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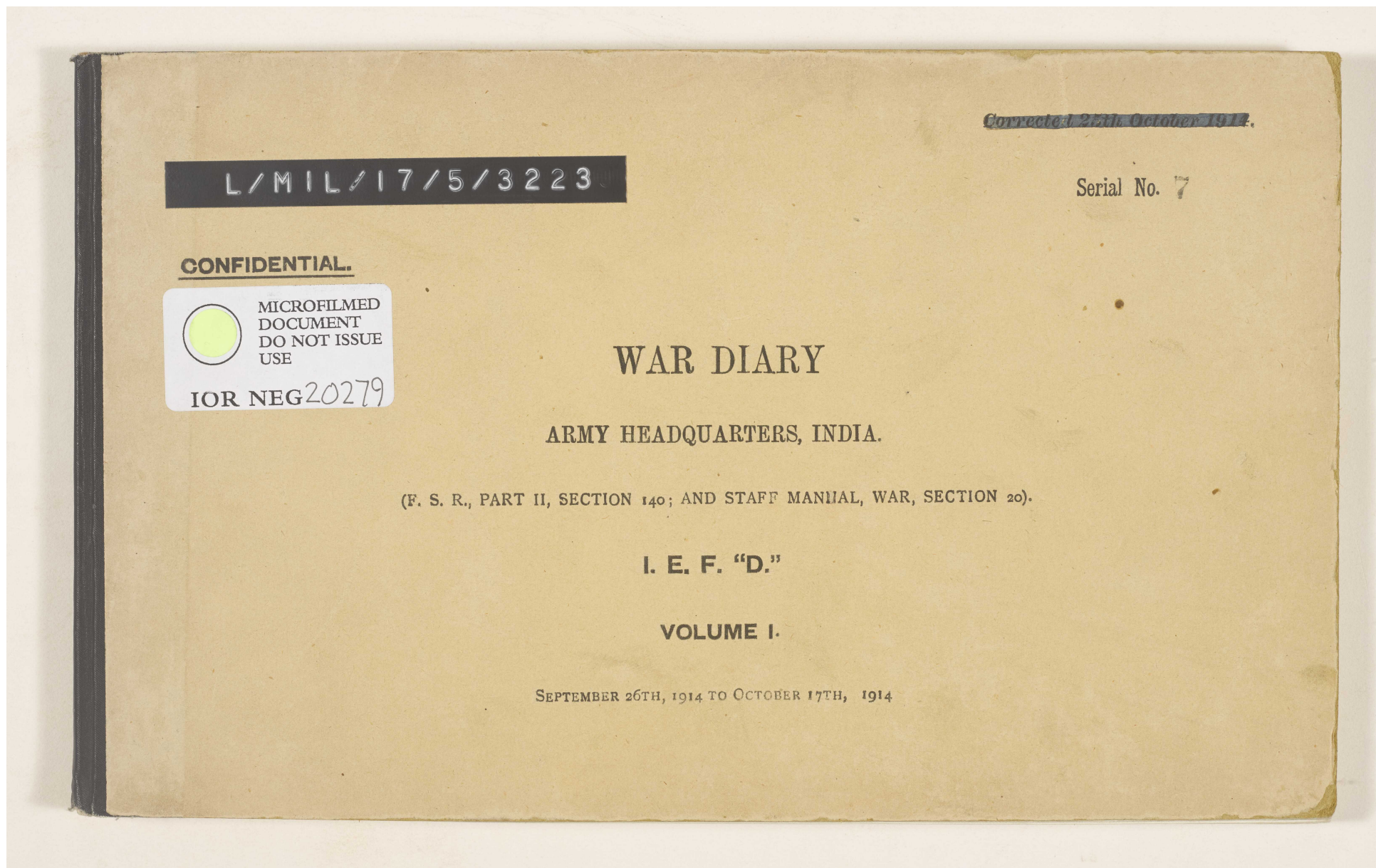
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The volume contains a chronological list of brief summaries of papers relating to the activities of the Indian Expeditionary Force D between 26 September 1914 and 17 October 1914. This is accompanied by appendices containing copies and extracts of these papers, which include: correspondence; telegrams; reports; orders; despatches; and instructions.

A summary of the contents of this volume is pasted on the leading flyleaf, under the subtitle ‘Preparations’:

- Warnings about the likelihood of Turkey [Ottoman Empire] entering the war
- The decision to send a force to the Gulf
- Preparation to send the 6th division to the Gulf, and a discussion over where it should land
- The collection of the 16th brigade at Bombay [Mumbai] and Karachi, and their sailing to the Gulf.

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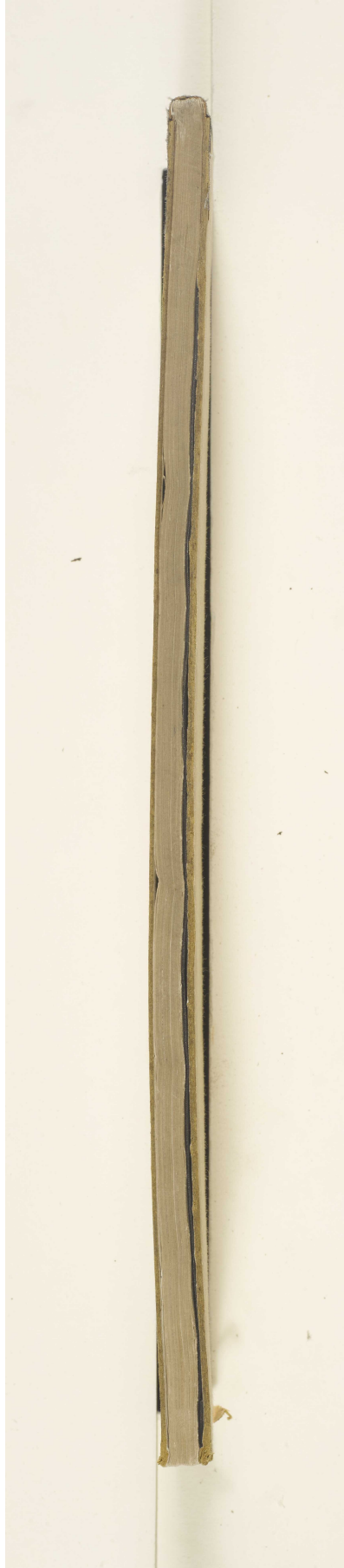
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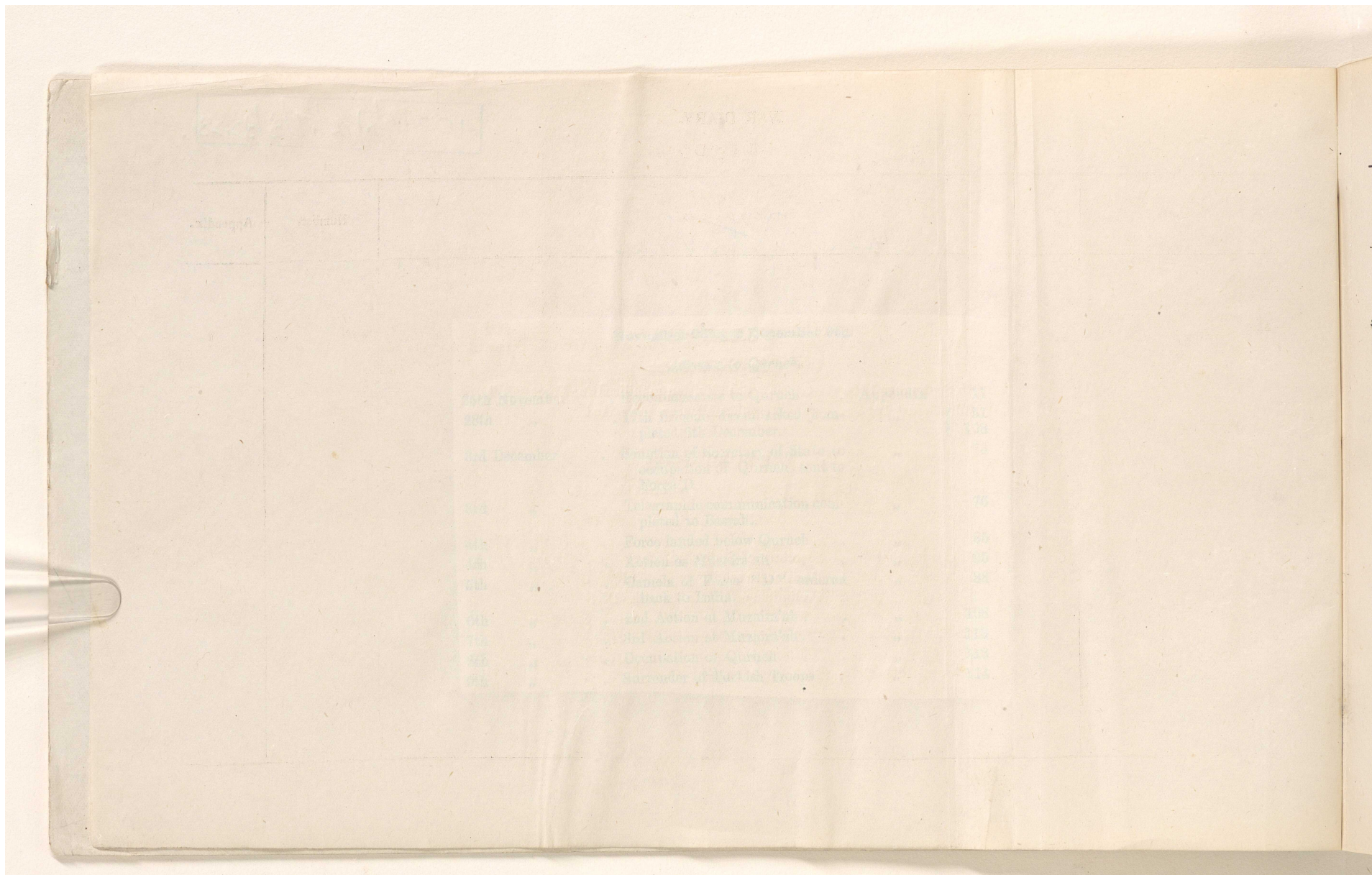
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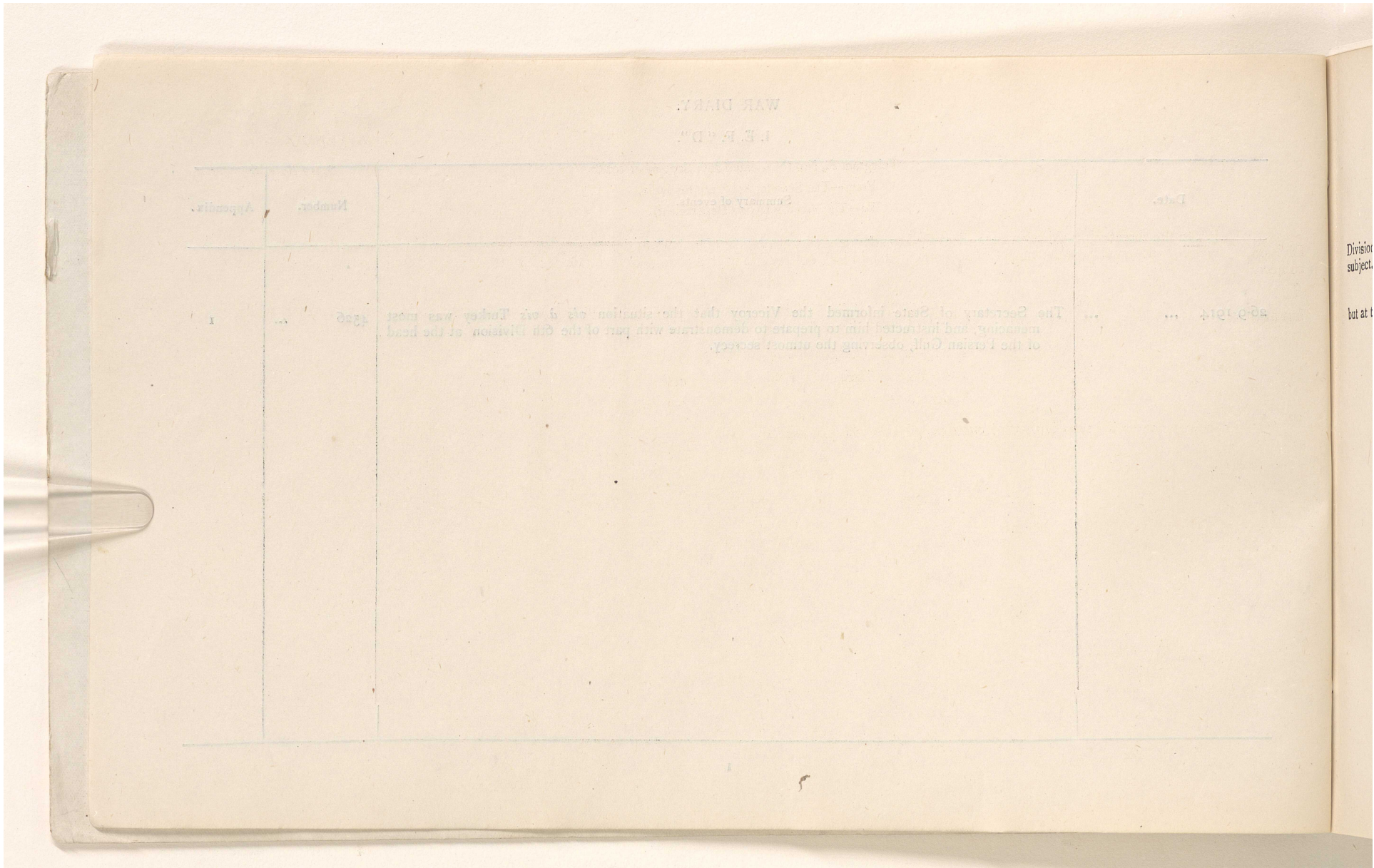
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Date.	Summary of events.	Number.	Appendix.
26-9-1914 ...	The Secretary of State informed the Viceroy that the situation <i>vis à vis</i> Turkey was most menacing, and instructed him to prepare to demonstrate with part of the 6th Division at the head of the Persian Gulf, observing the utmost secrecy.	4526 ...	I

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APPENDIX I.

*Diary No 4526.*

Telegram P., No. 1062, dated 26th September 1914.

From—The Secretary of State for India,

To—The Viceroy (Army Department).

Owing to the threatening situation regarding Turkey, the necessity may arise of making a demonstration at the head of the Persian Gulf. The 6th Division would suit very well for this object, but nothing should leak out regarding this change of direction and great secrecy should be maintained on the subject.

If it is decided by the Government to adopt this course, you should immediately embark the following force, as if it were needed in Egypt very urgently, but at the same time give them sealed orders to go to the Shatt-el-Arab :—

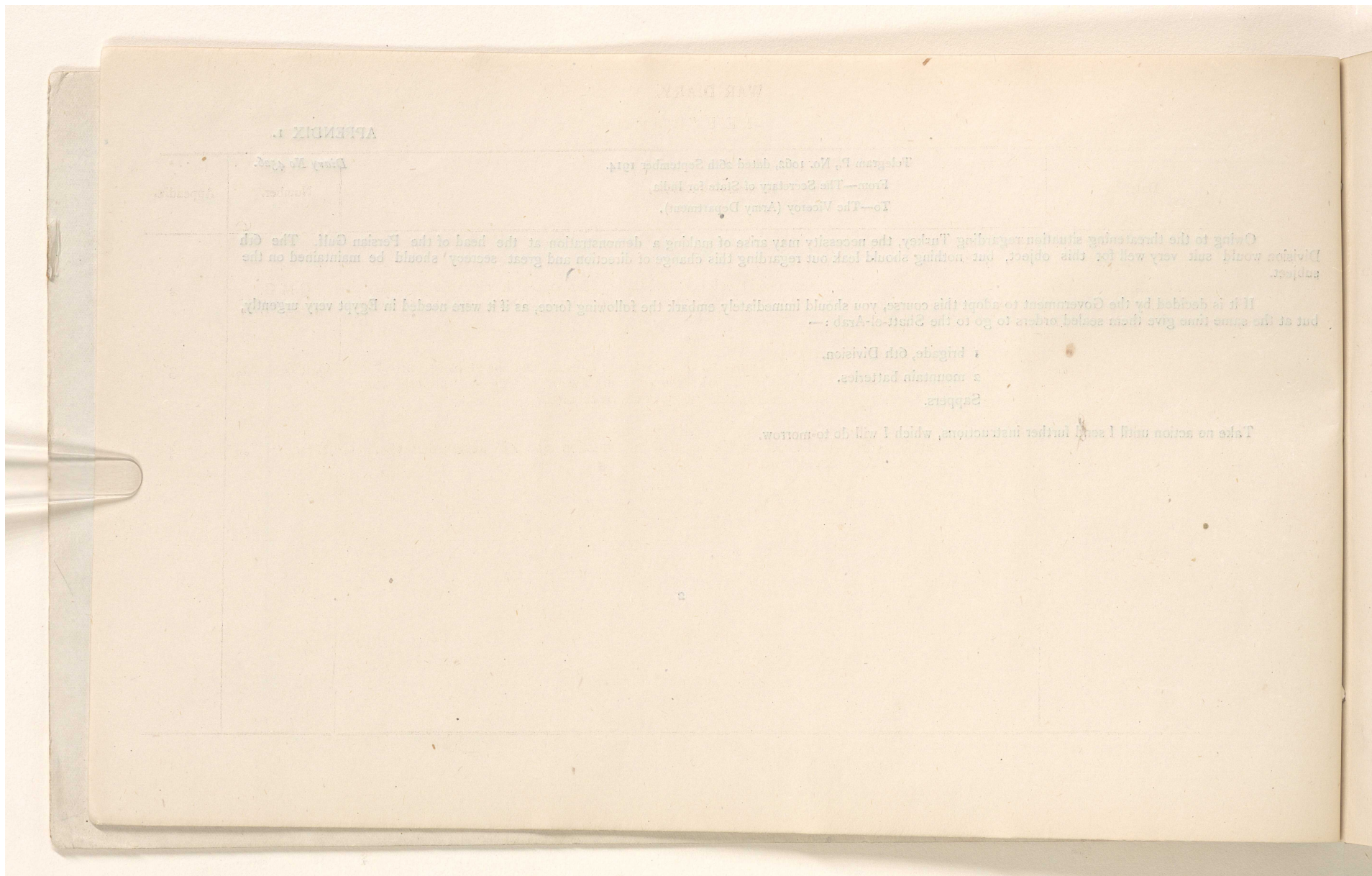
1 brigade, 6th Division.

