Distribution of Mesopotamia Expeditionary Corps
21 January 1917

Cavaller Division:
6th Cavalry Brigade:
  14th Hussars
  21st Cavalry
  22nd Cavalry
  6th Machine Gun Squadron
  6th Cavalry Brigade Supply & Transport Company

7th Cavalry Brigade:
  13th Hussars
  13th Lancers
  14th Lancers
  7th Machine Gun Squadron
  7th Cavalry Brigade Supply & Transport Company

Division Troops:
  "S" Battery RHA (6 guns)
  "V" Battery, RHA (6 guns)
  Cavalry Divisional Ammunition Column
  Field Troop, 2nd Sappers & Miners
  Field Troop, RE
  Signal Troop (provisional)
  "A" Troop, 1st Wireless Signal Squadron
  Cavalry Division Supply Column
  No. 119 Combined Cavalry Field Ambulance
  No. 131 Indian Combined Cavalry Field Ambulance
  No. 4 Mobile Veterinary Section

1st Indian Army Corps:
3rd (Lahore) Division:
  7th Infantry Brigade:
    1/Connaught Rangers
    27th Punjabis
    91st Punjabis
    2/7th Gurkhas
    No. 131 Machine Gun Company
    7th Brigade Supply & Transport Company

  8th Infantry Brigade:
    1/Manchester Regiment
    47th Sikhs
    59th Rifles
    2/119th Infantry
    No. 132nd Machine Gun Company
    8th Brigade Supply & Transport Company

  9th Infantry Brigade:
    2nd Dorsetshire Regiment
    93rd Burma Infantry
    105th Mahrattas
    1/1st Gurkhas
    No. 133 Machine Gun Company
    9th Brigade Supply & Transport Company

Artillery:
  Headquarters Divisional Artillery
4th Brigade, RFA
7th Battery (6 guns)
14th Battery (6 guns)
66th Battery (6 guns)
1 ammunition column detached

215th Brigade, RFA:
"B" Battery (4 guns)
"C" Battery (4 guns)

Attached
524th (Howitzer) Battery (4 howitzers)
B/69th (Howitzer) Battery (4 howitzers)
3 small arm ammunition sections

Engineers:
HQ Divisional Engineers
34th Sikh Pioneers
18th Field Company, Sappers & Miners
20th Field Company, Sappers & Miners
22nd Field Company, Sappers & Miners

Divisional Troops:
3rd Divisional Signals Company
3rd Divisional Troops Supply and Transport Company
3rd Division Supply Column
No. 3 Mobile Veterinary Section
7th British Field Ambulance
8th British Field Ambulance
111th Indian Field Ambulance
112th Indian Field Ambulance
113th Indian Field Ambulance
No. 11 Sanitary Section

7th (Merrut) Division:
19th Brigade:
1/Seaforth Highlanders
28th Punjabis
92nd Punjabis
125th Rifles
No. 134 Machine Gun Company
19th Brigade Supply & Transport Company

21st Brigade:
2nd Black Watch
9th Bhopal Infantry
20th Punjabis
1/8th Gurkhas
No. 135 Machine Gun Company
21st Brigade Supply & Transport Company

28th Brigade:
2/Leicestershire
51st Sikhs
53rd Sikhs
56th Rifles
No. 136 Machine Gun Company
28th Brigade Supply & Transport Company

Artillery:
HQ Divisional Artillery
9th Brigade, RFA
19th Battery (6 guns)
20th Battery (6 guns)
28th Battery (6 guns)

56th Brigade, RFA:
"A" Battery (4 guns)
"B" Battery (4 guns)
"C" Battery (4 guns)
"D" Battery (4 guns)
D/69th Howitzer Battery (4 guns)
3 small arms ammunition sections

Engineers:
HQ Divisional Engineers
1st Field Company, Sappers & Miners
3rd Field Company, Sappers & Miners
4th Field Company, Sappers & Miners
121st Pioneers

