Rs of 4th and 5th Cavalry Divisions are entitled to draw pay at the rates laid down in the memo of Armies of Occupation.	
		1610	GA.196 to O.C.Killis instructing him to send KRIKOR SEROPIAN with all accounts, documents, etc., he had with the Turkish Government Combustible account. He should report to MILGOV, ALEPPO This was done at request of B.L.O.. On 16th Gloucester Yeomanry at KILLIS despatched SEROPIAN to ALEPPO.	
		1820	GA.75 from 5th Cavalry Division reporting 9th Hodsons Horse arrive EL MALI Area today en route AINTAB. 13th C.F.A. to KASIKLI Area en route AINTAB.	
		1845	A.G.48 from Aeronautics Kantara asking for report on HOMS - TADMOR road. Reply was sent on 15th inst (GA.211) giving required information.	APPX. 24 APPX. 25
		2200	O.A.905 from Adv G.H.Q. saying that Wilson, Civil Administrator BAGHDAD leaves BAGHDAD at 0700 on 15th inst and hopes to reach ALEPPO same day.	

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	15th	1305	<p>GA.85 from 5th Cavalry Division giving report of arrival of French detachment at RAJUN and request of 13th Cavalry Brigade asking if <del>that</del> the detachment of the 13th Cavalry Brigade can be withdrawn.</p> <p>5th Cavalry Division replied to 13th Cavalry Brigade that their post could be withdrawn. In this latter respect we instructed 5th Cavalry Division to await further orders on the subject.</p> <p>At 0905 on 16th we wired 21st Corps asking on what authority this French detachment was sent to RAJUN as Descorps is responsible for the railway as far as MEIDAN EKBAS exclusive.</p> <p>21st Corps replied (GA.504 on 21/2/19) that French detachment has been ordered to evacuate RAJUN. 5th Cavalry Division were informed of this (GA.285 on 21/2/19).</p>	<p>APPX. 26</p> <p>APPX. 27</p>
		1530	<p>GA.209 to 28th Infantry Brigade instructing them to provide a guard of 1 N.C.O. and 6 P.Rs at HOLMENE Station for local protection.</p>	APPX. 28
		1830	<p>GA.907 from Adv G.H.Q. ordering that Australian Mounted Division proceed to RAFA under arrangements to be made by D.Q.M.G. as and when shipping becomes available.</p>	APPX. 29
		1904	<p>5th Cavalry Division reported that 9th Hodsons Horse arrive AINTAB today and 13th C.F.A. EL MALI area.</p>	

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	15th	1205	H.T.A.98 from Admincom, HAMA giving report that village of KALAAAT EL OLIKA is besieged by about 2,000 inhabitants from NUSARIYA. This was repeated to 21st Corps in G.A.218 as these places are in 21st Corps area.	APPX. 30
		1445	GA.91 from 5th Cavalry Division giving arrangements for move of 9th Hodsons Horse from AINTAB to MARASH. This was later delayed on account of difficulty of procuring camels. No. 7 L.C. Patrol were instructed to join 9th Hodsons Horse at AINTAB tomorrow 17th inst.	APPX. 31
		1850	5th Cavalry Division reported 13th C.F.A. arrive AINTAB today.	
		2040	A.Q./4367 from 21st Corps (in reply to our G.A.185 of 12th inst) giving report of move of 1st party demobilisees from ADANA. This was repeated to D.A. & Q.M.G., B.L.O. and Control off in G.A.225 at 0830 on 17th inst.	APPX. 32