2 mountain batteries.

Sappers.

Take no action until I send further instructions, which I will do to-morrow.

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Date.	Summary of events.	Number.	Appendix.
29-9-1914 ...	The Quartermaster General informed the Director, Royal Indian Marine, that it might be necessary to despatch urgently one infantry brigade, one company Sappers and Miners, and one mountain battery, with 650 mules and 470 camels.	Q.M G. 53-84-W.S.	2
29-9-1914 ...	The Director, Royal Indian Marine, informed the Quartermaster General that the ships of Force "A" were unsuitable for the special force; but that some good ships were arriving on the 8th, which would suit. He also asked whether a special escort would be required.	Q.-286 ...	3
29-9-1914 ...	The Secretary of State (1085) informed the Viceroy that the situation was still acute; but that no action was required for a day or two.	4660 ...	4

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Appendix	Number	Summary of events	Date
3	Q.M.G. 33 84 W.S.	The Quartermaster General informed the Director Royal Indian Medical that it might be necessary to despatch urgently one military baggage one company baggage and Minors and one mountain battery with 650 mules and 40 camels.	29-9-1914
3	Q-387	The Director Royal Indian Medical informed the Quartermaster General that the ships of Force "A" were unsuitable for the special force; but that some food ships were arriving on the 30th which would suit. He also asked whether a special escort would be required.	29-9-1914
4	4000	The Secretary of State (198) informed the Viceroy that the situation was still acute; but that no action was required for a day or two.	29-9-1914

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APPENDIX 2.

Telegram P., No. 53-84-W.S., dated 29th September 1914.

From—The Quartermaster General in India,

To—The Director, Royal Indian Marine, Bombay.

Your Q.-281 of 28th. It is undesirable at present to divert for other purposes any of the ships allotted for Force "B". It may, however, be necessary to despatch urgently a fresh force of one infantry brigade, one company sappers and miners, and one mountain battery, with 650 mules and 470 camels as transport.

Please wire how soon ships could be made ready for this force, diverting if necessary, but not refitting, ships already allotted to the next convoy.

APPENDIX 3.

Telegram No. Q.-286, dated 30th September 1914.

From—The Director, Royal Indian Marine, Bombay,

To—The Quartermaster General in India.

Your 53-84-W.S. Ships at present allotted to Force "A" in next convoy are all fitted for cavalry or artillery and are unsuited for special force mentioned in your 53-84-W.S. of 29th. Caledonia, Atalantian, Ionian and Neuralia are expected here on 8th and 9th October and with the addition of Ujain, which vessel is being handed over by Admiralty at Karachi on 4th October, could take the whole of this force with little refitting. These vessels, however, will require coal, water and rations and cannot therefore leave before 12th. With reference to Naval Commander-in-Chief's telegram 27th September to Marine, Simla, regarding escort Force "A" would special force above mentioned require separate escort.

APPENDIX 4

(Diary No. 4660.)

Telegram P., No. 1085, dated 28th September 1914.

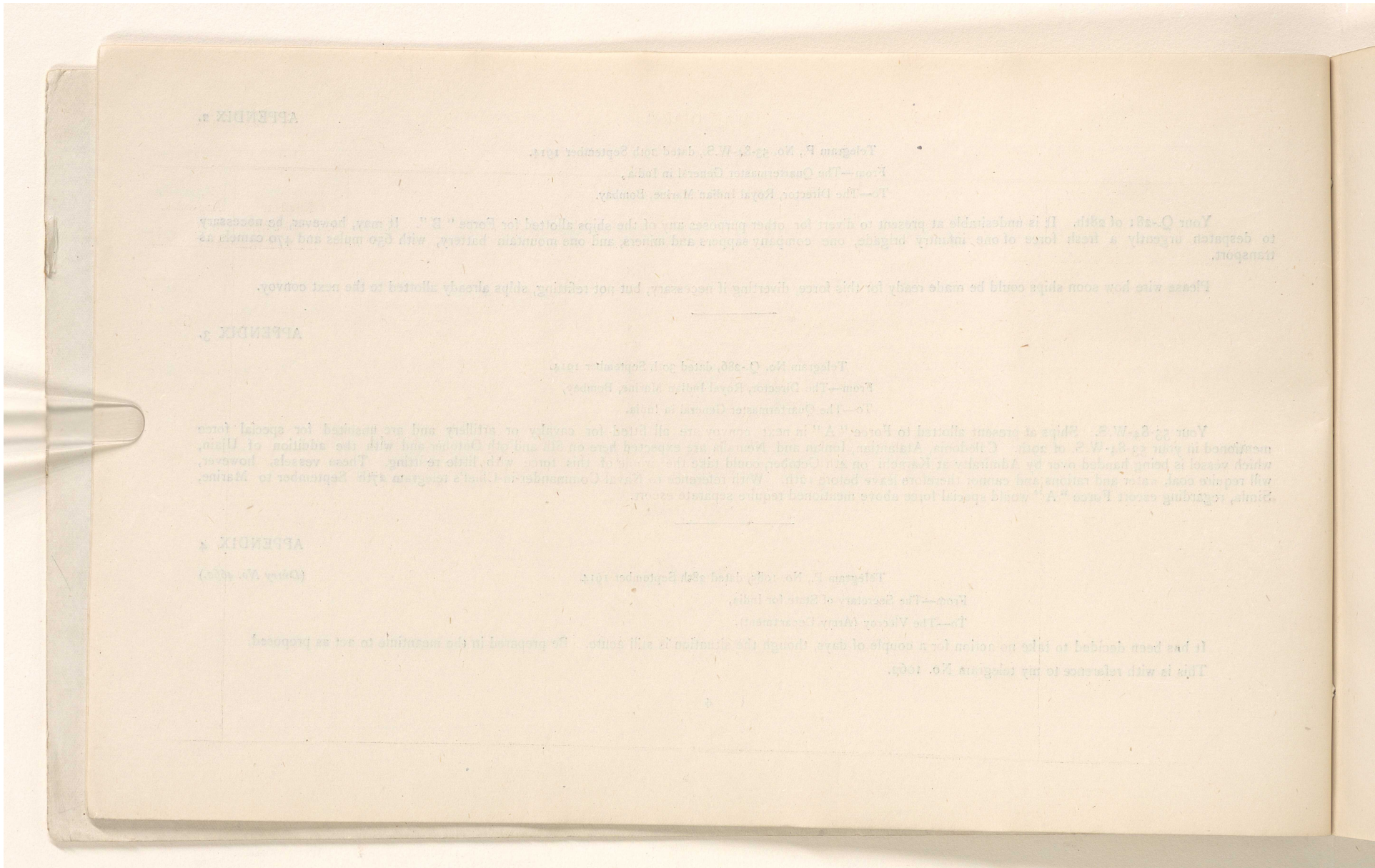
From—The Secretary of State for India,

To—The Viceroy (Army Department).

It has been decided to take no action for a couple of days, though the situation is still acute. Be prepared in the meantime to act as proposed.

This is with reference to my telegram No. 1062.

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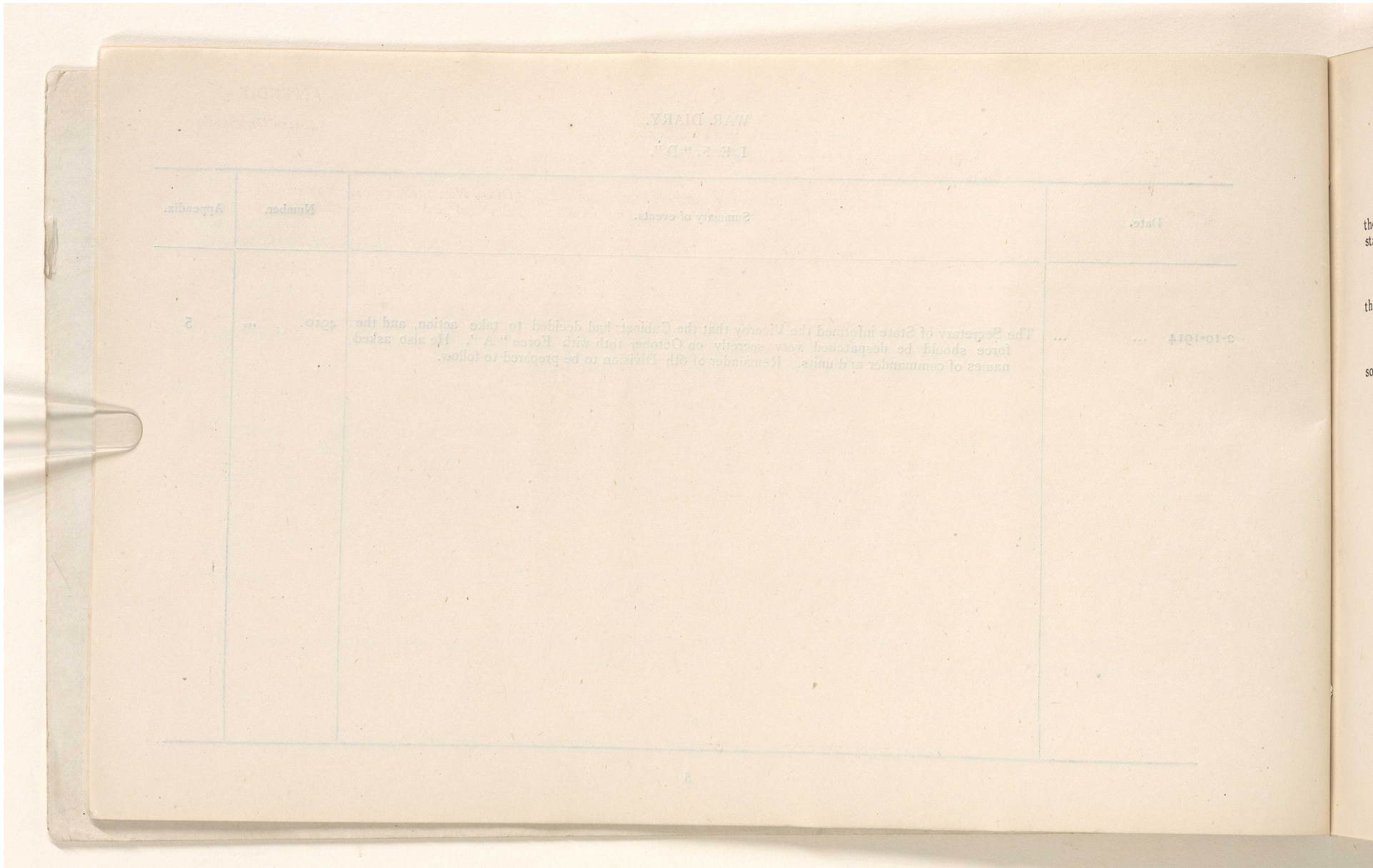


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Date.	Summary of events.	Number.	Appendix.
2-10-1914 ...	... The Secretary of State informed the Viceroy that the Cabinet had decided to take action, and the force should be despatched very secretly on October 10th with Force " A ". He also asked names of commander and units. Remainder of 6th Division to be prepared to follow.	4910 ...	5

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APPENDIX 5.

(Diary No. 4910.)

Telegram P., No. 1134, dated 2nd October 1914.

From—The Secretary of State for India,

To—The Viceroy (Army Department).

Clear the line. The cabinet has decided to take action as outlined in my numbers 1062 and 1085. (Diary Nos. 4526, 4560). You should embark the force mentioned to sail on October 10th along with Force "A", but orders as to its destination should be under seal and only opened after convoy has started.

I would recommend that a special staff officer should be sent with the General Officer Commanding to hand over orders, maps, books, etc.

No escort is necessary, in the opinion of the Admiralty from Karachi to the Gulf, nor from Bombay, if the force starts with the main convoy. In this matter, however, the Naval Commander-in-Chief, who is on the spot, will have the best information and should decide finally.

Kindly let me know by wire the designation of the brigade and batteries, and the name of the commander.

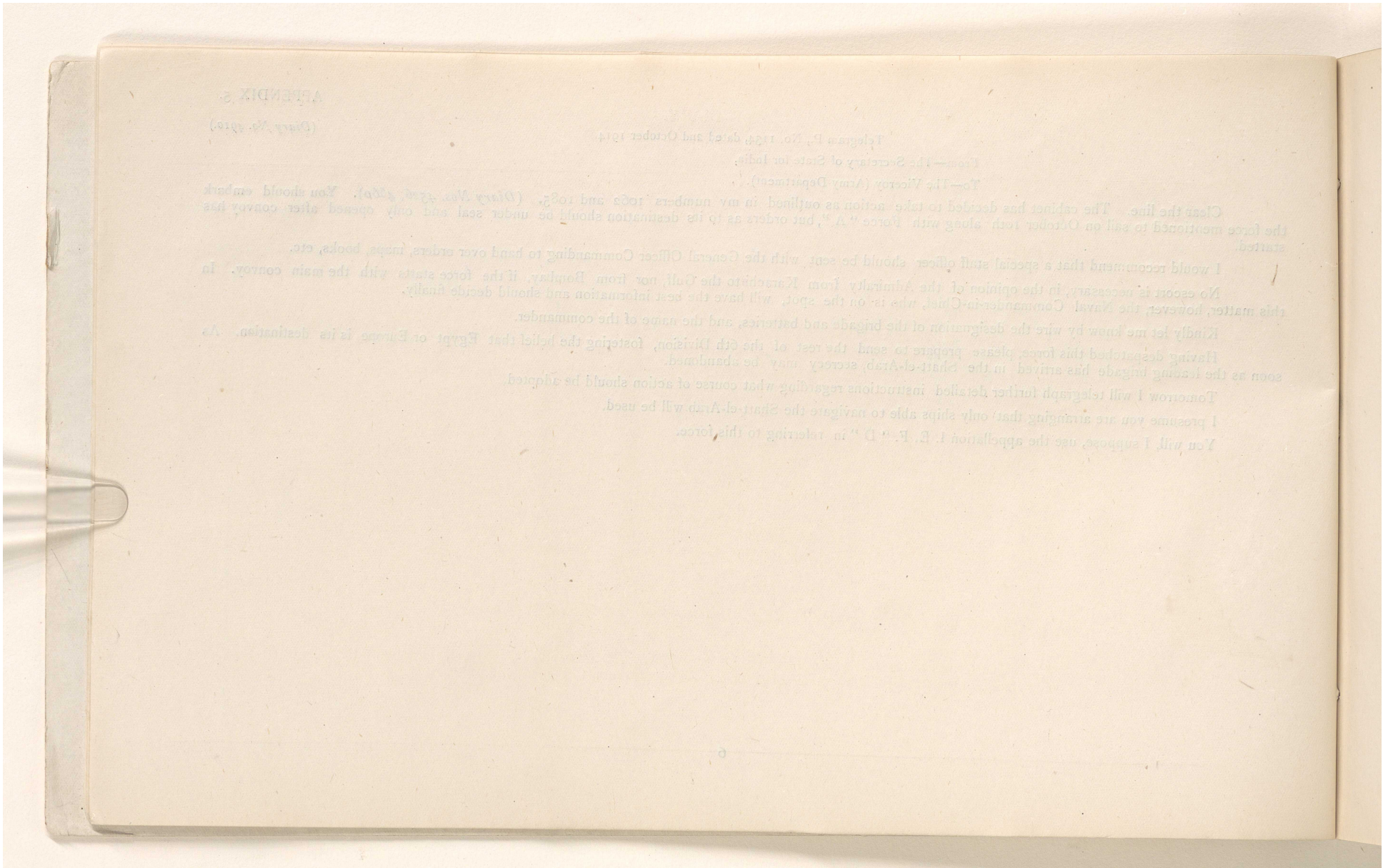
Having despatched this force, please prepare to send the rest of the 6th Division, fostering the belief that Egypt or Europe is its destination. As soon as the leading brigade has arrived in the Shatt-el-Arab, secrecy may be abandoned.

