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APPENDICES.

TO

WAR DIARY

OF

GENERAL STAFF

DESERT MTD CORPS.

App.

1 - 218



To:- New Adv Descorps

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APPX. 2

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Ausdiv report Arabs are apparently loot-
-ing and setting fire to parts DAMASCUS
aaa May political agent Captn DRAY be
escorted to outskirts of City and sent in
under white flag to interview VALI aaa
If so with what instructions.

From:- Adv Descorps
1125

To:- ADV DESCORPS

GI 154

1st

APPX. 1

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3rd L.H.Bde much held up during darkness
by difficult country are NE of DAMASCUS
on HUMS road with order to pursue any
escaping ~~any~~ enemy troops aaa Enemy troops
are hoisting white flags MEIDAN 3tn and
houses there aaa 4th Regt are endeavoring
accept surrender and evacuate these aaa
Added Adv Descorps reptd Fivecav.

From:- Ausdiv
1135

To: - G.H.Q.

CG 1

1/10/18

APPX. 4

Outskirts DAMASCUS were entered from the N West by Ausdiv last night aaa Col Lawrence and Arabs entered this morning aaa Our troops keeping clear of Town but collecting prisoners and material outside aaa About 7000 prisoners in hand many more Turks in the Town and several cages partially filled and guarded by Arabs Quantities of rolling stock in good condition aaa Impossible to get communications or lorries along KISWE road aaa Moving all three Divisions to S W allowing of communications and lorries along KUNEITRA - DAMASCUS road aaa One Brigade being despatched up BEIRUT road aaa Have left civil administration in Vali's hands with assistance of Lawrence till arrival of Chaytor aaa At Vali's request certain military guards are being detailed.

From:- DESCORPS
1300

(sd) C Godwin
BG

To:- D ESCORPS

1st

APPX. 3

0640 Ausdiv H.Q. 1 mile S W of DAMASCUS
0700 large congestion troops about 1500 strong ERRABUE probably ours aaa Our Cav holding ridge immediately South ERRABUE aaa DAMASCUS BEIRUT road clear as far as TESSEYA except for small bodies aaa 100 enemy fan moving North along wadi from DUMAR (West of DAMASCUS) aaa Wadis HARABA and MENIN apparently clear aaa 60 transport packed AMARA aaa Large groups of Troops in stations BARAMKIE and MEIDAN No engines with steam up observed aaa 0730 brigade (HN sign) ASHRAFIE aaa Our troops moving North and NE 0740 Our cav moving NE on KALLEM station 0750 Five cav sign six miles North of EISWE aaa Division moving North aaa Four cav sign at KHAN DENIN aaa Added Descorps reptd Aeronautics GHQ Airsquad 142 AFULEH

From Aeronautics EL KUNEITRA

To:- New Adv Descorps

APPX. 6

DB 10

1/10

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Following RAF message time 1245 dropped
aaa 500 our cav N of DUMA 1 mile many
prisoners Several hundred Cav resting in
trees 2 miles N W of Town (DAMASCUS) No
movement on road going NE of DAMASCUS
Bodies of our Cav searching in trees all
round town ends.

From:- Adv Descorps
1351

(sd) D. Boyd
Lt

To:- AUSDIV

GA 161

1/10

APPX. 5

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Reference your report that arabs are apparent-
-ly looting parts of DAMASCUS aaa Corps
Commander and Sherifian Troops already in
the Town.

From:- ADV DESCORPS
1300

(sd) A. Campbell Ross
Major G.S.

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TO { **APPX 8**
ADV DESCORPS

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
*	1st		

Congratulations on brilliant achievement

From **CHIEF. GHQ.**
 Place
 Time **1430**

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To:- DESCORPS
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APPX. 4
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 Ref orders prohibiting ~~troops~~ entry of troops onto DAMASCUS following points have arisen:-
 (a) Are HEJAZ regulars to be allowed to enter
 (b) Are irregulars who profess to be HEJAZ men to be allowed to enter.
 (c) It is difficult to discriminate between (a) & (b) above.
 Could assistance be obtained from HEJAZ troops to assist picquet Commanders to control traffic into Town.

From:- Fourcay
 1352

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TO { AUSDIV FOURCAV FIVECAV

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
* GA 183 1/10

All Divisions will bivouac in their present positions for to-night ~~aaa~~ Tomorrow 4th and 5th Cavalry Divisions will move across to KUNEI/TRA-DAMASCUS road as this is the only road by which the Corps can be supplied ~~aaa~~ 4th Cavalry Divn will move so as to leave their present area clear of all troops and transport by 1000 to the area West of N. and S. line through DARAYA to N. and S line through EL JUDEIDE ~~aaa~~ 5th Cav Divn will move so as ~~not~~ not to pass the DAMASCUS aerodrome ground before 1000 moving to an area W. of EL JUDEIDE ~~aaa~~ No troops or any details may move via DAMASCUS except those detailed in G.A. 162 dated 1/10 ~~aaa~~ acknowledge ~~aaa~~ a dtd AUSDIV, FOURCAV FIVECAV

From
Place ADV DESCORPS
Time

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(20) G. A. C. Godwin R. G.S

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TO { AUSDIV FOURCAV FIVECAV

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
* G.A. 162 1/10

A representative detachment of Desert Mounted Corps will march through DAMASCUS tomorrow and inst ~~aaa~~ composed as follows ~~aaa~~ 3 Divl Comdrs and a proportion of their staff ~~aaa~~ One Sqn from each regiment and one section NZMR ~~aaa~~ Sqn ~~aaa~~ To be detailed by Divisions ~~aaa~~ squadrons and Battery will ~~meet~~ rendezvous under Divnl arrangements at 1130 off the road in the vicinity of SBEINE reporting there to a Staff officer of Desert Mounted Corps who will marshal the column before starting at 1200 ~~aaa~~ having passed through town units will march independently to their bivouacs outside DAMASCUS ~~aaa~~ a dtd 3 Divns