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	17th	1100	OA.919 from Adv C.H.Q. advising that C-in-C arrives DAMASCUS on evening of 21st inst, and will inspect 11th Cavalry Brigade and 9th Infantry Brigade there. G.H.Q. instructed General, DAMASCUS to make necessary arrangements.	APPX. 33
		1845	OAM.923 from Adv C.H.Q. advising that C.G.S. will be at DAMASCUS on 22nd and 23rd Feby and will see Maj BRAYNE there.	
		1930	GA.234 issued ordering Special train for ALI ISHAN to be at RAS UL AIN on Friday 21st inst.	APPX. 34
		2345	GA.238 to Australian Mounted Division in reply to their GA.34	APPX. 35
			GA.236 to DA&QMG and Controloff giving wire from 51st Sikhs (W/168/2) containing message from ALI ISHAN reference broken railway bridges delaying transport of 6th Turkish Army.	APPX. 36
			Reply was sent (GA.237) instructing 51st Sikhs to ascertain from ALI ISHAN when next train load will be ready.	
			On 18th reply (W.178/2) was received from 51st Sikhs asking if ALI ISHANS suggested system is approved pending restoration of broken bridges.	APPX. 37
			This was approved (GA.260 on 19th)	APPX. 38

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	FEBRUARY 18th.			
	18th	1040	GA.118 from 5th Cavalry Division giving report of reconnaissance of MARASH road, and intended movements of 9th Hodsons Horse from AINTAB to MARASH.	APPX. 39
		1400	GA.246 to ALI ISHAN PASHA, G.O.C. 6th Turkish Army reference handing over money to Railway representative at MUSLIMIE.	APPX. 40
		1810	GA.126 from 5th Cavalry Division giving intended movements for relief of Squadron of Gloucester Yeomanry at KATMA.	APPX. 41
		2200	GA.251 to O.C. KILLIS saying that Corps Commander will arrive KILLIS about 1100 tomorrow 19th inst and will inspect the garrison in their lines.	
		2200	GA.252 to O.C., AINTAB saying that Corps Commander will arrive AINTAB about 1400 and will inspect 18th Lancers. If convenient, Corps Commander, B.G.G.S. and A.D.C., will stay with Dr. MERILL.	

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	FEBRUARY 1919.			
	19th	1555	ADG.75 from A.D.C., Descorps giving proposed itinerary for Genl Chauvel's inspection.	APPX. 42
		1820	A,832 from Adv G.H.Q. giving orders for relief of 5th A.L.H. Brigade.	APPX. 43
		1820	O.A.933 from Adv G.H.Q. giving orders for relief of 5th A.L.H. <del>Regiment</del> Regiment at SEMAKH.	APPX. 44

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	20th	1045	GA.145 from 5th Cavalry Division reporting following moves yesterday:- 9th Hodsons Horse reached TEL EUYUK area 1350 from AINTAB. 34th Poona Horse arrived ALEPPO from MUSLIMIE. 13th Cavalry Brigade H.Q.group left ALEPPO 1100 en route AINTAB.	
		1737	28th Infantry Brigade reported move of 53rd Sikhs to JERABLUS now complete with exception Lewis Gun mules and attached transport.	
		1800	GA.277 to 21st Corps advising them that move of 28th Infantry Brigade to MUSLIMIE is complete less 2nd Leicesters remaining at HOMS.	
		2100	GA.220 to Controlloff asking him to place at disposal of G.O.C.28th Infantry Brigade one motor trolley which will be run under railway control.  GA.268 issued ordering move of one Regiment 11th Cavalry Brigade to SEMAKH to relieve 5th A.L.H.Regiment there.  GA.269 ordering moves of Regts of 4th Cavalry Division to relieve regts of 5th A.L.H.Bde.	APPX. 45 APPX. 46

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	21st	1700	5th Cavalry Division reported 13th Cavalry Brigade H.Q. arrived AINTAB.  GA.289 issued ordering move of 28th Brigade (less 1/2 Battrn) to JERABLUS and of Sqn of 5th Cavalry Division from AINTAB to BIRIJK.	APPX. 47
		1745	4th Cavalry Division reported 29th Lancers detailed for SEMAKH; 36th Jacobs Horse for BAALBEK. 19th Lancers for HOMS.	
		2000	GT.265 from 4th Cavalry Division giving proposed moves for 36th Jacobs Horse to BAALBEK. This was approved (GA.305 on 22/2/19) and G.H.Q. informed (GA.306 on 22/2/19).	APPX. 48