Tomorrow I will telegraph further detailed instructions regarding what course of action should be adopted.

I presume you are arranging that only ships able to navigate the Shatt-el-Arab will be used.

You will, I suppose, use the appellation I. E. F. "D" in referring to this force.

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Date.	Summary of events.	Number.	Appendix.
3-10-14 ...	The Chief of the General Staff sent the General Officer Commanding, Poona Division, preliminary orders for the move of his division.	4942 ...	6
3-10-14 ...	The Viceroy (H -1285) informed the Secretary of State that the force could not start before 12th. The 16th Brigade under Colonel Delamain with the 23rd and 30th Batteries were selected. The Viceroy asked whether the expedition was to be managed by the India Office or by India.	4975 ...	7
3-10-14 ...	The Quartermaster General informed the Embarkation Commandants at Bombay and Karachi and the Director, Royal Indian Marine, that certain additional units would sail with the next convoy, and would take 15 days sea rations and 2 months land rations.	Q. M. G. 91-5 and 6.	8
3-10-14 ...	The Commander-in-Chief decided that the Quartermaster General should take the necessary action regarding the modifications for the 6th Division camel and ambulance transport, which could embark at Karachi without any reference to allotment and destination. They will sail with the convoy and be allotted on arrival.	...	...
3-10-14 ...	The Commander-in-Chief selected Major Smythe as special staff officer to accompany "D"	...	...
3-10-14 ...	The Quartermaster General sent orders to the General Officer Commanding, Rawalpindi Division, to mobilize the 52nd Silladar camel corps for service overseas and to prepare to entrain.	Q. M. G. 92-1-W.S.	9

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Appendix	Number	Summary of events	Date
6	1404	The Chief of the General Staff sent the General Officer Commanding Poona Division preliminary orders for the march of the division.	3-10-14
7	1405	The Veterinary Officer (H-128) informed the Secretary of State that the force could not start before 1st October. The 10th Brigade under Colonel Hainman with the 2nd and 3rd Battalions were released. The Veterinary Officer asked whether the expedition was to be managed by the India Office or by India.	3-10-14
8	O.M.G. 91-2 and 6	The Quartermaster General informed the Indian Commissioner in Bombay and Karachi and the Government, Kowloon, that certain additional units would sail with the next convoy, and would take 12 days for rations and a month for land rations.	3-10-14
		The Commissioner-in-Chief decided that the Quartermaster General should take the necessary action regarding the modifications for the 6th Division and ambulance transport which could not be sent back to Karachi without any reference to the Government. They will sail with the next convoy and be affected on arrival.	3-10-14
		The Commissioner-in-Chief selected Major Smith as special staff officer to accompany "B".	3-10-14
9	O.M.G. 91-1 and W.S.	The Quartermaster General sent orders to the General Officer Commanding Poona Division to supply the 10th Brigade with the necessary rations for the march to the front.	3-10-14

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APPENDIX 6.

(Diary No. 4942.)

Telegram P., No. 4942, dated 3rd October 1914.

From—The Chief of the General Staff, Simla,

To—The General Officer Commanding, 6th Division.

(Repeated Southern Army).

The following troops of the Poona division will be sent off early :—

16th Brigade.

23rd and 30th Mountain Batteries.

1 Company Sappers and Miners selected by you.

The Quartermaster General will detail transport.

The Commander will be Colonel Delamain.

Orders to move to ports and for embarking will be given by the Quartermaster General, and troops will probably embark not later than 10th October.

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(Diary No. 4975.)

Telegram P., No. H-1285, dated 3rd October 1914.

From—The Viceroy (Army Department),

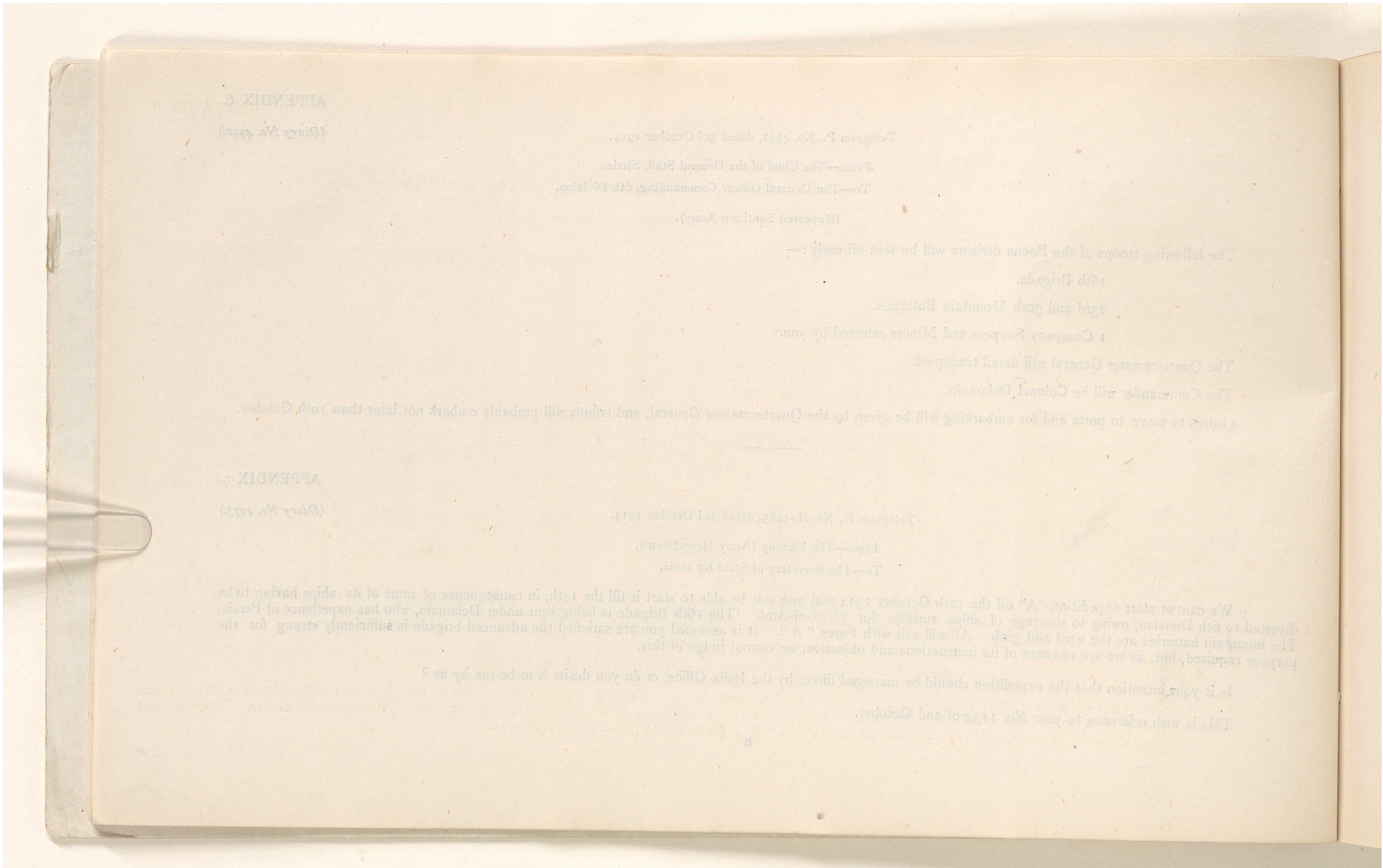
To—The Secretary of State for India.

We cannot start expedition "A" till the 12th October 1914 and may not be able to start it till the 14th, in consequence of some of its ships having to be diverted to 6th Division, owing to shortage of ships suitable for Shatt-el-Arab. The 16th Brigade is being sent under Delamain, who has experience of Persia. The mountain batteries are the 23rd and 30th. All will sail with Force "A". It is assumed you are satisfied the advanced brigade is sufficiently strong for the purpose required, but, as we are unaware of its instructions and objective, we cannot judge of this.

Is it your intention that the expedition should be managed direct by the India Office, or do you desire it to be run by us ?

This is with reference to your No. 1134 of 2nd October.

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APPENDIX 8

Telegram P., No. 91-5, dated 3rd October 1914.

From—The Quartermaster General in India,

To—The Embarkation Commandant, Bombay (repeated to the Director, Royal Indian Marine, Bombay.)

The following troops in addition to those already notified to you will embark Bombay with the next convoy :—

16th Infantry Brigade, for strength see War Establishments, India, page 218.

From the 3rd Sappers and Miners, one company.

Seven hundred and twenty-eight mules, two horses, eleven ponies, one British officer, three British warrant and non-commissioned officers, one Indian officer, three hundred and fifty-one transport personnel from Poona and Mhow.

In addition 15 days sea, and 2 months land, rations for men and animals are also to accompany the force. We have asked Director, Marine, as to the ships for these troops.

Telegram P., No. 91-6-W.S., dated 3rd October 1914.

From—The Quartermaster General in India,

To—The Embarkation Commandant, Karachi, (repeated to the Director, Royal Indian Marine, Bombay.)

The following additional troops will sail from Karachi with the next convoy :—

23rd and 24th Mountain Batteries, and in addition four hundred and eighty-six camels, two horses, seven ponies, one British officer, two Indian officers and one hundred and eighty transport personnel from Jhelum.

Rations as follows will also accompany 15 days sea and two months land for personnel and animals. The necessary shipping has been asked for from the Director, Marine.

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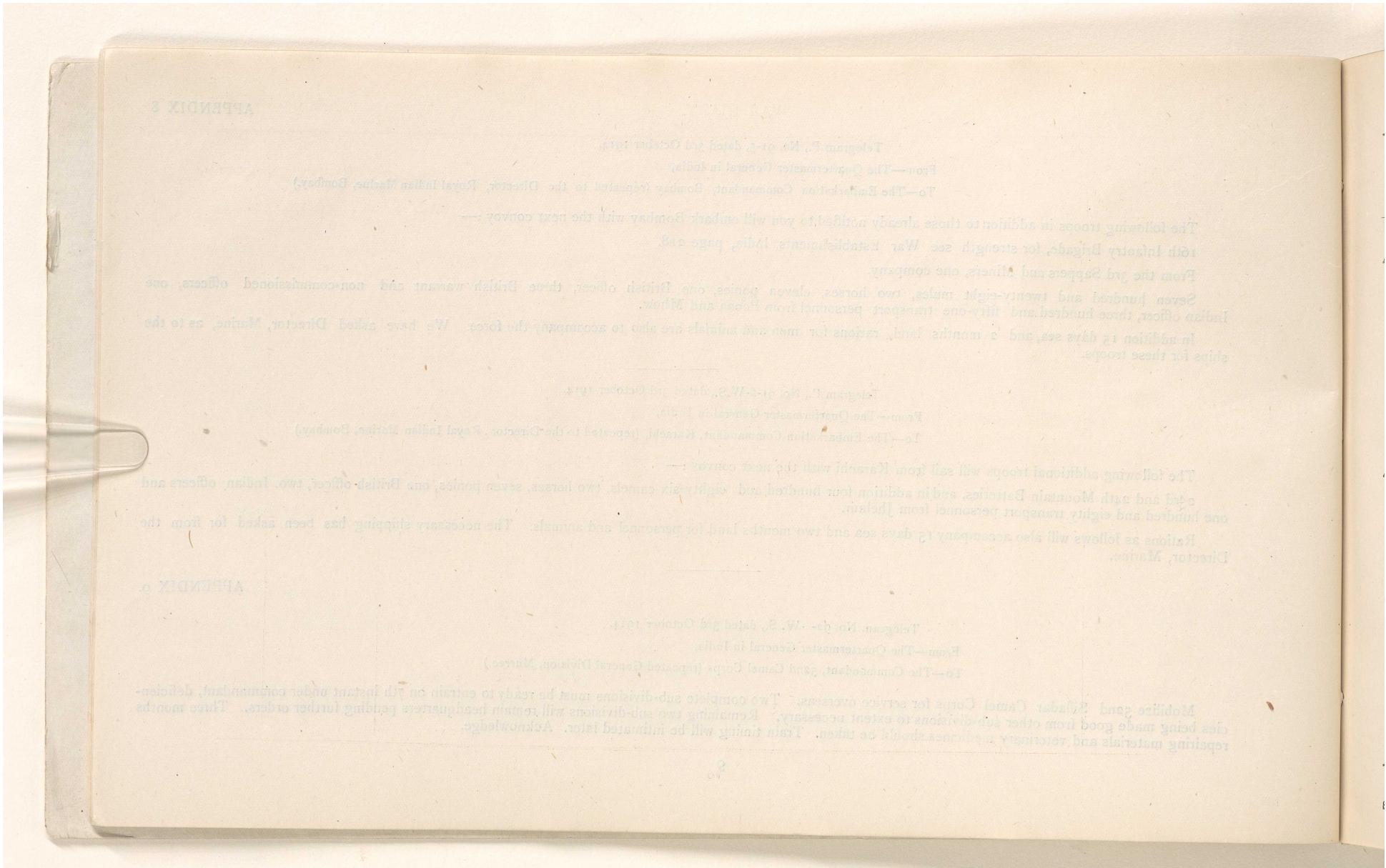
Telegram No. 92-1-W. S., dated 3rd October 1914.

From—The Quartermaster General in India,

To—The Commandant, 52nd Camel Corps (repeated General Division, Murree.)

Mobilize 52nd Silladar Camel Corps for service overseas. Two complete sub-divisions must be ready to entrain on 7th instant under commandant, deficiencies being made good from other sub-divisions to extent necessary. Remaining two sub-divisions will remain headquarters pending further orders. Three months repairing materials and veterinary medicines should be taken. Train timing will be intimated later. Acknowledge.

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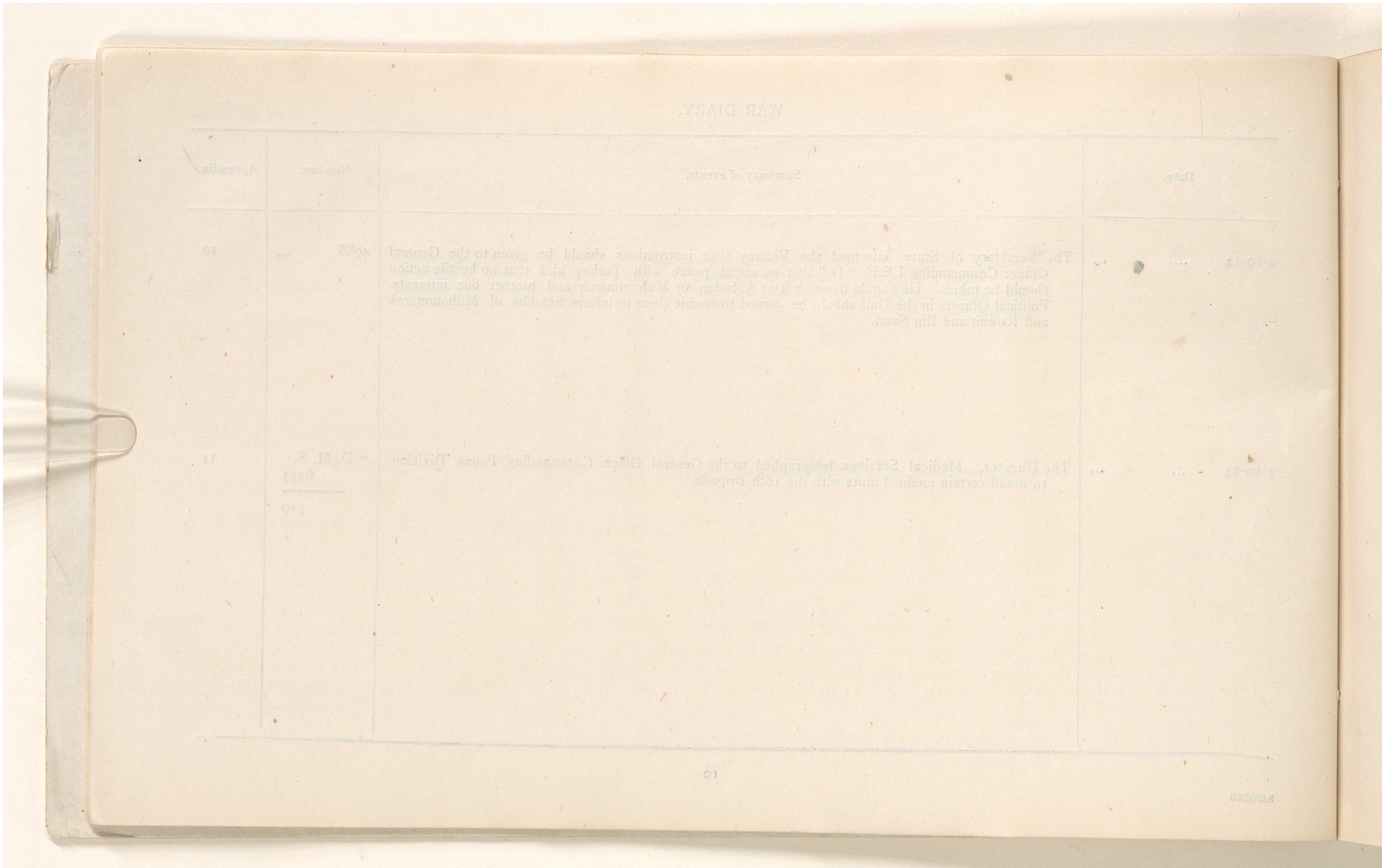


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Date.	Summary of events.	Number.	Appendix.
4-10-14 ...	The Secretary of State informed the Viceroy that instructions should be given to the General Officer Commanding I.E.F. "D" that we are at peace with Turkey and that no hostile action should be taken. He should disembark at Abbadan or Muhammareh and protect our interests. Political Officers in the Gulf should be warned to enable them to inform Shaikhs of Muhammareh and Kuwait and Bin Saud.	4986 ...	10
4-10-14 ...	The Director, Medical Services, telegraphed to the General Officer Commanding, Poona Division, to detail certain medical units with the 16th Brigade.	D. M. S. 6757 <hr/> 719	11

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APPENDIX 10.

