

**British Forces in Mesopotamia
not including Kut Al Amara
3 January 1916**

Commanding Officer: Lieutenant General Sir F.J.Aylmer

Forces Near Wadi

3rd Division: Major General d'U. Keary

7th Infantry Brigade: Major General R.G.Egerton

1/Connaught Rangers
27th Punjabis
89th Punjabis
128th Pioneers

8th Infantry Brigade: Lt. Colonel F.P.S.Dunsford

1/Manchester Regiment
2nd Rajput
47th Sikhs
59th Rifles

9th Infantry Brigade: Brigadier General L.W.Y. Campbell

1/Highland Light Infantry
1/1st Gurkhas
1/9th Gurkhas
93rd Infantry

Other:

4th Brigade, RFA
7th Battery (6 guns)
14th Battery (6 guns)
66th Battery (6 guns)
20th Field Company, Sappers & Miners
22nd Field Company, Sappers & Miners
34th Sikh Pioneers
16th Cavalry Regiment (1 sqn)
34th Sikh Pioneers
No. 3 Divisional Signals Company
Mobile Veterinary Company

7th Division: Major General Sir G.J.Younghusband

19th Brigade: Brigadier General E.C.Peebles

Composite Highland Battalion
2/Black Watch
1/Seaforth Highlanders
28th Punjabis
92nd Punjabis
125th Rifles

21st Brigade: Brigadier General C.E.Norie

Composite English Battalion
2/Norfolk
2/Dorsetshire
6th Jats
9th Bhopal Infantry
Composite Mahratta Battalion
(drafts for Mahratta battalions in Kut)

28th Brigade:

2/Leicestershire
Provisional Battalion
Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry
51st Skis
53rd Skis
56th Rifles

9th Brigade, RFA

19th Battery (6 guns)
20th Battery (6 guns)
28th Battery (6 guns)

Other:

3rd Field Company, Sappers & Miners
107th Pioneers
16th Cavalry Regiment (1 sqn)
No. 7 Divisional Signal Company
Mobile Veterinary Section

Cavalry Brigade: Brigadier General R.C. Stephen

"S" Battery, RHA (4 guns)
14th Hussars (4 sqns)
4th Cavalry (4 sqns)
7th Lancers (3 sqns)
35th Cavalry (3 sqns)

Corps Troops:

35th Infantry Brigade: Brigadier General G.B.H. Rice

Composite Territorial Battalion
1/5th Buffs
1/4th Hampshire
Composite Dogra Battalion
37th Dogras
41st Dogras

97th Infantry

36th Infantry Brigade: Brigadier General G. Christian

1/6th Devonshire Regiment
26th Punjabis
62nd Punjabis
82nd Punjabis

13th Brigade, RFA: (enroute)

2nd Battery, RFA (6 guns)
8th Battery, RFA (6 guns)
44th Battery, RFA (6 guns)

Home Counties Artillery Brigade

1/1st Sussex Battery (4-15pdr guns)
1/3rd Sussex Battery (4-15pdr guns)

Other Artillery:

60th Howitzer Battery (6 4.5" howitzers)
61st Howitzer Battery (6 4.5" howitzers)
23rd Mountain Battery (4-10pdr guns)
72nd Heavy Battery, RGA (4-5" howitzers)
77th Heavy Battery, RGA (4-5" howitzers)
104th Heavy Battery, RGA (2-4" guns)
7th Divisional Ammunition Column

Other:

12th Company, Sappers & Miners (-1 section)
13th Company, Sappers & Miners

Field Troop, Sappers & Miners
 Wireless - 1 wagon & 2 pack stations
 No. 1 Army Corps Signal Company
 No. 12 Divisional Signal Company
 No. 33 Divisional Signal Company
 No. 18 Cavalry Field Ambulance (2 sections)
 No. 131 Indian Cavalry Field Ambulance
 No. 3 Combined Field Ambulance (2 sections)
 No. 1 Field Ambulance (less HQ)
 No. 20 Combined Field Ambulance
 No. 7 British Field Ambulance (en route)
 No. 8 British Field Ambulance (en route)
 No. 19 British Field Ambulance
 No. 20 British Field Ambulance
 No. 21 Combined Field Ambulance (en route)
 No. 111 Indian Field Ambulance
 No. 112 Indian Field Ambulance
 No. 113 Indian Field Ambulance
 No. 128 Indian Field Ambulance
 No. 129 Indian Field Ambulance
 No. 130 Indian Field Ambulance
 No. 19 Combined Clearing Hospital
 No. 4 Sanitary Section
 Various Administrative units
 One Fight R.N.A.S. (only 1 plane servicable)
 "B" Flight, No. 30 Squadron, R.F.C. (3 servicableplanes)

Forces enroute to join Tigris Force:

