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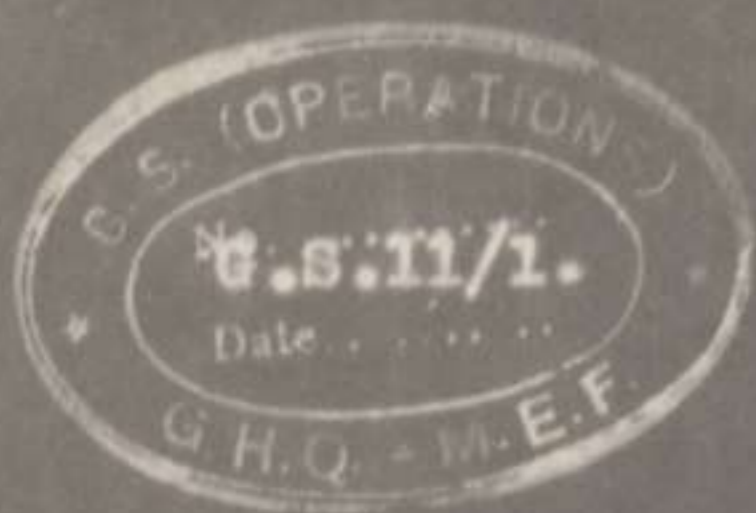
SECRET 4/26/18

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Secretary,

War Office, LONDON, S.W.

18th May, 1916.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith, for favour of approval, detailed statements showing the establishments proposed for the following headquarters :-

General Headquarters, Egyptian Expeditionary Force,
1st and 2nd Echelons.

Combined 3rd Echelon, EGYPT and SALONICA.

Headquarters, Inspector General of Communications.

Headquarters, Delta District and L. of C. Defences.

Headquarters, Alexandria District.

Headquarters, Administrative Commandant, ISMAILIA.

Headquarters, Commandant and Landing Establishment,
PORT SAID and SUEZ.

Headquarters, Embarkation Staff, ALEXANDRIA.

Headquarters, Western Frontier Force.

Headquarters, South Western Force.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Geo C. P. Dawnay
Lt. Col. C.S.

General,
Commander-in-Chief,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

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Q.

Notes by the Commander-in-Chief, taken on his visit to FERDAN, 18/5/16.

1. The 11th Division have still nearly 60 per cent of single fly tents. In view of the hot season which has now commenced, the Commander-in-Chief wishes the provision of double fly tents to be pushed forward with all possible despatch.

2. A considerable proportion of horses, 11th Divisional Artillery, are at present unprovided with brow fringes. Can these be supplied please? It is understood that indents have already been submitted through the ordinary channels.

18-5-16

(Sgd) A.C. Dawson
Capt.
for the C-in-C.

'A'.



On the occasion of the Commander-in-Chief's visit to FERDAN this morning, the G.O.C., 11th Division brought up the case of Captain Barry. The main points are as follows:-

Captain Barry who has hitherto held a temporary commission in the Manchester Regiment, is employed as Brigade Machine Gun Officer, 34th Infantry Brigade, in which capacity he is of very great value, and would be most difficult to replace. Recently, however, Captain Barry has been appointed to a regular commission in the Manchester Regiment, and had accordingly been ordered home to join a regular battalion. General Fanshawe has made application that this Officer may, instead, be posted to the Service battalion of the Manchester Regiment with the 34th Brigade, in order that he may be retained in his present employment. The Commander-in-Chief told General Fanshawe that he would support this application, but said he was unable to make any guarantee. Can anything be done please ?

(Sgd) A. C. Dawson
Capt.
for Lt. Col.,
G.S.

G.S.(O).
18/5/16.

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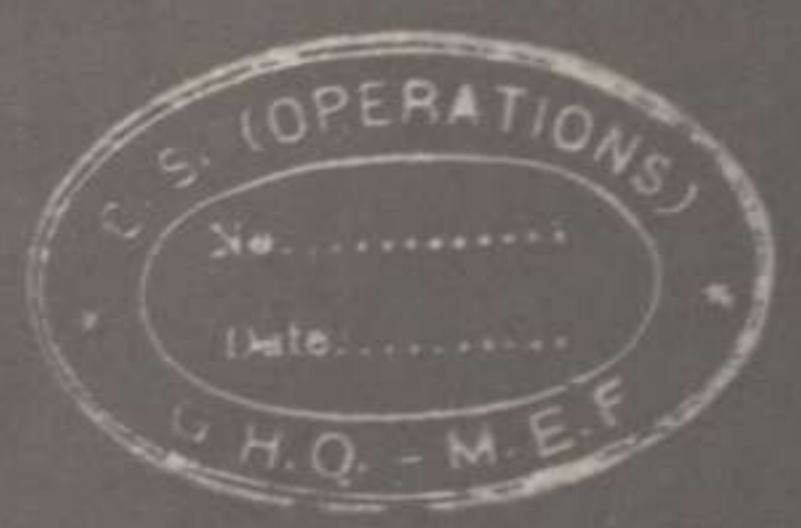
App A

From Troopers.
To Chief, Egyptforce.

18787 cipher M.S.1.	18/5/18.	Desp. 2150.
	19/5/18.	Recd. 0600.
		Decd. 0625.

C.-in-C. INDIA requests services of Captain R.F. Stapleton-Cotton, A.S.G. and Captain J.W. Thomson, 52nd Divisional Ammunition Column for special duty. If can be spared, order to embark and inform INDIA of date.

Copies to :-
 A. for action.
 Q.
 O.
 O.(b)
 C.S.S.
 Filed A. Cables.



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app B

From :- Chief COMPTON
To :- Troopers LONDON.

A.M. 343 cipher.

19/5/18

Deep. 1400

Your 18748 cipher S.D.2.

4th and 8th Australian Divisional Artillery require following to complete War Establishment Part VII :-
Eight 18 pdrs., sixteen 4.5" howitzers. If these Divisions are to be completed with guns here, I should have to use the 18 pdr. released from 11th Division. This seems undesirable while destination of this Division is still undecided. We cannot provide 4.5" howitzers except by demanding 53rd and 54th Divisions. 53rd Division has none. As these Territorial Divisions are now my advanced Eastern Frontier Force I cannot recommend this change. Reference your 18977 cipher S.D.2 we expect eight 4.5" howitzers for Australian Divisions out of the 16 above referred to. Presume however, you will now retain these for issue to Australians in FRANCE. How many rounds per 18 pdr. and 4.5" howitzer should accompany 4th and 8th Australian Divisional Artillery ? Only shrapnel available.

Copies to :-

- O.
- O(b).
- C.S.S.
- C. in C.
- G.
- H.A.R.A.
- Siled G.S. 113.
- G.S. Z/48
- G.S. cables.



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From:- A.H.Q. SALONICA.

To:- Chief, COMFFORCE.

G.C. 58. cipher.

19/5/16.

Desp. 1042.
Recd. 1812.
Decd. 1835.

Reference your A.M. 498 and 503.

Vice Admiral wire begins:- " For G.C.C. SALONICA, Desire that a small Military guard be placed at THASOS Island Aerodrome now practically ready, one officer and 50 other ranks considered sufficient. Can you provide them please as owing to departure of R.N.D., Navy cannot. Provisions could be had from STEAVROS. One anti-aircraft gun will be mounted at THASOS, where it is proposed to station some aeroplanes from IMBROS. French aviators also will use the ground." ends.

Can this guard be found from garrison of Islands ? Have informed Vice Admiral I can find it if required immediately but if so should be glad if it could be relieved later on by garrison of Islands.

Copies to :- O.
O(b).
C.G.S.
H.G.R.A.
A.

Filed G.S. 86.
" G.S. Cables.



W.D.

APPD

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From :- EGYPFORCE.
To :- Troopers LONDON.

A.M. 544 cipher. 19/5/16 Desp. 2000

Reference your 400 of January 9th, your 2640 Q.M.G. 2 of February 25th, and your 14199 of 8th March, position as regards approved railway transport establishment is somewhat obscure. Sanction requested for the following which are our minimum requirements :-

(a) Directorate. 1 D.R.T.
E.D.D.R.T.
2 A.D.R.T.
1 Superintending Clerk.
5 Clerks.

(b) Two complete R.T. Sections, Part VII.

(c) Five extra R.T.O., one to be graded as Staff Lieut. 1st class, and four as Staff Lieuts. 2nd class.

Railways have lately been considerably extended. May sanction be wired please ?

Copies to :-

O.
O(b).
C.G.S.
Q.
Filed G.S. 11/1
G.S. cables.



"C" Form (Original).
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2123

Prefix Code Words 39
 Received Sent, or sent out Office Stamp
 From At m.
 By To
 Charges to collect
 Service Instructions.
 Handed in at Office m. Received m.

GHQ-19.V.16.
TELEGRAM

TO *GHQ*

Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number
 27 19/5/16 OAC 141 AAA

Do you require information of
 LofC units where the LofC
 Defence Troops are. If so
 will forward formation return
 if not will forward separate
 return for LofC Defence Troops

OAC 141

FROM Delta District
 PLACE & TIME 1825

* This line should be erased if not required.

"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121.

Prefix Code m. Words Charge
 Office of Origin and Service Instructions. This message is on a/c of:
 Sent
 At m.
 To
 By (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

WP

Apple

TO G.O.C. LofC. Defences.

Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number
 * Oac 141 19th AAA

Please forward without delay detailed
 distribution of all troops allotted
 LofC Defences & Garrison Delta
 district area location & strength
 of all units & depots urgently required

OPERATIONS
 GHQ - M.E.F.

From *GHQ*
 Place
 Time 1200

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z)

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Prefix	Code	Words	Charge	No. of Messages
Office of Origin and Service Instructions		This message is on a/c of:		
At	To	By	Date	From
Signature of Franchising Officer				

TO: 19C
 Alexandria
 Care

Sender's Number: In reply to Number: A A A

Please forward earliest possible detailed distribution of troops at Alexandria and location and approximate strength of all units and base depot, urgently required as address

19C



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From: G.H.Q.
 Place: 1200
 Time: 1200

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)

Censor: Signature of Addressee or person authorised to telegraph in his name. This line should be erased if not required.

Handwritten initials: W.D.

Handwritten: app 9

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From :- Troopers
 Addressed G.H.Q., repeated Communications.

A.O. 6809 cipher G.M.G. 2 19/5/16 Desp. 1415
 Recd. 1928
 Decd. 1935

M.F.A. 1369, 15th. The reserve units 1st and 2nd Australian Divisions and also of New Zealand Division are to be despatched to UNITED KINGDOM. Following vessels have been appropriated for their conveyance :- "Hile", "Briton", "Corsican", "Megantic", "Runtsgreen", "Franconia", "Winnetonka"

- Copies to :-
- G.)
 - A.) for action.
 - O.
 - O(b).
 - C.S.S.
 - C. in C.
 - Filed A cables.
 - O.S. 113/11



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From Chief WESTFORCE.

To Chief LONDON.

app H

A.M. 545. cipher.

19/5/16.

Desp. 2130

Evening report.

Mahon's condition still dangerous but perhaps a little better.

Copies to :-

O.		M.G.H.A.
O(b).		E. in C.
C. in C.		D.A.S.
C.O.S.		Major Vitale.
I.	Filed	G.S. 2/22
A.	"	G.S. cables.
Q.		



From :- G.H.Q.

To :- WESTFORCE.

app J

OBA 269

19/5/16

Desp. 2220

In reply to No. 70.

Brigade Machine Gun Company of Dismounted Yeomanry Brigade has same establishment as Infantry Brigade Machine Gun Company.

Remainder of your wire will be answered by letter.

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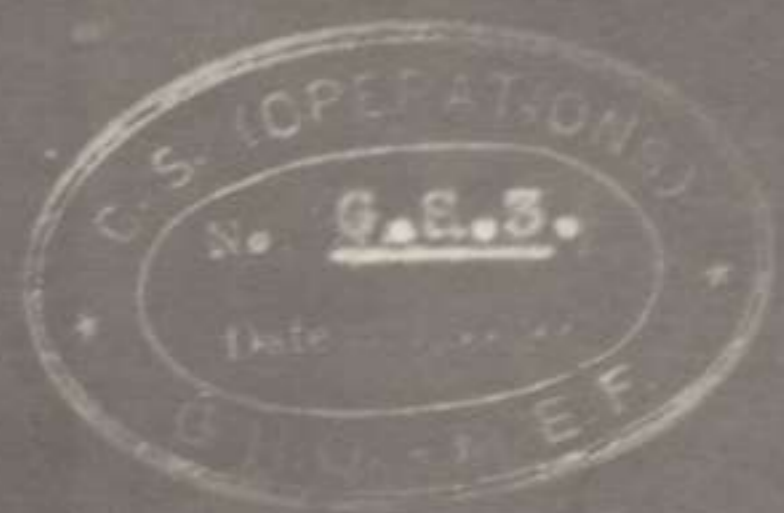
O.	
O(b).	
D.C.S.	
Filed	G.S. 90.
"	G.S. cables.



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AppK



Administrative Commandant,
ISMAILIA.

With reference to your No. 63/3 of May 18th, it is not considered that the value of a military telegraph service to BILBEIS would warrant the construction of a permanent line of over 20 miles in length, especially in view of the possibility that the garrison at BILBEIS may not be permanent.

Sgt C. P. Dawson
Lt. Col. [unclear]

G.H.Q., E.E.F.,
19/5/18.

Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

Copy to D.A.S.

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G.S. Z/53.

App

W.P.

General Staff,
Egyptian Army,
War Office, CAIRO.

With reference to your E/Moves/3270 dated May 17th, the services of Major Weldon and the Egyptian Army Detachment are still required to garrison No. 1 armoured train, which will shortly be despatched for employment on the QANTARA-QATIA railway.

The detachment has recently been retained at ISMAILIA pending the reconstitution of the train, of which you were informed in my G.S. Z/53 of the 8th instant. This work is now approaching completion, and the train will proceed to QANTARA for operations east of the Canal at an early date.

(Sgd) G.P. Dawnsy

G.H.Q., E.E.F.
19/5/16.

Lt. Col.,
G.S.



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W.D.

General Officer Commanding,
No. 3 Section,
Canal Defences.

App M

The Commander-in-Chief is of opinion that it will be desirable to demolish the wells at HOD EL BAYOUD, so as to hamper enemy parties which use that place. Please give your views on this matter.

It is true that it is not difficult to sink new wells, but at the same time, the periodical demolition of such as have already been sunk will impede the movements of the enemy in the area in question.

The Commander-in-Chief does not wish a special operation undertaken in any case, but suggests that arrangements might be made to demolish the wells on the next occasion on which you send out a reconnaissance to HOD EL BAYOUD.

(Sgt) G.P. Dawson Lt. Col. G.S.

G.H.Q.,
19/5/48.

for Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

W.P.

App N

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G.S. Z/48/1

Lieut.-Colonel Lubbock,
C.R.C.E.

SECRET

With reference to your No. 8/57 dated 10/5/16,
the enclosed report of conference held at General
Headquarters on the 17th inst., is forwarded for your
information.

(Sgd) *A.C. Dawnay*
Capt. G.S.

G.H.Q.,
19/5/16.

for Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

Copy to Q.

G.S. Z/48.

General Officer Commanding,
No. 3 Section,
Canal Defences.

SECRET

Report of Conference with the Commander-in-Chief,
held yesterday at General Headquarters is forwarded to you
herewith, and is to be considered by you as an instruction
to take the necessary measures to carry out the decisions
reached at that Conference.

(Signed) G.P. Dawnay, Lt. Col.,
G.S.

for
Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

G.H.Q., E.E.F.,
18/5/16.

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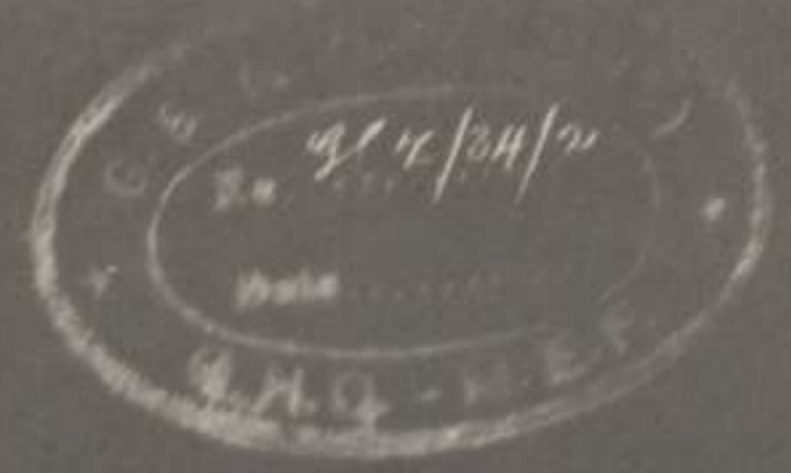
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General Officer Commanding,
No. 1 Section, Canal Defences.
2nd A. & N.Z. Army Corps.

Detailed information about the rock cisterns
in the WADI MUKHSHEIB, from the point of view of the
possibility of their demolition if necessary, is
required.

If such information is not available from the
reports of reconnoitring parties which have already been
to the WADI MUKHSHEIB and MOIYA HARAB, arrangements
should be made to obtain such information on the next
occasion on which these places are visited.

*Col. { 2nd A. & N.Z. Army Corps } has also been informed as above.
No. 1 Section*

(Sgd) G.P. Dawson Lt Col. 4th

G.H.Q.,
19/5/16.

for Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.



W.R.

AMHP

1/268

Officer Commanding,
5th Wing,
Royal Flying Corps.

Reference your No. 38 dated 16/5/18, regarding your requirements in Lewis Guns.

The 40 guns you mention as being at CAIRO doing nothing are earmarked for the Imperial Camel Corps and Motor Petrols.

However, until the arrival of your 16 guns, which you say are shortly expected from home, 7 of these guns will be issued to you on loan.

(Sgd) C. P. Dawson

G.H.Q., E.F.F.
18/5/18.