Telegram P., No. 1144, dated 3rd October 1914.  
From—The Secretary of State for India,  
To—The Viceroy (Army Department).

With reference to Expedition " D ", instructions should be issued to the Officer Commanding that we are at peace with Turkey and he is on no account to land troops on Turkish territory.

Neither is he to take any other hostile action against Turkey, without orders from you, except in the case of absolute military necessity. If convenient to do so he may disembark at either Abbadan Island or at Muhammareh, but preferably at Abbadan. In regard to this, however, he should work in concert with Naval and Political authorities.

He should endeavour to avoid any action, which might cause friction with the Arabs in Persian or Turkish territory, as it is possible we may have to rely on their co-operation in the event of a rupture with Turkey. The Officer Commanding will of course take all steps to protect British interests, including the oil tanks in Persian territory.

Steps will doubtless be taken by you, in sufficient time, to warn Political Officers in the Gulf of the contemplated action, so that necessary communications may be made by them to the Shaikhs of Muhammareh and Kuwait, and also to Bin Saud, in good time, so that they may have sufficient previous confidential intimation of the approaching expedition.

You should also warn the Resident, Baghdad, and direct him to communicate with the Consul at Basrah, but it is most important that no information on the subject should leak out before it reaches Shatt-el-Arab.

Admiralty are issuing the necessary instructions to the Naval authorities.

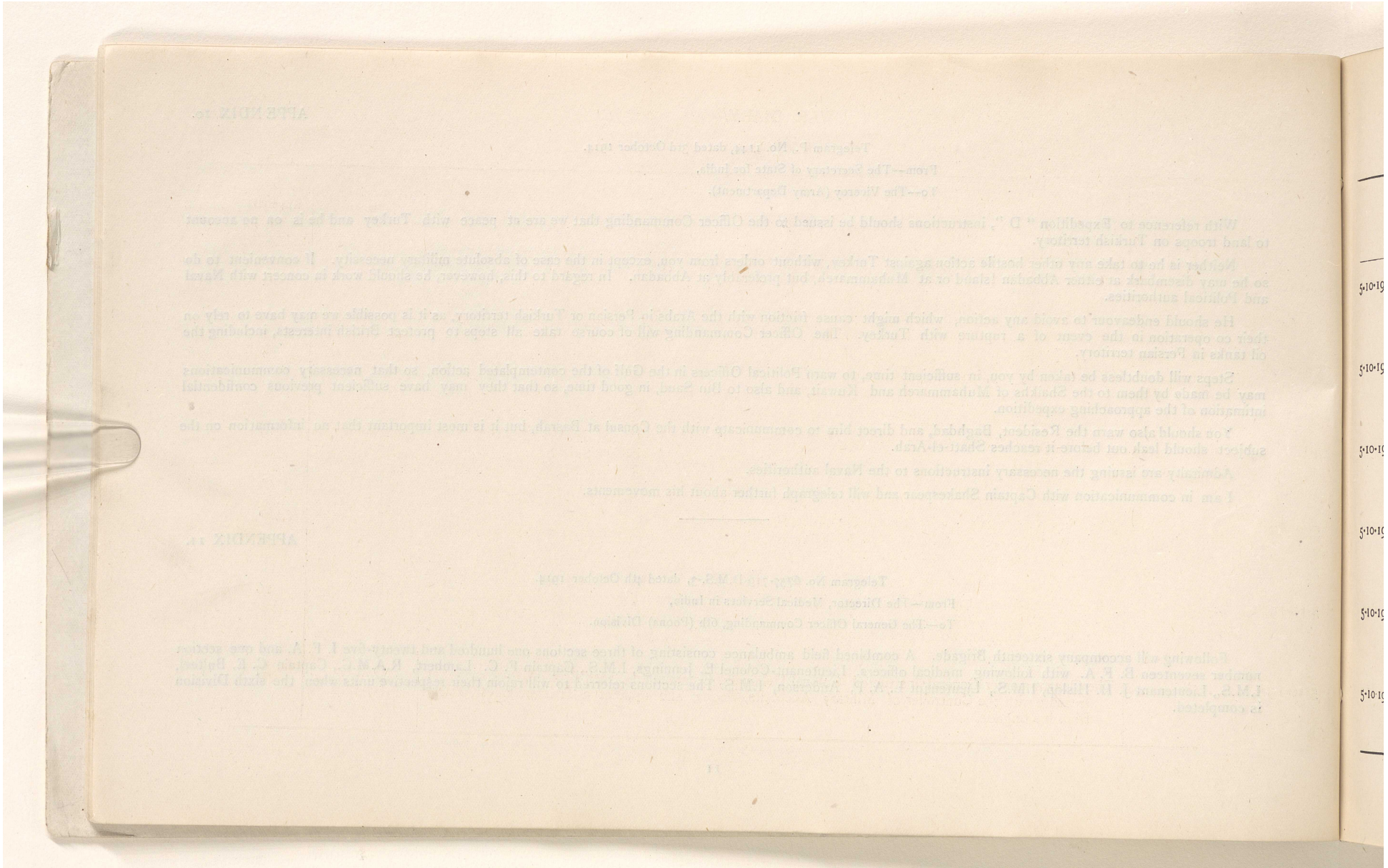
I am in communication with Captain Shakespear and will telegraph further about his movements.

APPENDIX 11.

Telegram No. 6757-719-D.M.S.-3, dated 4th October 1914.  
From—The Director, Medical Services in India,  
To—The General Officer Commanding, 6th (Poona) Division.

Following will accompany sixteenth Brigade. A combined field ambulance consisting of three sections one hundred and twenty-five I. F. A. and one section number seventeen B. F. A. with following medical officers. Lieutenant-Colonel E. Jennings, I.M.S., Captain F. C. Lambert, R.A.M.C., Captain C. E. Bulteel, I.M.S., Lieutenant J. H. Hislop, I.M.S., Lieutenant L. A. P. Anderson, I.M.S. The sections referred to will rejoin their respective units when the sixth Division is completed.

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I.E.F. " D ".

Date.	Summary of events.	Number.	Appendix.
5-10-1914 ...	The Secretary of State informed the Viceroy that His Majesty's Government intended the advance force to occupy Abbadan and protect the oil works. If Turkey declared war the remainder of the Division would have to go, and might in the meantime be moved to Karachi.	5085 ...	12
5-10-1914 ...	The General Officer Commanding, Bombay, reported on the authority of the Naval Secretary, that the " Odin " had left the Shatt-el-Arab.	5040 ...	13
5-10-1914 ...	The General Officer Commanding, Bombay, informed the Chief of the General Staff that the " Dalhousie " was off Abbadan Island and the " Espiegle " up the Karun River.	5050 ...	14
5-10-1914 ...	The Marine Department informed the Naval Commander-in-Chief that the convoy was not expected to sail till 14th and 15th October, from Bombay and Karachi. Of the convoy 6 ships were to sail under sealed orders.	5074 ...	15
5-10-1914 ...	The Adjutant General informed the General Officer Commanding, 6th Division, that no Engineer Field Park was to be sent with Force " A ", but if the 6th Division were employed apart from Force " A " the question would be considered.	A. G.-4 ...	16
5-10-1914 ...	The Quartermaster General instructed Colonel Delamain, Commanding, 16th Brigade, to arrange for treasure with the Controller of Military Accounts, Poona, and appoint a Treasure Chest Officer from his brigade.	Q.M.G. 91-7-W.S.	17

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APPENDIX 12.

(Diary No. 5085.)

Telegram P., No. 1158, dated 5th October 1914.  
From—The Secretary of State for India,  
To—The Viceroy (Army Department).

With reference to Expedition "D." The intention is to occupy Abbadan with the force under orders, protect the oil tanks and pipe line, cover the landing of reinforcements, in the event of such being necessary, and show Arabs that our intention is to support them against the Turks. With a warship at Muhammareh the troops detailed are considered ample for the purposes mentioned. In the event of Turkey becoming a belligerent the management of the expedition will devolve on you, but I will, of course, communicate with you regarding the scope of the operations. In the meanwhile you should make preparations for the despatch of the remainder of the Division, but we do not propose to send more troops to Abbadan till Turkey shows her hand. It may, however, be advisable to despatch a first reinforcement to Basidu as a near support.

Should the political situation presage war, the whole division would be required and land transport would become necessary. With this in view you may consider it convenient to move the division gradually over land and sea to Karachi, where it is presumed you will be able to equip with mule transport.

I have instructed Shakespear to endeavour to communicate with Bin Saud and he is leaving for Bombay by next mail.

I presume you will arrange for a political officer to accompany the leading troops.

The Admiralty have been requested to arrange with the Naval Commander-in-Chief for the disembarkation of troops.

Kindly let me have a full expression of your views.

This is with reference to your H.-1285.

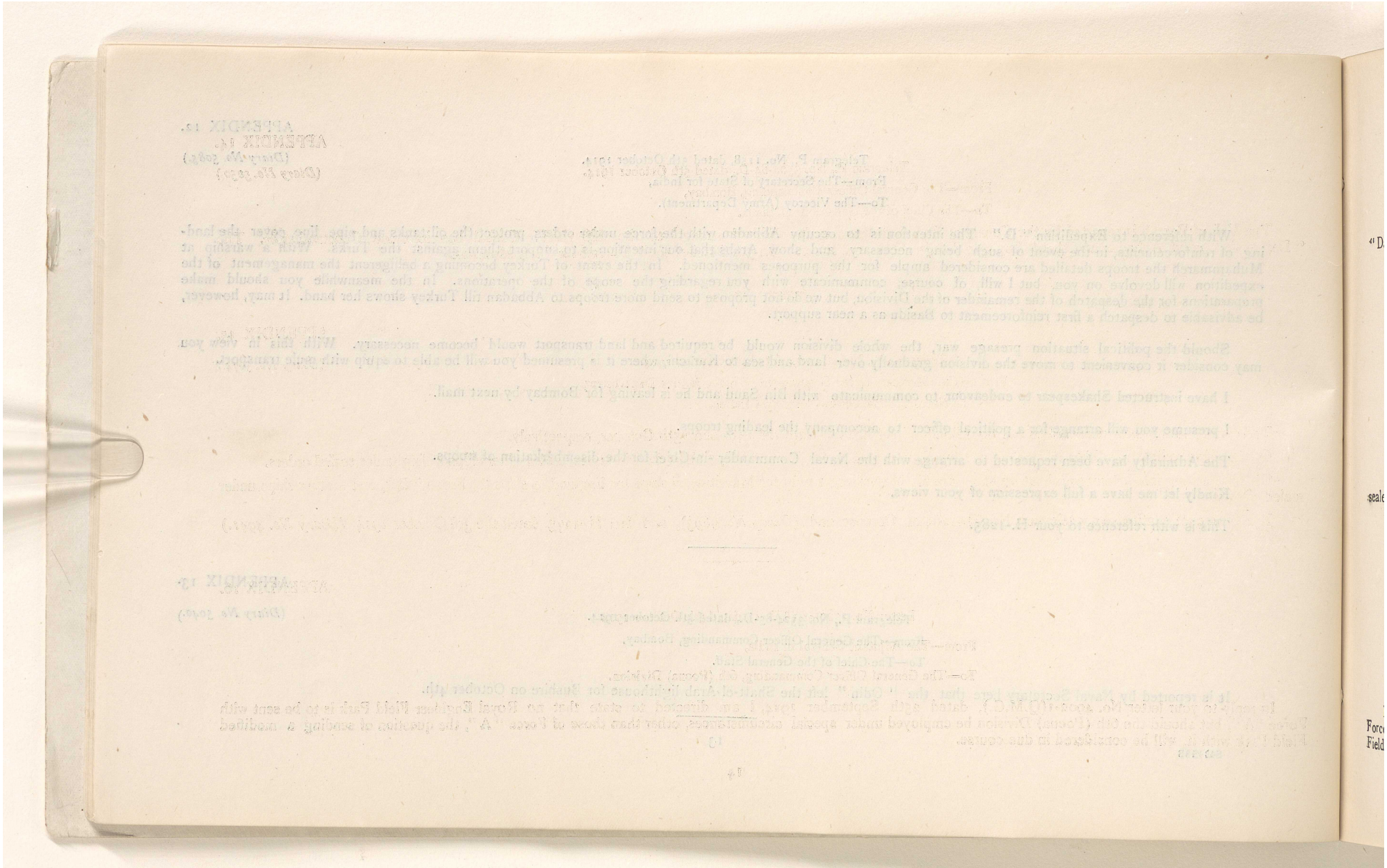
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(Diary No. 5040.)

Telegram P., No. 3524-83-D., dated 5th October 1914.  
From—The General Officer Commanding, Bombay,  
To—The Chief of the General Staff.

It is reported by Naval Secretary here that the "Odin" left the Shatt-el-Arab lighthouse for Bushire on October 4th.

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APPENDIX 14.

Telegram P., No. 3524-84-D., dated 5th October 1914.

From—The General Officer Commanding, Bombay,

To—The Chief of the General Staff, Simla.

(Diary No. 5050.)

The Vali of Basrah is reported by the Consul at Basrah to have again objected strongly to the ship there. Consul has informed Constantinople. The "Dalhousie" is off Abbadan and the "Espiegle" is in the Karun River. On 5th October the "Dartmouth" left Mombasa.

APPENDIX 15.

Telegram P., No. H.-1309, dated 5th October 1914.

From—The Secretary to the Government of India, Marine Department,

To—The Naval Commander-in-Chief, East Indies.

(Diary No. 5074.)

The convoy is not now expected to sail from Bombay and Karachi until the 14th and 15th October, respectively.

Of the ships sailing from Karachi, 2 ships are for Egypt, 3 ships for Force "B", 7 ships for Marseilles, and 2 other ships sailing under sealed orders.

Of those sailing from Bombay, about 23 ships are for Marseilles, 1 ship for Mauritius, 8 ships for England, 9 ships for Force "B", and 4 other ships under sealed orders.

This is in continuation of my telegram No. H.-1264 of October 2nd (Diary No. 4893), and No. H.-1275, dated the 3rd October 1914 (Diary No. 4941.)

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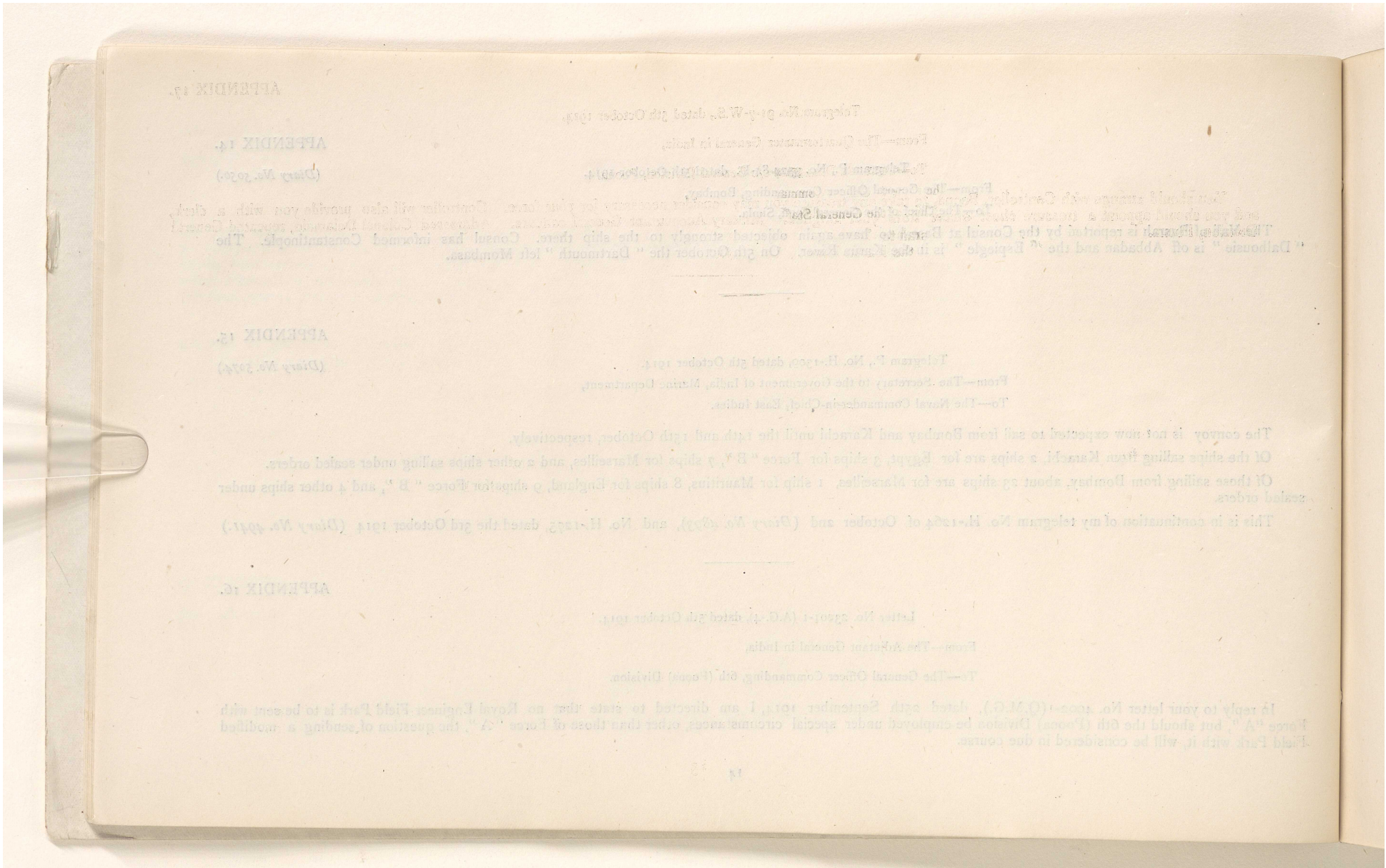
Letter No. 23201-1 (A.G.-4), dated 5th October 1914.