37th Infantry Brigade: Brigadier General F.J. Fowler
 Brigade HQ
 1/4th Somerset Light Infantry
 1/2nd Gurkhas

On Lines of Communication

(at Shaikh Saad)
 3rd Brahmans (1/2 bn)
 102nd Grenadiers
 1 15pdr post gun
 No. 83 Indian Stationary Hospital
 (at Ali Gharbi)
 67th Punjabis (1/2 bn)
 16th Cavalry (1 troop)
 1 15pdr post gun
 1 Pack Wireless Station
 (at Fulaifila)
 20th Punjabis (1 co)
 (at Amara)
 3rd Brahmans (1/2 bn)
 4th Rajputs (1 co) (under orders for Basra)
 20th Punjabis (-3 cos)
 16th Cavalry (1 troop)
 Det/Volunteer Artillery Battery (1-15pdr & 1-5" gun)
 Depot, No. 3 Squadron, RFC
 No. 12 Divisional Signal Company (1 brigade section)

HQ, Wireless Signal Squadron (1 wagon station & 2 spare pack sets)
 No. 3A British General Hospital (2 sections)
 No. 2B British General Hospital (2 sections)
 No. 9 Indian General Hospital (2 sections)
 No. 2D British General Hospital (1 section)
 Bengal Stationary Hospital
 No. 6 Advanced Depot Medical Stores
 No. 3 Sanitary Section
 No. 9 field Veterinary Section
 Advanced Remount Section
 (at Qala Salih and on bridge guards)
 20th Punjabis (1 co)
 (at Qurna)
 112th Infantry
 43rd Erinpura Regiment (1/2 bn) (under orders for Nasiriya)
 No. 4 Company, Sappers & Miners
 No. 57 Indian Stationary Hospital (2 sections)

Euphrates Line: Brigadier General H.T. Brooking

(At Akaika & Suq ash Shuyukh)
 31st Punjabis
 12th Company, Sappers & Miners (1 Section)

(at Nasiriya)

12th Infantry Brigade: Brigadier General H.T. Brooking
 1/5th Queen's Royal Regiment
 44th Infantry (under orders for Qurna & Ahwaz)
 90th Punjabis

34th Infantry Brigade: Brigadier General E.C. Tidswell
 2/Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment (1/2 Bn)
 114th Mahatras

Artillery:

30th Mountain Battery
 1/2nd Sussex Battery, RFA
 Det/Volunteer Artillery Battery (4-15pdr guns)
 12th Cavalry Regiment (2 sqns)
 33rd Cavalry Regiment (1 sqn)
 No. 33 Divisional Signal Company (1 brigade section)
 One Pack wireless Station
 No. 3 Field Ambulance (3 sections)
 No. 19 Combined Field Ambulance

Persian Arabistan

(at Band-i-qir)

23rd Cavalry Regiment (2 sqns)
 43rd Erinpura Regiment (1/2 bn) (under orders for Nasiriya)
 No. 4 Field Ambulance (2 sections)

Bushire: Brigadier General J.A. Douglas

16th Cavalry (1 sqn)
 11th Rajputs
 96th Infantry
 3 Naval 12pdr guns
 3 7pdr guns (Indian Mountain Artillery detachment)
 2 Turkish Mountain Guns

2 Turkish 15pdr Guns

Basra

General Headquarters
Headquarters, IG Communication
Base Depots
15th Lancers (this unit may be taken as non-effective)
12th Cavalry (2 sqns, including 1 at Shaiba)
4th Rajputs (-1 co)
20th Punjabis (1 co) (under orders for Amara)
23rd Mountain Battery (2 guns)
One flight, RNAS
2 Flights, No. 3 Squadron RFC
Aircraft Park
Malerkotla Sappers & Miners Company
No. Combined Field Ambulance
Headquarters, No. 3A British General Hospital
No. 2 British General Hospital
Headquarters, No. 9 Indian General Hospital
No. 10 Indian General Hospital
No. 12 Indian General Hospital (under orders to Amara)
No. 15 Combined Clearing Hospital
No. 20 Combined Clearing Hospital
No. 2 X-Ray Section
No. 3 X-Ray Section
No. 10 Sanitary Section
No. 8 Advanced Depot Medical Stores
No. 6 Field Veterinary Section
No. 18 Field Veterinary Section
No. 2 Base Depot Veterinary Stores
Various Administrative Units

Naval Flotilla on Tigris

HM Gunboat Butterfly
HM Gunboat Gadfly
HM Gunboat Dragonfly
HM Gunboat Crane-fly
HM Gunboat Grayfly
HM Gunboat Mayfly
HM Gunboat Sawfly
HM Gunboat Stonefly (completed in March)
HM River Gunboat Mantis (arrived in March)

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