Lt. Col.,
G.S.

Copies to :-
Q.
G.O.C., Western Frontier Force.

SECRET

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From :- TROOPERS.

To :- G.H.Q.

18917 cipher S.D.S.

19/5/16
20/5/16

Desp. 1715
Recd. 0800
Decd. 0850

Reference 18748, 17th, and 18790, 18th. These two divisions will bring no gun or howitzer ammunition. They will not bring any G.S. wagons or Lewis machine guns. All riding horses should be accompanied by appropriate saddlery. Only harness for draught horses which belong to vehicles which are sent is required. It is suggested that each division bring all officers' chargers, all riding horses, any fit heavy draught horses, and 1,000 artillery draught horses, but no mules. Can this be done?

Copies to :-

O. A.
O(b). H.G.R.A.
C.G.S. Filed G.S. 2/45
" " G.S. cables.



From :- Britannia MUDROS.

To :- EGYPTORCE.

app B

1951 cipher.

19/5/16
20/5/16

Desp. 2135
Recd. 0800
Decd. 0840

Your letter G.S. 6 over 1 April 23rd. Books not yet received. Please say by what route sent.

Copies to :-

O.
O(b).
Filed G.S. 6/1
" " G.S. cables.

From Troopers.
To Chief, Egyptforce.

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APP C

10837 cipher D.S.D.

19/5/18.
20/5/18.

Desp. 2000.
Recd. 0840.
Deod. 0910.

Your A.M. 533 and 528.

Owing to shortage of trained artillery personnel, it is essential to reduce garrison of Aegean Islands to a minimum. The requirements agreed to by Admiralty are :-

(a) 3 Officers and 78 other ranks R.A. and R.E. for boom defence guns and lights.

(b) 8 Officers and 125 other ranks for A.A. guns.

(c) 3 Officers and 60 other ranks for movable armament

Necessity of H.Q., R.A. is not apparent. Senior Military Officer on each Island can command all troops on it. Cannot Senior R.A. officer with (a) and each group of A.A. guns act as battery commander ?
Batmen must be found from numbers already agreed to, and do duty as all other batmen are expected to do.
Reduction of men with movable armament was agreed to by Admiralty. Higher number first asked for being required to move guns by hand in substitution of which you were asked to provide horses and mules.
No trained A.A. personnel are available, but numbers required can be found from MALTA. They will have to be trained on reaching Islands. Also R.E. from MALTA for lights on usual scale for fixed lights. Cannot personnel Section 84 Siege Artillery Battery, now in EGYPT, be spared for boom defence guns ? Cannot 4 guns R.M.A. heavy battery, with or without its 4" guns, be spared for movable armament, or numbers required be made up from R.A. details ?

Copies to :-

O.
O.(b)

From :- EGYPTFORCE.

To :- BRITANNIA MUDROS.

A.M. 546 cipher.

20/5/18

Desp. 1140

Your 1951 cipher.

Books despatched by registered parcel post on 23rd April.

Copies to :-

O.
O(b).
Filed G.S. 6/1
G.S. cables.



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From Egyptforce.
To Troopers.

A.M. 547 cipher. 20/5/16. Desp. 1900.

Your 18749 cipher A.O.1.

(a) 31 (b) 35 (c) B.E. 26's serviceable 26, unserviceable 8;
Bristol serviceable 8, unserviceable 3; De Havilland serviceable 1,
unserviceable 4.

Copies to :-

- O.
- O.(b)
- C.G.S.
- I.
- Q.
- A.

Filed G.S. 104/1.
* G.S. Cables.



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SECRET.

SECRET

From G.H.Q.
To No. 1 Section.

O.B.A. 270 cipher. 20/5/16. Desp. 1915.

Please send 1 General Staff Officer and 1 Medical Officer
to TOR as soon as possible to report on arrangements necessitated
by arrival of quarantine patients, and to ensure proper defensive
and medical measures are taken.

Copies to :-

- O.
- O.(b)
- C.G.S.
- A.
- I.
- Q.

Filed G.S. 2/46.
* G.S. Cables.



"C" Form (Original).
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C, 1921.

Prefix *an* Code *an* Words *33*

Received *9* Sent, or sent out *9* Office Stamp. *GHQ-20.V.16*

From *for* At *at*

By *for* To *to*

By *for*

Charges to collect

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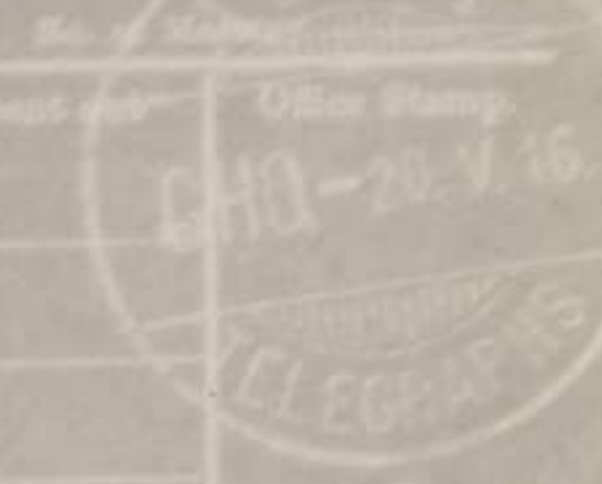
TO *GHQ*

*Sender's Number <i>No 707</i>	Day of Month <i>20</i>	In reply to Number <i>oba 290</i>	AAA <i>AAA</i>
<i>Received</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>no 1</i>	<i>Section 1420</i>



FROM
PLACE & TIME

"C" Form (Original).
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.



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TO *GHQ*

*Sender's Number <i>No 706</i>	Day of Month <i>20</i>	In reply to Number <i>.</i>	AAA <i>AAA</i>
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Reference telephone conversation with General
Street first available ship leaves
* 1700 21st may aad will
this be in sufficient time
to convey 950 and no



FROM
PLACE & TIME

No 1 Section
1340

* This line should be erased if not required.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message

Prefix Code _____ m. Charge _____ This message is an a/c of: _____ Recd. at _____ m.

Office of Origin and Service Instructions. Sent _____ m. (Signature of "Franking Officer.") _____

At _____ m. To _____ By _____

TO No: 1 Section

Sender's Number 277 Day of Month 20/11 In reply to Number Ho. 406 A A A

* OBA will be sufficient time for G.S.O. m and m O



1/243

From 4449 Place 1745 Time

The above may be forwarded as non corrected.

(Z)

Signature of Addressee or person authorized to telegraph in his name. This line should be crossed if not required.

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From:- Chief, Egyptforce. To:- A.H.Q. SALONICA.

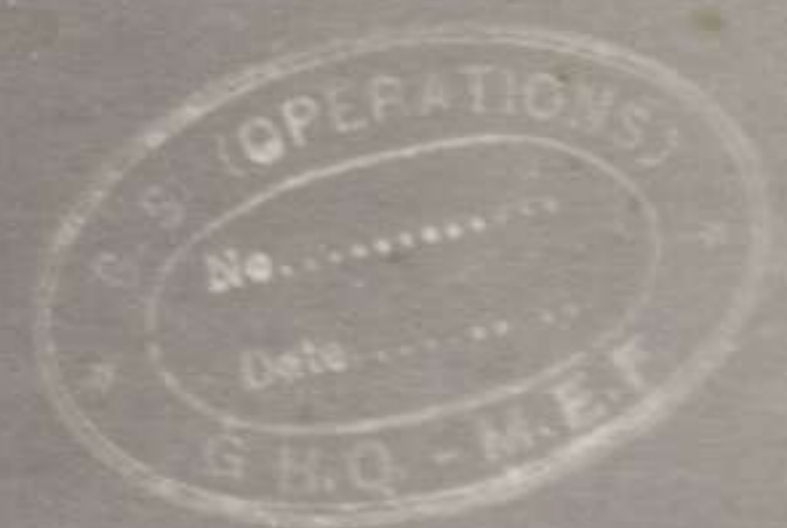
A.H. 548. cipher. 20/11/16. Recd. 1220.

Your G.O. 56. cipher.

You must find the guard for ELASOS. When garrison battalions have taken over their duties in islands will ascertain if they can spare necessary relief.

Copies to :- O. O(b). G.S.S. A. G-in-C.

Filed G.S. 56. * G.S. Cable.



W.D.

app G 11244

From:- A.M.Q. SALONICA.

To:- Chief, Egyptforce.

G.B. 67. cipher.

20/5/16.

Desp. 1425.

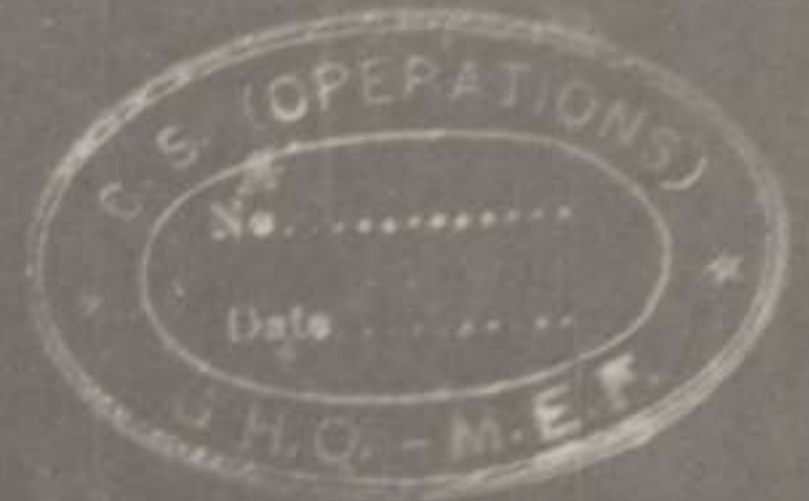
Recd. 1840.

Decd. 1850.

In compliance with request just received from Vice Admiral, I am sending guard, 1 officer and 50 other ranks to THASOS Island to-day.

Copies to :- O.
O(b).
C.G.S.

Filed G.S. 36.
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From EGYPTFORCE

app H

To TROOPERS.

A.M. 549.

20/5/16

Desp. 1415

Existing and approved establishment A.P.U. at ALEXANDRIA only 1. Now find 3 necessary, 1 for work in docks, 2 for town and base camps. Please amend accordingly our proposed establishments forwarded under G.S. 11/1 dated 18th May.

Please wire if sanctioned.

Copies to :-

O. A.M.S.
O(b). Filed G.S. 11/1
C.G.S. G.S. cables.
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From G. H. Q.

To G.O.C., Western Frontier Force.

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20/5/16.

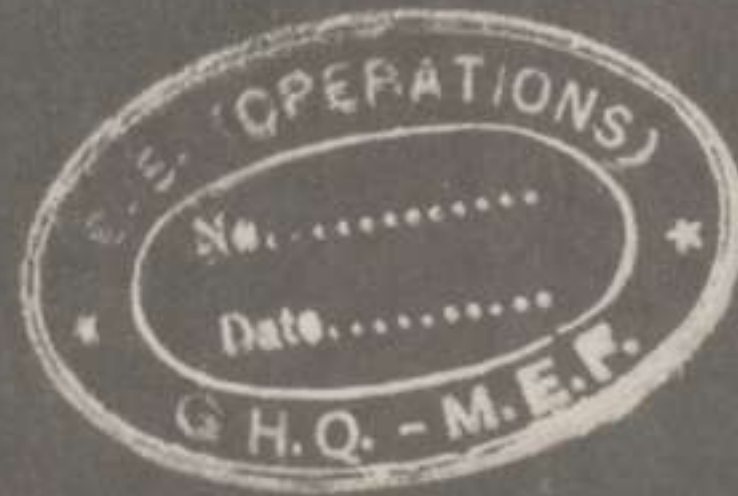
Desp. 1845.

55th Division less 158th Brigade and 1 Field Ambulance must be held in readiness to move at very short notice on receipt of definite telegraphic instructions. Artillery and all Divisional Troops will accompany the Division, with possible exception of certain R.S. Units concerning which separate instructions will be issued shortly. Arrangements for release of 158th and 160th NZI Brigades should be considered without delay. Move will probably commence on or about 24th inst. Detailed orders regarding move will be issued by D.Q.M.G., G.H.Q. at an early date.

Copies to :-

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G.S. 2/59.

General Officer Commanding,
No. 1 Section.

SECRET

In view of the re-organisation of the Canal Defences consequent upon the withdrawal of the 2nd. A. & N. Z. Army Corps, it will be necessary to transfer to No. 2 Section some portion of the troops at present under your command.

For the occupation of the southern sub-section of No. 2 Section, there will be required at least 1 Infantry Brigade, 1 Field Artillery Brigade, 1 Field Ambulance and 1 Yeomanry Regiment.

The Commander-in-Chief considers that you should be able to make available the above troops at least. You should report by telegram your views on the point, and should telegraph also the units which you select for the purpose. You should also forward a report as early as possible showing how you propose to occupy the Section under your command with the remainder of the troops left to you, making clear especially how this re-organisation will affect the number of mobile troops maintained by you for the active defence of your Section.

The troops to be transferred to No. 2 Section may be required to move at a very early date. A further notification will be sent to you in regard to this move, details for which, if ordered, should be arranged by you in direct communication with D.C.M.G., General Headquarters.

(Sgd) G.P. Dawney *for*

for Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

G.H.Q.,
E.E.F.,
20.5.16.



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app L

General Officer Commanding,
2nd A. & N.Z. Army Corps.

In view of the possibility of need arising to move troops quickly by the west bank of the Canal from SERAPEUM to the neighbourhood of either TOUSSUM or DEVERSOIR, a report is requested regarding the feasibility of moving guns along the west bank under existing conditions. If this is found to be impracticable owing to the condition of the sand, please furnish a further report as to the possibility of constructing a cheap road between TOUSSUM and DEVERSOIR, via SERAPEUM, on the west bank.

Such a road would be rarely used, and metalling would probably be unnecessary. It is suggested that the removal of surface sand and the laying of rushes or litter covered with clay would probably meet the case.

Sgt. C. P. Dawson
Major-General

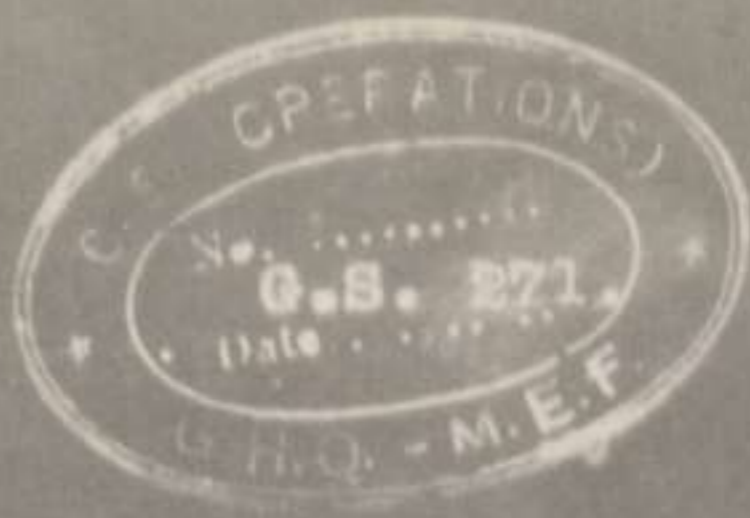
Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

G.H.Q.
20/5/16.

Copy to E.-in-C.

W.P.

App M



General Officer Commanding,
Salonica Army.

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The accompanying copy of War Establishments for
2nd. Mounted Division, is forwarded with reference to
your telegram No. W. 409, dated 19th. inst.

(Signature)
for Major-General,

Chief of the General Staff,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

G.H.Q.,
E.E.F.,
20.5.16.

W.P.

App N



General Officer Commanding,
ALEXANDRIA District.

With reference to your minute (3539/A.) dated
8/5/16, to Inspector General of Communications, forwarding
an application from 2nd. Lieut. L.C. Tyson, Prisoners of
War Camp, RAS EL TIN, please note that a vacancy for the
next signalling course at the Imperial School of Instruct-
ion, will be allotted for this officer. The course will
commence on 26th. June next.

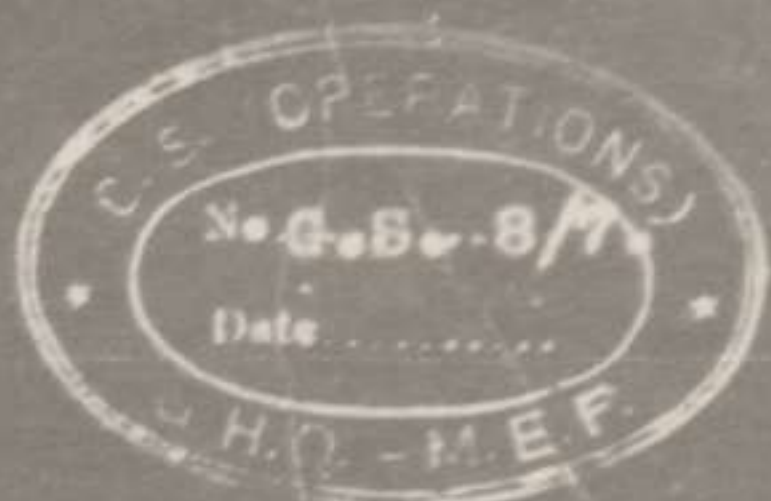
(Signature)
for Major-General,

Chief of the General Staff,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

G.H.Q.,
E.E.F.,
20.5.16.

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W.D. *Off O*



General Officer Commanding,
Anzac Mounted Division.

With reference to your telegram G.20 of the 18th. inst., addressed to the Imperial School of Instruction, ZEITOUN, please note that vacancies for your Division for the courses at the School are allotted by General Officer Commanding, No. 3 Section, Canal Defences. Details of your requirements should be submitted to No. 3 Section, to which a due proportion of the vacancies at the School are allotted monthly.