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	22nd	1010	Australian Mounted Division asked if 5th Brigade H.Q., N.Z.M.G. Sqn and other Brigade units will move with 15th Regiment to BEIRUT. Reply was sent (GA.304) that presumably this was the case, but G.H.Q. have been asked and 5th Bde would be notified later.	
		1020	Australian Mounted Division reported 4th., 8th and 9th A.L.H. Regiments embarked for EGYPT today.	
		1145	O.A.953 from Adv G.H.Q. giving further orders for Regiment of 11th Cavalry Bde proceeding to SEMAKH. Repeated to 4th Cavalry Division in GA.316.	APPX. 49
		1450	51st Sikhs suggested that after arrival of half battalion at BIRIJIK any Gendarmes in excess of 50 should be discharged, as the presence of a large number is unnecessary and undesirable. Reply was sent that it would be better to wait decision until after arrival of troops there.	
		1620	5th Cavalry Division reported 9th Hodsons Horse all across the AKSU yesterday and marched for MARASH 0930 today.	
		1800	O.C., Escort reported ALI ISHAN's train arrived KATMA 1700, all well. This was repeated to G.H.Q. at 2235 (in G.A.309).	
		1330 <del>1910</del>	GT.270 from 4th Cavalry Division giving proposed movements of 19th Lancers BEIRUT to RAYAK viz:- 27th BEIRUT - AIN SOFAR. 28th SHTORA. 1st RAYAK. This was approved (GA.344) and Adv GHQ informed (GA.345 on 24/2/19).	
		<del>1910</del>	*5th Cavalry Division reported Squadron Poona Horse arrived KARAH* all peaceful* (Reptd GHQ in GA.310 at 2235).	

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	22nd	1910	5th Cavalry Division reported Squadron Poona Horse relieved squadron Gloucester Yeo at KATMA today.	
	1915		B.M.94 from 28th Brigade reference our GA.289 saying that transport of 53rd Sikhs will arrive JERABLUS on 24th ; move of half Battalion to BIRIJIK will therefore take place on 25th.	
	1945		5th Cavalry Division reported 9th Hodsons Horse arrived MARASH - all peaceful. (Reptd GHQ in GA.310) at 2235.	
	1955		14th A.L.H. Regiment reported slight disturbance occurred at HOMS. Military Governor arrested under orders of AMDINCOM. Town now patrolled and quiet.	
	2115		Australian Mounted Division asked (A.726) if immobile section of 5th Field Ambulance and Section of N.Z.M.G. Sqn at HOMS would proceed by rail to RAFA. also will all troops at BAALBEK and RAYAK proceed by march route to BEIRUT.	

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	23rd	0900	GA.317 to Adv G.H.Q. reporting disbandment of K.K.Cable Section completed 21st Feby.	
		0935	L.N.958 from 14th A.L.H.Regiment giving further report of disturbance at HOMS.	APPX. 50
		1000	GA.315 to Adv G.H.Q. asking questions given in Ausdiv wire A.726 on 22nd. to which DQMG., GHQ replied (QKT.3420 of 24/2/19) that all Australian Troops at HOMS will proceed by rail to RAFA all Australian troops at BAALBEK and RAYAK by march route to BEIRUT. Repeated to Ausdiv in G.A.339 on 24/2/19.	
		1034	GA.516 from 21st Corps reference our GA.215 re French detachment at RAJUN.	APPX. 51
		1037	HH.149 from Admincom HOMS giving report of disturbance there.	APPX. 52
		1145	GA.319 to 51st Sikhs reference successor to ALI ISHAN and also evacuation of demobilised 6th Turkish Army. 51st Sikhs replied to this in their W/240/2 at 1314. In reply to this 51st Sikhs were instructed to inform DJEVDET BEY that evacuation of demobilisees (450 Bi-weekly) must be resumed as bridges are repaired.	APPX. 53 APPX. 54
		1230	28th Infantry Brigade asked if move to BIRIJIK can be fixed for 26th on account of supply and transport arrangements. This was approved and orders issued accordingly (GA.322) at the same time Squadron of 5th Cavalry Division was ordered to move to NISIB on 25th and BIRIJIK 26th. On 24th., 28th Brigade asked that this Squadron move to BIRIJIK early on 26th and collect ferry boats for transport 53rd Sikhs. Instructions were issued to 5th Cavalry Division accordingly (GA.338) and 28th Brigade advised (GA.337)	APPX 56
		1300	2/107th Pioneers (less 2 Coys) arrived AZAZ, proceeding KILLIS tomorrow.	