From
Place ADV DESCORPS
Time

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To:- New Adv Descorps

DB 22

1/10

APPX. 12

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Following from Ausdiv time 1835 begins Reports believed reliable state arabs looting and murdering Turkish wounded and stragglers aaa Excesses have forced Col Bouchier place guard on Municipal Central German and French Hospitals Railway Stn and Spanish Consulate aaa I have two brigade operating and Bouchiers two regiments escorting about twelve thousand prisoners aaa Our men working as despatch riders and small guards are in danger I am unable do more aaa Strongly recommend one brigade from another Division occupy town and Northern outskirts at once Ends

From: Adv Descorps
1947

To:- Fourcav

GA 165

1/10

OR 2

APPX. 11

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(a) HEDJAZ regulars are to be allowed to enter DAMASCUS.
(b) Irregulars are not to be allowed to enter
(c) HEDJAZ regulars are all mounted on camels with French Detachment on camels followed by mule pack transport and a mounted battery aaa These are the only troops to be allowed to enter aaa Get in touch with Col Lawrence at Government Offices Public Square who will give instructions to assist picketing roads to control traffic into Town.

From:- ADV DESCORPS
1640

(sd) A. Campbell Ross
Major G S

To:- Ausdiv

GA 167

1/10

Appx. 14

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Corps Commander desires Commander LEBAU to lead his Squadron with detachments of Corps through DAMASCUS tomorrow aaa Acknowledge

From:- Adv Descorps
2015

(sd) L.S. Alexander
Major GS

To:- New Adv Descorps

DB 21

1/10

Appx. 13

=====
Fivecav disposition wire time 1907 aaa
Div H Q on DAMASCUS - BEIRUT road two
and a half miles SE of DAMASCUS aaa 14th
Ede on DAMASCUS - DUMA road N of JOLAR
aaa 13th and 15th Edes with Div H Q
Addsd Descorps Reptd Ausdiv Fourcav

From Adv Descorps 2005

(sd) D Boyd Lt

To:- Descorps

OAM 935

1st

Appx. 16

20th Corps will send one pioneer Battn to AFULE as soon as necessary arrangements can be made ~~aaa~~ On arrival at AFULE Battn will come under orders of Descorps for work on road in the vicinity of JISR BENAT YAKUB ~~aaa~~ Date of arrival at AFULE to be wired to Descorps repta GHQ Addd 20th Corps repta Descorps

GHQ 2310

To:- Adv Descorps

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Appx. 15

3rd Bde at 1445 pursuing about 2000 Inf and Cav 5 miles beyond DUMA being strongly resisted by rearguard believed German ~~forces~~ ~~aaa~~ Had captured 700 of column ~~aaa~~ Remainder were breaking off main road for MARUN ~~aaa~~ ~~are~~ only in touch with 3rd Bde by wireless ~~aaa~~ May 14th Cav Bde guard 3rd Bde communications and support them as have no troops available ~~aaa~~ Request aeroplane Reco over 3rd Bde early tomorrow

From Ausdiv 2050

To:- Ausdiv, Fourcav, Fivecav

GA 201

2/10

APPX. 18

All Sherifian soldiers are in the immediate neighbourhood of DAMASCUS aaa Any other native soldiers in villages outside these precincts who claim to be Sherifian soldiers are bedouins or Druse irregulars aaa In the event of any breach of the peace disorder or looting they should be considered hostile and treated accordingly aaa Addsd Fourcav, Fivecav reptd Ausdiv in answer to GA 778.

From:- Adv Descorps 2220

(sd) A. Campbell Ross
Major G S

To:- Adv Descorps

GI 190

2nd

APPX. 17

3rd Bde report at 1630 Country for seven miles East and North East of KHAN ACASH clear of enemy aaa 5th Bde were unable to reach their objective by 3 miles this evening owing to delay in supplies being pushed up to them on account of wreckage on BEIRUT road aaa They are moving on to objective at dawn.

From Ausdiv 2040

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TO { C.G.S. **APPX. 20**

Sender's Number. * G.A.252	Day of Month. * 23 4/10	In reply to Number. AAA
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It is imperative that I get my staff up at DAMASCUS for local and forward necessities request you will take over Roads and railways up to DAMASCUS at the earliest possible moment

From **DESCORPS**
Place
Time **0930**

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) **J.A.C. Godwin B.G.G.S.**
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TO { **CHIEF G.H.Q. APPX. 19**

Sender's Number. * GA.237	Day of Month. 3rd	In reply to Number. AAA
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Your wire of 1st inst only received by me today aaa DESCORPS value very much your appreciation and your kind congratulations will be conveyed to all ranks under my command.

From **G.O.C., DESCORPS.**
Place
Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Ed) **Hugh L Marsland-Lt. for B.G.G.S.**
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TO { C.G.S., G.H.Q. **Appx. 21**

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
<u>G.A.305</u>	<u>5/10</u>		

~~Sherrifs Army requests permission to recruit 2000 Arabs amongst the prisoners in our hands at DAMASCUS may this be permitted~~

From	DESCORPS
Place	
Time	<u>1400</u>

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TO { ADV DESCORPS

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
<u>G.A.M.970</u>	<u>5th/10</u>	<u>GA.252</u>	

~~Railways are in process of being taken over by G.H.Q. aaa As regards roads it is regretted that no change in present arrangements can be made~~

From	G.H.Q.
Place	
Time	<u>1935</u>

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To/

Desert Mounted Corps.
-----APPX. 22

I attach report by O.C., 5th Field Squadron on locomotives and rolling stock at RAYAK.

The DAMASCUS - RAYAK railway has been destroyed by demolitions of bridge just E. of main station at RAYAK.

Could reconnaissance of line from DAMASCUS towards RAYAK be made from your end by armoured cars or could you supply me with 2 more armoured cars ?

Two armoured cars have proceeded to BEIRUT today.

I forward a report from G.O.C., 15th Cavalry Brigade on the situation at ZAHLE, which applies equally to RAYAK.

All influential inhabitants most anxious to know under whose rule they will come. They much dread Arab rule and are most anxious for British rather than French, stating that they have experience of British Colonies which compare favourably with French: also that British pound remains steady.

No Turks are reported S. of Homs. Country has been clear for 3 days. Columns of troops and transport reported by aeroplane, were inhabitants and local transport some of which was bombed by our aeroplanes, causing considerable casualties to inhabitants.