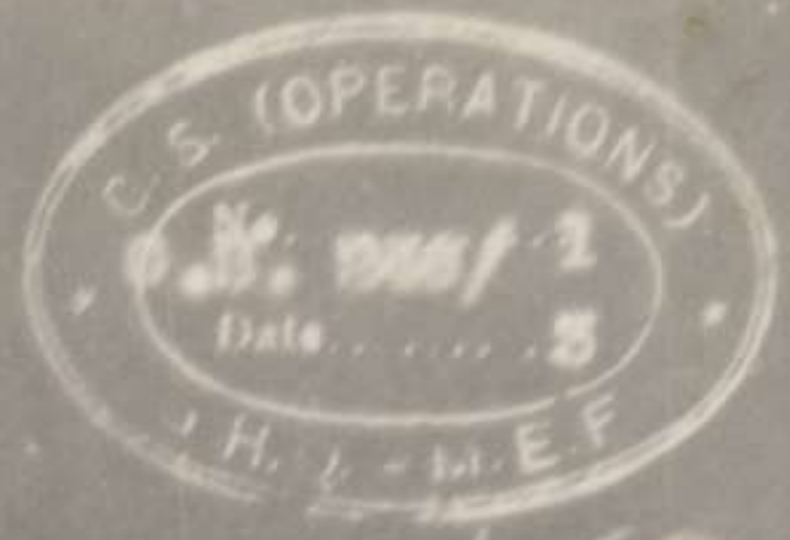
Geo. L. P. Dawson

Lt. Col

JA *AS*
Major-General,

Chief of the General Staff,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

G.H.Q.,
E.E.F.,
20.5.16.



N.A.

app P

1/280

General Officer Commanding,
No. 1 Section, Canal Defences.
Western Frontier Force.

Reference this office letter No. G.S. 243/1 of
21/4/16.

Kindly give your opinion and suggestions regarding
the modification of the equipment of a Field Troop, R.E.
(This refers to the independent Field Troop with an
establishment of 74, and not to the Field Troop forming
part of a Field Squadron with an establishment of 34.

It is suggested that the modifications should
consist of :-

1. Using 4 horses of the Troop Boat Equipment to horse
each double tool cart with 8 horses instead of 6.
2. Reducing the picks, shovels and explosives or other
stores and so carry more water supply stores.

Sgt C. P. Dawnay
Rt Col. C.S.
for

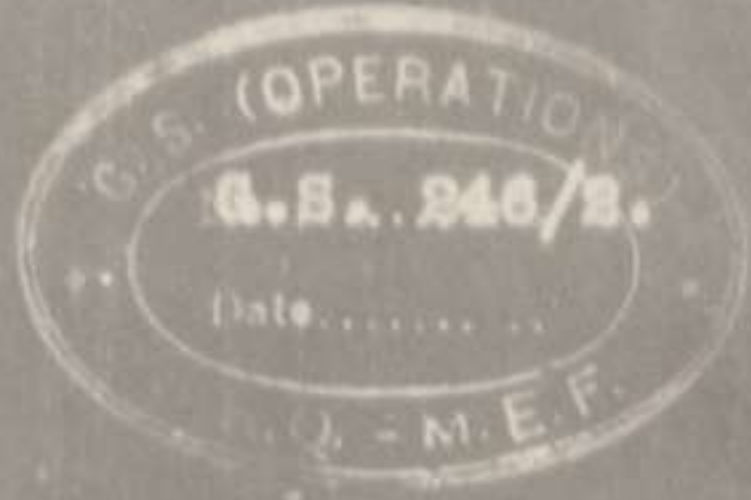
Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

G.H.Q.,
21/5/16.

Copies to Q.
E.-in-C.

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General Officer Commanding,
No. 3 Section,
Canal Defences.

Reference this office letter No. G.S. 246/3 of
21/4/16.

Further recommendations have, after careful
consideration, been made regarding the mobilisation
equipment of a Field Squadron.

Briefly they are :-

- (1) To retain the horses of the Field Squadron Bridging Detachment and to utilize them to increase the mobility of the Unit by using 8 horses to a double tool cart instead of 6, and mounting all the men.
- (2) To reduce the number of picks, shovels and explosives carried in order to increase the water supply stores.

Will you kindly give your opinion and suggestions as early as possible regarding a further modification of the equipment of a Field Troop on the above lines. This refers of course to the independent Field Troop with an establishment of 74, and not to the Field Troop forming part of a Field Squadron with an establishment of 34.

x It is suggested that the modifications consist of :-

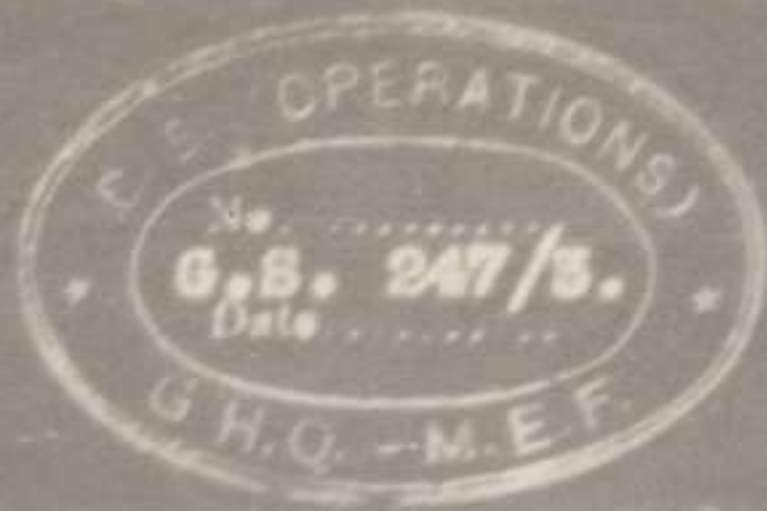
- 1. Using 4 horses of the Troop Boat equipment to horse each double tool cart with 8 horses instead of 6.
- 2. Reducing the picks, shovels and explosives or other stores and so carry more water supply stores.

(Signed) G.P.Dawney, Lieut-Colonel.
G.S.

for
Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

G.H.Q.,
20.5.16.

Copies to :- Q.
E-in-C.



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app R

General Officer Commanding,
No. 3 Section.

The formation of instructional classes for officers and N.C.Os of the Light Horse Brigades at A. & N. Z. Training Centre has been approved.

The first class will probably commence on May 29th. Classes will consist alternately of officers and N.C.Os, and numbers attending should not exceed 24. 18 vacancies are allotted to you and 6 to 2nd. A. & N. Z. Army Corps.

The General Officer Commanding, A. & N. Z. Training Centre has been instructed to make all arrangements regarding time of arrival etc., direct with you. Please forward list of names direct to him, which, in future, should arrive eight days before commencement of class.

Similar instructions are being issued to General Officer Commanding, 2nd. A. & N. Z. Army Corps.

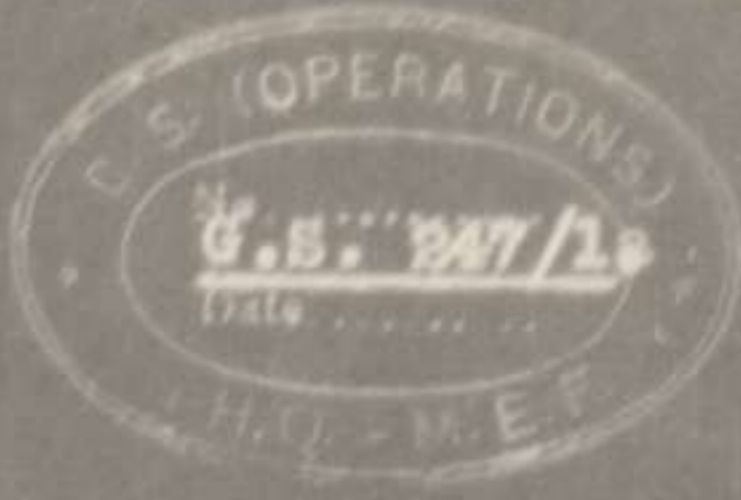
Edw. P. Dawson
R. Colles
for

Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

G.H.Q.,
E.E.F.,
20.5.16.

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Handwritten initials

General Officer Commanding,
A. & N. Z. Training Centre.

Reference your G.S. 18., dated 18/5/18, the formation of instructional classes for officers and N.C.Os., of the Light Horse Brigades is approved. General Officers Commanding, 2nd. A. & N. Z. Army Corps and No. 3 Section are being informed accordingly.

It is suggested that the first class should commence on May 29th. Please say how long you suggest each class should last ?

General Officers Commanding concerned will be instructed to forward you a list of names, and all arrangements regarding time of arrival etc. should be made direct with them. Classes might consist alternately of officers and N.C.Os.

Six vacancies will be allotted to 2nd. A. & N. Z. Army Corps, and eighteen to No. 3 Section.

Signature: Cyril P. Dawnay
for Lt Col. C.S.

G.H.Q.,
E.E.F.,
20.5.18.

Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

WAD
From DeRobeck.
To Eypforce.

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2047 cipher.

20/5/16.
21/5/16.

Desp. 2125.
Recd. 0600.
Decd. 0650.

Your A.M. 546. Please quote registered numbers packages containing books referred to.

Copies to :-

O.
O.(b)
Filed G.S. 6/1
" G.S. Cables



WAD
From:- Eypforce.

To:- Britannia, MUDROS.

O.A.B. 273.

21/5/16.

Desp. 1210.

Your 2047 cipher.

F.P.O. G.M. No.17 O.H.M.S. Vice Admiral

Commanding E.M.S. at sea, books addressed and registered as above.

Copies to :- O.
O(b).

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" G.S. Cables.



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app B

From:- Troopers.
To:- Egyptforce.

16893. cipher. D.S.D.

20/5/16.
21/5/16.

Desp. 2130.
Recd. 0600.
Decd. 0615.

The total number of Yeomanry troops horses including Australians in EGYPT is approximately 12,000. There is a demand for 1,000 from SALONICA and wastage there may be heavy. Will you consider whether with a view to economizing tonnage in transport horses, camels could be employed to replace horses in any of the mounted units in EGYPT. Horses so freed could be sent to SALONICA.

Copies to :- Q.
O.
O(b).
C.G.S.

Filed Q Cables.



SECRET

app C

From:- Troopers.
To:- G.H.Q.

16868. cipher. A.S.

20/5/16.
21/5/16.

Desp. 1755.
Recd. 0600.
Decd. 0630.

Your A.M. 543.

The 4th and 5th Australian Divisions should bring 36 18-pdrs guns with each division. Remainder of the 18-pdr guns should be returned to ordnance for reserve. One of these divisions will bring the 9 4.5 inch Howitzers now in possession and on arrival in FRANCE the divisions will be completed to 48 18-pdrs guns and 12 4.5 inch Howitzer per division. No maximium is to be brought.

Copies to :- Q for action.
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C.G.S.
M.C.R.A.
C-in-C.

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" G.S. Cables.



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From:- Sir H. Macready.
To:- General Murray.

18872. cipher.

20/5/16.
21/5/16.

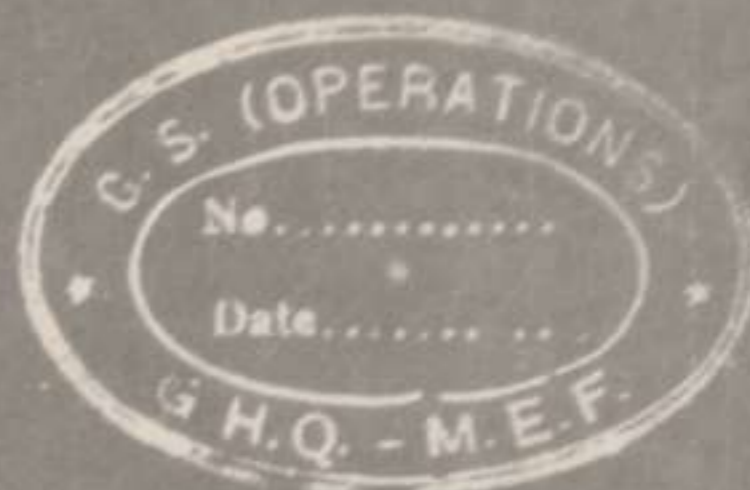
Desp. 1800.
Recd. 0900.
Decd. 0915.

Your A.A. 1400.

FRANCE urgently needs every man we can spare owing to backwardness of drafts at home getting ready for drafting. It is thought the men you refer to will be at the moment more useful in FRANCE than EGYPT and you will be made up the moment drafts are trained in sufficient numbers.

Copies to :- A.
C-in-C.
C.G.S.
O.
O(b).

Filed A Cables.



AppE

From:- G.H.Q. Egyptforce.
To:- Troopers.

A.M. 552. cipher.

21/5/16.

Desp. 1230.

Your 6767. May 19th.

Major (Temp. Lieut-Colonel) Needham is at present employed on the special mission indicated in my A.M. 431 of April 22nd.

Copies to :- O.
O(b).
C.G.S.
A.
A.M.S.

Filed G.S. Z/56.
" G.S. Cables.



SECRET

1288

From A.H.Q., SALONICA.

To G. H. Q.

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Q.S. 677 cipher. 20th.

21/5/16.

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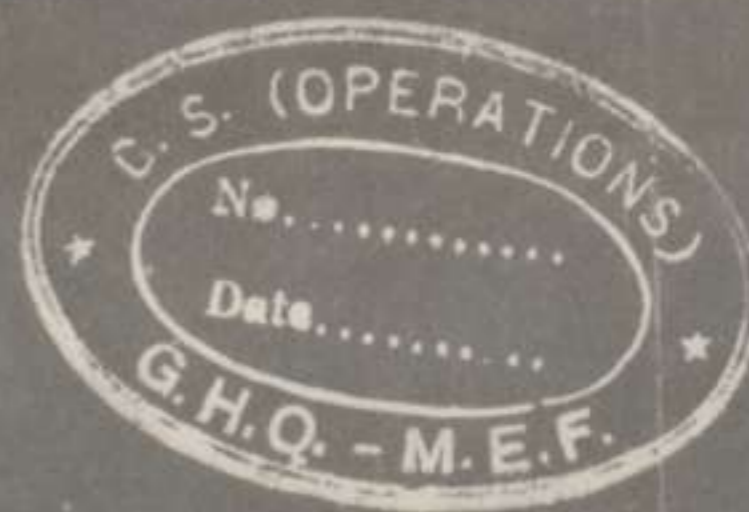
A.M. 535.

Arrangements for reception and evacuation of sick and wounded satisfactory, and will be more so when three General Hospitals commence moving into huts and buildings next week. Have demanded on I.S.C. for one General and two Stationary Hospitals complete to bring us up to scale, and also for one additional sanitary section. On arrival of these hospitals satisfied that all requirements present force can then be met. Collection of wounded cannot be satisfactory until all field ambulances are complete in drivers, mules, and light ambulances. Cacolets too are not a success, and possibly provision will have to be made for litters and special pack and riding saddles now being tried. B. Section, 137th Indian Field Ambulance should be made mobile. Reserve medical stores should be based on a three months' reserve for whole force. Food reserve adequate for present force except as regards hay. Ammunition should be increased, a report being sent in reply to your telegram 529.

Copies to :-

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G.S.S.
G.-in-C.
I.
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W.D

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From No. 1 Section.
To C.G.S., G.H.Q.

app H

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H.O. 715 cipher.

21/5/16.

Desp. 1555.
Recd. 1550.
Decd. 1555.

Troops referred to can be spared provided KARRIT is excluded from Section or given up and seven other selected front line posts abandoned. General principle to concentrate strength round railheads so as to ensure power of mobile action. Consider strength of line will not be impaired under present conditions. Propose sending 90th Indian Infantry Brigade, 4th East Anglian F.A. Brigade, City of London Yeomanry and 123rd Indian Field Ambulance. Redistribution will take some time after receipt of orders owing to many changes involved.

Copies to :-
O. D.A.S.
O.(b) H.G.R.A.
C.G.S. E.-in-C.
Q. I.
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From Westforce, CAIRO.
To G. H. Q.

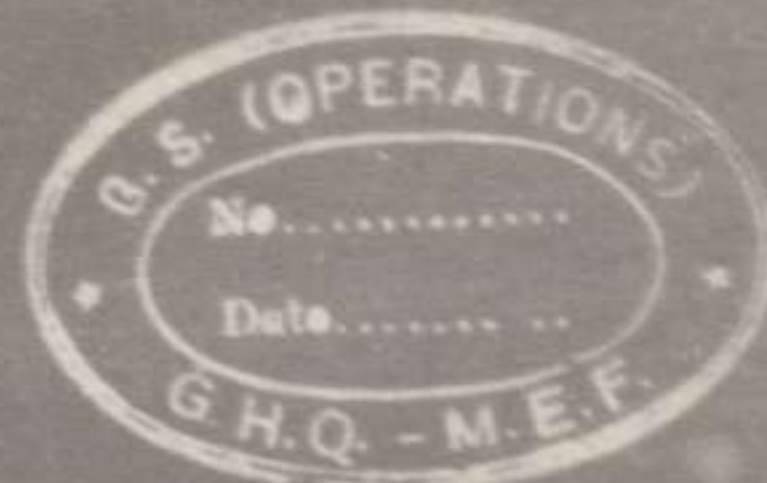
G.S.B. 146 cipher.

21/5/16.

Desp. 1728.
Recd. 1755.
Decd. 1805.

158th Brigade will be assembled at BENI SALAMA at once preparatory for move to Canal.

Copies to :-
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C.G.S. E.-in-C.
Q. I.
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W.D.

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app K

From Troopers.
To Egyptforce.

16900 cipher A.G.Sa. 21/5/16. Desp. 1335.
Reed. 1915.
Decd. 1825.

My 16772 of 18th May. 150 other ranks, British West
Indies Regiment now available for overseas. Should
these be despatched ?

