

**Distribution of Mesopotamia Expeditionary Corps  
21 January 1917**

Cavalry 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)<sup>1</sup>  
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

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<sup>1</sup> 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<sup>2</sup>  
No. 13 Light Armored Motor Battery<sup>3</sup>  
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

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<sup>2</sup> Each stokes mortar battery had 8 3" mortars.

<sup>3</sup> 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 Punjbais (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)

No. 128 Machine Gun Company (1 section)

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)

BUSHIRE 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<sup>4</sup>

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\*<sup>5</sup>

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

<sup>5</sup> Units marked with an asterisk (\*) also provided small guards for the permanent camping grounds, termed "marching posts," which had been established at regular intervals between

96th Infantry (- 1 1/2 cos)  
Mudelil  
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 & Trnapsort (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

(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

EUPHRATES DEFENSES

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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)\*\*<sup>6</sup>

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

Armored Train

**No. 3 Section**

(at Lugaith)\*\*

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\*)

HQ, 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)

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<sup>6</sup> The stations marked with two asterisks (\*\*) were on the railway line running from Basra to Naisirya.

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 Porter 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)<sup>7</sup>  
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

Moberly, Brig. Gen. F.J., The Campaign in Mesopotamia, 1914-1918, 1923, London, HM  
Stationary Office.

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<sup>7</sup> Just arrived from England.