An influential inhabitant of BAALBEK, who has just reported to me, states that the Arabs at that place have taken 500 Turkish prisoners and that the situation ^{there} is quiet.

(sgd) H.J. Macandrew,

Major General,
Commanding 5th Cavalry Division.

Headquarters,
5th Cavalry Divn,
6/10/18.

TO/ FIVECAV.

B.M.67.

6/10th

G.A.168

Inhabitants of all villages in vicinity report enemy all left five days ago aaa Headman of MOALLAKA reports that HOMS is also evacuated aaa They (Regts?) are in telegraphic communication with BEIRUT and state no enemy there aaa Local Governors have been set up voluntarily in all villages and "panehayab" are carrying on till the British arrive and take over aaa They are very peaceful but fear being robbed by outlaw bands from the mountains, and are anxious that the British should take over the Government at once aaa They state that same conditions exist at BEIRUT aaa No signs have been seen of any agents of the King of Hedjaz nor would they be at all welcome aaa The general atmosphere is one of prosperity and of joy that we have come.

(By D.R. at 0530 on 7/10/18)

FROM..... ISCAV

2000-

(sgd) C.O. HARVEY, Capt,
Brigade Major,
for G.O.C., 15th (I.S.) Cav Bde.

Headquarters,

5th Cavalry Division.

Following is a report on rolling stock in the 2 Stations at RAYAK.

Locomotives. There are about 20 locomotives 3'5½" gauge, all except 2 unserviceable. These 2 require small repairs, but I will submit a further report on locomotives as soon as time permits of a detailed fitters examination.

Rolling stock. Following rolling stock appears undamaged.

3'5½" gauge.

Luggage vans....	2
Passenger coaches, bogie.	8
Brake Vans....	1
Hospital coaches..	3
Bogie goods wagons, open	11
Bogie goods wagons, covered	17
Bogie goods wagon, lattice sides, covered	1
4 wheel open trucks...	6
4 wheel covered trucks...	3
4 wheel covered, lattice sides	1
4 wheel, open, lattice sides	1
4 wheel, flat.	2
Bogie flat.	1

4'3½" gauge.

15 ton covered goods...	2
4 wheel, covered.	1
4 wheel, open.....	1
4 wheel, flat.....	1

In addition there are 40 - 50 goods trucks damaged by fire but careful detailed examinations will be necessary before any of these can be declared serviceable.

6/10/18

(sgd) H. Fowle, Captain RE.
O.C., 5th Field Squadron.

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TO { FIVEGAV APPX. 24

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
*GA.362	7/10		

G.H.Q. wires aaa Troops of 7th Divn expected to reach BEIRUT tomorrow 8th inst aaa you will reconnoitre roads leading from ZAHLE to BEIRUT and towards BAALBEK reporting particularly as to their suitability for supply purposes aaa in addition a full report on the railway from DAMASCUS to BEIRUT is required as soon as possible condition of any rolling stock to be stated aaa No detachment is to be sent into BEIRUT by you at present aaa Take necessary action.

From	ADV DESCORPS
Place	
Time	1825

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(sgd) E.A. McKenzie, Major G
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TO { ADV DESCORPS APPX. 23.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
DAM.980	7/10		

Advanced troops of 7th Divn are expected to reach BEIRUT tomorrow as they were 3 miles north of SIDON last night aaa They are still meeting with no opposition and BEIRUT has been evacuated by the Turks aaa You will reconnoitre roads leading from ZAHLE to BEIRUT and towards BAALBEK reporting particularly as to their suitability for supply purposes aaa in addition a full report on the railway from Damascus to Beirut is required as early as possible condition of any rolling stock captured to be stated aaa No detachment is to be sent into the town of BEIRUT by you at present aaa acknowledge

From	G. H. Q.
Place	
Time	1205

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TO { ADV DESCORPS

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* GA.85	7th	GA.348	

Your G.A.305 of 5th received here at 1105 today
aaa Reply will be sent shortly

From	G.H.Q.
Place	110
Time	

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TO { DESCORPS APPX. 25

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* O.A.89	7/10	GA.305	

Arab prisoners may be handed over subject
to FEISALS guarantee over Feisal must
understand however that equipment of 2,000
recruits for Arab Army is at present impossible
from stocks at our disposal.

From	G. H. Q.
Place	1950
Time	

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TO { ADV DESCORPS **APPX. 24**

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
DAM 991.	9/10		

FEISAL has offered to send 1000 cavalry and 500 camelmen by the DAMASCUS - HOMS road to operate between HAMA and ALLEPPO against the Turkish communications and the Commander in Chief in sanctioning this proposal has told Cornwallis to tell FEISAL that he must consult you as to plans and the date on which he moves in order to ensure cooperation with you

From	
Place	G. H. Q.
Time	

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TO { DESCORPS **APPX. 26**

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
DAM 988	9th		

The Commanderin Chief intends to advance to the line HOMS - TRIPOLI as soon as possible and Descorps less one Division which will remain at DAMASCUS will advance on HOMS while the 7th Divn 21st Corps moves on TRIPOLI from BEIRUT and the progress of these moves will depend on the supply situation but both Descorps and 21st Corps will push forward at once to the utmost limit to which the present organisation of the supply situation will permit and Descorps and 21st Corps will draw up plans forthwith and wire dates of moves today and acknowledge and advise Descorps and 21st Corps.