Divisional Troops:
7th Divisional Signal Company
7th Divisional Troops Supply and Transport Company
7th Division Supply Column
No. 2 Mobile Veterinary Section
19th British Field Ambulance
20th British Field Ambulance
128th Indian Field Ambulance
129th Indian Field Ambulance
130th Indian Field Ambulance

Corps Troops:
32nd Lancers
2/86th Battery, RGA (4 guns)
159th Siege Battery, RGA (4 guns)
No. 788 MT Company, ASC (caterpillar tractors)
RGA Watching Posts
No. 133 Trench Mortar Battery (4 2" mortars)
No. 134 Trench Mortar Battery (4 2" mortars)
No. 135 Trench Mortar Battery (4 2" mortars)
No. 59 Anti-Aircraft Section
No. 93 Anti-Aircraft Section
No. 208 Anti-Aircraft Section
I Corps Signal Company
No. 1 Printing Section
No. 1 Litho Section
Search Light Company (1 section)
"A" Troop, 1st Wireless Squadron (1 wagon station)
"B" Troop, 1st Wireless Squadron (1 pack station)

II Indian Army Corps:
13th Division:
38th Brigade:
6th King's Own Royal Regiment
6th East Lancashire
6th (Prince of Wales volunteers) South Lancashire
6th Loyal Regiment (N. Lancashire)
No. 38 Machine Gun Company
38th Brigade Supply & Transport Company

39th Brigade:
9th Royal Warwickshire
7th Gloucestershire
9th Worcestershire
7th North Staffordshire
No. 39 Machine Gun Company
39th Brigade Supply & Transport Company

40th Brigade:
8th Cheshire
8th Royal Welch Fusiliers
4th South Wales Borderers
5th Wiltshire
No. 40 Machine Gun Company
40th Brigade Supply & Transport Company

Mounted Troops:
"D" Sqn, 1/1st Hertfordshire Yeomanry (temporarily with III Corps)
13th Divisional Cyclist Company

55th Brigade, RFA:
A/55th Battery (4 guns)
B/55th Battery (4 guns)
C/55th Battery (4 guns)
D/55th Battery (4 guns)

66th Brigade, RFA:
A/66th Battery (4 guns)
B/66th Battery (4 guns)
C/66th Battery (4 guns)
D/66th Battery (4 guns)
13th Divisional Ammunition Column

Other Artillery:
A/69th Battery (4 guns)
72nd Battery, RGA (4 guns)
3 small arms ammunition sections

Engineers:
71st Field Company, RE
72nd Field Company, RE
88th Field Company, RE
8th Welch Regiment (Pioneers)

Divisional Troops:
13th Divisional Signal Company
13th Divisional Supply and Transport Company
10th Field Bakery
31st Field Butchery
13th Division Supply Column
39th British Field Ambulance
40th British Field Ambulance
41st British Field Ambulance
No. 24 Veterinary Section

14th (Indian) Division:

35th Infantry Brigade:
1/5th Buffs (East Kent Regiment)
37th Dogras
102nd Grenadiers
2/4th Gurkhas
No. 185 Machine Gun Company
35th Brigade Supply & Transport Company
36th Infantry Brigade:
1/4th Hampshire Regiment
26th Punjabis
62nd Punjabis
82nd Punjabis
No. 186 Machine Gun Company
36th Brigade Supply & Transport Company

37th Infantry Brigade:
1/4th Devonshire
36th Sikhs
45th Sikhs
1/2nd Gurkhas
No. 187 Machine Gun Company
37th Brigade Supply & Transport Company

Engineers:
Headquarters, Divisional Engineers
128th Pioneers
12th Field Company, Sappers & Miners
13th Field Company, Sappers & Miners
15th Field Company, Sappers & Miners

Artillery:
HQ, Divisional Artillery
13th Brigade, RFA:
  2nd Battery, RFA (6 guns)
  8th Battery, RFA (6 guns)
  44th Battery, RFA (6 guns)
  C/69th Howitzer Battery (4 guns)