From—The Adjutant General in India,

To—The General Officer Commanding, 6th (Poona) Division.

In reply to your letter No. 4902-1(Q.M.G.), dated 25th September 1914, I am directed to state that no Royal Engineer Field Park is to be sent with Force "A", but should the 6th (Poona) Division be employed under special circumstances, other than those of Force "A", the question of sending a modified Field Park with it, will be considered in due course.

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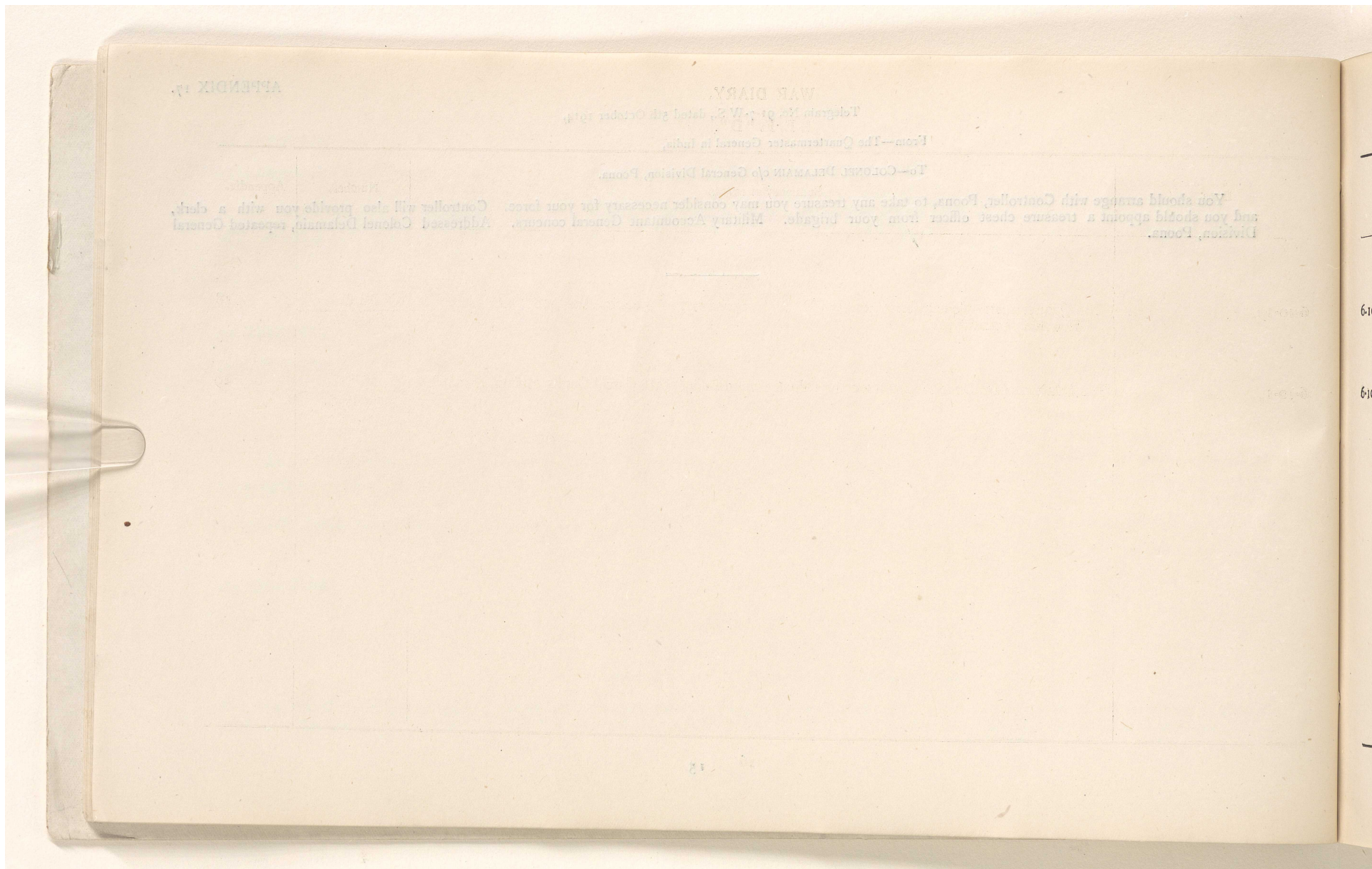
Telegram No. 91-7-W.S., dated 5th October 1914.

From—The Quartermaster General in India,

To—COLONEL DELAMAIN c/o General Division, Poona.

You should arrange with Controller, Poona, to take any treasure you may consider necessary for your force. Controller will also provide you with a clerk, and you should appoint a treasure chest officer from your brigade. Military Accountant General concurs. Addressed Colonel Delamain, repeated General Division, Poona.

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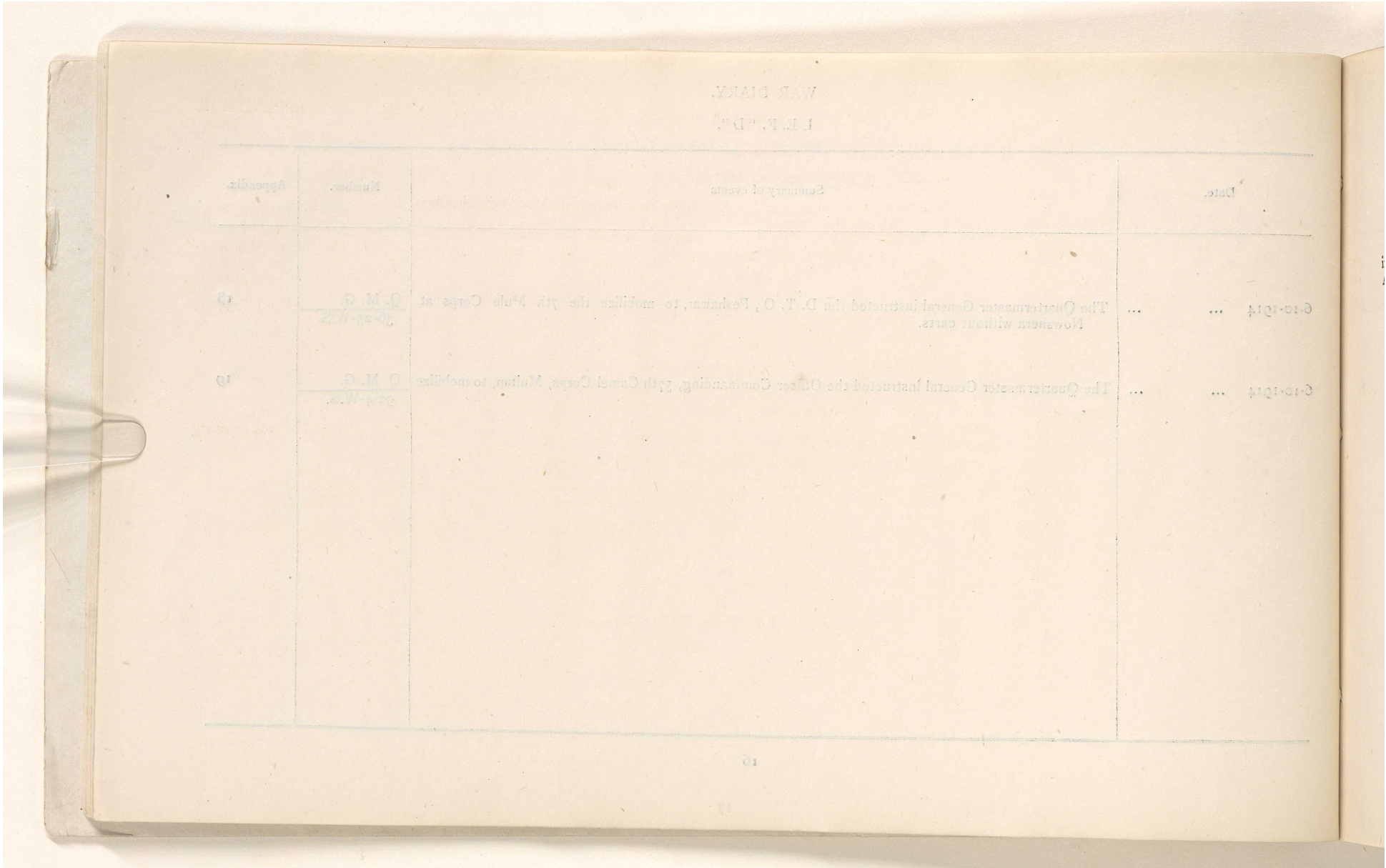
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Date.	Summary of events	Number.	Appendix.
6-10-1914 ... ..	The Quartermaster General instructed the D. T. O., Peshawar, to mobilize the 7th Mule Corps at Nowshera without carts.	Q. M. G. 36-25-W.S.	18
6-10-1914 ... ..	The Quartermaster General instructed the Officer Commanding, 57th Camel Corps, Multan, to mobilize	Q. M. G. 92-4-W.S.	19

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Telegram No. 36-25-W.S., dated 6th October 1914.

From—The Quartermaster General in India,

To—The Divisional Transport Officer, Peshawar Commandant, 7th Mule Corps, Nowshera.

Mobilize 7th Mule Corps full service strength without carts. Deficiencies on men and animals to be made good under divisional arrangements. Repairing materials and veterinary medicines for 3 months to accompany. Train timings will issue later. Orders regarding replacement of unit will follow shortly. Acknowledge.

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Telegram No. 92-4, dated 6th October 1914.

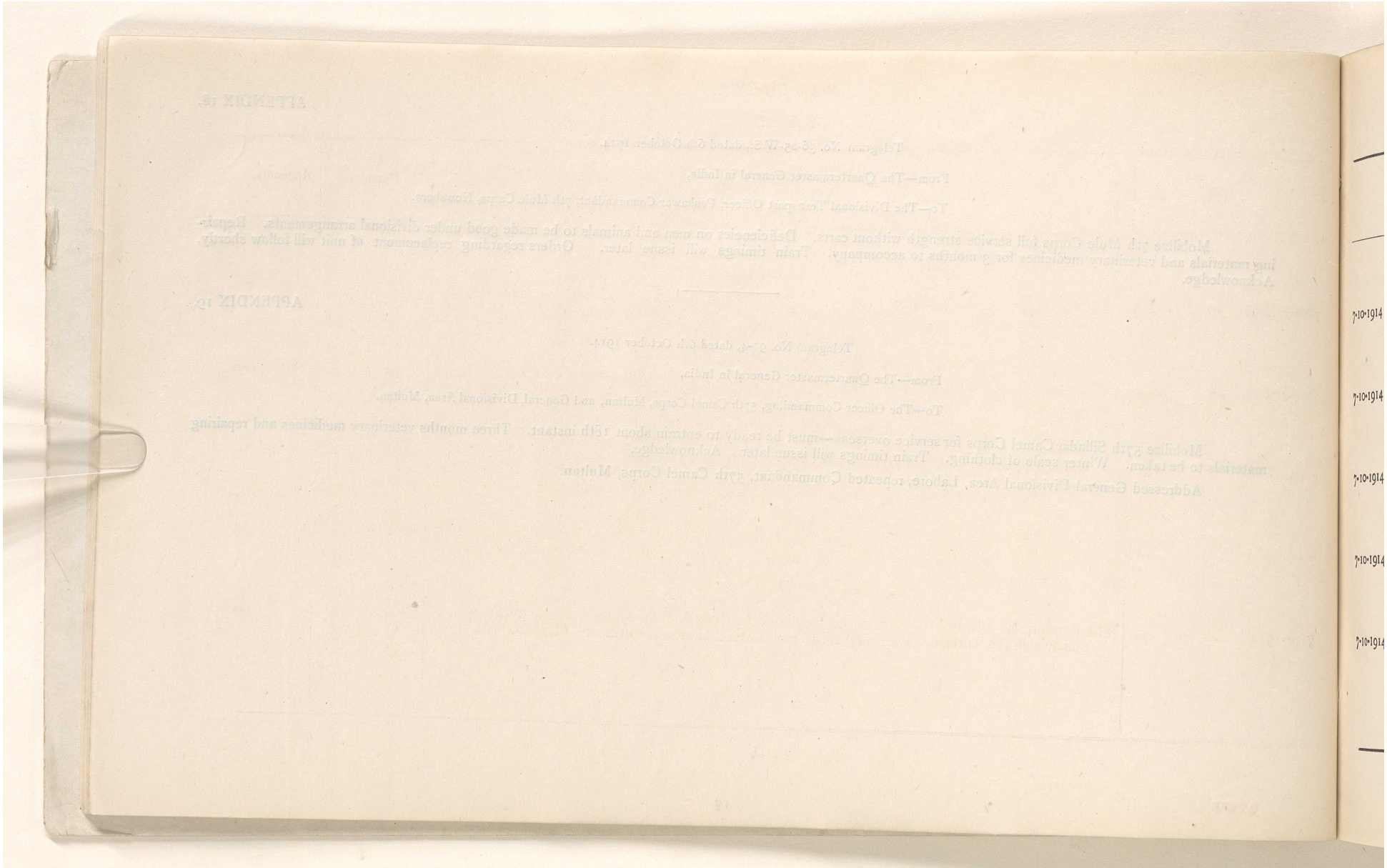
From—The Quartermaster General in India,

To—The Officer Commanding, 57th Camel Corps, Multan, and General, Divisional Area, Multan.

Mobilize 57th Silladar Camel Corps for service overseas—must be ready to entrain about 18th instant. Three months veterinary medicines and repairing materials to be taken. Winter scale of clothing. Train timings will issue later. Acknowledge.

Addressed General Divisional Area, Lahore, repeated Commandant, 57th Camel Corps, Multan.

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Date.	Summary of events.	Number.	Appendix.
7-10-1914 ...	The Chief of General Staff informed the General Officer Commanding, Poona, that the 16th Brigade and attached troops should take full F. S. tentage and winter clothing.	5150 ...	20
7-10-1914 ...	The Admiral asked the Chief of General Staff the name of the commander of the expedition, as he wished to consult him.	5159 ...	21
7-10-1914 ...	The Viceroy informed the Secretary of State that he strongly deprecated any action likely to provoke Turkey to an act of war, and suggested that Bahrain would be a more suitable place at which to land troops, in preference to Abbadan, as this would not violate Persian neutrality.	5165 ...	22
7-10-1914 ...	A report was received from the Ambassador, Constantinople, that the Turks at Basrah had informed the Consul in writing that they would fire on any man of war violating Turkish neutral waters.	5166 ...	23
7-10-1914 ...	The Foreign and Political Department received from the Consul, Muhammareh, a copy of the regulations which the Turkish Government threatened to enforce after the evening of October 7th.	5167 ...	24

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Date	Summary of events	Number	Appendix
1-10-1914	The Chief of General Staff informed the General Officer Commanding Poona that the 18th Brigade and attached troops should take full F. S. rest and winter clothing.	3120	...
2-10-1914	The Adjutant asked the Chief of General Staff the name of the commander of the expedition, as he wished to consult him.	3121	...
3-10-1914	The Viceroy informed the Secretary of State that he strongly deprecated any action likely to provoke Turkey to an act of war, and suggested that Britain would be a more suitable place at which to land troops in preference to Afghanistan as this would not violate Persian neutrality.	3122	...
4-10-1914	A report was received from the Ambassador, Constantinople, that the Turks at Beiruz had informed the Consul in writing that they would fire on any man of war violating Turkish neutral waters.	3123	...
5-10-1914	The Foreign and Political Department received from the General, Muhammad, a copy of the regulations which the Turkish Government threatened to enforce after the expiry of October 1914.	3124	...