From	
Place	G. H. Q.
Time	

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To:- Aeronautics GHQ
rept 5th Wing RAF

GA 393

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APPX 29

Can HOMS reconnaissance tomorrow be done by Army wing aaa 142 Sqdn at DAMASCUS only able to do 10 miles beyond BAALBEK aaa Suggest moving this flight of 142 Sqdn to RAYAK as early as possible aaa At present reconnoitring very little ahead of our troops aaa Added Aeronautics GHQ reptd 5th Wing

From:- Adv Descorps 1930

(sd) Hugh L Marsland

Lt GS

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TO { G.A.Q. (0) APPX 28

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
*G.A.380	9th	0AM 988	

~~5th Cav Divn will move tomorrow one Brigade BAALBEK two Brigades TEL. 230 SHERIF aaa 4th Cav Divn are unfit to move owing to influenza contracted during operations BEISAN and will be concentrated at DAMASCUS aaa Australian Mounted Division will move up to ZEBDANI area preparatory to moving behind 5th Cavalry Divn aaa Until these two divisions can be based for supplies on BEIRUT supply situation will not permit any further forward move unless Divns are able to live on the country possibility of which is now being enquired into and should be known by noon tomorrow aaa Please wire earliest date when supplies for 2 divisions may be expected BEIRUT aaa Understand SHERIFIAN Army has applied to proceed by DUMA and NEBK to HOMS aaa if you agree to this will forward more detailed plan~~

From			
Place	ADV DESCORPS		
Time			

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z)

..... (sd) A. Campbell Ross
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Major G.S.

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GHQ (O)

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APPX. 31

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Referencemy G A 380 of 9th inst aaa Have
conferred with Sherifian Army who state
unable to reach NEPK until 12th inst aaa
Therefore ordered push forward on 13th inst

From:- Adv Descorps
(sd) Hugh I. Marsland
Lt CS

To:- Adv Descorps

O 294

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APPX. 30

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Reconnaissance of HOMS by Corwing has
been arranged aaa Impossible move flight
142 at present aaa Requests for any
reconnaissance beyond area covered by 142
should be addressed Aeronautics reptd
Armwing HAIFA Addsd Adv Descorps reptd
Corwing.

From:- Aeronautics G H Q

To:- Adv Descorps

APPX. 33

BM 378

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GA 397

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Eleven lorries despatched to date aaa All lorries passing through have been loaded with our own sick from DAMASCUS aaa No accommodation for them here or BENAT YAKUB aaa Should these sick be taken off at Bridge fear serious consequences aaa Have already asked for empty lorries to remove bridge aaa Suggest holding back P of W until bridge is despatched. aaa Added Descorps repta D.A. & Q.M.C.

L of C Kuneitra
0900

To:- G.O.C. L of C KUNEITRA
rept D.A. & Q.M.C.

GA 397

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APPX. 32

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It is understood that the Ingles Bridge at BENAT YAKUB has not yet been moved to AFULE aaa You are responsible that this is done immediately aaa Returning lorries must be emptied to provide necessary accommodation aaa Please wire situation aaa Added L of C Kuneitra repta D.A. & Q.M.C.

From:- Adv Descorps
0705

(sd) Hugh L. Marsland
Lt
for BCGS

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TO { ADV DESCORPS **APPX. 35**

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.
OAM.995	10/10	AAA

All telegraph wires are to be directly controlled by Military Authority and no line is to be handed over to Hedjaz Govt aaa Where it is not possible owing to lack of personnel to control lines they must be temporarily disconnected and steps taken to see that they are not reestablished without your sanction aaa Acknowledge aaa adsd Adv Descorps and 21st Corps.

From **G. H. Q.**
Place
Time **1000**

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. **(Z)**
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To C.G.S., G.H.Q.

G A 400 10

APPX. 34

FEISAL has requested that all serviceable Turkish Artillery be handed over to him AAA There is about one battery in DAMASCUS the remaining breech blocks being missing AAA For orders please.

From ADV DESCORPS
0950

(sd) High L Marsland
Lt G S
for BGGS

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To.....						
By.....						

TO { SHERIFIAN FORCES
Troops N Hedjaz. *APPX. 34*

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
*1.	10/10/18		

~~The Des Mounted Corps less 2 Divns will move on HOMS at as early a date as possible aaa The MEDJAZ troops will operate in this advance aaa DESCORPS will move via BAALBEK - RAS BALBECK aaa MEDJAZ forces will move on the NEBK line aaa Adv Troops of Descorps are now at BAALBEK aaa Hedjaz troops will push advance troops at once to NEBK to get in line with DESCORPS aaa NO advance will be made beyond NEBK till further orders to ensure uniformity of movement aaa arrival at NEBK will be reported~~

From	ADV DESCORPS
Place	
Time	1430
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.	
(Z) C.A.C. Godwin. BGS.	
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To:- ADV DESCORPS. *APPX. 36*
OAM 2 10th G A 400

The question of the equipment of FIESAL'S Army is under consideration meanwhile no artillery should be handed over AAA If FEISAL asks again please say you are referring to G H Q and must await orders.

From:-
G.H.Q.
1250

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		By.....			

TO { ADV 21st Corps. *APPX. 39*

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* GA.418	10/10		

~~Following wire sent under G.A.418 to G.H.Q. begins and Reference to G.A.380 of 9th inst and have conferred with Sherifian Army who state unable to reach MEBK until 12th inst and Therefore intend push forward on 13th inst and ends and acknowledge~~

From ADV DESCORPS
Place
Time 2250

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)
(sgd) H.L. Marsland, Lt. GS.
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To:- Major Cornwallis
Liason Officer
Sherifian Forces

G A 405

APPX. 38

Reference Feisal's request for Turkish Artillery AAA The question of equipment of Feisal's Army is under consideration AAA ways and means have to be considered and on receipt of information you will be advised in due course.

From:- ADV DESCORPS
1520

(sgd) Hug L Marsland
Lt G S
for BGCS

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	To.....			By.....
	By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		

TO { AUSDIV FOURCAV FIVECAV
 ADAS DA & QMG ADST GOC., RA

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* GA. 424	11th		

5th Cavalry Division will concentrate in the vicinity of BAALBEK as early as possible and be prepared to move forward from there on 13th inst detailed orders will be issued later aaa

4th Cavalry Division will concentrate in ZAHLE-MOALLAKA area as early as possible with a view to moving forward to BAALBEK area and to be prepared to follow 5th Cavalry Division from BAALBEK on 15th inst aaa detailed orders will be issued later aaa Australian mounted Divn will remain in its present area until relieved by infantry at a date to be notified later aaa

ACKNOWLEDGE aaa addressed AUSDIV FOURCAV FIVECAV reptd ADAS DA & QMG ADST GOC., RA

From
Place ADV DESCORPS
Time 1530

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 (G. H. Q.)