Divisional Troops:
14th Divisional Signal Company
14th Divisional Troop Supply & Transport Company
14th Division Supply Column
1st Combined Field Ambulance
No. 20 Combined Field Ambulance
No. 21 Combined Field Ambulance
No. 135 Combined Field Ambulance
No. 13 Sanitary Section
No. 1 Mobile Veterinary Section

Corps Troops:
32nd Lancers (2 sqns)¹
No. 134 (Howitzer) Brigade, RFA
  60th Battery (6 guns)
  61st Battery (6 guns)
2/104th Heavy Battery, RGA (4 guns)
157th Heavy Battery, RGA (4 guns)
No. 789 MT Company, ASC (caterpillar tractors)
No. 136th Trench Mortar Battery
No. 137th Trench Mortar Battery
No. 138th Trench Mortar Battery
No. 80 Anti-Aircraft Section

¹ From 1/2/17 to 3/3/17 the Corps Cavalry of the III Corps consisted of a composite cavalry regiment, comprising two squadrons 32nd Lancers, one squadron 10th Lancers, and the 1/1st Hertfordshire Yeomanry Squadron.
No. 92 Anti-Aircraft Section
III Corps Signals Company
No. 2 Printing Section
No. 2 Litho Section
Searchlight Company (1/2)
"B" Troop, 1st Wireless Squadron (1 wagon station)
"B" Troop, 1st Wireless Squadron (1 pack station)

Army Troops

No. 14 Kite Balloon Section, RNAS
10th Lancers (1 sqn) (attached III Corps)
No. 1 Bridging Train
No. 2 (Mobile) Bridging Train
Army Signals Company
1st ANZAC Wireless Signal Squadron (enroute)
No. 30 Squadron, Royal Flying Corps (less 2 aircraft with 15th Division)
"A", "C", "D", "E", "F" Stokes Mortar Batteries
No. 13 Light Armored Motor Battery
64th Pioneers
No. 30 Motor Ambulance Convoy (with transport of No. 773 MT Company, ASC)
No. 783 MT Company, ASC (Ford Vans)
No. 784 MT Company, ASC (Ford Vans)
3rd Labor Corps (2 cos)
4th Labor Corps

EUPHRATES LINE

15th Division: (at Nasiriya)
HQ, 15th Division
12th Infantry Brigade:
1/5th Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey)
No. 128 Machine Gun Company
12th Brigade Supply and Transport Company
34th Infantry Brigade:
2nd Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment
31st Punjabis
112th Infantry
114th Mahrattas
No. 129 Machine Gun Company
34th Brigade Supply and Transport Company
42nd Infantry Brigade:
1/4th Dorsetshire Regiment
2/5th Gurkhas
2/6th Gurkhas
No. 130 Machine Gun Company
42nd Brigade Supply and Transport Company

Cavalry:
12th Cavalry

2 Each stokes mortar battery had 8 3" mortars.

3 Arrived at Basara on 1/1/17 and reached Tigris front on 1/20/17.
Artillery:
HQ, Divisional Artillery
222nd Brigade, RFA:
  "A" Battery (4 guns)
  "B" Battery (4 guns)
  "C" Battery (4 guns)
7th Mountain Brigade
  26th Battery (6 guns)
Plus:
  77th Battery, RGA (4 guns)
  15th Divisional ammunition Column

Engineers:
  Headquarters, Divisional Engineers
  3/1st (Northumbrian) Company, RE (enroute)
  1/3rd (Northumbrian) Company, RE (enroute)
  Malerkotla Sappers & Miners
  48th Pioneers

Other:
  No. 3 Section, Searchlight Company
  No. 8 Litho Section
  No. 10 Printing Section
  15th Divisional Signal Company
  15th Divisional Troop Supply & Transport Company
  15th Division Supply Column
  No. 3 Combined Field Ambulance
  No. 19 Combined Field Ambulance
  No. 23 Combined Field Ambulance
  No. 105 Combined Field Ambulance
  No. 109 Combined Field Ambulance
  No. 23 Motor Ambulance Convoy (6 cars)
  No. 16 Sanitary Section