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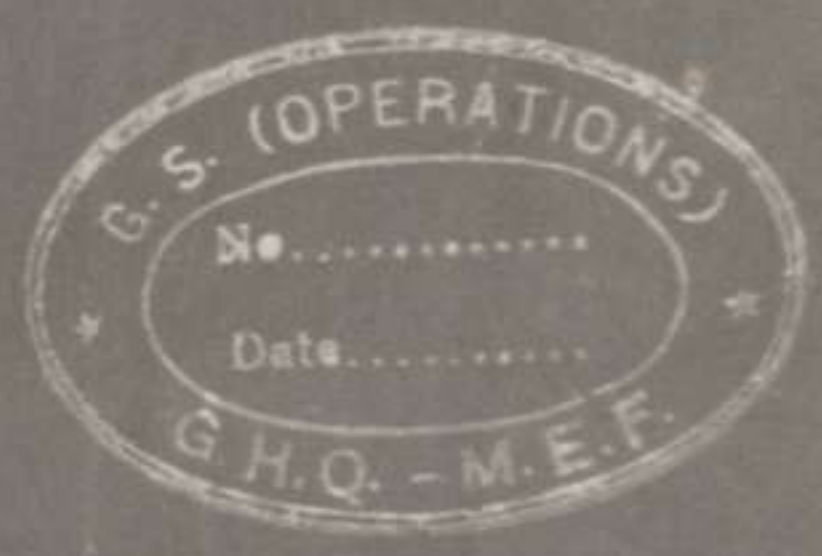


From Chief, Egyptforce.
To Chief, LONDON.

A.M. 554. cipher. 21/5/16. Desp. 2105.
Evening report.

Two enemy aeroplanes dropped 16 bombs on PORT SAID at
2.45 a.m. this morning. Casualties, 3 civilians killed,
13 wounded, also 5 soldiers wounded. Material damage
insignificant.

Copies to :-
O. Q.
O.(b) M.G.R.A.
C.-in-C. E.-in-C.
C.G.S. D.A.S.
H.A. A.M.S.
I. Major Vitale.
A. Filed G.S. 2/30.
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W.D.

C.S.

1/29/16

Secretary,
War Office, LONDON, S.W.

18th May, 1916.

Sir,

I have the honour to request that the following establishment of Military Police for the Base at SALONICA be sanctioned :-

M.F.P.
1 a/Cr. Sergeant.
9 Sergeants.
10 Corporals.
120 Lance Corporals.

M.M.P.
4 Sergeants.
21 Lance Corporals.
25 Horses.

These numbers have been carefully considered, and are necessary for the efficient policing of this Port.

They can be found from existing personnel and men available for transfer.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Sgt. C. P. Dawson

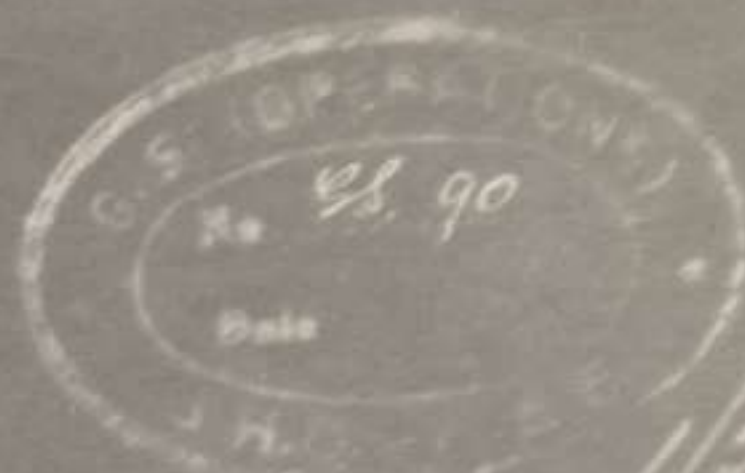
Rt. Col.

for C.S.

General,
Commander-in-Chief,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

Copy to A.

W.P.
General Officer Commanding,
Western Frontier Force.



With reference to your telegram No. 70 of yesterday, the establishment of a Brigade Machine Gun Company for a Dismounted Brigade is the same as that laid down for an Infantry Brigade Machine Gun Company. With regard to the surplus machine guns at present in possession of the Highland Mounted Brigade, the position will be as follows :-

Two Lewis guns per regiment will eventually be issued to each of these regiments. Their Vickers machine guns, together with those belonging to the other regiments of the 2nd Dismounted Brigade, will be used for the formation of the Brigade Machine Gun Company. As it will be impossible to find personnel for more than the Machine Gun Company authorised, it would not be possible for the regiments of the Highland Mounted Brigade to use their surplus machine guns, ~~unless~~ ^{if} they should keep them. Transport for the Regimental Machine Gun Sections cannot be increased ; nor is it considered advisable to form sections partly of Lewis and partly of Vickers machine guns.

The above being the case, the Commander-in-Chief has decided that the establishment laid down must be adhered to. The machine guns specifically given to the Highland Mounted Brigade by the Secretary of State for War will, however, be earmarked for the regiments to which they belong, and will be returned to them when circumstances admit of their being used.

Copy to
Q.
D.O.S.

G.H.Q.,
20/5/16.

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(Sgt) W. Dawson Lt. Col
G.S.
for Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

WD

app'd



General Officer Commanding,
Wnd A. & N.Z. Army Corps.

Reference your G.65 dated 22/4/16.

The formation of instructional classes for officers and N.C.O's. of the Light Horse Brigades has been approved.

It has been arranged that Major Love, 10th Australian Light Horse, shall conduct these classes.

The first class will probably commence on May 29th. Classes will consist alternately of officers and N.C.O's., and numbers attending should not exceed 24. Six vacancies will be allotted to 3rd Australian Light Horse Brigade, and 18 to No. 3 Section.

The General Officer Commanding, A. & N.Z. Training Centre, has been instructed to make all arrangements regarding time of arrival, etc., direct with you. Please forward list of names direct to him, which, in future, should arrive 8 days before the commencement of the class. Similar instructions are being issued to General Officer Commanding, No. 3 Section.

(sd.) *G.D. Dawson*
Lieut.-Col.
G.D.

for
Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

G.H.Q.,
21/5/16.

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W.D.

appd



General Officer Commanding,
ALEXANDRIA District.

With reference to your minute 3644/A. dated 17/5/16,
to the Inspector General of Communications, please note
that vacancies for the next Machine Gun Course at the
Imperial School of Instruction will be allotted to the
officers whose applications you have forwarded.

(sd)

G.P. Downey
Rt. Col

for Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

G.H.Q.,
E.E.F.,
21.5.16.

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SECRET

app A

From:- DELTA District.
To:- G.H.Q. ISMAILIA.

C.A. 33. 22/5/16. Desp. 1050.
Your O.A. 59. Recd. 1100.

Proposals as follows. 21st Rifle Brigade now at HOCHISSA and DAMANHOUR to move to Canal Zone its duties on L. of G. to be taken over by 1st Garrison Battalion R. Irish Regiment now at BENHA BARRAGE and BIRKET EL SAB. Other Battalion selected will be either 1st Garrison Battalion Essex at ZAGAZIG, BILBEIS and SALHIA or 19th Rifle Brigade at ISMAILIA subject to certain arrangements being made to assist at BILBEIS and SALHIA in accordance with interview with Colonel Dawney yesterday.

Copies to :- O.
O(b).
C.G.S.

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Army Form C. 2121.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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Sender's Number.		Day of Month		In reply to Number					
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W. 7 pack		wireless section		is					
being returned		to complete		ANZAC					
signal squadron		aaa		This section					
will relieve		pack		wireless detachment					
sent from		G HQ		signal Coy which					
should be		returned		to reform its					
unit # on		relief.		aaa Please acknowledge					
From		G HQ							
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Signature of Addresser or person entrusted to telegraph in his name.									



(2) Acknowledged by G.S.

* This line should be erased if not required.

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W.D.

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SECRET

From :- G.H.Q.
To :- G.O.C., No. 1 Section.

O 767. 22/5/16. Desp. 1245.

Your H.O. 715 cipher. Infantry Brigade and Field Ambulance must be British. Moreover, convenient keep Indian troops near SUEZ and Base. Prepare for move not later than 29th.

Copies to :-

O.	M.G.R.A.
O(b).	E. in C.
C.G.S.	I.
Q.	Filed G.S. 2/59
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D.A.S.	

G.S. (OPERATIONS)
No.....
Date.....
H.Q. - M.E.F.

W.D.

att c

From - G.H.Q.
To - Troopers, LONDON.

A.M. 555. cipher. 22/5/16. Desp. 1250.

Reference your 18689, cipher A.O.1. dated 16.5.16. Are proposals in 5th Wing letter No.111, dated 3.5.16, provisionally approved. Information urgently required as it affects buildings now in progress ABOUKIR. Suggest personnel of 3 Reserve Squadrons be amalgamated into one organisation at one place as proposed. Consider this most economical regarding instructors, repairs, replacements, efficiency, time, and best method of ensuring rapid turn out of pilots in EGYPT.

Copies to :-

O.
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C.G.S.
Q.
A.
E-in-C.
R.F.C.

Filed G.S. 104/1.
G.S. Cables.

G.S. (OPERATIONS)
No.....
Date.....
G.H.Q. - M.E.F.

From :- EGYPTFORCE.
To :- Troopers LONDON.

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A.M. 556.

22/5/16.

Desp. 1610

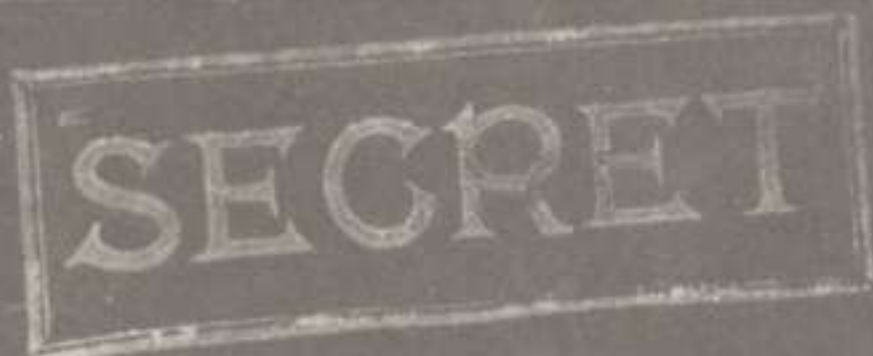
Reference my G.S. 8/3 of 4th May, forwarding proposed War Establishment Imperial School of Instruction, ZEITOUN, great difficulty is experienced in keeping drill instructors owing fact that by remaining at School they lose all chance of promotion, which many would get if they remained with units. Propose, therefore, that of 29 Officer instructors, establishment should allow 1 major, 10 captains, 18 lieutenants. Sanction asked for this as urgent matter.

Copies to :-

O. ^{A.}
O(b). Filed G.S. 8/3.
C.G.S. G.S. cables.
A.M.S.

From :- Chief LONDON.
To :- Chief EGYPTFORCE.

APPF



16912 cipher.

22/5/16

Desp. noon
Recd. 1810
Decd. 1818.

Your A.M. 553. 22nd.

Please ascertain from Admiral and cable

- (a) Number of guns and nature for boom defences of MUDROS, also the number of defence lights.
- (b). Number of anti-aircraft guns, nature, and distribution between Islands, also lights, if any.
- (c). Number of guns in the movable armament.

Copies to :-

C. Q.
C(b). E. in C.
C.G.S. Filed G.S. 86.
C. in C. G.S. cables.
M.G.R.A.



1/248

SECRET

From :- Chief EGYPFORCE.

To :- V.A., E.M.S.

A.M. 558

22/5/16

Desp. 2200

Your 0733 of 11/5/16.

Are IMBROS and TENEDOS guns mentioned all a/a, if not, which are a/a and which coast defence? Are there any searchlights IMBROS and TENEDOS? Are the three 4" batteries MUDROS all for boom defence? What number and nature of guns in movable armament, and where are they?

Copies to :-

- O.
- O(b).
- C.G.S.
- C. in C. Filed
- A.
- Q.
- M.G.R.A.
- E. in C.
- G.S. 86
- G.S. cables.



MR

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SECRET

From:- Chief, Egyptforce.

To:- Chief, LONDON.

A.M. 557. cipher.

22/5/16.

Desp. 1880.

Your 16908 cipher S.D.2.

Artillery of 4th and 5th Australian Divisions will have completed practice by date of embarkation. Infantry will have fired musketry.

Copies to :-

- O.
- O(b).
- C.G.S.
- C-in-C.
- M.G.R.A.

Filed G.S.Z/45.
" G.S. Cables.



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SECRET

From:- Egyptforce.

To:- Troopers, LONDON.

A.M. 560. cipher.

22/5/16.

Desp. 2145.

Propose sending H.Q. 2nd. A. & N. Z. Army Corps with last flight of 4th Australian Division. Do you require Corps Signal Company and No. 24 Air Line Section? If so, should air line section embark without horses, vehicles and drivers.

Copies to :-
O.
O(b).
C.G.S.
A.
Q.
D.A.S.

Filed G.S. Z/45.
" G.S. Cables.

G.S. (OPERATIONS)
No.

MP

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SECRET

From Chief, Egyptforce.

To Chief, LONDON.

A.M. 559 cipher.

22/5/16.

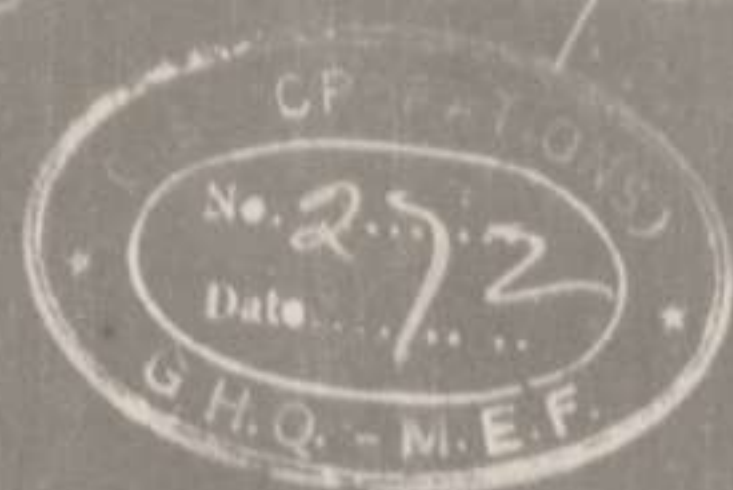
Desp. 2215.

Evening report.
R.F.C. today carried out a successful bombardment of all enemy camps on a forty five mile front roughly parallel to the Canal. ROHM SALEM waterworks damaged, buildings at EL HAMMA destroyed, and BIR MAZAR headquarters heavily bombed. All machines returned safely.

Copies to :-
O.
O.(b)
C.-in-C.
C.G.S.
N.A.
I.
A.
Q.
M.G.R.A.
E.-in-C.
D.A.S.
A.M.S.
Major Vitale.
Filed G.S. Z/29.
" G.S. Cables.

G.S. (OPERATIONS)
No.
Date.....
G.H.Q. - M.E.F.

W.D.
General Officer Commanding,
No. 3 Section,
Canal Defences.



Reference your A.B. 524 dated 22nd instant, the
Commander-in-Chief wishes the Worcester Yeomanry to be formed
into one service squadron pending the arrival from ENGLAND
of drafts enabling the regiment to be reformed.

G.H.Q.,
E.E.F.,
22/5/16.

(Signed) J.A.H. Gammell, Captain,
G.S.

for
Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

Copy to 'A'.

W.D.
General Officer Commanding,
Western Force.



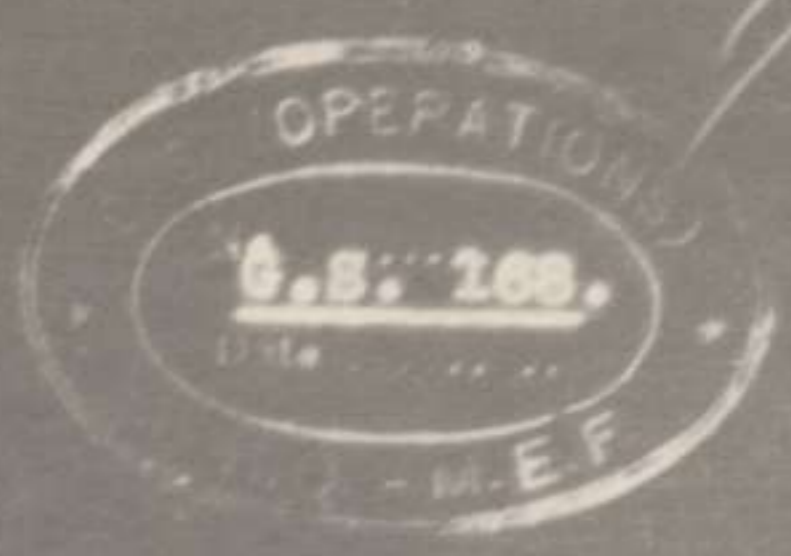
With reference to your letter No. S.R./22/163
dated 20th May 1916, the Commander-in-Chief considers that
experiment of replacing mules with camels in the Hong Kong
& Singapore Mountain Battery should be given a thorough trial.

G.H.Q., E.E.F.
22/5/16.

Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

*Col. P. Dawnay
for Lt. Col. G.S.*

1/801



app M.

General Officer Commanding,
No. 3 Section,
Canal Defences.

Reference your G.R. 259 dated 13th May, 1916,
your suggestions regarding the Lewis Machine Gun have
been noted and carefully considered.

With regard to (1) and (2), no additional issues
can at present be promised owing to the shortage of
spare parts. With regard to (3), one additional
brush may be indented for. *There is difficulty in
procuring more at present*

(4). Doubtless you have already issued instruct-
ions on this point.

(5). This question is at present under consideration.

(6). These will be issued when available.

(7). A pattern is being prepared by Ordnance for
experimental purposes.

(8). These will be issued as soon as available.

(Sgd) C. P. Dawson

Lt. Col. R.S.

for Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

G.H.Q.,
E.E.F.,
22.5.16.