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Major GS.

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	By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		

TO { ADV DESCORPS APPX. 40

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* OAM. 9	11/10		

Chief will leave BEIRUT on morning 16th for DAMASCUS where he will stay night 16/17th returning to HAIFA on 17th aaa Please arrange for guards and any further protection you may consider necessary aaa acknowledge

From
Place G. H. Q.
Time 1130

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TO { ADV DESCORPS
APPX. 43

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. * OAN. 12 11/10 AAA

Reference conversation with General Bartholomew the advance to HOMS from BAALBEK should begin not later than 13th inst even if by moving on this date the force available to proceed to HOMS is limited to one Division and a second Division should be concentrated at BAALBEK and follow the leading Division as soon as possible and if you consider desirable brigades of the second division may move forward without waiting till the concentration is complete and the delay which would be caused by exchanging the 4th Cav Divn with the Austn Mounted Divn is considered too great and acknowledge

From G. H. Q. Place 1945 Time

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TO { C.G.S., G. H. Q.
APPX. 42

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. * G.A. 425 11th AAA

Officer in charge Local ~~reserves~~ Resources reports that unless certain sum of money is forthcoming by noon tomorrow he fears supply of local resources will cease and requests that if it be possible ten thousand pounds in paper money be delivered here by midday tomorrow 12th inst by aeroplane and Field Cashier reported leaving LUDD this morning

Copy to D.A. & Q.M.G. for information.

From ADV DESCORPS Place 1730 Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) (sd) A. Campbell Ross Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name

* This line should be erased if not required. Major GS. Wt. W492/M1647 100,000 pads. 4/17. W. & Co., Ltd. (E. 1187.)

FOURCAV. FIVECAV. AUSDIV. 142 Sqn RAF
 21st Corps. D.A. & Q.M.G. AA. & Q.M.G.
 GOC.R.A. C.R.E. A.D.S.T D.D.M.S. A.P.M.
 Sherifian Forces.

G.A.434

12th

APPX. 45

5th Cavalry Division will move forward and occupy HOMS leaving BAALBEK on 13th inst and marching as followsaaa LEBWE 13th EL KAA 14th RUSSEIR 15th HOMS 16th aaa On reaching HOMS reconnoitring detachments will at once be pushed forward in the direction of HAMA and TRIPOLI and arrangements made for local protection of the Division aaa The detachment of SHERIFIAN FORCES should move from NEBK in conjunction with these moves so as to protect the right flank of the Divn aaa Touch should be gained as early as possible aaa This should be feasible from HASIE to ZERAA but in any case between SHAMSIN and KUSSEIR aaa In consultation with GOC., 5th Cavalry Division a detachment of SHERIFIAN FORCES will be sent round to east of HOMS to occupy HAMA cutting the railway at that point aaa 4th Cav Divn will proceed to HOMS leaving BAALBEK on 15th inst following 5th Cavalry Division aaa AUSDIV will remain in present location.aaa acknowledge aaa adsd AUSDIV FOURCAV FIVECAV Sherifian Forces reptd 142 Sqn RAF 21st Corps Heads of Depts.

FROM / ADV DESCORPS.
 0100

(sgd) Hugh L Marsland Lt.
 for BGGs.

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TO { FOURCAV
 FIVECAV APPX. 44

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
*G.A.430	11th		

All details of 5th Cavalry Divn should be clear of BAALBEK by midday on 14th aaa Advanced troops of 4th Cavalry Divn should not enter BAALBEK before midday on 14th aaa Squadron 4th 5th Cavalry Divn guarding war material at RAYAK should be relieved by 4th Cavalry Divn by morning of 15th under arrangements to be made between Divisions concerned aaa adsd

FOURCAV FIVECAV

From	
Place	ADV DESCORPS
Time	2122 2000

The above may be forwarded as how corrected. (Z) H.L.Marsland.Lt.GS.
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Major Cornwallis.

G.A.452.

13th

APPX. 47

Please hold up wires for FEISAL until a
through line to BEIRUT can be established
which should be to morrow, when
arrangements can be made to send them

From/

ADV DESCORPS.

1055

(sd) A. Campbell Ross,

Major, G.S.

To:- Adv Descorps

OAM 14

13th

APPX. 46

Please tell General Chauvel that the
question of getting coats and blankets
to histroops by sea has been taken in
hand also that the money is on its way
from General Bartholomew

From:- G.H.Q.
1215

To ADV DESCORPS.

O.A. 19.

13/10

Appx. 49

Ref my O.A. 95 of 8th aaa Nos 3 and 4 Light
Car patrols are allotted to DESCORPS aaa
They should be despatched to join DESCORPS
as soon as possible after arrival at LUDD
arrangements necessary arrangements being
made with DESCORPS direct aaa added
Comms reptd DESCORPS.

FROM/

G.H.Q.

To:- Adv Descorps

OAM 17

13

Appx. 48

Reference OAM 8 of 11th wire arrange-
-ments made for protection of Chief from
BEIRUT to DAMASCUS on 16th Repeating Adv
21st Corps aaa Time of departure from
BEIRUT will be wired as soon as known
but will probably be in morning aaa
Added Adv Descorps reptd Adv 21 Corps

From:- GHQ
1200

No.1 L.C.Patrol. No.7 L.C.Patrol.
No.11 L.A.M.B.

G.A.455.

13th.

APPX. 51

C.in C. will be escorted from BEIRUT on
16th inst aaa Officers Commanding Nos.1 and
7 L.C.Patrols will mutually arrange to have
the road from DAMA SCUS to BEIRUT patrolled
on 16th inst aaa NO.11 L.A.M.B. will provide
two Rolls store cars mounted with Vickers
Machine Guns to be at BEIRUT on evening of
15th inst to escort C.in C. from BEIRUT to
DAMASCUS and will also be prepared to escort
him on 17th aaa Os.C. Nos.1 and 7 L.C.Patrols
and O.C.NO.11 L.A.M.B. will report to
General Staff Descorps at 1000 on 14th inst
aaa addsd Nos 1 and 7 L.C.Ps and No.11 LAMB.