Attached:
  Volunteer Battery (6 15pdrs & 1 5" gun)
"B" Troop, 2nd Wireless Signal Squadron
  Det No.30 Squadron, Royal Flying Corps (2 aircraft)
"M" Stokes Mortar Battery
  No. 27 Casualty Clearing Station (enroute)
  No. 83 Combined Stationary Hospital
  No. 8 Advanced Depot Medical stores
  No. 16 Field Veterinary Section
  Advanced Ordnance Depot

(Khamisiya)
  Det/Volunteer Battery (1-15pdr)
  90th Punjais (less 2 cos)

(Beni Said)
  Det/Volunteer Battery (1-15pdr)
  90th Punjabis (1 co)

(Junction Camp)
  Det/Volunteer Battery (1-15pdr)
  43rd Erinpura Regiment (less 1 co)
  No. 128 Machine Gun Company (1 section)

(Suq ash Shuyukh)
  90th Punjabis (1 co)

(Ahaika)
  43rd Erinpura Regiment (1 co)
KARUM FRONT:
(at Ahwaz)
Headquarters
23rd Cavalry Regiment (2 sqns)
Det/21st Mountain Battery (2 guns)
Det/Anglo-Indian Battery (2-15pdrs)
"C" Troop, 2nd Wireless Signal Squadron (-2 sections)
8th Rajputs (enroute)
97th Infantry
Det/No. 596 MT Company, ASC
No. 4 Indian Field Ambulance (2 sections)
(at Shush)
23rd Cavalry (1 sqn)
"C" Troop, 2nd Wireless Signal Squadron (less pack station)
(Tembeh)
97th Infantry (1 co)

BUSHER FRONT:
(at Bushire)
Headquarters
15th Lancers (1 sqn)
4 Naval 12pdrs (crewed by RN sailors)
1 7pdr Mountain Gun (Indian Mountain Artillerists)
2 15pdr guns (Indian Mountain Artillerists)
Searchlight Company (1/2 section)
14th Sikhs
22nd Punjabis
Det/No. 596th MT Company, ASC
No. 51 Indian Stationary Hospital

TIGRIS DEFENSES
No. 1 Section
Qurna
HQ, No. 1 Section, Tigris Defenses
44th Infantry
Qala Salih
96th Infantry (1 1/2 cos)

No. 2 Section
Amara
HQ, Tigris Defense
HQ, No. 2 Section Tigris Defense
10th Lancers (1 troop)
Anglo-Indian Battery (2 15pdr post guns)
1/6th Devonshire Regiment
4th Rajputs

4 1 platoon at Kurmat Ali, 1 at Kubaish, 1 at Sakirkiya, & 3 at Ezra's Tomb.

5 Units marked with an asterisk (*) also provided small guards for the permanent campaing grounds, termed "marching posts," which had been established at regular intervals between
96th Infantry (- 1 1/2 cos)

Mudilil
HQ Mobile Column
10th Lancers (1 sqn less 1 troop)
1 Post Gun, Anglo-Indian Battery
"A" Troop, 2nd Wireless Signal Squadron
(1 pack section)

67th Punjabis
"M" Company, Supply & Transports (pack transport)
No. 135 Indian Field Ambulance (1 section)

Fulaifila
67th Punjabis* (1 1/2 Cos)

No. 3 Section
Ali Gharbi
HQ, Mobile Column
10th Lancers (1 sqn)
1 Post Gun, Anglo-Indian Battery
"C" Troop, 2nd Wireless Signal Squadron (1 wagon & 1 pack station)
2nd Rajputs (- 2 cos)
"L" Company, Supply & Transport (pack transport)
"C" Section, No. 137 Indian Field Ambulance