Copies to :- Q.
D.O.S.

1302

W.D.

APPN

SECRET

21.2/341

General Officer Commanding,
No. 1 Section,
Canal Defences.

With reference to ~~the~~ letter No. G.S.234/1 dated 12/5/16, it has now been decided that the benzine tanks at PORT TEWFIK Dock may be emptied. This, however, should not be done until other arrangements for the supply of the Defence Flotilla have been completed to the satisfaction of the Commander, Captain Macdonald, R.N.

(Sd) E.P. Sawney *for*

Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

G.H.Q., E.E.F.
22/5/16.

Copy to R.N.A.

SECRET

W.P.

appd

1/303
G.S. (OPERATIONS)
No. 487/48
Date
G.H.Q. - E.E.F.

Director of Railway Transport.

With Reference to the telegram despatched to you today by Colonel Lubbock regarding a Conference to be held on 24th or 25th instant, the Commander-in-Chief wishes at this Conference to discuss the following points:-

- (1). Plans for an adequate station at KANTARA to get full value out of the railway and rolling stock.
- (2). The landing stage and connections with the Railway.
- (3). The position of intermediate railway stations and the terminus at MAHENDIA.
- (4). The PORT SAID Terminus for the light railway, and its facilities for loading stores and detrainning wounded.

A copy of this letter is being sent to Lt. Col. Lubbock, who will also attend this Conference.

(Sgd) G.P. Dawson

for Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

G.H.Q., E.E.F.
22/5/18.

Copies to :-

E. in C.
Lt. Col. Lubbock.

1/304

WR

SECRET

Lieut. Colonel Lubbock.



Attached copy of letter to Director of Railway Transport
is forwarded for your information.

(Sgt) J. A. H. Gammell
Capt

G.S. (O).
22/5/16.

for Lt. Col.,
G.S.

WD
SECRET

appf

OPERATIONS
No. 984/48
Date
G.H.Q. - E.E.F.

1/305

General Officer Commanding,
No. 3 Section,
Canal Defences.

The Commander-in-Chief is anxious that you should have all your proposals for the laying out of the entrenched camp at MOHEMDIYA, siting of works etc., ready to submit for his approval not later than 1st June. He proposes to visit your Section about that date, in order to ride over the ground himself, and to consider in detail the arrangements which you propose.

A detailed plan of all the work to be undertaken should be prepared on a 1/20,000 map, and submitted to this Office.

It will be necessary to prepare a camp or hutments for ³2,000 to ⁴3,000 men at least. This camp should be capable of expansion, and should be carefully considered in relation to the defensive works, railway station, pumping station, roads, and stores. A large scale plan should be prepared to show the proposed laying out of this camp.

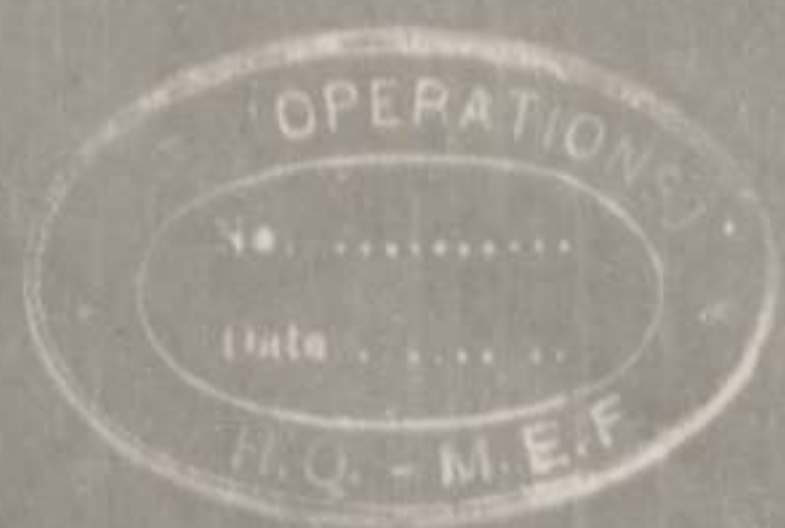
(Sgd) A. Lynden Bell

G.H.Q., E.E.F.
22/5/16.

Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

1/306

appd



Inspector General Of Communications.

With reference to your ^{CR/} 17512/Q of 19th May, it is regretted that these papers were not forwarded through you, as would have been the correct procedure. The Commandant, School of Instruction, ZEITOUN, however, was not to blame for this, since he acted under instructions erroneously given.

With regard to matters of discipline connected with the School of Instruction, the Commandant has already been given authority to communicate direct with General Headquarters in certain cases. It has been found necessary to give him authority to return officers under instruction to their units on account of acts detrimental to discipline, notifying the unit by wire accordingly, and forwarding ^a the written report to General Headquarters, and to the Headquarters of the formation to which the unit of the officer in question belongs.

Except in so far as special authority of the above kind may be given from time to time, the School will be under your command for administration, and corresponds direct with General Headquarters only on questions connected with training.

(Sgd) A Rynden Bell

G.H.Q., E.E.F.
21/5/16.

Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

W.D.
1/307
A.P.R.
G.S. (OPERATIONS)
No. 273
Date
H.Q. - M.E.F.

D.A.G.

I am particularly anxious to make full use of all troops in the Delta, including those in the Base Depots at ALEXANDRIA, and I am working on a general scheme for the use of such troops in the event of internal trouble or of a serious attack against our Eastern defences.

The general plan I have in mind is that Base Depot Companies should be formed divisionally from the troops at MUSTAPHA, SIDI BISHR, etc. Any Division which has more than say, 300 'A' and temporary 'B' class men, might I think, form a Company ready for use if required. This appears to be only a question of organising the Base Depots.

Base Depot Companies would have a definite place allotted to them in the ALEXANDRIA Defence Scheme by the G.O.C., ALEXANDRIA. It will probably be arranged that in the event of reinforcements being required for the Eastern front, they will either take over the duties of garrison battalions (or some of them) releasing the latter, or arrangements should be made to bring them over to the Canal zone themselves. As some of the Base Depots seem very strong in view of the negligible wastage just at present among the troops they serve, I am considering whether we could not actually take over some of the garrison duties with the Base Depots immediately, and release a garrison battalion or so.

(Dd) A.H.B.

G.S.(O).
22/5/18.

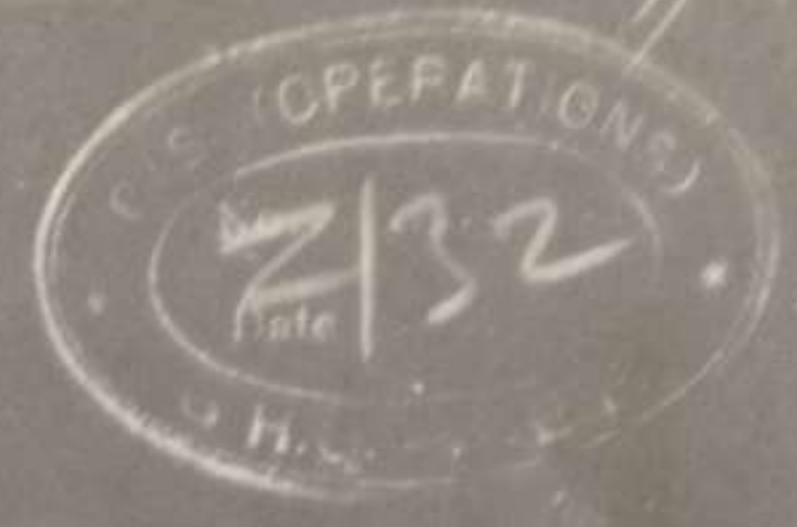
Lieut. Colonel,
C.S.

WA

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1/308

SECRET



21st, May,

Dear Corbett,

I have discussed the question of the redistribution of ships in the Canal with General Lynden Bell, and he tells me that there is no objection to your proposal viz.:-

	<u>at SUEZ.</u>	<u>at ISMAILIA.</u>	<u>at PORT SAID.</u>
	"Humber".	"Requin".	"Jupiter".
one at KABRIT.	M. 15.	"Aphis".	"Espiegle".
	M. 23.		M. 21.
			"Scarab".

He agrees to retaining, as a rule, one British ship only at ISMAILIA and also to the ship which is being relieved at KABRIT coming occasionally to ISMAILIA for her week off instead of always returning to SUEZ, should you consider this desirable.

Yours sincerely,

(ed) *E. H. Mitchell*
Captain.

SECRET

11309



From: - WAR OFFICE.

To: - EGYPTORCE.

16939. cipher. Q.M.G.S.

22/5/16
23/5/16

Despd. 2020
Recd. 0610
Dec'd. 0625

Your M.F.A. 573.

All future reinforcements for Australian and New Zealand Contingents will be despatched to England via the Cape with the exception of those for Australian Light Horse Mounted Brigade and New Zealand Mounted Rifles Brigade respectively which will continue to be despatched to EGYPT. Australian and New Zealand reinforcements now en route from these countries to EGYPT will continue voyage to EGYPT and tranship on arrival there for ENGLAND as necessary.

Copies to A.
Q.

O.
O(b).

C.G.S.
C.-in-C.

Filed G.S. 115/11.
A Cables.

From WAR OFFICE

To EGYPTORCE

APPB

SECRET

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22/5/16.

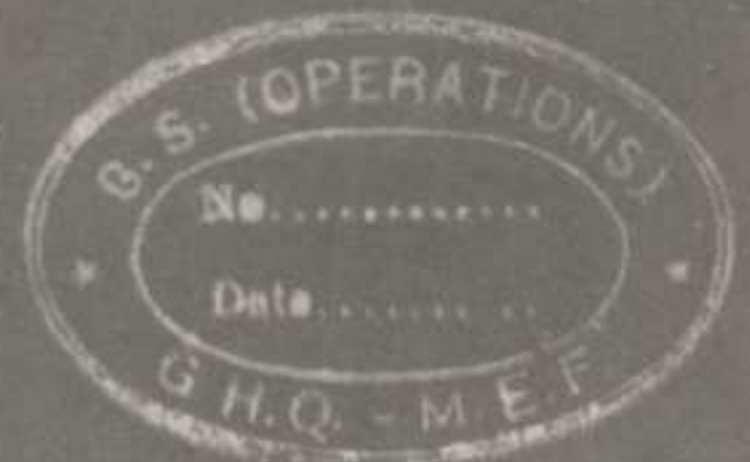
Desp. 2150
Recd. 0625
Decd. 0635

Your A.M. 553.

Your proposal to employ 92nd. Company R.G.A. on boom defence gun and movable armament is approved. Eight officers ~~will~~ and 155 other ranks will be sent from MALTA for anti-aircraft guns but they will not be trained. R.E. for fixed lights will be ordered to go from MALTA as soon as reply to War Office telegram 16312 is received.

Copies to O
O(b)
C.G.S.
C. in C.
A

Q.
M.G.R.A.
E. in C.
Filed G.S. 86
G.S. Cables.



WA
From:- Egyptforce.

To:- Troopers.

A.M. 562. cipher.

23/5/16.

Desp. 1145.

Your 16893 cipher D.S.D. 21st.

I quite agree in principle to replacing certain proportion of my mounted troops horses, by camels, even up to proportion of one squadron per regiment, as I think combination of horses and camels in desert works very well. As at present advised I have no hope of obtaining riding camels for this purpose as they are impossible to get except in very small numbers.

Copies to :- O.
O(b).
G.S.S.
Q.

Filed G.S. 147.
" G.S. Cables.



SECRET

WA
From:- G.H.Q.

To:- No. 1 Section; repeated 42nd Division.

G.A. 66 cipher.

23/5/16.

Desp. 1530.

G.R.E., 42nd Division is to be sent at once to act as G.R.E. 54th Division. Essential he should go immediately to design complete defences and rail^{head} works at KUBBI. Work to be put in hand at once. Infantry 42nd Division may be used except one brigade which must be kept intact.

Copies to :- O.
O(b).
G.S.S.
E-in-C.

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" G.S. Cables.



1/311

app E

SECRET

From:- C.G.S.
To:- General Lawrence, Headquarters, No. 3 Section.

O.A. 67. cipher. 23/5/16. Desp. 1530.

Commander-in-Chief would like to see you at G.H.Q. to-morrow Wednesday morning. Please bring a staff officer also map showing location of temporary defences of ROMANI - KAHENDIA railhead, ROMANI railhead and DUEIDAR post. Please wire time of arrival.

Copies to :- O.
O(b).
C.G.S.
C-in-C.
E-in-C.
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" G.S. Cables.



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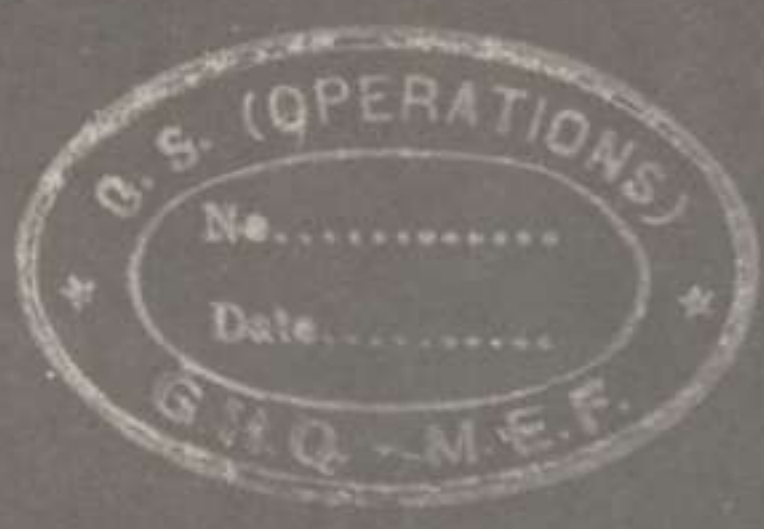
SECRET

From:- No. 3 Section.
To:- G.H.Q.

G. 583. 23/5/16. Desp. 1553.
Recd. 1611.

today
Anzac Mounted Division, visited BIR EL ABD and HOD EL GEDALDIA. Near former place small enemy parties were encountered and fire opened. One Turkish prisoner captured. Heavy sand prevented capture of more. No casualties reported.

Copies to :- O. Q.
O(b). D.A.S.
C.G.S. H.C.R.A.
C-in-C. E-in-C.
I. Filed G.S. Z/48.
A. " G.S. Cables.



1/3/2

app G

From:- War Office.

To:- Egyptforce.

18951. cipher. A.S. 25/5/16.

Desp. 1203.
Recd. 1000.
Decd. 1610.

Your O.M.Q.T. 1377e May 20th.

All rifles for 4th and 5th Australian Divisions have been despatched. It is not proposed to re-arm the 11th., 42nd., 52nd. and 53rd Divisions at present.

Copies to :- Q. (2).
O.
O(b).
C.G.S.

Filed Q Cables.



From:- A.H.Q.

To:- Chief, Egyptforce.

G.C. 70. cipher.

23/5/16.

Desp. 2048.
Recd. 2115.
Decd. 2120.

Progress satisfactory. Deficiency in personnel of Base Park requires attention. Supply of rails points and crossings for railway extension urgently required.

Copies to :- O.
O(b).
C.G.S.
C-in-C.
I.
E-in-C.
Q.
A.

Filed G.S. Z/6.
" G.S. Cables.



SECRET

app H

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app J

From:- Troopers.
To:- Egyptforce.

16987. cipher. A.G.S. 23/5/16. Desp. 1600.
Recd. 2115.
Decd. 2125.

Your A.M. 440, of April 24th.

In view of decision to bring home Australian and
New Zealand troops do you still consider increase to
Military Foot Police necessary ?

Copies to :- O.
O(b).
C.G.S.
A.
I.

Filed G.S. 229.
* G.S. Cables.



12/80

app K

From:- G.H.Q., Egyptforce.
To:- A.H.Q., SALONICA.

A.M. 563. cipher. 23/5/16. Desp. 2130.

37th Army Troops Company R.E., temporarily lent you
for work at Base, now required in EGYPT. Despatch Company
complete earliest opportunity.

Copies to :- O.
O(b).
C.G.S.
I.
A.
Q.
E-in-C.
D.A.S.

Filed G.S. 81/1.
* G.S. Cables.



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SECRET

From:- Chief, Egyptforce.

To:- Chief, LONDON.

A.M. 564. cipher.

23/5/16.

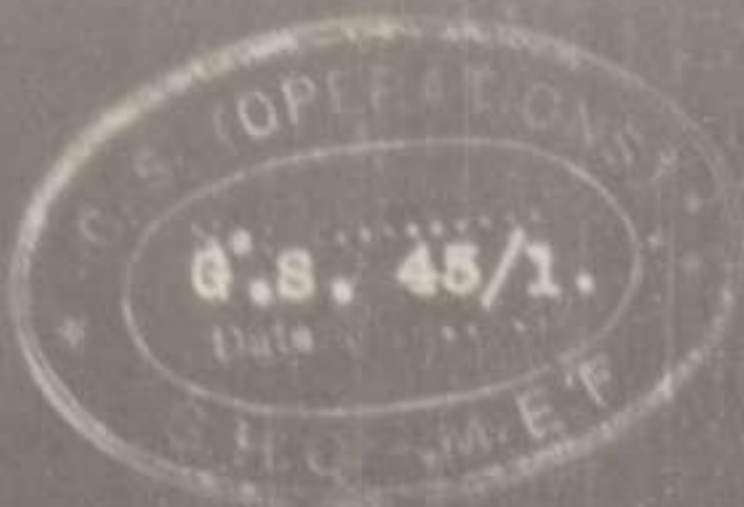
Desp. 2201.

Evening Report. Anzac Mounted Division to-day reconnoitred BIR EL ABD and HOD EL GEDAIDIA. Small enemy parties encountered near former place and one Turkish prisoner captured. No casualties reported.

Copies to :-
O.
O(b).
C.G.S.
C-in-C.
I.
A.
Q.
M.G.R.A.
D.A.S.
E-in-C.
W.A.
Major Vitale.