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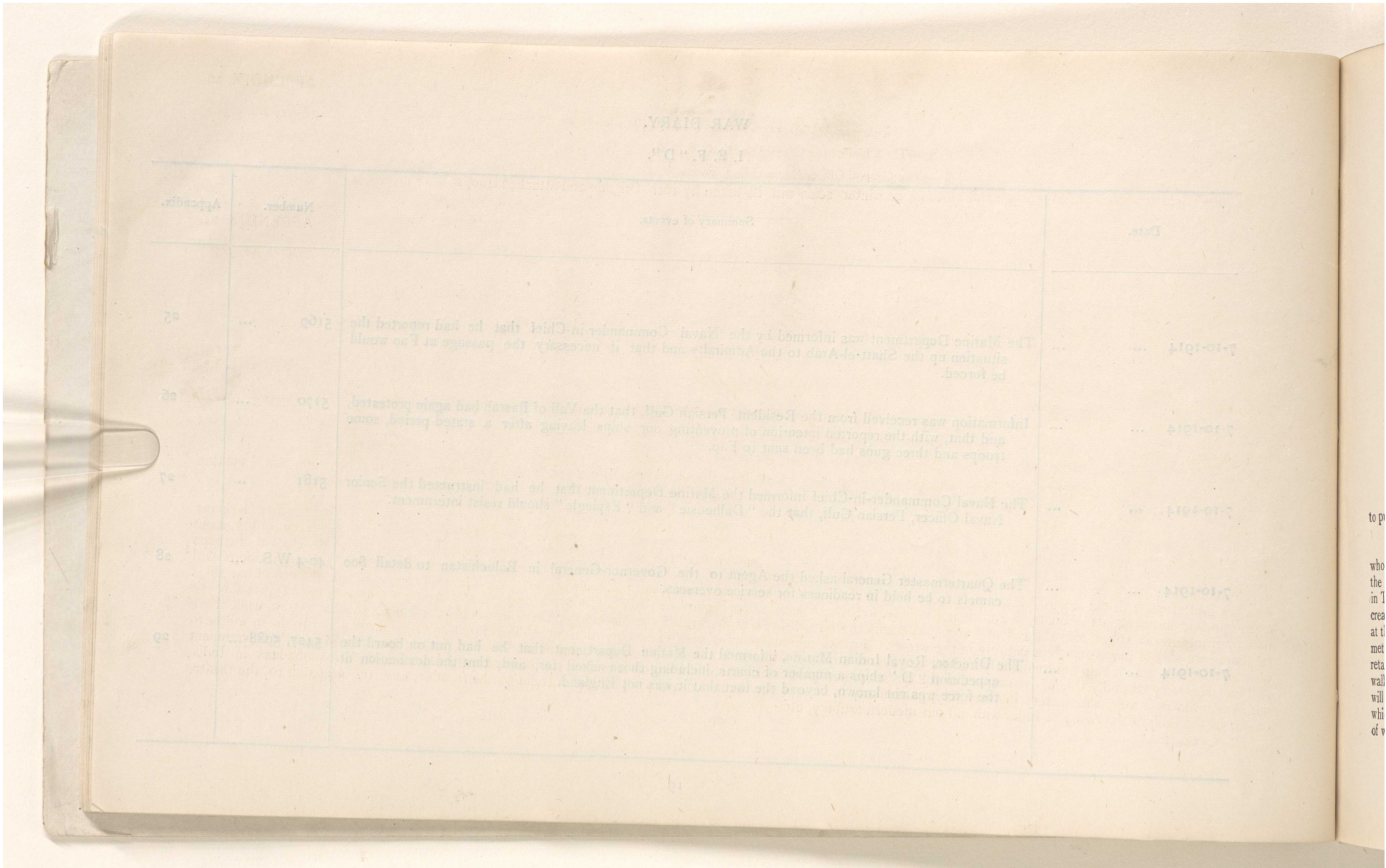
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Date.	Summary of events.	Number.	Appendix.
7-10-1914 ...	The Marine Department was informed by the Naval Commander-in-Chief that he had reported the situation up the Shatt-el-Arab to the Admiralty and that if necessary the passage at Fao would be forced.	5169 ...	25
7-10-1914 ...	Information was received from the Resident, Persian Gulf, that the Vali of Basrah had again protested, and that, with the reported intention of preventing our ships leaving after a stated period, some troops and three guns had been sent to Fao.	5170 ...	26
7-10-1914 ...	The Naval Commander-in-Chief informed the Marine Department that he had instructed the Senior Naval Officer, Persian Gulf, that the "Dalhousie" and "Espiegle" should resist internment.	5181 ...	27
7-10-1914 ...	The Quartermaster General asked the Agent to the Governor-General in Baluchistan to detail 800 camels to be held in readiness for service overseas.	40-4 W.S. ...	28
7-10-1914 ...	The Director, Royal Indian Marine, informed the Marine Department that he had put on board the expedition "D" ships a number of charts, including those asked for, and, that the destination of the force was not known, beyond the fact that it was not England.	5427, 5088 ...	29

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APPENDIX 20.

(Diary No. 5150.)

Telegram P., No. 5150-W., dated 7th October 1914.

From—The Chief of the General Staff,

To—The General Officer Commanding, Poona.

Full field service scale of tentage and clothing on winter scale will be taken by 16th Brigade and attached troops.

APPENDIX 21.

(Diary No. 5159.)

Telegram P., dated 7th October 1914.

From—The Admiral, Bombay,

To—The Chief of the General Staff.

Please inform me who is to command expedition. I want to consult with him concerning operations. When does he arrive in Bombay.

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(Diary No. 5165.)

Telegram P., No. 576, dated 7th October 1914.

From—The Viceroy of India,

To—The Secretary of State for India.

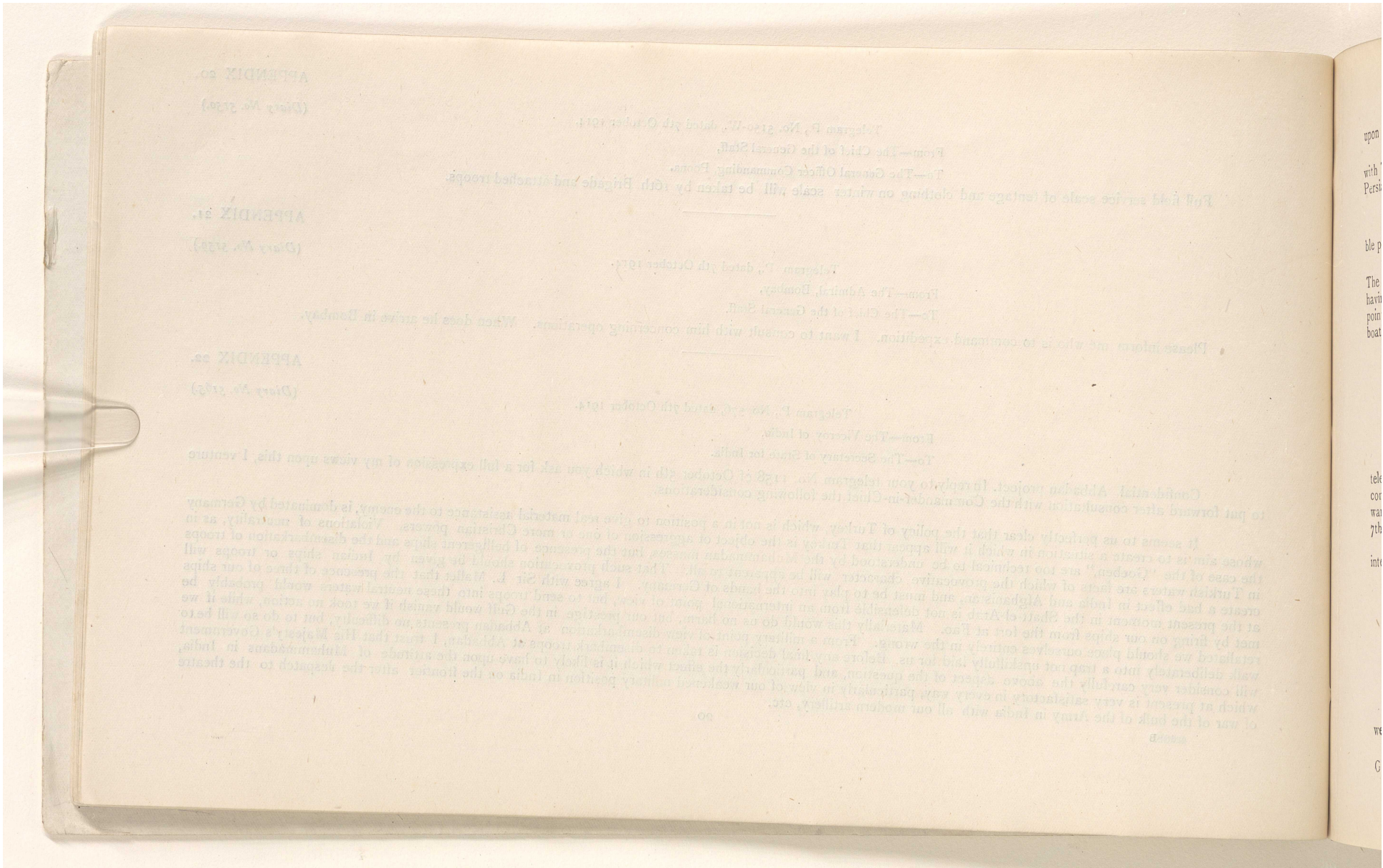
Confidential. Abbadan project. In reply to your telegram No. 1158 of October 5th in which you ask for a full expression of my views upon this, I venture to put forward after consultation with the Commander-in-Chief the following considerations.

It seems to us perfectly clear that the policy of Turkey, which is not in a position to give real material assistance to the enemy, is dominated by Germany whose aim is to create a situation in which it will appear that Turkey is the object of aggression of one or more Christian powers. Violations of neutrality, as in the case of the "Goeben," are too technical to be understood by the Muhammadan masses, but the presence of belligerent ships and the disembarkation of troops in Turkish waters are facts of which the provocative character will be apparent to all. That such provocation should be given by Indian ships or troops will create a bad effect in India and Afghanistan, and must be to play into the hands of Germany. I agree with Sir L. Mallet that the presence of three of our ships at the present moment in the Shatt-el-Arab is not defensible from an international point of view, but to send troops into these neutral waters would probably be met by firing on our ships from the fort at Fao. Materially this would do us no harm, but our prestige in the Gulf would vanish if we took no action, while if we retaliated we should place ourselves entirely in the wrong. From a military point of view disembarkation at Abbadan presents no difficulty, but to do so will be to walk deliberately into a trap not unskillfully laid for us. Before any final decision is taken to disembark troops at Abbadan, I trust that His Majesty's Government will consider very carefully the above aspect of the question, and particularly the effect which it is likely to have upon the attitude of Muhammadans in India, which at present is very satisfactory in every way, particularly in view of our weakened military position in India on the frontier after the despatch to the theatre of war of the bulk of the Army in India with all our modern artillery, etc.

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It is quite clear that, except the occupation of Abbadan, nothing can really secure the safety of the oil works, but we see no reason to anticipate an attack upon them, and we doubt their value being so great as to outweigh the consequences of an apparent attack by us on Turkey.

Again, a protest by Persia would almost certainly be evoked by the occupation of Abbadan by a large military force, and, in the event of hostilities with Turkey, it would constitute a violation of the neutrality of Persia, and would afford a pretext to Turkey for the extension of her frontier at the expense of Persia.

If on the other hand the object in view is merely to demonstrate at the head of the Gulf, other alternatives present themselves.

The landing of troops at Basidu would be known immediately all over the Gulf and an immense impression would be created. There could be no possible political objection to this, but from a military point of view the difficulties of water-supply on the island are almost insuperable.

Bahrain is politically the nearest approach to British territory in the Gulf after Basidu, and there seem to be no serious objections to this alternative. The Shaikh is old and if the situation were explained to him is not likely to be obstructive. There is also an advantage in favour of Bahrain in that the fact of our having a force there would strengthen our hands and assist our overtures to Bin Saud and the Shaikh of Qatar. The only objection to Bahrain from a military point of view is the difficulty of embarking and disembarking troops owing to the shallowness of the water, but this could be mitigated by the supply of plenty of boats.

Since Sir P. Cox's knowledge of the Chiefs and of Gulf politics is unique I propose to send him as Political Officer with any expedition to the Gulf.

APPENDIX 23.  
(Diary No. 5165.)

Telegram P., dated Pera, the 6th October 1914.

From—His Britannic Majesty's Ambassador at Constantinople,  
To—The Viceroy (Foreign and Political Department.)

Following sent to Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Viceroy, India:—*Begins.* Consul, Basrah, telegraphs on 6th instant:—Reference your telegram No. 87. Your Excellency's instructions have been carried out but Vali replied that he must obey the orders he has received. These have just been communicated to me in writing. The whole of Shatt-el-Arab and sea within six miles from the shore is declared to be territorial waters and closed to ships of war. Any man-of-war disregarding prohibition will be fired on by guns at Fao. Regulations are to come into force from the evening of Wednesday, October 7th.

Communication is loosely worded but means that "Dalhousie" at Abbadan and "Espiegle" in Karun River must leave before the time fixed or be interned. "Lawrence" is not in the Shatt-el-Arab. There is no other British man-of-war this side of Fao.

His Majesty's Consul at Muhammareh has been informed of above.—*Ends.*

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(Diary No. 5167.)

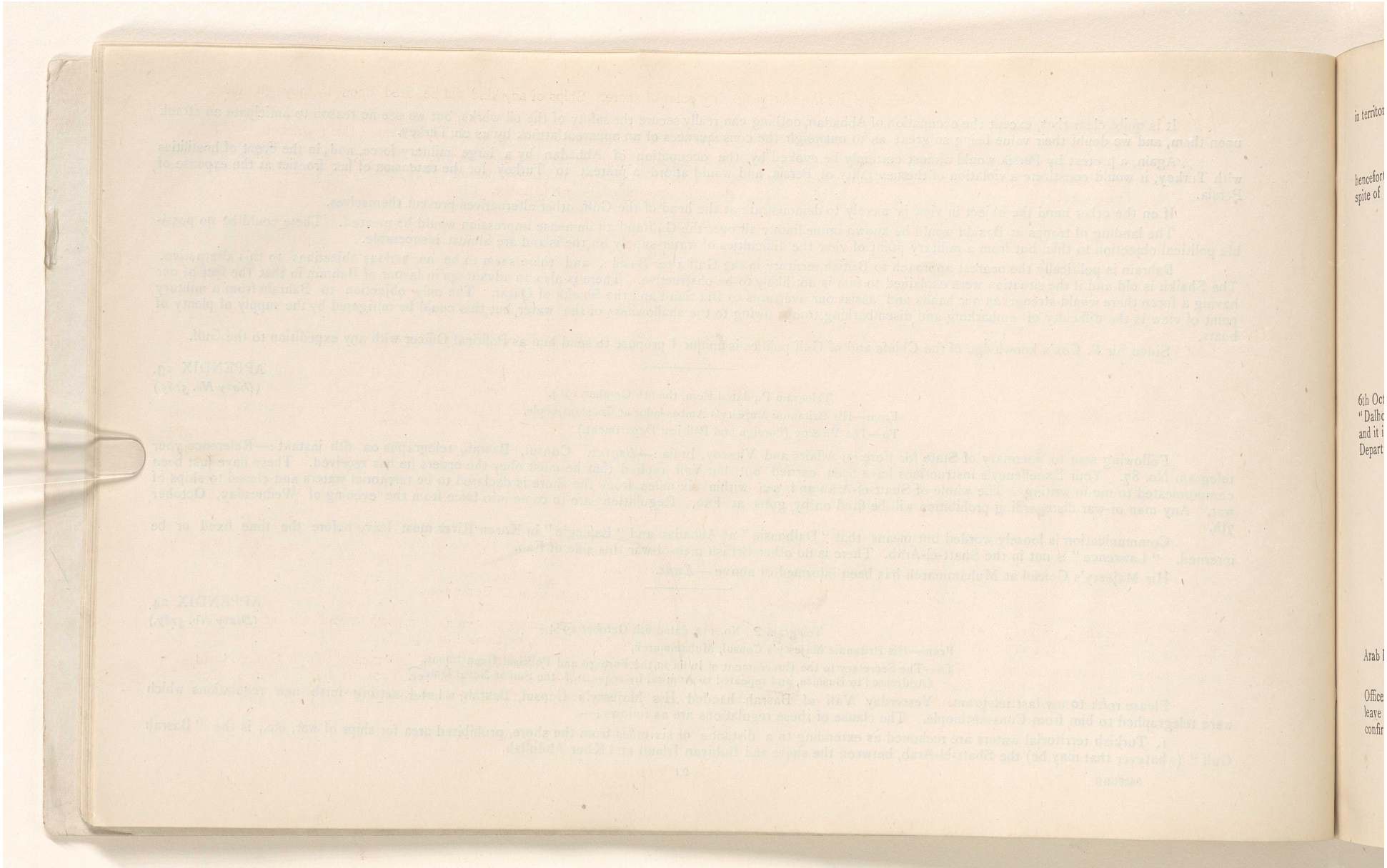
Telegram P., No. 132, dated 6th October 1914.

From—His Britannic Majesty's Consul, Muhammareh,  
To—The Secretary to the Government of India in the Foreign and Political Department.  
(Addressed to Bushire, and repeated to Admiral by request of the Senior Naval Officer.)