Shaikh Saad
HQ, No. 3 Section Tigris Defenses
HQ, Mobile Column
10th Lancers (1 sqn)
A/215th Battery, RFA (2 guns)
1/104th Battery, RFA (1 4" gun)
Search Light Company, (1 section)
"C" Troop, 1st Wireless Signal Squadron (1 pack station)
1st Highland Light Infantry
2nd Rajputs* (2 cos)
"N" Company, Supply & Transport (pack transport)
"D" Section, No. 122 Indian Field Ambulance

(Euphrates Defenses)

(Wadi)
Det/Anglo-Indian Battery (2 guns)
3rd Brahmans (1 co)

(Railway Blockhouse)
3rd Brahmans (-1 co)

(Twin Canals & Railway Blockhouse Line)
A/215th Battery, RFA (2 guns)
2nd Norfolk Regiment

(Sinn, Dujaila & Railway Blockhouse Line)
1st Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry
1/104th Battery, RGA (2-4" guns) (at Dujaila)

(Imam al Mansur and Blockhouses to the Hai)
2/124th Baluchistan Infantry

the main line of communications along the marching route up the Tigris between Amara and Shaikh Saad.
No. 1 Section
(in Basra)
Headquarters Euphrates Defenses
Signals Section
Headquarters, No. 1 Sector Defenses
6th Jats (1/2 bn)
Details from 1/4th Somerset Light Infantry, 2/9th Gurkhas, &
1/10th Gurkhas
(in Shaiba)**
HQ Defense Reserves
Patiala Lancers (2 sqns)
21st Mountain Battery (2 guns)
1/4th Somerset Light Infantry (-1 co)
No. 24 Combined Field Ambulance (-2 sections)
"Q" Company, Supply & Transport (- detachments)

No. 2 Section
(Nukhaila**)
Det/6th Jats
(at Rataw**)
HQ, No. 2 Section Defenses
6th Jats (- detachments)
(Ghabishiya)
Det/6th Jats
ArmoredTrain

No. 3 Section
(at Luqait**)
HQ, No. 3 Section Defenses
Patiala Lancers (1 sqn, less 1 troop)
1/10th Gurkhas (-1 co)
Det/"Q" Company, Supply & Transport
No. 24 combined Field Ambulance (1 section)
(Jaleeb**)
Patiala Lancers (1 troop)
1/10th Gurkhas (1 co)

No. 4 Section
(Tel el Lam*)
NQ, No. 4 Section, Euphrates Defenses
Patiala Lancers (1 sqn, less 1 troop)
21st Mountain Battery (2 guns)
2/9th Gurkhas (-1 co)
Det/"Q" Company, Supply & Transport
No. 24 Combined Field Ambulance (1 section)
(Safar**)
2/9th Gurkhas (1 platoon)
(Tel Maghiya**)
Patiala Lancers (1 troop)
2/9th Gurkhas (-1 platoon)

LINE OF COMMUNICATIONS UNITS
(in Basra)

The stations marked with two asterisks (**) were on the railway line running from Basra to Naisiryia.
3rd Echelon, General Headquarters
HQ, Inspector-General Communications
Base Headquarters
L of C Signal Company (forming)
HQ, 2nd Wireless Signal Station
"D" Troop, 2nd Wireless Signal Station
"E" Troop, 2nd Wireless Signal Station (on river ships)
Signal Service Park & Depot
73rd Carnatic Infantry
79th Carnatic Infantry
1st Labor Corps, RE
5th Labor Corps, RE
7th Labor Corps, RE
8th Labor Corps, RE
11th Labor Corps, RE
12th Labor Corps, RE
13th Labor Corps, RE
14th Labor Corps, RE
15th Labor Corps, RE
16th Labor Corps, RE
17th Labor Corps, RE
21st Labor Corps, RE
22nd Labor Corps, RE
24th Labor Corps, RE
2nd Porter Corps
Nos. 1 & 2 British Base Depots
Nos. 1, 2, & 3 Indian Base Depots
Indian General Base Depot
No. 596 MT Company, ASC (less detachments)
No. 695 MT Company, ASC
No. 16 Field Veterinary Section
No. 18 Field Veterinary Section
Base Veterinary Store Depot
HQ, Base Remount Depot & 3 Remount Squadrons
No. 49 Mobile Workshop (Ordnance)
No. 50 Mobile Workshop (Ordnance)
No. 3 British General Hospital
No. 33 British General Hospital
No. 40 British General Hospital
No. 133 British General Hospital
No. 8 Indian General Hospital
No. 9 Indian General Hospital
No. 10 Indian General Hospital
No. 20 Indian General Hospital
No. 24 Indian General Hospital
No. 25 Indian General Hospital (forming)
Basra Hospital Bait Naama
No. 10 Sanitary Section
No. 27 Sanitary Section
No. 29 Sanitary Section
No. 46 Sanitary Section
No. 99 Sanitary Section
No. 1 General Medical Store Depot
No. 10 British Base Depot Medical Stores
(Mohammerah)
British Convalescent Depot
Indian Convalescent Depot (forming)
No. 27 Indian General Hospital (forming)