Filed G.S. Z/29. G.S. Cables.



WAD
app M

1/315

The Secretary,
War Office, LONDON, S.W.

23rd May, 1916.

Sir,

I have the honour to request that the following establishment for the Medical Staff of the Headquarters of an Army Corps may be sanctioned, viz :-

- 1 Staff Sergeant.
- 1 Corporal - already allowed.
- 1 Lance-Corporal.
- 1 Orderly - already allowed.
- 2 Orderlies for water duties. (1 Lance-Corporal).

War Establishments, Part VII only allow for one Medical Officer and two Orderlies (one a Corporal), whereas actual Medical Officers approved for an Army Corps are one Deputy Director of Medical Services, one Assistant Director of Medical Services (Sanitation), and one Deputy Assistant Director of Medical Services (who corresponds to the Medical Officer shown in the War Establishments above quoted), vide War Office telegram No. 4267 (S.D.2) dated 29th March 1916.

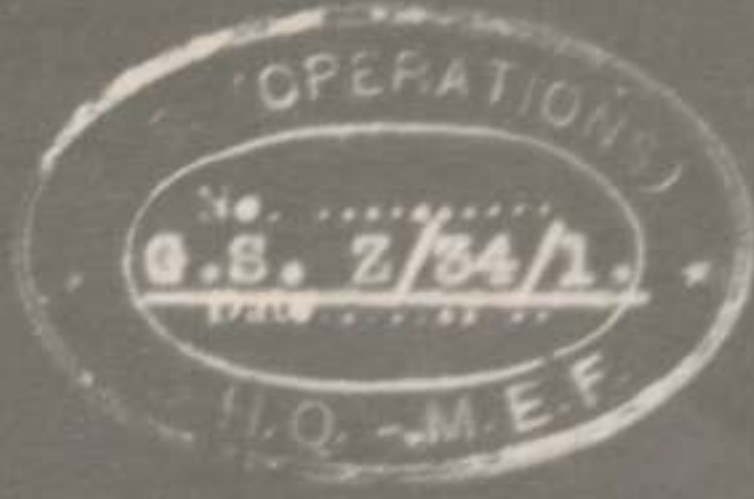
No office staff for the Deputy Director of Medical Services has ever been approved, nor have orderlies for water duties, as is the case in Divisions, and I request therefore, that the above Establishment may be sanctioned, as at present, the necessary clerks have had to be obtained from Field Ambulances, who cannot well spare trained R.A.M.C. personnel for this purpose.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) A. Lynden-Bell, M.G.
C.G.S.
for General,
Commander-in-Chief;

Copy to A.

1/3/16



appn

The,
General Officer Commanding
No. 1 Section.

SECRET

The Commander-in-Chief, when visiting the posts at EL KUBRI to-day, was far from satisfied with the work that he saw. In many cases he considered that the siting of the trenches had not been well arranged and that the work should by this time be far more nearly completed. Means of communication left much to be desired, wiring was in some cases ineffective, and general measures for protection were not, in the Commander-in-Chief's view, adequate.

The strength of the garrisons allotted to works did not appear in some cases to have been sufficiently considered in relation to the size and design of the work and the purpose for which it was constructed.

In the Commander-in-Chief's opinion an active and well led enemy might prove a serious danger if he should attack this portion of the line, and immediate and vigorous measures are necessary in order to render the EL KUBRI position secure. He wishes to make it clear to you that he will hold all officers concerned personally responsible that these measures are taken immediately and with the most unsparring energy. He emphasizes that all isolated works such as these, whether the garrison be large or small, must be made impregnable to any attack that is not strongly supported by artillery.

The receipt of early information of the approach of an enemy, especially in preparation for an attack at dawn, is a matter of the first importance. In this connection it is by no means enough to trust to a few weak listening posts within the wire defences for sufficient warning to get the garrison under arms and in position to resist attack.

The number of posts held must depend upon the number of troops available. To hold more posts than the available troops can adequately secure is to court disaster.

It appears to the Commander-in-Chief that the work carried out in this part of No. 1 Section is decidedly inferior to that which he has inspected in the other sections of the Canal Defences, *but he feels sure that you will very soon bring about a more satisfactory state of affairs.*

(Sg) A. Hynden Bell
Major-General,

Chief of the General Staff,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

G.H.Q., E.E.F.
23/5/16.

W.D.

appd

1/317
C.S. (OPERATIONS)
No. 8.3.88.
Date
HQ - M.E.F.

Inspector General of Communications.

Instructions have been received from the War Office to prepare and despatch to MUDROS the personnel of the 92nd Company R.G.A., where they will come under the command of Brig.-General Gray, commanding in the Islands, for the manning of coast defence and movable armament.

The personnel of this unit should be made ready for embarkation as soon as possible. Further instructions will be sent you with regard to this in due course.

The despatch of the above personnel will make it impossible to man all the coast defence armament now in position at ALEXANDRIA. The section 84th Siege Battery and artillery details at your disposal should be redistributed to the best advantage, pending the arrival of personnel to replace that withdrawn.

Sgt A. Lynden Bell

Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

G.H.Q.,
23/5/16.

Copies to :-
M.G.R.A.
Q.
A.

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app P

Commandant,
School of Instruction,
ZEITOUN.

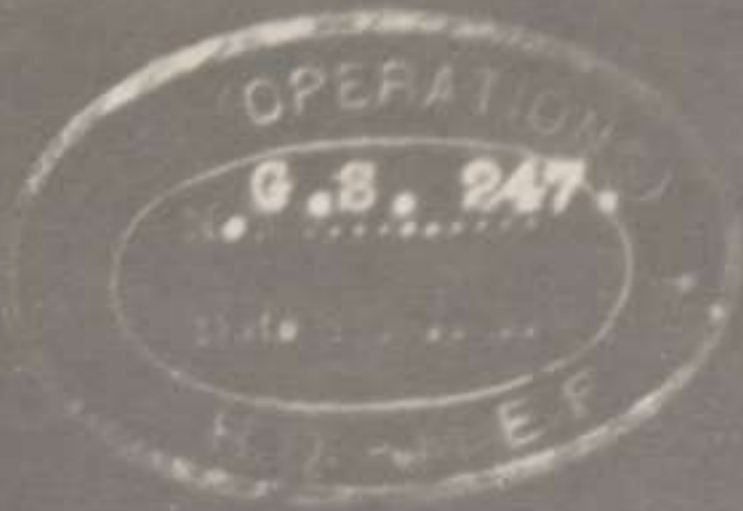
A question having arisen concerning the relation in which the School of Instructions stands to General Headquarters, it has been decided that -

Except in so far as special authority, such as given you in my *2/5/16* of *16.5.16*, may be granted you from time to time, the School is under the command of Inspector General of Communications for administration, but corresponds direct with General Headquarters on all questions connected with training.

Sgt. G.P. Dawson
for Col. C.S.

Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

G.H.Q.,
23/5/16.



W.D.
unpd

General Officer Commanding,
2nd A. & N.Z. Army Corps.

Reference your No. G.65 dated 22/5/16.

In future, communications will be addressed to General Officer Commanding, No. 2 Section, in place of General Officer Commanding, 2nd A. & N.Z. Army Corps.

Meanwhile will you please make the necessary arrangements with regard to 3rd Light Horse Brigade, as requested in my letter No. G.S. 247/2 dated 21/5/16.

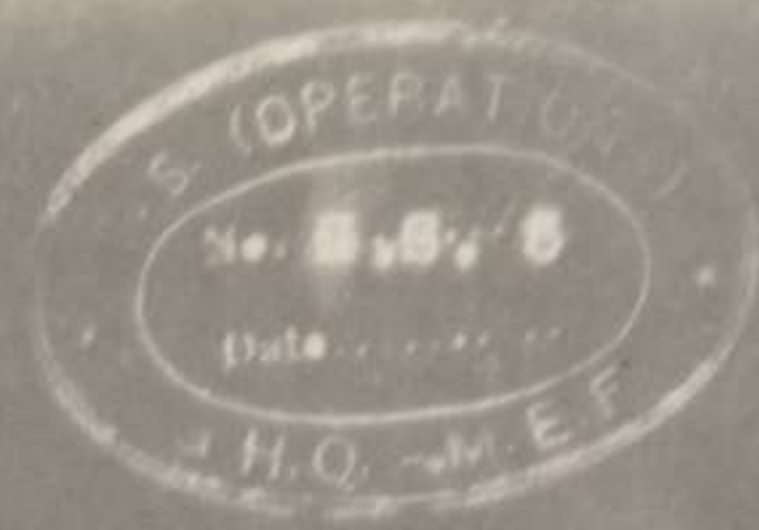
(Sgd) C. B. Dawnay
for Lt. Col. A.S.

G.H.Q.,
23/5/16.

Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

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General Officer Commanding,
No. 1 Section,
Canal Defences.

Reference your O/212/3 dated 17/5/16 re
Stokes guns, the question of the organisation of Stokes
gun batteries is at present under consideration. It is
understood that it is in contemplation to allot 2
batteries per Infantry Brigade.

War Establishment (personnel only) is as
follows :-

Detail.	Officers.	W. Officers Class II	S. Sergeants & Sergeants.	Rank & File	Total.	Remarks.
Officers.	2	-	-	-	2	
Sergeant.	-	-	1	-	1	
Corporals or bombardiers.	-	-	-	4	4	
Gunners.	-	-	-	16	16	
Batmen.	-	-	-	2	2	
Total.	2	-	1	22	25	

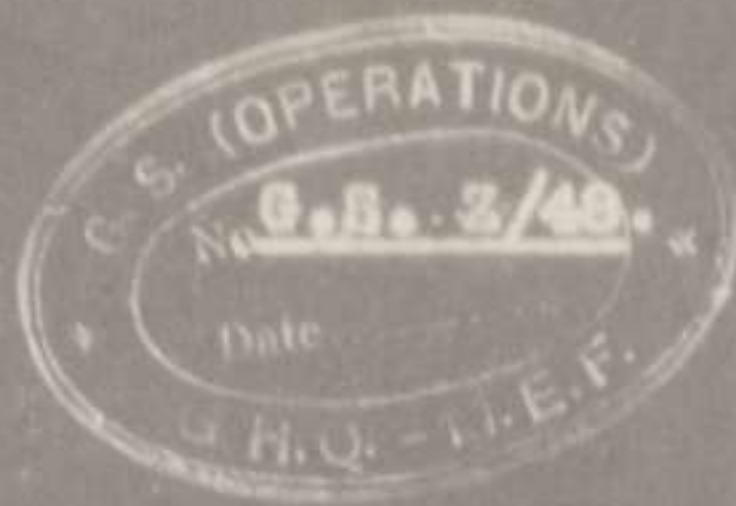
Transport Establishment is still awaited from War Office.

Our O.A.5 dated 21/4/16 does not refer to
Stokes guns, but it is assumed, from the
enclosure with your O/212/3, that the
above information is what is required.

(Sgd) C. P. Dawnay
Lt. Col. C.S.
Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

G.H.Q.,
23/5/16.

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S.N.O. EGYPT.

H.M.S. "Jupiter".

The Commander-in-Chief desires a survey of MAHEMDIA as shown in attached copy of his minute.

If you can undertake this from the sea, an R.E. Officer will be detailed to accompany the party if you will inform me when and where he should be sent.

(Sgd) J.H. Mitchell

G.H.Q., E.E.F.,
23.5.16.

Captain.

C.G.S.

If not already done will you please have the coast and shore surveyed in the neighbourhood of MAHEMDIA with a view to the possibility of the construction of a pier or wharf to land stores. Perhaps we could break through into the SABKHET EL BARDAWIL.

It would ease the railway work if I can land hutting and other stores from lighters in fine weather in the Bay of TINA or BARDAWIL.

22.5.16.

(Int.) A.J.M.

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OPERATIONS
No 2/4/45
Date
G.H.Q.

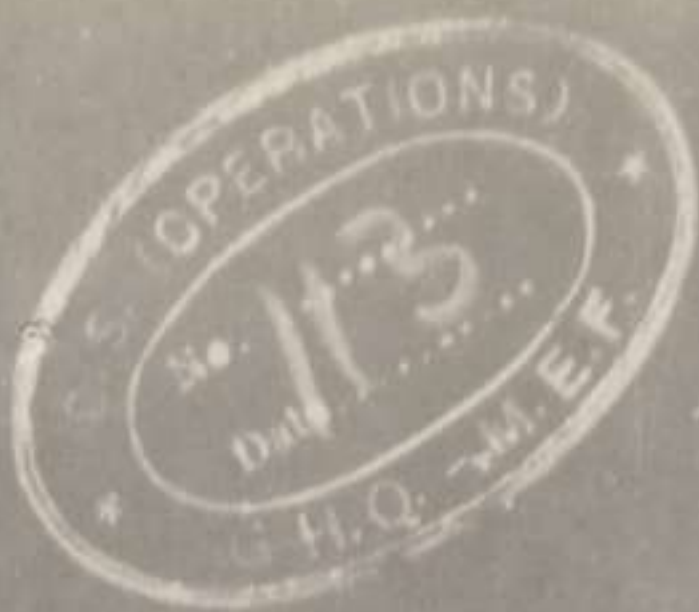
Administrative Commandant,
ISMAILIA.

Instructions have been received to prepare the Headquarters, Machine Gun Section, and one Squadron of the 4th Australian Light Horse for service elsewhere. You should concentrate the above, with all personnel, vehicles, chargers, and riding horses in possession, at ISMAILIA, reporting when this has been done.

(Sgd) G.P. Dawney *for*

for Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

G.H.Q.,
23/5/16.



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Lieut.-General Sir A. Godley, ^{K.C.B., K.C.M.G.} ~~K.C.B., K.C.M.G.~~

In view of the War Office decision to form Corps Cavalry, consisting, in the case of the A. & N.Z. Army Corps, of a Light Horse regiment, and in view of the fact that the 13th Light Horse regiment will form one of the Corps Cavalry regiments when all its squadrons have arrived in FRANCE, the question arises as to the provision of a Headquarters and Machine Gun Section for this unit.

On the dispersion of the regiment as Divisional Cavalry, Headquarters and the Machine Gun Section formed the Depot ^{for} ~~of~~ its Divisional Squadrons and provided the cadre of the training regiment for one Light Horse Brigade. This Headquarters and Machine Gun Section have, therefore, ceased to exist. The personnel of the Headquarters has been dispersed; that of the Machine Gun Section is still available at TEL EL KEBIR.

Please submit your proposals for the formation of a new Headquarters. It will presumably be most satisfactory to withdraw the Machine Gun Section from the training regiment at TEL EL KEBIR in order to rejoin its Headquarters.

(Signature) A. Hyndent Bell

Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

G.H.Q.,
23/5/16.

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The,

General Officer Commanding.

A. & N.Z. Training Centre,

TEL EL KEBIR.

The Commander-in-Chief has decided to organize dismounted double-squadrons from the Light Horse and Mounted Rifle Training Regiments at TEL-EL-KEBIR. They will be for use on L. of C. Defences, or in the Canal Zone, as may be required.

It is understood that about 50% of these troops have now sufficient training to be usefully made available for this purpose. You should therefore proceed with the organization of the double-squadrons, working on the War Establishments, Australian and New Zealand Forces, without alteration, except that the squadrons will not be mounted. The double-squadron will be composed of two squadrons (War Establishment, Australian and New Zealand Forces) under the senior squadron leader. Transport will be provided at the rate of 1 water cart, 3 G.S. wagons, for each double-squadron.

You should report how soon two double-squadrons can be made ready, as these will probably be required immediately to take over duties on the L. of C. Defences. You should further report how many double-squadrons can be made available in all, giving the dates at which they will be at disposal.

(Sgt) A. Lynden Bell

Major-General,

Chief of the General Staff,

Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

G.H.Q., E.E.F.

23/5/16.

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From :- General ADEN.

To :- G.O.C., EGYPT.

5894 cipher M.Q.

24/5/16

Desp. 1725

Recd. 1800

Deed. 1820

Understood considerable number of riding and pack camels are now available in EGYPT. Could you spare 100 riding and 400 pack for ADEN and if so on what terms ? Drivers available here.

Copies to :-

Q. for action.

C.

O(b).

C.G.S.

I.

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From C.S.S.

To :- I.C.C.

O.B.A. 278

24/5/16

Desp. 2220.

Colonel Dawney, who is proceeding to ENGLAND on an urgent and secret mission must be provided with a passage on the P. & O. steamer "Kashmir" leaving PORT SAID on 27th instant. He is carrying most important despatches and should be given a berth in the cabin allotted to the King's Messenger.

Copies to :-

- O.
 - O(b).
 - C.S.S.
 - I.
 - D.Q.M.G.
 - D.A.S.
- Filed C.S. cables.



Army Form C. 2121

"A" Form.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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To: _____ Sent _____ m. From: _____

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

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TO C.O.C., No. 3 Section, repeated C.O.C., 11th Div.

Sender's Number: * 0 771. Day of Month: 24th In reply to Number: A A A

Lt.-Colonel White, C.R.E. 11th Division is required temporarily for special duty at Headquarters No. 3 Section. Next senior R.E. officer to take over his duties in Division as temporary measure. Colonel White should report General Headquarters 11 a.m. 26th for special instructions, and be ready to proceed thence direct to Headquarters No. 3 Section. Addressed No. 3 Section, repeated 11th Division.



From G.H.Q.

Place

Time

is above may be forwarded as now corrected.

Censor.

Signature of Addressee or person authorized to telegraph in his name

* This line should be attached to the message.