FROM / Adv DESCORPS

1520

(sd) A.Campbell ROSS,

Major.G.S.

13th Cav Bde. 14th Cav Bde. 15th Bde.
Field Sqn. Signals. A.D.M.S. LAMB.
'A' Echelon. B.A.C. Train. Descorps
FOURCAV. 'Q'

G.A.212.

13/10

APPX. 50

Division will move 14th inst as follows
aaa DHQ Group and 13th Bde to EL KAA
S.P.Div Signal Office aaa DHQ will march
as ordered today aaa 14th Cav Bde 15th
Cav Bde 'A' 2 Echelon B.A.C. Train will
march to LEBWE aaa S.P.1 mile N.of
BAALBEK on HOMS road aaa Units will pass
S.P. in above order at 0745. 0825.0830
0845 aaa LAMB will move at 0630 to EL KAA
aaa moves for 15th aaa DHQ and 13th Cav
Bde LAMB to KUSSEIR aaa Remainder Divn to
EL KAA S.P. 1 mile N.LEBWE on HOMS road
aaa order of march and times as for 14
th inst aaa Representatives 14th and 15th
Bdes and all Echelons will meet DAAG at
LEBWE at 1100 14th inst aaa ack.

FROM / 5th Cav Divn.

(sd) A.M.Turner,

Major GS.
for Lieut Col.

ADV DESCORPS

O.AM.26

13/10

APPX. 53

Great care is to be taken as to siting
of camps of all troops in salubrious places
aaa acknowledge

FROM/

G. H. Q.

2000

To/

DESCORPS.

Y.O. 153.

12/10

APPX. 52

Reference conversation re moves aaa 12th Cav
Brigade moves to BAALBEK on 14th inst.
Division (less 12th Cav Bde) remains ZABLE
aaa on 15th inst 12th Cav Bde moves to LEBWE
and remainder of Division to BAALBEK aaa other
moves further in accordance with above groups

FROM/

FOURCAV

1530

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

G.A. 484

14/10

Appx. 55

May Ambulance Convoy be made available to
evacuate DESCORPS patients forthwith aaa
urgently required.

FROM/ ADV DESCORPS

2400

(sd) A. Campbell Ross,
Major GS.

To. DESCORPS

A.A. 25134.

15/10.

G.A. 484

Of 14th aaa 30 Heavy cars ordered to DAMASCUS
aaa they will leave on 17th.

FROM/ D.A.G., G. H. Q.

To:- Descorps H Qs
Damascus

AC /17

14

Appx. 54

What arrangements have been made for
Commander in Chief's visit on 16th
Wire immediately Advanced 21st Corps
where accommodation for night is
arranged for seven Officers and 17
Other ranks aaa Please buy four chickens
vegetables and fruit for night

A.D.C. C in C

To. AUSDIV.

G.A. 489.

15/10

APPX. 57

The Squadron detached on the DUMA road should be recalled to-day and no details left behind which will necessitate passage through the town tomorrow.

FROM Adv DESCORPS.

0830

(sd) A. Campbell Ross,
Major U.S.

To:- A.D.C. to C in C
c/o Adv 21st Corps

GA 482

14/10

A.C./17

APPX 56

Accommodation as requested in your A.C. 16 at Hotel aaa Protection as stated in my G A 253 aaa Your A.C.16 asked for accommodation for 5 Officers and 16 O Rs aaa This will be arranged tomorrow AAA Your request to purchase communicated to A.D.C. DESCORPS

From:- Adv Descorps
2350

To 21st Corps.

G.A.492

15/10

APPX. 59

Can you place guards at stations between
ZAHLE and BEIRUT to prevent further looting
of firewood and railway material which is
now being done to considerable extent.

ADV DESCORPS

0940

(sd) Hugh L. Marsland, Lt. GS

To./ AUSSDIV FOURCAV FIVECAV
A.D.S.T. D.D.M.S. A.P.M.
D.A. & Q.M.G.

G.A.490

15/10

APPX. 58

The C.in C. is travelling BEIRUT to
DAMASCUS on 16th DAMASCUS to HAIFA on 17th
aaa every precaution to be taken to keep
the roads as clear as possible aaa no double
banking of transport aaa all transport to
move off the roads and every precaution taken
not to impede progress

FROM ADV DESCORPS

0850

(sd) A. Campbell Ross,

Major G.S.

To/ DESCORPS.

Y.A.51

15th/10

APPX. 61

In continuation my Y.O. 164 Bridge at DEIR EL
BEIDAR is not repaired at all and cannot
possible carry train bridge is situated $\frac{1}{2}$ mile
E. of DEIR EL BEIDAR tunnel aaa is three arch
stone bridge and damaged as follows Base of
one arch slightly damaged crown one arch
completely demolished crowns two remaining
arches seriously cracked aaa New rails
required over complete length of bridge aaa
No sign of any repairing party.

FROM / FOURCAV.

To. DESCORPS.

O.A.M.36

15/10

APPX. 60

Please wire strength of detachment at DERAA
and from what Unit.

From/ G.H.Q.

1000

To. G.H.Q.

G.A.510

16/10

O.A.M.36

No detachment at DERAA except HEDJAZ army
aaa strength unknown

FROM ADV DESCORPS

0910

(sgt) K.A.Mc.Kenzie, MajorGS

To. DESCORPS.

G.639. x 15/10

APPX. 63

H.Q.Chaytors Force 800 yards N.E. of
AMMAN Railway Station aaa 1st ALH Bde
(less 2 Regts) KALAATEZ ZERKA aaa one
Regt (less 1 Sqn) with Desert Mtd Corps
1st L.H. Brigade SUWEILEH aaa One Regt
1st LH Bde AIN HEMAR aaa 20th Ind Infy
Bde (less 3 Battns) AMMAN aaa One Battn
20th Ind Inf Bde ES SALT aaa 32nd Mtn
Battery and one section Amman Column
AMMAN aaa Remainder under Comms.

From/ CHAYTORS FORCE

1645

~~**FROM**~~

To. ADV DESCORPS

APPX. 62

G.A.88.