(Qurna)
HQ, Administrative Post
No. 57 Indian Stationary Hospital

(Amara)
HQ, Administrative Post
"A" Troop, 2nd Wireless Signal Squadron (- 1 pack section)
122nd Infantry
6th Portar corps (1/2 present)
No. 23 British Stationary Hospital
No. 70 Indian Stationary Hospital
No. 1 British General Hospital
No. 2 British General Hospital
No. 32 British General Hospital
No. 12 Indian General Hospital
No. 21 Indian General Hospital
No. 23 Indian General Hospital
No. 42 Indian General Hospital
Isolation Hospital
Officer's Convalescent Depot
British Convalescent Depot
Indian Convalescent Depot
No. 23 Motor Ambulance Convoy (15 cars)
No. 17 Sanitary Section
No. 100 Sanitary Section
No. 3 Advanced Depot
Advanced Remount Depot (HQ & 2 squadrons, less 2 sections)
No. 9 Field Veterinary Section
No. 10 Field Veterinary Section

(Shaikh Saad)
Headquarters, Advanced Base
no. 3 Bridging Train (- detachment)
Engineer Field Park
2nd Labor Corps
3rd Labor Corps (2 cos)
10th Labor Corps
3rd Portar Corps
5th Portar Corps
7th Portar Corps
1st Portar Corps (- detachments)
4th Portar Corps (- detachments)
6th Portar Corps (- detachments)
Advanced Signal Park
No. 16 British Casualty Clearing Station
No. 15 Combined Casualty Clearing Station
No. 19 Combined Casualty Clearing Station
No. 20 Combined Casualty Clearing Station
No. 31 British Stationary Hospital
No. 61 Indian Stationary Hospital
Combined Convalescent Depot
No. 6 Advanced Depot Medical Stores
No. 7 Advanced Depot Medical Stores
No. 23 Motor Ambulance (9 cars)
No. 14 Sanitary Section
No. 101 Sanitary Section
No. 7 Field Veterinary Section
Advanced Veterinary Store Depot
Two remount sections
(Arab Village)
HQ Riverhead
Det/No. 3 Bridging Train
Det/4th Portar Corps
Det/6th Portar Corps
No. 5 Advanced Depot Medical Stores
Ammunition Park
(Twin Canals)
HQ, Administrative Post
Det/1st Portar Corps
(Sinn)
HQ, Administrative Post
(Imam Al Mansur)
HQ, Administrative Post
OTHER UNITS ON LINES OF COMMUNICATIONS
(Basra)
No. 14 Light Armored Motor Battery (less than half of battery present) (for 15th Division)
2/2nd (Northumbrian) Field Company, RE (to L of C)
Aircraft Park, Royal Flying Corps
(Qurna)
"A" Section, No. 137 Indian Field Ambulance
(Amara)
Advanced Echelon, Aircraft Park
(Shaikh Saad)
Tehri-Garhwal Sapper & Miner Company
Military Railway Company


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