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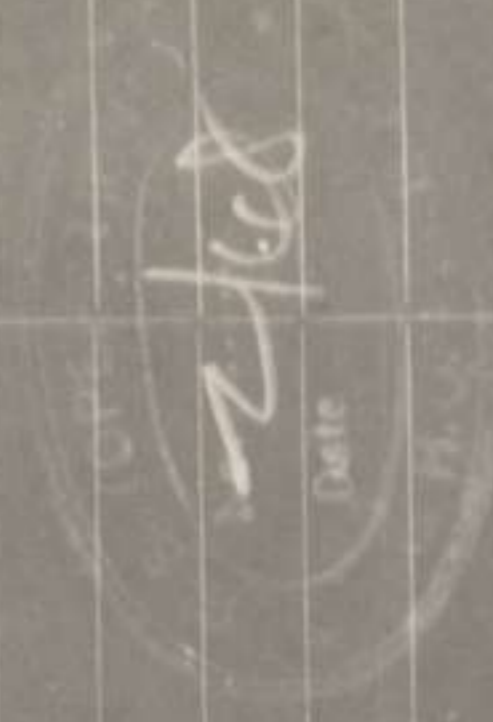
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At	To		(Signature of "Fracking Officer.")

G.O.C. No.1 Section, repeated G.O.C. No.3 Section

Number: 776 Month: 24th Year: 1916 In reply to Number: A A A

Brigadier General Hamilton-Moore required for temporary duty employment in No.3 Section, General defences. He should report General Headquarters 11 a.m. 25th for special instructions and be ready to proceed thence direct to Headquarters No.3 Section. Addressed No.1 Section, repeated No.3 Section.

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H.Q.

The above may be forwarded as per corrected.

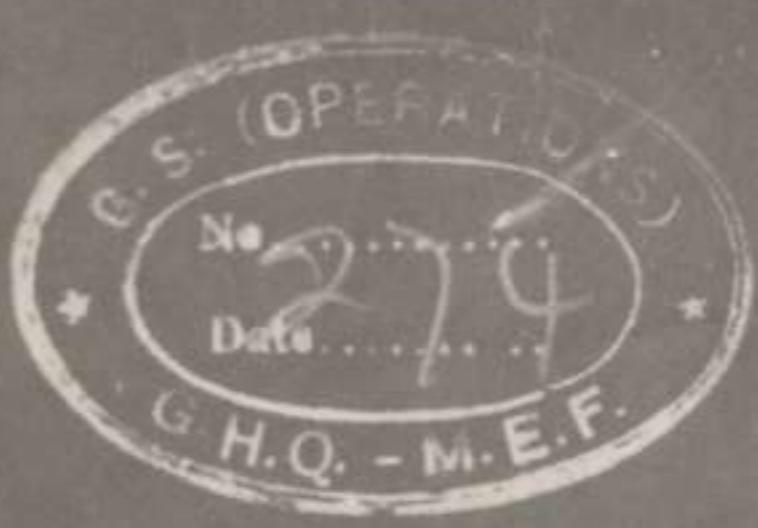
Messrs. Hull, Blyth & Co.,
PORT SAID.

With reference to your letter of the 16th May, regarding the removal of munition ships, the Commander-in-Chief has already taken steps in the direction suggested by you.

(Sgd) C. P. Dawnay

G.H.Q., E.E.F.
22/5/16.

Lieut. Colonel,
G.S.



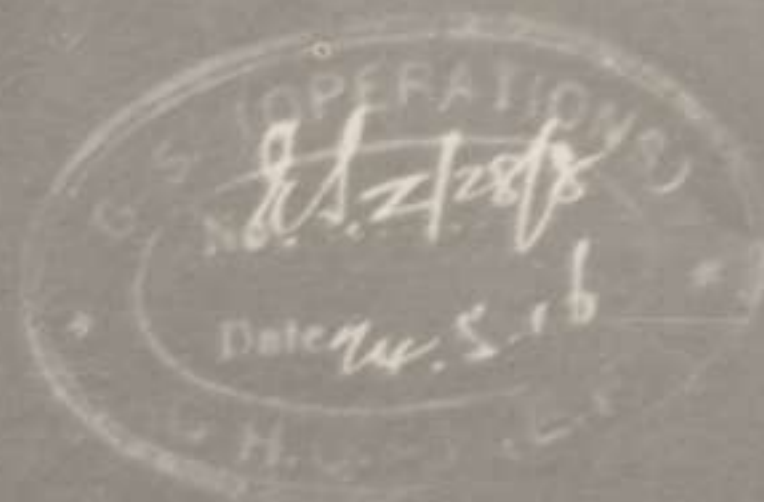
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General Officer Commanding,
Western Frontier Force.

Information has been received that about a month ago 4,000 Turks and ^{4,000}~~4,500~~ Germans were landed by submarines and steamers West of TOBRUK, and moved East to a point some 160 miles West of SOLLUM.

Nuri is said to have been with or near this force, and is credited with the intention of invading Egypt and attacking SOLLUM, messages having been sent to the Arab tribes to this effect.

The value of this information is unknown, but the Commander-in-Chief wishes that you should particularly impress upon the garrison of SOLLUM and neighbouring troops that the utmost vigilance must be exercised. He also wishes you to forward a special report with regard to the defences at SOLLUM, with a statement as to whether the defences and all else in connection with this post, are in a satisfactory condition.

A further report (source uncertain) has now been received to the effect that Nuri intends to attack SOLLUM in 15 days.

(Sd.) A. Lynden-Bell,

Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

G.H.Q., E.E.F.
24/5/16.

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From Chief, Egyptforce.

To Troopers, LONDON.

A.M. 866 cipher.

25/6/18.

Dep. 1210.

Your 14918 cipher.

Boon defense, MUDROS -

(a) Three batteries of two 4 inch guns each. 4 searchlights and generator.

(b) A.A.guns -

MUDROS - 1 battery of two 3 inch guns.
1 " " two 6 pounder guns.
1 two pounder pom-pom.

IMBROS - 1 12 pounder gun.
1 battery two 3 inch guns.
1 " " two 6 pounder guns.
1 Searchlight.

SENECOS - 1 12 pounder gun.
1 battery four 6 pounder guns.

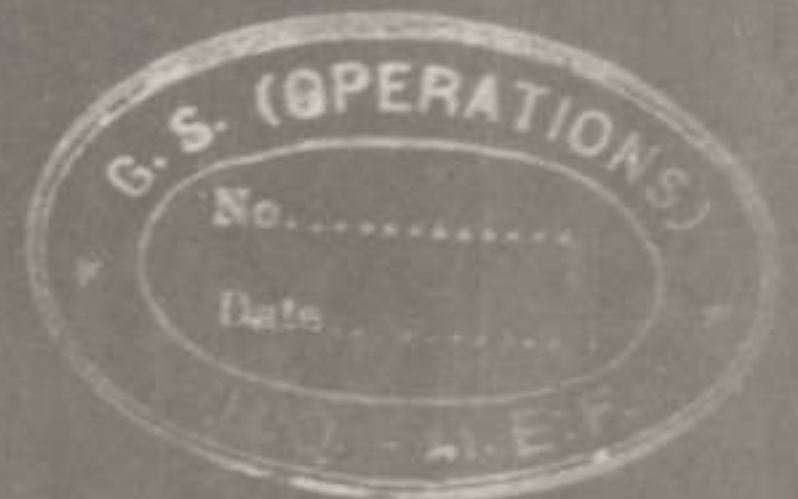
(c) Mobile armament -

6 Naval 12 pounder 8 cwt. field guns.

Copies to :-

- O.
- O.(b)
- C.G.S.
- C.-in-C.
- H.C.R.A.
- R.-in-C.
- G.

Filed G.S. 26.
" G.S. Cable.



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From- War Office.

To:- G.H.Q. Egyptforce.

17185. cipher. A.O.I.

25/5/16.

Desp. 1220.

Recd. 1220.

Decd. 1250.

Your A.M. 5554 22nd.

Proposals outlined in my telegram number 16689

Army Reserve May 16th hold good. No objection to housing 3 reserve squadrons in buildings already under construction at ABOUKIR. Location of these squadrons rests with you, is approximately the same as that put forward for school by C.C. 5th Wing. War Office letter of 121/Mediterranean/984 May 19th. fully explains new scheme.

Copies to :-

- O. ⁵
- O(b).
- C.S.S.
- Q.
- A.

G.S. (OPERATIONS)
No.

PRIORITY.

From Sirdar KHARTOUM.

To :- Sir A. Murray.

SECRET

640 cipher.

25/5/16

Desp. 1445

Recd. 1625

Decd. 1650

Captain Barnatyne, R.F.C. who returned in his aeroplane from FASHER to ARIAD at 11.40 a.m. today reports that FASHER has been successfully occupied by the force under Col. Kelly. Latter's report is now being telegraphed here, and further details will be transmitted when received. Aly Dinar escaped.

Copies to :-

- O.
- O(b).
- C.S.S.
- C. in C.
- I.

Filed G.S. Z/41
G.S. cables.

G.S. (OPERATIONS)
No.
Date.
G.H.Q. - M.E.F.

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From :- G.H.Q.

To :- G.O.C., WESTFORCE, repeated O.C., SOLLUM.

O. 772 cipher. 25/5/16 Desp. 1450.

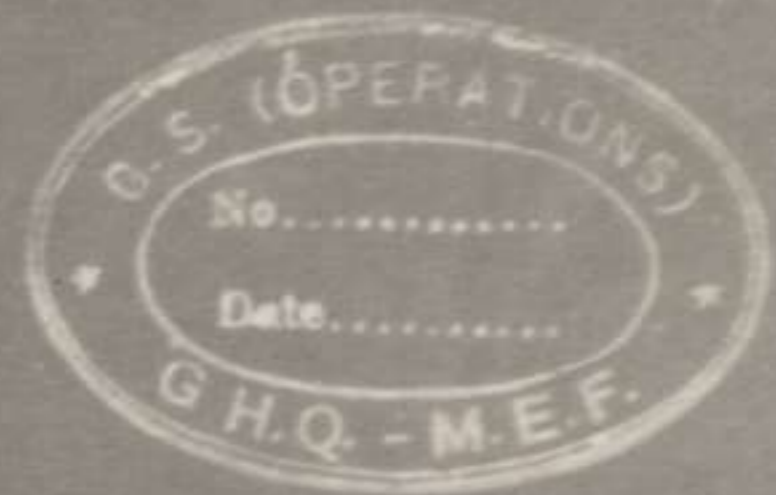
for

Following ~~from~~ Major Vitale, Italian Attache :-

begins :- In view of news regarding Nuri and landing of
Turks near DERNA please get in touch with nearest Italian
commander and ask him to concert measures with British
Commander at SOLLUM. ends.

Copies to :-

O.
O(b).
C.G.S.
C. in C.
I.
N.A.
Filed G.S. Z/28/8
G.S. cables.



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From:- Daglock, CAIRO.

To:- D.Q.M.G.

01556 Q. cipher. 25/5/16. Desp. 1710.
Recd. 1815.
Decd. 1817.

Reference move of 53rd Division MOASCAR. The
only available alternative dates for move of Divisional
Headquarters from CAIRO are 28th and 31st. Please
say which.

Copies to :- Q.
O.
O(b).
C.G.S.

Filed Q Cables.
" G.S. Z/59.



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From:- Communications, CAIRO.

PRIORITY.

To:- G.G.S.

25/5/16.

Desp. 1733.
Recd. 1810.
Decd. 1812.

Your O.B.A. 24.

P.A O. state no accommodation on ship but will accept Col. Dawmay as passenger and do best they can for him on arrival at PORT SAID. No 2nd berth in King's Messenger's Cabin. Col. Dawmay should report to E.S.O. to whom orders regarding Admiralty requisition are being sent.

Copies to :-
O.
O(b).
G.G.S.
I.
Q.

Filed G.S. Cables.



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SECRET

From:- Chief, EGYPTORCE.

To:- G.O.C., MUDROS.

A.M. 567.

25/5/16.

Desp. 1745.

Our O.A. 39.

Your report should have special reference to the amount of mobility required for your movable armament of six naval 12-pdr guns.

Copies to :-
O.
O(b).
G.G.S.
E-in-C.
M.G.R.A.
A.
Q.

Filed G.S. 86.
" G.S. Cables.



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Commanding
From:- COMMUNICATIONS SOLLUM.
To:- G. H. Q.

1100.cipher.

25/5/16

Despd. 2020.
Recd. 2130.
Dec'd. 2140.

Your Q772. Major Vitale thinks he has done all he can in establishment of friendly relations between SOLLUM and BARDIA. With regard to subject mentioned in your wire Vitale has already approached Governor of LYBIA and BARDIA Commander but finds general Italian instructions are that any offensive action on Italian part is to be avoided if possible. Vitale will give full details on arrival ISMAILIA. With your sanction he proposes leave here by car on 27th.

Copies to O.
O(b).
C.I.S.S.
Cwin-C.
I.
H.A.
Filed G.S. 2/28/16.
G.S. Cables.

(OPERATIONS)
No.....
Date.....
G.H.Q. - M.E.F.

W.R.
FROM:- SIRDAR.

TO:- GENERAL SIR A. MURRAY.

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25/5/16.

Despd. 2027.
Recd. 2036.

The success of the operations in DARFUR has been greatly enhanced by the invaluable services rendered by Major Groves and all members of the Royal Flying Corps which you were good enough to place at my disposal for this purpose. I think that when the full reports are received, their achievements will be found to rank high in the records of military aviation. Under very trying and difficult climatic conditions they have most gallantly and cheerfully overcome all obstacles. I beg you will accept yourself and convey to the Corps my warm and grateful appreciation of their splendid services.

Copies to C.-in-C.
C.G.S.
O.
C(b).

Filed G.S. Z/41.
G.S. Cables.



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From- S.N.O. EWPT. PORT SAID.

To:- Chief, EGYPTORCE.

1710. cipher.

25/5/16.

Desp. 1740.
Recd. 1850.
Decd. 1900.

H.M.S. "Magnolia" is at SOLHIM and Monitor 31
is being sent from MATRUH.

Copies to :-

- C.
- O(b).
- C.G.S.
- C-in-C.
- H.A.
- I.

Filed G.S. 2/28/16.
" G.S. Cables.



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From- S.N.O.

To:- WESTFORCE.

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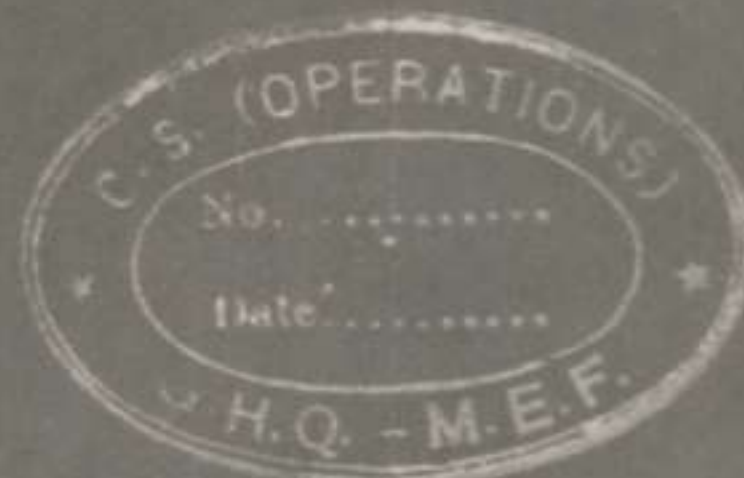
Despd. 2115.

Two aeroplanes, personnel and gear being sent you and
should reach SOLHIM about 30th. Taking up question of guns
for KRANJA. Do you require anything else for SOLHIM?

Copies to O.

- O(b).
- C.G.S.
- C.-in-C.
- H.Q.R.A.
- C.

Filed G.S. 2/28/16.
G.S. 2/28/16
G.S. Cables.



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M.P.

From:- EWINGTON.
To:- CHIEF LONDON.

A.M. 569. cipher. 25/5/16 Despd. 2150.

Evening Report.

All well.

Copies to O.
O(b).
C.G.S.
C.-in-C.
A.
Q.
I.

Filed G.S. 2/20.
G.S. Cables.



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From : Chief, Egyptforce.
To : Troopers, London.

Desp. 2115, 25/5/16.

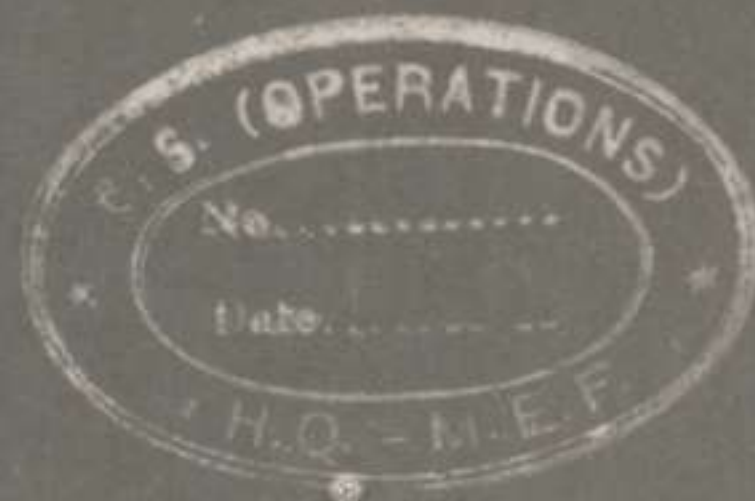
A.M. 568 cipher.

Reference your 13088 cipher S.D.2.

Following units cease to belong to M.E.F. :-

1/6th Royal Scots, 2/7th and 2/8th Middlesex, 33rd General Hospital.

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C.G.S.
I.
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G.S. Cables.



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From :- De Robeck SALONICA.
To :- EGYPFORGE.

3051 cipher.