15/10

GA.492

Regret this cannot be done owing to
difficulty of supply without lorries aaa
Am posting a guard temporarily at ALIYE.

FROM/ Adv 21st Corps.

1440

G.S., DESCORPS.

G.A.218.

15/10

APPX. 65

Para 1. Div H.Q. and 13th Cav Bde Group will march tomorrow 16th inst to HOMS be N.W. of town aaa order of march as for today aaa
Para 2. 14th and 15th Cav Bdes Groups and echelons will march to KUSSEIR on 16th and to HOMS on 17th inst aaa order of march and times for 16th as for today aaa starting point S. exit of EL KAA aaa
Para.3. No.12 LAM Battery and detachment No.1 L.C.Patrol will march to HOMS 16th inst starting at 0700 aaa
Para 4. On 17th inst 14th Cav Bde group will march on right of the road and 15th Cav Bde group on left, both starting at 0730 aaa wheels in order of march will march by road aaa head of leading unit to pass starting point(~~exit~~ S.exit of KUSSEIR) at 0730 aaa acknowledge aaa addsd 14th Cav Bde reptd 15 Cav Bde 5th Cav Div Train. 5th Cav Div BAC
O/C A.2 Echelon 4th Cav Div . G.S.Descorps

FROM FIVECAV.

TO DESCORPS.

G.A.219

15/10

APPX. 64

HOMS entered and found quiet and well ordered under SHERIFS rule aaa rolling stock burnt or removed aaa Von Saunders with Staff left HOMS 10th JEMAL PASHS 11th and Last troops 1.Batty and 2 Bns 12th aaa few hostile cavalry with M.Gs reported near ER RASTAN aaa Touch gained with SHERIFS forces which have entered HOMS aaa aerodrome with six machines reported near station just west of HAMA aaa 400 Turks reported in HAMA engaged in ~~rem~~ removing grain from neighbouring villages aaa influential inhabitant HAMA states that if these troops could be bombed they would leave HAMA and the grain aaa consider aerodrome should be bombed.

FROM FIVECAV.

Aeronautics. Armwing.
G.H.Q. 142 Sqn RAF.

G.A.501.

15/10.

APPX. 67

Turks removing grain from HAMA aaa

Please arrange to bomb aaa adisd

Aeronautics HQ reptd Armwing. 142 Sqn.

From. DESCORPS.

2130

(sd) K.A.Mc.Aenzie,

Major GS

To. DESCORPS.

A.257

15/10.

APPX. 66

Reconnaissance 0930 - 1200aaa KATTINE
4 M.T. going N. aaa HOMS Station burnt
aaa 40 ? R.S. mostly burnt aaa 30 Cav
in streets aaa 150 people in town square
aaa Motor trolley on railway moving N. from
HOMS aaa TELBISE 6 M.T. and 35 Cav entering
town aaa ER RASTAN Camp of 1 M.T. 10
Divouacs and stores 1 mile N. of town aaa
40 Cav entering town from S. 20 Cavalry and
20 camels watering in town aaa Road bridge
destroyed (centre arch) RASTAN-HAMA road
10 M.T. moving S. 3 M.T. moving N. aaa
Scattered movement on road and side tracks
aaa HAMA 25 Cavalry aaa 100 troops at
Station aaa NO. TS aaa 27 R.S. No. engine
aaa Train accident 1 mile S. of Station
(wagons derailed) aaa Iron Bridge (Railway)
intact aaa movement of horses and camels
round town and station approx total 40.
aaa HOMS A trench system is under
construction astride main road $\frac{1}{2}$ mile S.
of HOMS system 2,000 yards long formed
of Infantry scrapes aaa 4 short lengths
are connected forming trenches aaa Trench
system unoccupied aaa 2 vehicles and 6
men at E. end of system No other movement
aaa our advanced Cavalry at KUSSEIR aaa
Ref map 1d250,000 Tripoli

ARMWING.

To. FIVECAV.

G.A.509

16/10

APPX. 69

Please reconnoitre HOMS - TRIPOLI road immediately giving information as to gradients and suitability for M.T. as early information urgently required as 21st Corps also been asked to reconnoitre.

ADV DESCORPS.

0845

(sgd) A. Campbell Ross,

Major G.S.

To. FOURCAV.
FIVECAV.

G.A.504.

15/10.

APPX. 68

FOURCAV will relieve Squadron of 14th Cavalry Brigade at present guarding prisoners and stores at BAALBEK. On relief tomorrow 16th Squadron of 14th Brigade will proceed to rejoin its Brigade as advised FOURCAV repta FIVECAV.

ADV DESCORPS

2250

(sd) Hugh L. Marsland.

Lieut. GS.

FOURCAV DA & QMG A.D.S.R. C.R.E. D.D.M.S.
FIVECAV G.O.C.R.A.A.D.A.S. A.P.M. Sherifian
forces.

G.A.514

16/10

Appx. 71

4th Cavalry Divn will remain in its present area that is BAALBEK - LEBWE until further orders concentrating the Division there gradually ~~aaa~~ if however reconnaissances prove that a better area exists closer to 5th Cavalry Divn the Division will move into that area at its earliest convenience ~~aaa~~ Please wire your decision ~~aaa~~ Addsd FOURCAV reptd FIVECAV and as above.

FROM ADV DESCORPS

1730

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

FIVECAV.
ARMWING.

G.A.512.

16/10.

Appx. 70

Ensure HOMS landing ground is clear and report suitability for landing ~~aaa~~ aeroplane will signal two coloured lights when about to land ~~aaa~~ arrange smoke signal to indicate direction of wind ~~aaa~~ Report urgent ~~aaa~~ addressed FIVECAV reptd ARMWING.

From ADV DESCORPS.

1000

(sgd) K.A. Mc.Kenzie,

Major GS.

To. 11th L.A.M.B.

G.A.518.

16/10

Appx. 73

Patrol in advance of U.in C. tomorrow
morning leaving DAMASCUS 0700 for KUNEITRA
returning as early as possible.

From ADV DESCORPS

2150

(sd) K.A.Mc.Kenzie.Maj GS.

To. DESCORPS.