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	24th	1200	GA.333 to Adv G.H.Q. saying that successor to ALI ISHAN Commanding 6th Turkish Army is Colonel DJEVDET BEY. Latter has been informed that as bridges are repaired, evacuation of demobilised turks must be continued forthwith at rate of 450 bi-weekly.	
		1200	(GA.334 to 51st Sikhs instructing them to arrange for DJEVDET BEY to meet Staff Officer from Corps Headquarters on Wednesday 26th inst at RAS UL AIN, to discuss question of evacuation of demobilisees and other points.	
		1230	O.i/c Escort reported ALI ISHAN's train arrived GILEBEK (1st station N.of YENIDJE) at 1130. (Repeated to Adv G.H.Q. GA.341 at 1815).  GA.342 to CGS., Adv G.H.Q. saying that the E.in C. proposes to withdraw 571 A.T.Coy. It was asked that this Coy remain in view of the bad state of the roads and urgent work requiring attention viz:- hutting, bridging and road repairs. Adv G.H.Q. replied (OA.965 on 25th) that 571 A.T.Coy under orders for reduction to Cadre and return to U.K. but Coy will be left under Descorps as long as possible.	
		1430	O.C.JERABLUS reported that as Staff Officer goes RAS UL AIN on 26th inst., instructions have been sent to DJEVDET BEY to have 450 demobilised <del>turks</del> Turks at that station for removal.	
		2000	O.A.964 from Adv G.H.Q. giving orders for relief of and withdrawal to RAFA of No. 1 (Aust) Light Car Patrol. (reptd Fivecav, Ausdiv, DA&QMG in GA.350 on 25th).	APPX. 57

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	25th	1420	51st Sikhs wired that Commander 13th Turkish Army Corps reported train leaving MARDIN on 24th with 900 aboard who will detrain at KHARAB NASS.	
		1520	O.C. Escort reported ALI ISHANS train leaving BOZANTI 1520, all correct. (Repeated to Adv G.H.Q. in G.A.354 at 1910).	
		1755	5th Cavalry Division reported 13th Cavalry Brigade H.Q., 19th M.G.S., 13th M.V.S. 1044 Coy Divisional train arrived AINTAB.	

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	26th	0741	2/107th Pioneers reported Battalion (less 2 Coys) arrived KASIKLI, about 15 miles North of KILLIS, yesterday 25th inst.	
		0900	GA.356 to 51st Sikhs instructing them to ensure DJEVDET PASHA meeting Descorps Staff Officer who would leave by 0900 train on 26th inst for RAS UL AIN.	
		1005	S.C.502 from 28th Brigade reporting H.Q. closed MUSLIMIE at 1000, opened JERABLUS 1900.	
		1041	B.M.554 from 5th A.L.H. Brigade giving wire from D.Q.M.G. G.H.Q. (QKT 3469) ordering 14th A.L.H., Regiment direct to MOASCAR, but not mentioning detachments of N.Z.M.G. 3qdn and Field Ambulance at HOMS. 5th Bde ask if these detachments proceed direct with 14th ALH Regiment.	APPX. 58
		1240	GN.532 from 21st Corps describing attack by brigands on station at YARBACHI, between BAGCHE and AIRAN at 2230 last night. Brigands strength estimated 500. 3 employees murdered. Company of T.F.L. was sent to restore confidence.	
		1800	GA.388 from Australian Mounted Division reporting that G.O.C. and proportion of Staff were proceeding MOASCAR with 3rd Bde. Administrative H.Q. would remain TRIPOLI pending embarkation of remainder of Division.	APPX. 59