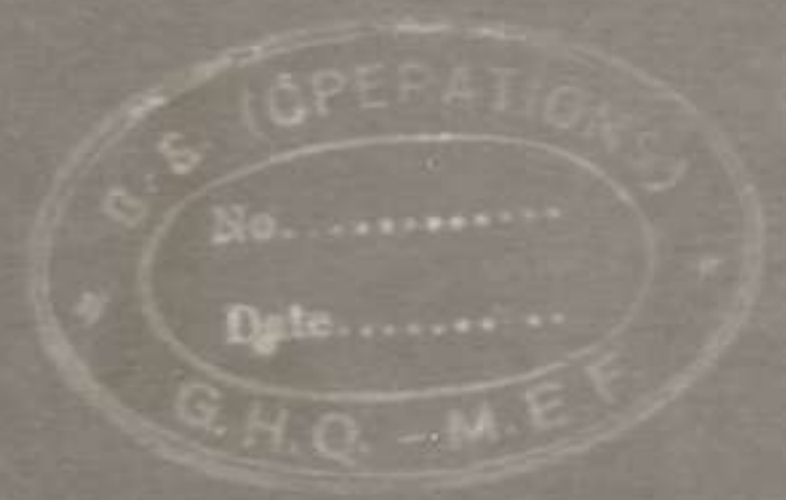
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Desp. 2150
Recd. 0625
Decd. 0650

Your A.M. 558. Guns at IMBROS, MENEDOS are all anti-aircraft. Three 4 inch batteries are for defence of MUDROS harbour. One searchlight IMBROS, remainder at MUDROS. Mobile armament consisting of six naval 12 pdr. 8 cwt. field guns.

Copies to :-

- O.
- C(b).
- C.G.S.
- I.
- M.G.R.A.
- E. in C.
- Q.
- A.
- Filed G.S. 86.
- G.S. cables.



From:- Communications, CAIRO.
To:- G.H.Q., ISMAILIA.

25/5/16.

Desp. 2125.
Recd. 2200.
Decd. 0930.

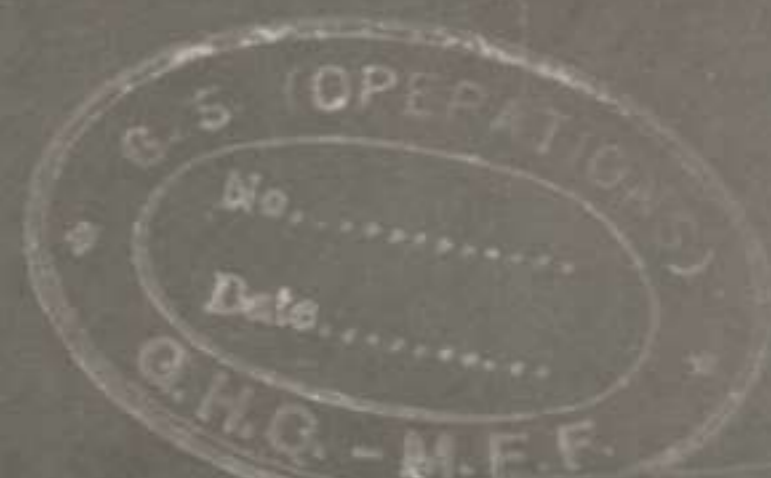
Following received from MELBOURNE, begins :-

9108 May 24th., reference your telegram number A.I.B.342.

On A.20. "Kororata", read	Unit	months training.	rounds fired.
Srd. Division.	34th. Battalion.	3	80.
Lt-Col. Lamb, Majors Fry, Martin and Foxall; Capts. Wheeler, McDowell, Baker and Brodziaak.			
	9th. Field Ambulance.	7	nil.
1st reinforcements.	34th. Battalion.	3	80
2nd reinforcements.	5th. Machine Gun Company.	4	80
	7th. " " "	4	80
	12th. " " "	4	80
	13th. " " "	4	80
	14th. " " "	4	80
3rd. reinforcements.	12th. Field Company.	4	80
	15th. " " "	4	80
	13th. " " "	3½	80
	14th. " " "	3	80
7th reinforcements.	30th. Battalion.	3	85
	4th. Field Company.	4½	80
	5th " " "	4	80
	8th. " " "	4	80
	6th. " " "	5	80
	7th. " " "	3	80
9th reinforcements.	12th. Light Horse.	4	80
18th reinforcements.	1st. " " "	4	80
	6th. " " "	4	80
	7th. " " "	4	80
	1st Field Company	4	80
	2nd " " "	4	80
	3rd. " " "	4	80
Staff Sergeant Dispenser.		6	nil
Dental details.		6	nil

Copies to :- A.
O.
O(b).
C.G.S.
Q.

Filed A Cables.



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From :- War Office.

To :- G.H.Q.

17125 cipher S.D.S.

24/5/16

Deep. 2140

Recd. 0625

Decd. 0630

Your A.M. 540. Regret that trench sets are not available for SALONICA at present.

Copies to :-

- O.
- O(b).
- C.S.S.
- D.A.S.
- M.G.H.A.

Filed Q. G.S. 179
G.S. cables.



W.D.



General Officer Commanding,
No. 1 Section,
Canal Defences.

The attached report from the Officer Commanding the Royal Australian Naval Bridging Train is passed to you for your consideration. The Commander-in-Chief would be glad to hear your views in regard to the future employment of this unit.

(Sgd) A.C. Dawnay

for Capt. G.S.

Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

G.H.Q., E.E.F.
24/5/16.

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General Officer Commanding,

No. 2 Section.
53rd. Division.

On the arrival of the 1st., 2nd. and 3rd (Service) Battalions West India Regiment in No.2 Section, Canal Defences, they will be attached, as additional battalions, to the 158th. and 160th. Infantry Brigades.

Please forward your recommendations as regards the distribution of these units to Brigades as early as possible. The Commander-in-Chief does not wish the West Indies troops to be employed in advance of the bridge-head defences.

(Sgd) G.P. Dawney
G.S.

G.H.Q.,
E.E.F.,
25.5.16.

for Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

Original Sent to Brig. Gen. Short.

SECRET.

W.D.

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H.Q. - M.E.F.
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Inspector General of Communications,
G.O.C., A. & N.Z. Training Centre, TEL-EL-KEBIK.
" Imperial Service Cavalry Brigade.
" L. of C. Defences.
O.C. Imperial School of Instruction, ZEITOUN.

The accompanying copy of a "Memorandum relating to the experience gained from the Verdun Actions" is forwarded for your personal information.

Please complete and return the enclosed form of receipt.

(Sgt) C. F. Perkins
for Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

G.H.Q., E.E.F.
25/5/16.

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OPERATIONS
No. G.S. 12/1.
Date
H.Q. - M.E.F.

G.O.C., No. 1 Section)
" 2nd A. & N.Z. A.C.)
" No. 3 Section.)
" Salonika Army.)
" W.F.F.)

The accompanying copies of a "Memorandum relating to the experience gained from the Verdun Actions" are forwarded for issue to officers of the rank of Brigadier-General, and upwards, serving under your command.

Please complete and return the enclosed form of receipt.

(Sgt) C. F. Perkins
for Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

G.H.Q., E.E.F.
25/5/16.

General Officer Commanding,
No. 1 Section,
Canal Defences.

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With reference to your O/247/2 of the 14th instant, the system of active defence proposed therein is approved, and the issue of the additional fanatis required is authorised.

In view of the redistribution of troops in your section, will there be any reduction or alteration in the number of additional fanatis required ?

(Sgd) G.P. Dawney Lt. Col. G.S.

G.H.Q.,
25/5/16.

for Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

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General Officer Commanding,
No. 3 Section,
Canal Defences.



With reference to your conversation with the Commander-in-Chief today, orders have been issued for the following officers to report to you as soon as possible after the 26th inst.:

- Brig.-General Hamilton-Moore.
- Lt.-Colonel F.A.K. White R.E. (from 11th Division).
- A Junior R.E. Officer (to be detailed).
- An A.S.G. Officer (to be detailed).

Brig.-General Hamilton Moore and Lt.-Colonel White have been sent for to General Headquarters on the morning of the 26th to receive special instructions in the sense of those given to you by the Commander-in-Chief today.

For so long as is necessary in connection with the construction of the entrenched camp at MOHEMDIYA, the above officers will be attached to your staff for special employment in connection with the defences, laying out camps, communications, organisation of labour, etc.; and General Hamilton-Moore will, in particular, be responsible to you for the co-ordination of all the necessary work.

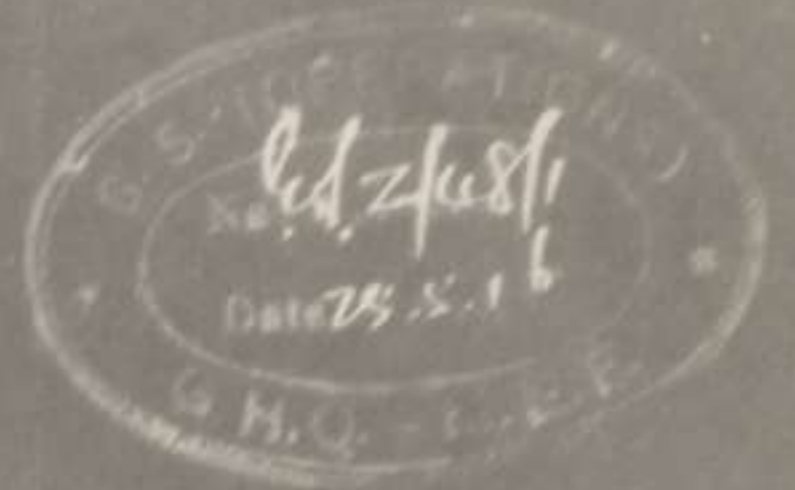
In providing this special staff for the purpose referred to above, the Commander-in-Chief wishes to make it clear to you that he intends in no way to interfere with the arrangements in the Section under your command, or to assume responsibility which must be left to you as commander on the spot. He is, however, especially anxious that this work should be carried out with the utmost efficiency and despatch. He is prepared to give you every assistance in his power by making special arrangements to place such additional officers and other personnel, labour, etc., at your disposal as shall ensure this.

(Sgt.) A. Lynden-Bell,
Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

G.H.Q.,
24/5/18.

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W.D.
Senior Naval Officer,
EGYPT.



The Commander-in-Chief wishes, in connection with the operations of the Army in the QATIA District, arrangements made for cutting through the spit of land north of the Bardewill Lagoon, in order to flood the Lagoon.

He would be grateful if you would give your views on this project. He has received information that the best place to cut through the spit is about 10 miles east of MSHMUDIYA near the disused buoy marked on the 1/125000 map. It is understood that the spit is only about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile wide at this point. The Commander-in-Chief is informed that a cut will flood the Lagoon to a depth of 9 to 15 feet, and that a Canal Company dredger could open the cut in about 6 days.

The Commander-in-Chief is obliged to ask you to undertake the actual carrying out of this work as he has naturally no facilities for undertaking an operation of this kind from the sea. The Canal Company is being asked to provide a dredger, however, for this work, so that it may be available when you require it.

A military post will be established to cover the operations of the dredger for so long as the work is in progress.

The General Officer Commanding, No.3 Section, is being instructed to reconnoitre the coast from the land side with a view to obtaining any necessary information. If you wish a Naval Officer to accompany this reconnaissance, will you please arrange direct with General Officer Commanding, No.3 Section at QANTARA.

(sd) A. Lynden Bell
Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

G.H.Q.,
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SECRET



General Officer Commanding,
No. 5 Section,
Canal Defences.

The Commander-in-Chief is requesting the Senior Naval Officer, EGYPT, to take up the question of dredging through the Bardawill spit at a point about 10 miles east of MAHMBIYA, in order to admit of the shipment of stores, supplies, etc., to the force operating in the QATIA District by sea.

Information has been received that the best point at which to cut the spit is near the disused buoy marked on the 1/125000 map.

You should arrange to reconnoitre the coast in this neighbourhood, both from the point of view of the dredging operations and from that of the provision of a pier, etc. inside the Lagoon. The Senior Naval Officer, EGYPT, has been requested to communicate with you direct if he should wish a Naval Officer to accompany this reconnaissance.

It has been found impossible to reconnoitre the coast west of the Bardawill Lagoon from the sea, and owing to the shallow water and the danger from north winds, it is considered it would not be practicable to ^{construct} ~~strike~~ a pier on this portion of the coast.

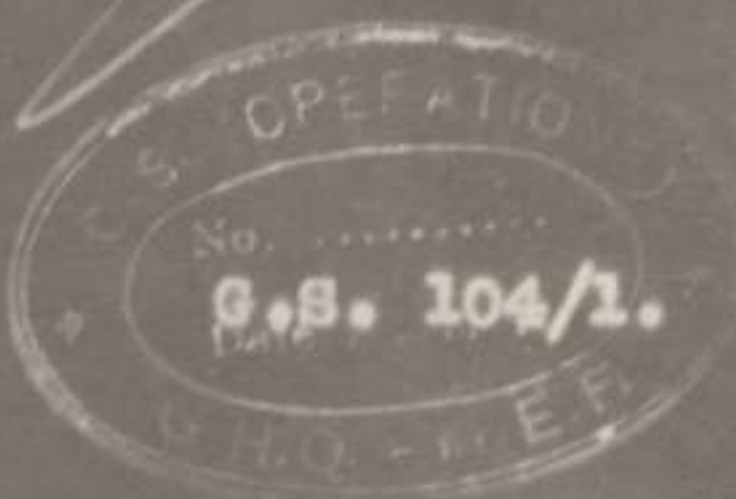
Genl A. Lynden Bell

Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

G.H.Q.,
25/5/16.

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General Officer Commanding,
Western Frontier Force.

The landing grounds in the FAYOUM and at MERSA
MATRUH hitherto used by the Royal Flying Corps are
to be reserved for that purpose in case they should be
required for future use.

They must not be driven over, or cut up in any
way.

(Sgd) C. F. Perkins

Major A.S.

Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

G.H.Q.,
E.E.F.,
25.5.16.

Copy to :- Royal Flying Corps.

G.S. Z/59.

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General Officer Commanding,
L. of C. Defences.

Your A.Q./4300/40 of May 22nd is noted.

With reference to para. (b), the second garrison
battalion is not ^{now} immediately required for transfer to the
Canal area, and it is not therefore proposed to move up
this battalion until suitable arrangements can be made for
its relief on the Lines of Communication by other troops.

(Sgd) G.P. Dawney Lt. Col.
G.S.

G.H.Q.,
25/5/16.

for Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

URGENT.

From Sirdar.

To Sir A. Murray.

20/5/16.

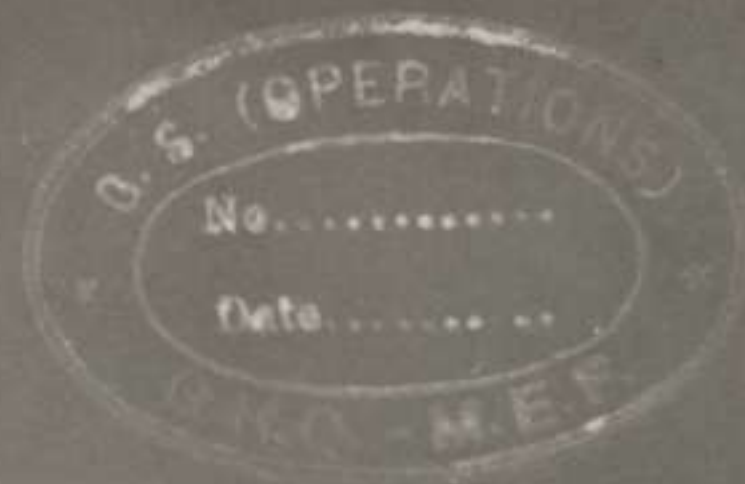
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Report received from Colonel Kelly that force under his command successfully occupied WASHIR 10 a.m. twenty third May. Main action took place near Village BERINGIA twelve miles north of capital, where enemy numbering between two and three thousand held strongly entrenched positions morning of twenty second. Camel Corps successfully induced them leave this position and to attack our troops with utmost rapidity and desperation. Enemy's attack met with withering fire, but some penetrated to within 10 yards of our lines. Our troops counter-attacked, totally defeating enemy whose minimum losses estimated at one thousand. Sultan Ali Dinar reported fled with small following early twenty third instant. Our casualties, Major H.C. Maydon severely and two Egyptian Officers slightly wounded. Rank and file, killed five and wounded nineteen. Only other casualty Lieut. Slesson, Flying Corps, slightly wounded, to whose gallant air reconnaissance I referred in my telegram of twenty third instant.

Copies to :-

O.
O.(b)
C.G.S.
C.-in-C.
I.
N.A.
Q.
A.
E.-in-C.
M.G.R.A.
D.A.S.
A.M.S.

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SECRET C

W.D.

From :- G.H.Q.

To :- Commanding SOLJUM, repeated WESTFORCE.

OAC 151 cipher.

28/5/16.

Deep. 1045.

Your 1150 cipher. Commander-in-Chief approves of return of Major Vitale. Captain Caccia will be sent to replace him.

Copies to :-

- O.
- O(b).
- G.S.S.
- C. in C.
- I.

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B.

From:- G.H.Q.

To:- Westforce.

O.A.C. 150.

26/5/16.

Deep. 1000.

Your G.S.B. 140 cipher.

In confirmation of telephone message, one 15-pdr battery may be retained with Westforce. Presume this will be 1/44th Glamorgan.

Copies to :-

- O.
- O(b).
- G.S.S.
- M.G.R.A.
- C.
- A.

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Date.
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From Chief, Egyptforce.
To Chief, LONDON.

SECRET

E.

A.M. 500. cipher. 28/5/18. Desp. 1310.

Fairly reliable reports have reached me that parties of Turks and Germans have been landed from submarines and possibly also from steamers on BENSHAZI coast, and that an attack on SOLLUM is contemplated - SOLLUM is quite ready and I have also a monitor and a sloop in SOLLUM BAY. I have, through my Italian Military Attache who is at SOLLUM, asked Italian commander at BARDIA to co-operate if possible in order to ensure a decisive defeat of the enemy if he should attack SOLLUM. I do not anticipate any assistance from the Italians, as apparently they have orders to remain strictly on the defensive, nor is Italian help essential to me. I let you know this, however, in case you should hear of this from the Italian Government.

Copies to :-

- O.
- O.(b)
- C.G.S.
- C.-in-C.
- H.A.
- I.
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