Please refer to my last telegram. Yesterday Vali of Basrah handed His Majesty's Consul, Basrah, a letter setting forth new regulations which were telegraphed to him from Constantinople. The clause of these regulations are as follows:—

1. Turkish territorial waters are reckoned as extending to a distance of six miles from the shore, prohibited area for ships of war, etc., is the "Basrah Gulf" (whatever that may be) the Shatt-el-Arab, between the shore and Bubiyan Island and Khur Abdullah.

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2. The coast is considered to be a curve which touches the farthest projecting point of shore. Ships of any kind will be fired upon if they go about in territorial waters without regulation lights.

3. Warships in general are not allowed to enter prohibited area whether by day or night, ships will be fired upon if they disregard this provision.

4. Merchant ships are not permitted to enter prohibited areas between sunset and sunrise, they may only enter and leave by day. As war ships are henceforth prohibited from entering Shatt-el-Arab, Officer Commanding, Artillery, Fao, has been ordered to prevent passage of any such ships that may enter in spite of prohibition by firing. Above regulations will come into force with effect from the evening of the 7th October.

APPENDIX 25.

(Diary No. 5169.)

Telegram P., No. 104, dated 7th October 1914.

From—The Naval Commander-in-Chief, East Indies,

To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Marine Department.

I have sent a telegram as follows to the Admiralty to-day (7th October 1914) with reference to telegram from the Consul at Muhammareh, dated the 6th October 1914, No. 132 :—*Begins.* As the "Espiegle" and the "Odin" will be leaving river to escort I. E. F. "B" from Bushire, I have ordered the "Dalhousie" to remain off Abbadan for the present. It is reported by the Senior Naval Officer in the Persian Gulf that guns have been placed recently at Fao and it is presumed fire will be returned and if necessary passage of Fao is to be forced.—*Ends.* Addressed Secretary to the Government of India, Marine Department, and repeated to Bushire.

APPENDIX 26.

(Diary No. 5170.)

Telegram P., No. 1160, dated 6th October 1914.

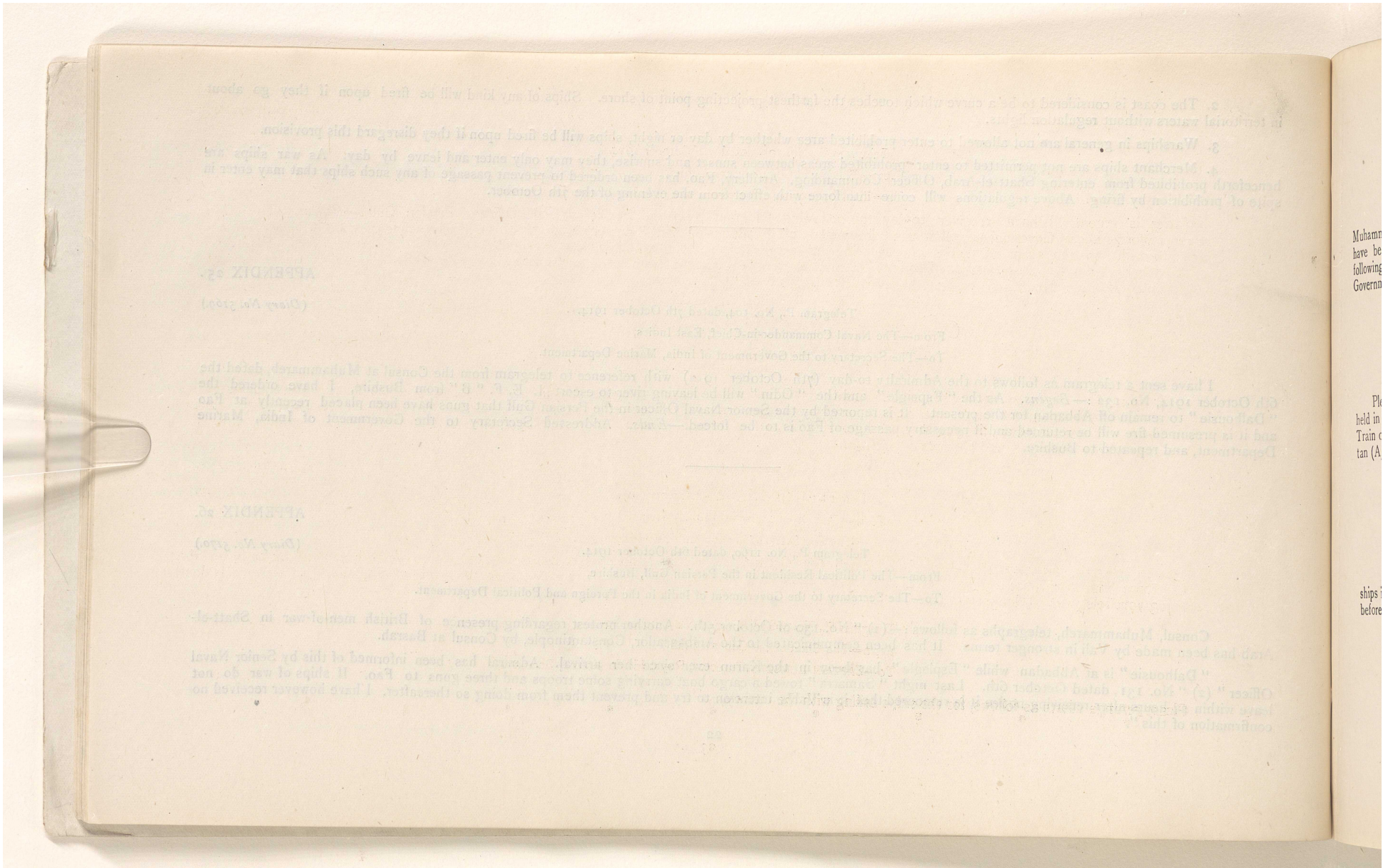
From—The Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, Bushire,

To—The Secretary to the Government of India in the Foreign and Political Department.

Consul, Muhammareh, telegraphs as follows :—(1) "No. 130 of October 5th. Another protest regarding presence of British men-of-war in Shatt-el-Arab has been made by Vali in stronger terms. It has been communicated to the Ambassador, Constantinople, by Consul at Basrah.

"Dalhousie" is at Abbadan while "Espiegle" has been in the Karun ever since her arrival. Admiral has been informed of this by Senior Naval Officer" (2) "No. 131, dated October 6th. Last night "Samarra" towed a cargo boat carrying some troops and three guns to Fao. If ships of war do not leave within 24 hours after receiving notice it is rumoured that it is Vali's intention to try and prevent them from doing so thereafter. I have however received no confirmation of this".

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(Diary No. 5181).

Telegram P., No. 105, dated 7th October 1914.  
From—The Naval Commander-in-Chief,  
To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Marine Department.

Matter is urgent. I have received to-day the following telegram from the Senior Naval Officer, Persian Gulf:—*Begins.* The Consul, Muhammareh, informs Local Government will demand internment of "Dalhousie" and "Espiegle" after 7 o'clock this evening they are in river. Admiralty have been informed. In the event of Turks endeavouring to force internment, instructions are requested as to action to be taken.—*Ends.* The following reply has been sent by me:—*Begins.* Pending instructions from Admiralty internment must be resisted.—*Ends.* This telegram is addressed to the Government of India, Marine Department, and has been repeated to Bushire.

APPENDIX 28.

Telegram No. 40-4, dated 7th October 1914.  
From—The Quartermaster General in India,  
To—The Agent to the Governor-General and Chief Commissioner in Baluchistan.

Please ask Agent, Governor General, Baluchistan, to detail eight hundred out of the camels recently accepted by Government complete with personnel to be held in readiness to move Karachi for service overseas at short notice. Understand five hundred and fifty of these are at Mastung and balance near Karachi. Train orders for Mastung detachment will issue from here probably entrain about eighteenth instant. Addressed General Division, Quetta, repeated Baluchistan (Agent to the Governor General) and Demensio. (*Kalat.*)

APPENDIX 29.

(Diary No. 5427).

Letter No. 1441 S., dated 7th October 1914.  
From—The Director, Royal Indian Marine,  
To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Marine Department.

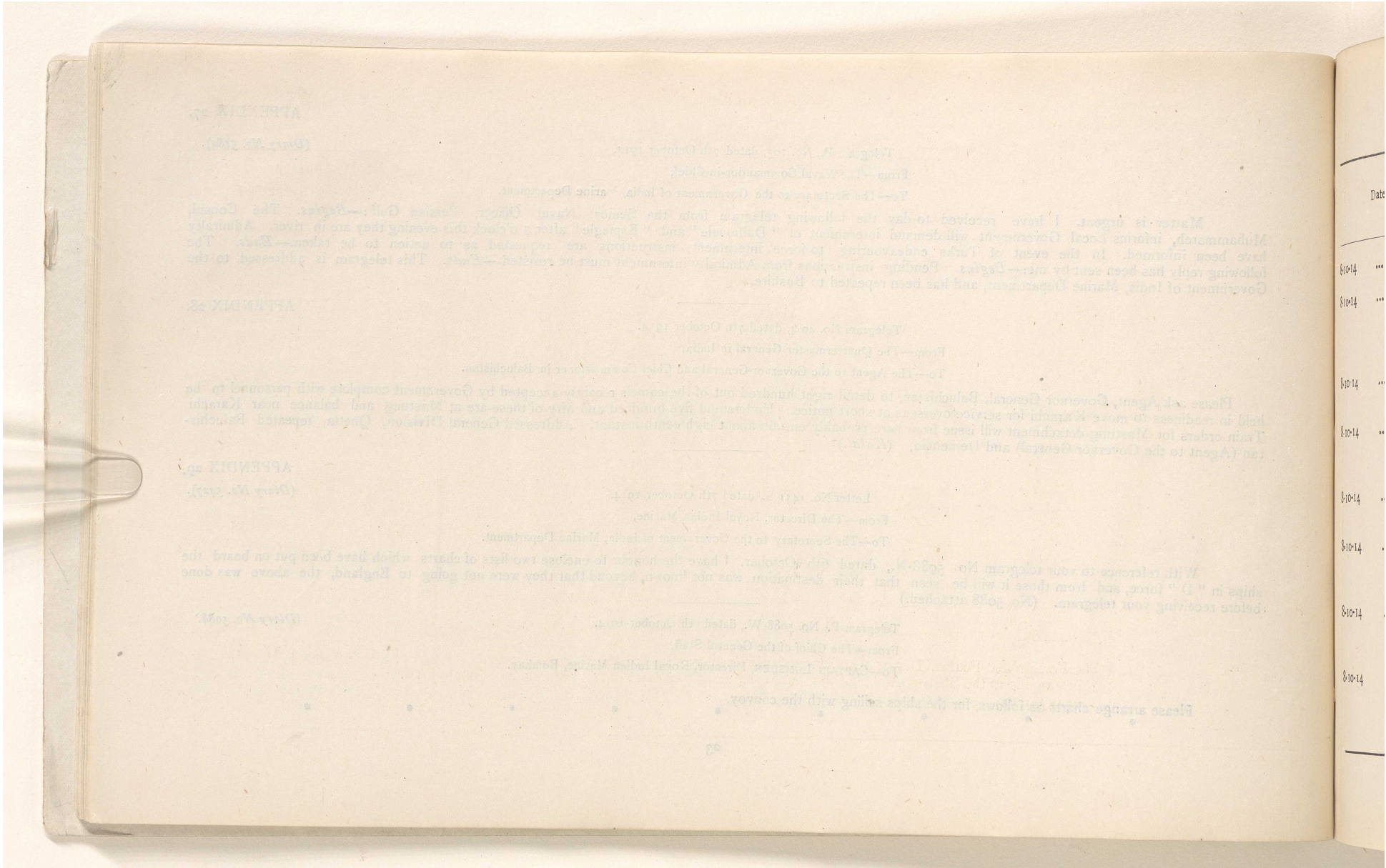
With reference to your telegram No. 5088-N., dated 6th October, I have the honour to enclose two lists of charts which have been put on board the ships in "D" force, and from those it will be seen that their destination was not known, beyond that they were not going to England, the above was done before receiving your telegram. (No. 5088 attached.)

(Diary No. 5088.)

Telegram P., No. 5088-W., dated 6th October 1914.  
From—The Chief of the General Staff,  
To—CAPTAIN LUMSDEN, Director, Royal Indian Marine, Bombay.

Please arrange charts as follows, for the ships sailing with the convoy.

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Date.	Summary of events.	Number.	Appendix.
8-10-14 ...	The Chief of the General Staff instructed Colonel Delamain to meet the Admiral in Bombay ...	5195 ...	30
8-10-14 ...	The Chief of the General Staff sent (by hand) orders to Colonel Delamain regarding I. E. F. "D". These included instructions as regards meeting the Admiral, concerting plans with Senior Naval Officer and the rôle of the force. Abbadan or Muhammareh was given as the destination, and copies of official papers were sent. A note from the Director, Medical Services, was attached.	5208 ...	31
8-10-14 ...	The General Officer Commanding, 6th Division, asked several questions regarding ammuniton, treasure, and supply for his division.	5219 ...	32
8-10-14 ...	The Viceroy received from the Secretary of State copy of a telegram sent to the Ambassador at Constantinople, and saying that further instructions regarding destination of "D" would be sent later.	5235 ...	33
8-10-14 ...	The Secretary of State informed the Viceroy that it was not necessary to decide at once regarding Abbadan, and asked for his views regarding Basidu and Bahrain.	5236 ...	34
8-10-14 ...	The Commander-in-Chief informed the Secretary, Marine Department, that orders received from the Admiralty had been telegraphed to the Senior Naval Officer, regarding searching for the "Emden" at the mouth of the Persian Gulf.	5238 ...	35
8-10-14 ...	Information was received from the Consul, Muhammareh, that an official letter had been sent by the Turks to the Senior Naval Officer asking him to leave and that the Senior Naval Officer had replied that the matter was being considered by superior authority.	5239 ...	36
8-10-14 ...	The Foreign and Political Department informed the Resident, Bushire, that it was proposed to divert a brigade to the Shatt-el-Arab, but that he was to take no action on this information, which was very urgent.	F. & P. S.-868	37

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8-10-14	The Chief of the General Staff forwarded Colonel (Retired) to meet the Adjutant in Bombay	2627	39
8-10-14	The Chief of the General Staff sent by hand a letter to Colonel (Retired) regarding I.E.F. "D". These records include instructions regarding the Adjutant, Colonel (Retired) and Major (Retired) and the role of the Adjutant. A list of instructions was given as the Adjutant and copies of official papers were sent. A note from the Director, Medical Services, was attached.	2628	41
8-10-14	The General Officer Commanding the Division visited several positions regarding ammunition, transport and supply in the district.	2629	38
8-10-14	The Adjutant received from the Secretary of State a copy of a telegram sent to the Adjutant and at Constantinople and saying that further instructions regarding the Adjutant of "D" would be sent later.	2630	38
8-10-14	The Secretary of State informed the Adjutant that it was not necessary to decide at once regarding the Adjutant and asked for his views regarding the Adjutant and the Adjutant.	2631	34
8-10-14	The Commander-in-Chief informed the Secretary, Marine Department, that orders received from the Adjutant had been telegraphed to the Senior Naval Officer, regarding the Adjutant, at the month of the Adjutant.	2632	37
8-10-14	Information was received from the Consul, Bombay, that an official letter had been sent by the Adjutant to the Senior Naval Officer asking him to leave and that the Senior Naval Officer had replied that the matter was being considered by superior authorities.	2633	36
8-10-14	The Foreign and Political Department informed the Adjutant that it was proposed to direct a message to the Staff-Adjutant but that it was to take no action on this information, which was very urgent.	2634	37

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(Diary No. 5195.)

Telegram P., No. 5195, dated 8th October 1914.

From—The Chief of the General Staff, Simla,

To—GENERAL BARRETT, Commanding, Poona Division.

Colonel Delamain is to be instructed as follows: Chief wishes you to be in Bombay by Saturday 10th to receive from Captain Withers the instructions which he is taking you from here. He will go by the Great Indian Peninsula, Bombay mail, which ought to arrive at Bombay on the 10th at 12-35. He is instructed to meet Colonel Delamain at the Taj Mahal Hotel. Please acknowledge receipt.

APPENDIX 31.

(Diary No. 5208.)

Letter No. 10093—1, dated Simla, the 8th October 1914.

From—The Chief of the General Staff,

To—COLONEL W. S. DELAMAIN, C.B., D.S.O.

I have the honour to send you herewith, by hand of Captain C. McG. Withers, one sealed envelope containing:—

- (a) Secret instructions for the employment of the advanced portion of the 6th Division, which constitutes I.E.F. "D" under your command.
  - (b) 2 copies each of—
    - Plan of operations for the protection of British interests at the head of the Persian Gulf.
    - Plan of operations for the support of the Shaikh of Muhammareh.
    - Plan for operations in Turkish Mesopotamia.
  - (c) Copies in sealed envelope marked "A" of the official correspondence which has passed between the Government of India and the Secretary of State in regard to the organization, despatch, and employment of Force "D".
2. You will at once place yourself in communication with His Excellency the Naval Commander-in-Chief, and arrange a meeting as soon as possible after you have digested your orders.
  3. Major Smyth, who is referred to in paragraph 5 of your orders, follows later under orders to report to you at Bombay.
  4. Please report by telegraph that you have received and understood your instructions.