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	27th	0845	GA.364 to 28th Brigade asking if troops have arrived at BIRIJIK and what is situation there.	APPX. 60
		1305	G.1135 from 7th Division informing that 1/8th Gurkhas now working on HOMS Road are under orders for India and will therefore leave work on 3rd March.	APPX. 61
		1410	BM.136 from 28th Brigade reporting arrival of 1/2 Battalion 53rd Sikhs and 1 Sqn 18th Lancers at BIRIJIK on 26th inst.	
		1410	(Un-numbered) from O.C.BIRIJIK reporting complaints received by wire from Mutesarif and Turk Commander URFA re British occupation of BIRIJIK. Turkish authorities appearing of ignorant of new terms which were wired to URFA.	
		1410	B.2 from O.C.BIRIJIK stating that communications by telegraph and telephone were bad. Propose to keep Cavalry Sqn (18th Lancers) for few days. (Approved, G.A.368)	APPX. 62
		1520	L.N.1012 from 14th Regiment asking may instructions be wired FOURCAV to take over Escort G.H.Q. Survey Party. (Done in G.A.372).	APPX. 63
		1620	BM.137/27 from 28th Brigade repeating wire from G.S.O. at RAS UL AIN stating that DJEVDET BEY had proceeded to DIABEKER for stay of 5 days and in consequence G.S.O.was returning.	APPX. 64
		1745	GA.204 from 5th Cavalry Division confirming arrival of Sqn 18th Lancers at BIRIJIK.	
		1803	G.A.205 from 5th Cavalry Division reporting arrival of 13th Field Troop at AINTAB on date.	
		1830	BM.140 from 28th Brigade informing that arrival Sqn 18th Lancers at BIRIJIK confirmed by 13th Cavalry Ede and by O.C.BIRIJIK.	
		1910	GA.367 to 28th Ede asking why was occupation of BIRIJIK not reported earlier and if copies of 12 points settled by C-in-C at CONSTANTINOPLE had been forwarded to Turkish Authorities in BIRIJIK and URFA.	
		2127	BM.142 from 28th Brigade reporting situation normal and Turkish Authorities not obstructive.	APPX. 65

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	28th	1210	B.M.145 from 28th Brigade reporting G.O.C.28th Bde took over command JERABLUS 28/2/19, vice Col BIDDY 51st Sikhs.	
		1315	GA.388 to Adv G.H.Q. stating that owing to breakdown on line last train of 4 taking 29th Lancers to SEMAKH unable to leave DAMASCUS. (Reptd from FOURCAV, G.T.206)	APPX. 66
		1320	GA.390 to Adv G.H.Q. informing that Jacobs Horse report forced halt MOALLAKA owing bad state of road from there to RAYAK. (Origin of message:- Copt of Q wire under QM.231, 28/2/19)	
		1330	GA.392 to Adv G.H.Q. and Heads of Depts reporting itinerary of march of 5th ALH Bde from BAALBEK to BEIRUT.	
			GA.383 to Admincom HAMA instructing to arrest SAMI SARRAJ, editor of EL ARAB newspaper, who was possibly living there with his sister and mother.	APPX. 67
		1645	GA.215 <del>1487</del> from 5th Cavalry Division. Situation report and giving dispositions of troops for the night.	APPX. 68
		1700	GA.379 to Adv G.H.Q. reporting disturbances in ALEPPO City. Arab population attacking Armenians. British and Sherifian troops patrolling and picquetting the town.	APPX. 69

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