A.T. 754.

16/10.

Appx. 72

DESCORPS

Nos 3 and 4 Light Car Patrols proceed/0800
tomorrow itinerary 17th TULKERAM 18th NAZARETH
19th KUNEITRA, 20th DAMASCUS aaa Strength 4
Officers 38 O.Rs. 12 cars ~~8~~ 8 Lewis Guns
aaa added Comms. Comdg Tulkeram reptd DESCORPS

From/
Commanding

TAMLEH 1800.

To ARMWING.

G.A.519.

17/10.

APPX. 75

Landing ground situated just west Railway
Station HOMS North road KUSSEIR to HOMS
aaa good landing aaa FIVECAV have arranged
smoke signal for wind direction from 0900
tomorrow.

FROM ADV DESCORPS

0030

(sgd) K.A.Mc.Kenzie,

Major .G.S.

To. ADV DESCORPS.

16/10

APPX. 74

Landing ground is situated just west
of railway station north road from KUSSEIR
to HOMS good landing arrangements made
under instructions received your wire
ready 0900 tomorrow.

From FIVECAV.

2210.

To/
21st Corps.

G.A.527

17th

APPX. 77

Can you place Company of 7th Infantry
Brigade at EL HAMME Station 8 miles east
of SEMAKH to guard stores at end of rail-
way and take over prisoners arriving there.

From. ADV DESCORPS.

0925

(sgd) A. Campbell Ross,

Major G.S.

To. AUSDIV FOURCAV. FIVECAV. D.D.M.S.
C.R.E. D.A. & Q.M.G. A.D.S.T.

G.A.525

17th.

APPX. 76

Ref map TRIPOLI 1/125,000 aaa Armoured car
patrol to SH AYASH M.4. report all clear
aaa Road passable for all traffic and in
good condition aaa all bridges on railway
demolished aaa road bridge at KHAN ABDI
destroyed but drift at side passable aaa
NAHR BERID dry aaa Bridge at JISR ARAA
intact good supply running water in
NAHR AARKA aaa Large supply water in river
S. of KALA KALIADH and in NHAREL HASRAN.

From Adv DESCORPS.

0710.

(sd) A. Neate,

Major G.S.

To. 21st Corps.

G.A.529

17th.

APPX. 79

Essential that HOMS - TRIPOLI road be completed early as possible and Descorps starting from HOMS end and will you start from TRIPOLI end with boundary JISR AYASH inclusive.

From DESCORPS

1230

(sgd) Hugh L. Marsland.

Lieut G.S.

To. DESCORPS.

G.A.224

17/10.

APPX. 78

Ref this office G.A.219 Turks reported near RASTAN have now left and propose move 13th and 14th Cav Bdes to ER RASTAN either side road and 15th Cav Bde to TELBISE and moves take place tomorrow.

From. FIVECAV.

1005.

To. DESCORPS.

H.A.225

17/10

APPX. 81

Reconnaissance to ER RASTAN finds turks retired during night aaa HAMA road bridge consisting of 9 spans blown aaa Centre span completely destroyed and arches to N. and S. very much shaken likewise parapets aaa Consider repair will require much material and time aaa River can be forded below bridge by Cavalry and H.T. aaa Hope CRE and Bridging train will be sent to assist aaa Railway bridge also destroyed

From FIVECAV.

1520

To. FIVECAV.

G.A.531.

17/10

APPX. 80

Following from Sherifian Army begins aaa The following instructions have been given to O.C., Sherifian Detachment HOMS aaa He will halt for one day at HOMS and then advance carefully to HAMA aaa He will report daily to nearest British Commander his position and his movements and also all information he can obtain of enemy movements aaa He will keep in closest touch with British Forces aaa He will receive further instructions on his arrival at HAMA aaa ends.

DESCORPS

1510.

(sd) K.A.Mc.Kenzie, Maj GS.

To. ADV DESCORPS.

W.H.1722

17/10.

APPX. 83

Total number in camp aaa Officers 2 German
81 Turkish Other ranks 184 German 2099 Turk
8 Turkish women and 4 children aaa Nil to
hospital aaa received 11 Turkish Officers
336 Turkish and 53 German O.R. aaa 67 Turk
O.R. loaned permanently.

FROM.

O.C.P/W Compound;
EL MEZZE.

To Adv DESCORPS.

17/10

APPX. 82

~~Instructed detachment EL HAMME Station~~

Instruct detachment EL HAMME guard stores
on railway there and take over any
prisoners that arrive aaa added 7th Bde
reptd Adv descorps and A.& Q.

From 21st Corps.

To. Adv Descorps.

B.M.423

18/10

APPX 85

2/155th Pioneers en route DAMASCUS arrive
KUNEITRA 21st inst SASA 23rd inst aaa added
20th Corps reptd DESCORPS.

From L.of G.KUNEITRA.

1300.

To. 21st Corps.

C.G.1

18/10

APPX. 84

We have to base on TRIPOLI for HOMS aaa There
is an impassable bridge about 8 miles out of
TRIPOLI aaa can you find a party on this to
make a temporary repair.

FROM Adv Descorps.

1200

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

CIPHER.

To. ADV DESCORPS.

O.A.M.56

18/10

APPX. 87

Prepare for 5th Cavalry Division to march on
ALEPPO starting October 20th aaa No.2 LAC Batty
and No.2 L.C.P. are being sent from 21st Corps
to join 5th Cav Divn aaa Nos 3 and 4 L.C.Ps
leave TULKERAM to join DESCORPS today aaa
Instructions follow by air aaa* post tomorrow
aaa added DESCORPS ~~reptd~~** reptd 21st Corps.

FROM G.H.Q.

To. DESCORPS.

O.A.M.55

18/10

APPX. 86

No. 2 L.A.C. Battery will proceed to HOMS soon
as possible and join FIVECAV aaa No.2 LAC Patrol
which is now on way to join you should also be
sent straight on to join FIVECAV aaa Please
notify DESCORPS and FIVECAV direct probable
times of arrival aaa acknowledge aaa added 21st
Corps reptd DESCORPS and FIVECAV

FROM G.H.Q.

2015.