ORDERS.

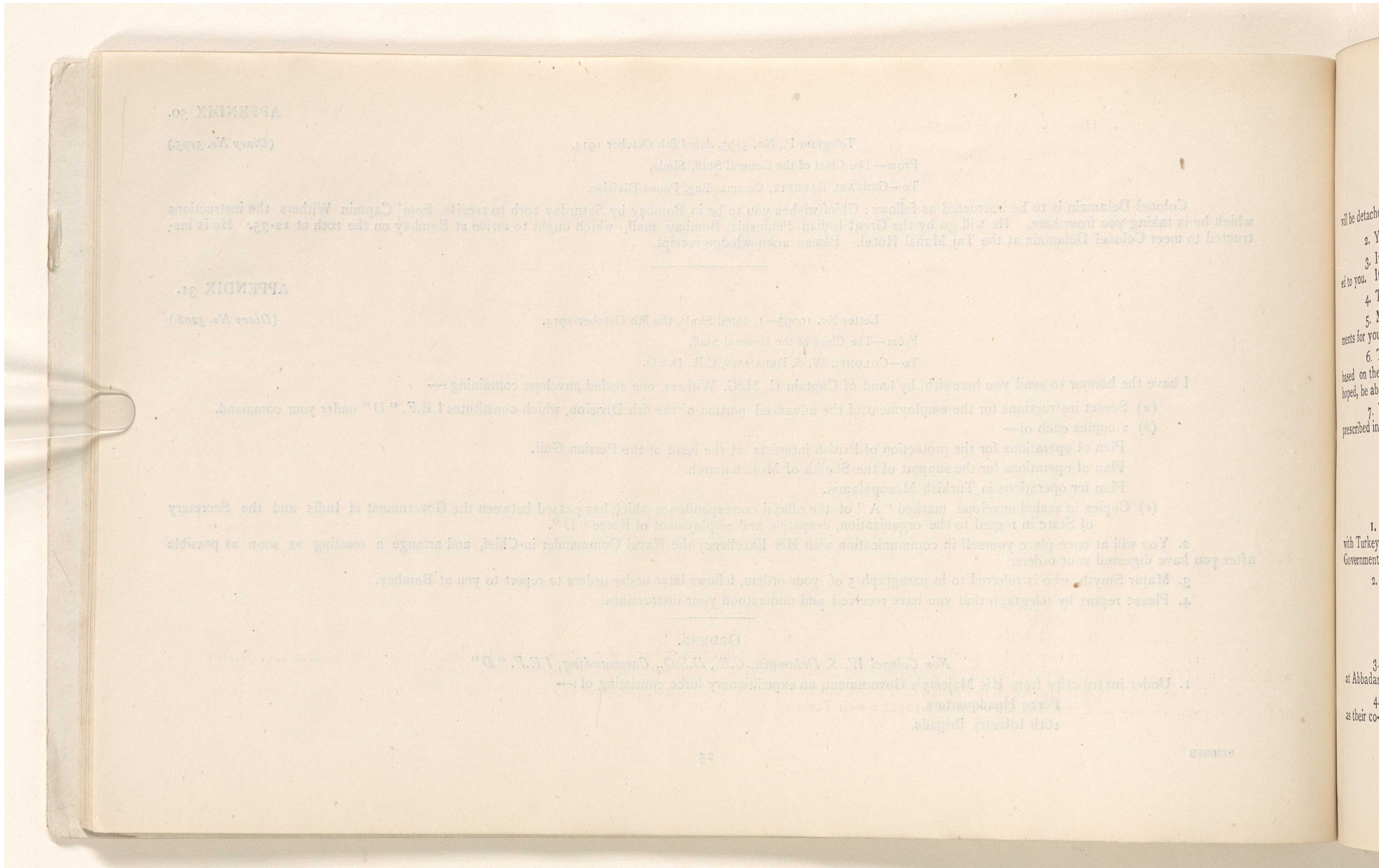
*For Colonel W. S. Delamain, C.B., D.S.O., Commanding, I.E.F. "D"*

1. Under instructions from His Majesty's Government, an expeditionary force consisting of:—
  - Force Headquarters.
  - 16th Infantry Brigade.

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Nos. 23 and 30 Indian Mountain batteries,  
One Company, Sappers and Miners,  
One "combined" field ambulance,  
Supply establishment with their transport,

will be detached from the convoy which leaves Bombay and Karachi 15th and 16th October and will proceed under Naval convoy up the Persian Gulf.

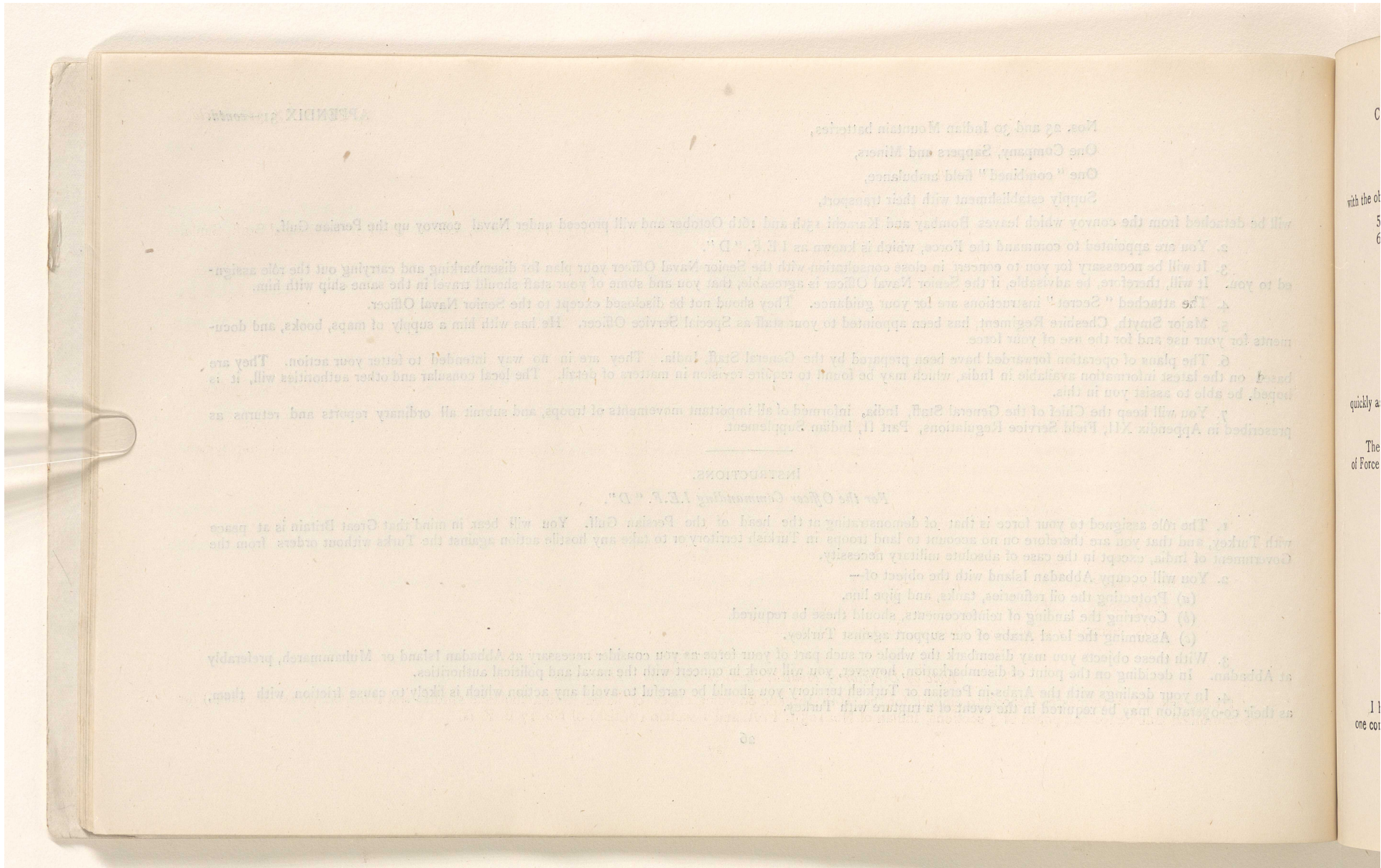
2. You are appointed to command the Force, which is known as I.E.F. "D".
3. It will be necessary for you to concert in close consultation with the Senior Naval Officer your plan for disembarking and carrying out the rôle assigned to you. It will, therefore, be advisable, if the Senior Naval Officer is agreeable, that you and some of your staff should travel in the same ship with him.
4. The attached "Secret" instructions are for your guidance. They should not be disclosed except to the Senior Naval Officer.
5. Major Smyth, Cheshire Regiment, has been appointed to your staff as Special Service Officer. He has with him a supply of maps, books, and documents for your use and for the use of your force.
6. The plans of operation forwarded have been prepared by the General Staff, India. They are in no way intended to fetter your action. They are based on the latest information available in India, which may be found to require revision in matters of detail. The local consular and other authorities will, it is hoped, be able to assist you in this.
7. You will keep the Chief of the General Staff, India, informed of all important movements of troops, and submit all ordinary reports and returns as prescribed in Appendix XII, Field Service Regulations, Part II, Indian Supplement.

INSTRUCTIONS.

*For the Officer Commanding I.E.F. "D".*

1. The rôle assigned to your force is that of demonstrating at the head of the Persian Gulf. You will bear in mind that Great Britain is at peace with Turkey, and that you are therefore on no account to land troops in Turkish territory or to take any hostile action against the Turks without orders from the Government of India, except in the case of absolute military necessity.
2. You will occupy Abbadan Island with the object of—
  - (a) Protecting the oil refineries, tanks, and pipe line.
  - (b) Covering the landing of reinforcements, should these be required.
  - (c) Assuring the local Arabs of our support against Turkey.
3. With these objects you may disembark the whole or such part of your force as you consider necessary at Abbadan Island or Muhammareh, preferably at Abbadan. In deciding on the point of disembarkation, however, you will work in concert with the naval and political authorities.
4. In your dealings with the Arabs in Persian or Turkish territory you should be careful to avoid any action which is likely to cause friction with them, as their co-operation may be required in the event of a rupture with Turkey.

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Communication will be opened with—  
Bin Saud, Shaikh (Amir) of Najd,  
The Shaikh of Muhammareh,  
The Shaikh of Kuwait,

with the object of informing them of the despatch of your force.

5. You will notify the arrival of the force off Abbadan Island, and thereafter the progress of the disembarkation to the Chief of the General Staff, Simla.

6. The destination of your force is being communicated to the following only :—

Naval Commander-in-Chief.  
Resident, Baghdad.  
Consul, Basrah.  
The three chiefs above-mentioned.  
Major Smyth.  
Political officer with your force (Sir P. Cox).

7. In the event of hostilities with Turkey, the remainder of the 6th (Poona) Division is being held in readiness to support your force, and will follow as quickly as possible.

In the meantime you will take such military and political action as you think feasible to strengthen your position and if possible occupy Basrah.

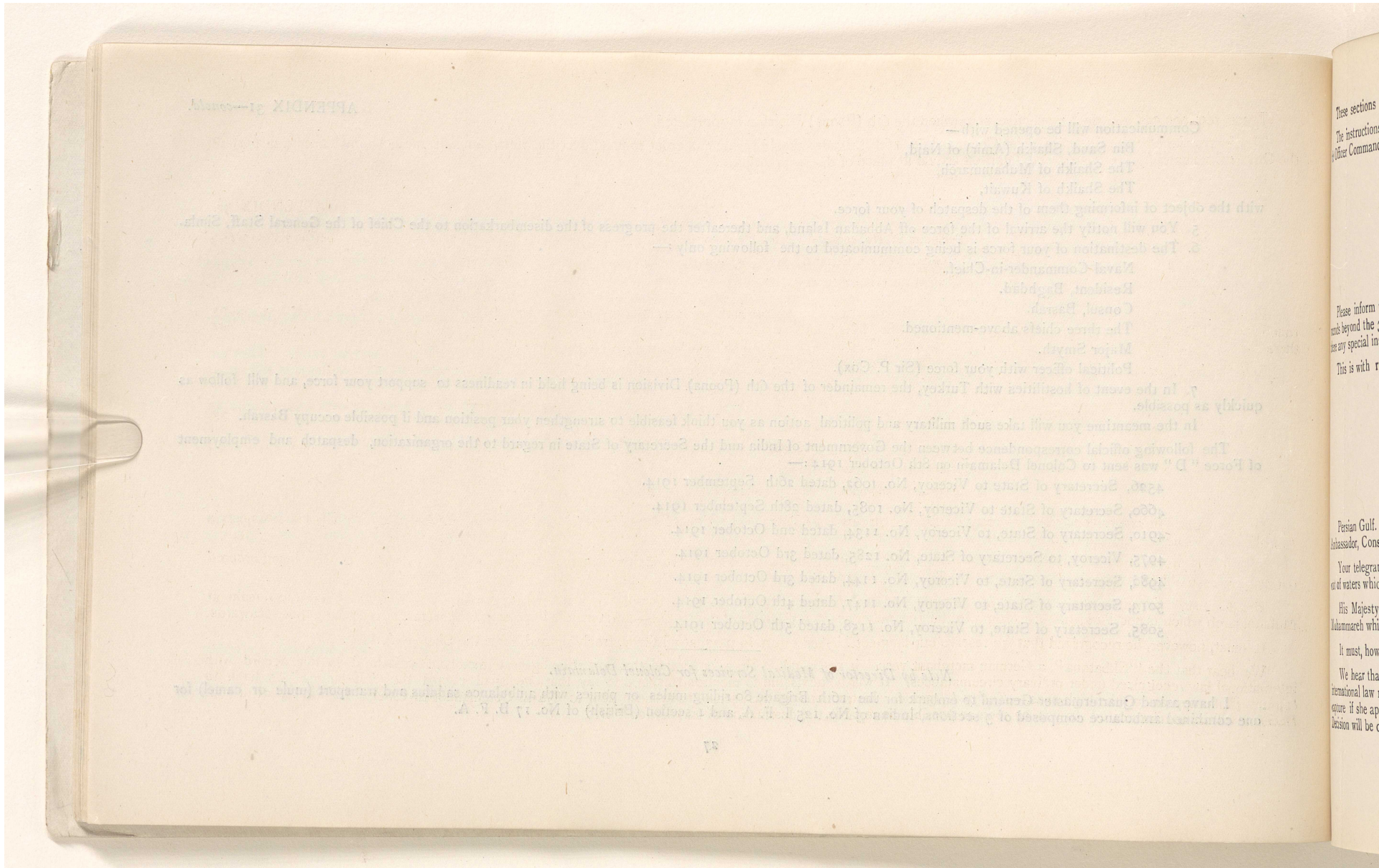
The following official correspondence between the Government of India and the Secretary of State in regard to the organization, despatch and employment of Force "D" was sent to Colonel Delamain on 8th October 1914 :—

- 4526, Secretary of State to Viceroy, No. 1062, dated 26th September 1914.
- 4660, Secretary of State to Viceroy, No. 1085, dated 28th September 1914.
- 4910, Secretary of State, to Viceroy, No. 1134, dated 2nd October 1914.
- 4975, Viceroy, to Secretary of State, No. 1285, dated 3rd October 1914.
- 4986, Secretary of State, to Viceroy, No. 1144, dated 3rd October 1914.
- 5013, Secretary of State, to Viceroy, No. 1147, dated 4th October 1914.
- 5085, Secretary of State, to Viceroy, No. 1158, dated 5th October 1914.

*Note by Director of Medical Services for Colonel Delamain.*

I have asked Quartermaster General to embark for the 16th Brigade 80 riding mules or ponies with ambulance saddles and transport (mule or camel) for one combined ambulance composed of 3 sections, Indian of No. 125 I. F. A. and 1 section (British) of No. 17 B. F. A.

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These sections can join their respective units when the 6th (Poona) Division is completed.

The instructions to the General Officer Commanding, 16th Brigade, should include an order to hand over the riding animals and field ambulance transport to the Officer Commanding the "combined" unit on arrival at place of disembarkation.

APPENDIX 32.

(Diary No. 5219.)

Telegram P., No. 4956-3-S., dated 8th October 1914.

From—The General Officer Commanding, 6th (Poona) Division,

To—The Chief of the General Staff.

Please inform me whether mountain battery and small arms ammunition sections of ammunition columns are being sent. If they are not how many rounds beyond the 300 per rifle carried regimentally should be taken and in whose charge. What description of and how much treasure should be taken. Are there any special instructions regarding supply of transport? The railway time-table for infantry has not yet arrived.

This is with reference your telegram W.4992 of 3rd instant. (Diary No. 4942).

APPENDIX 33.

(Diary No. 5235.)

Telegram P., dated 7th October 1914.

From—The Secretary of State for India,

To—The Viceroy (Foreign and Political Department).

Persian Gulf. Please refer to your telegram of 6th and 7th instant (Diary No. 5165), (Diary No 5186). Following telegram sent to His Britannic Majesty's Ambassador, Constantinople, to-night :—*Begins.*

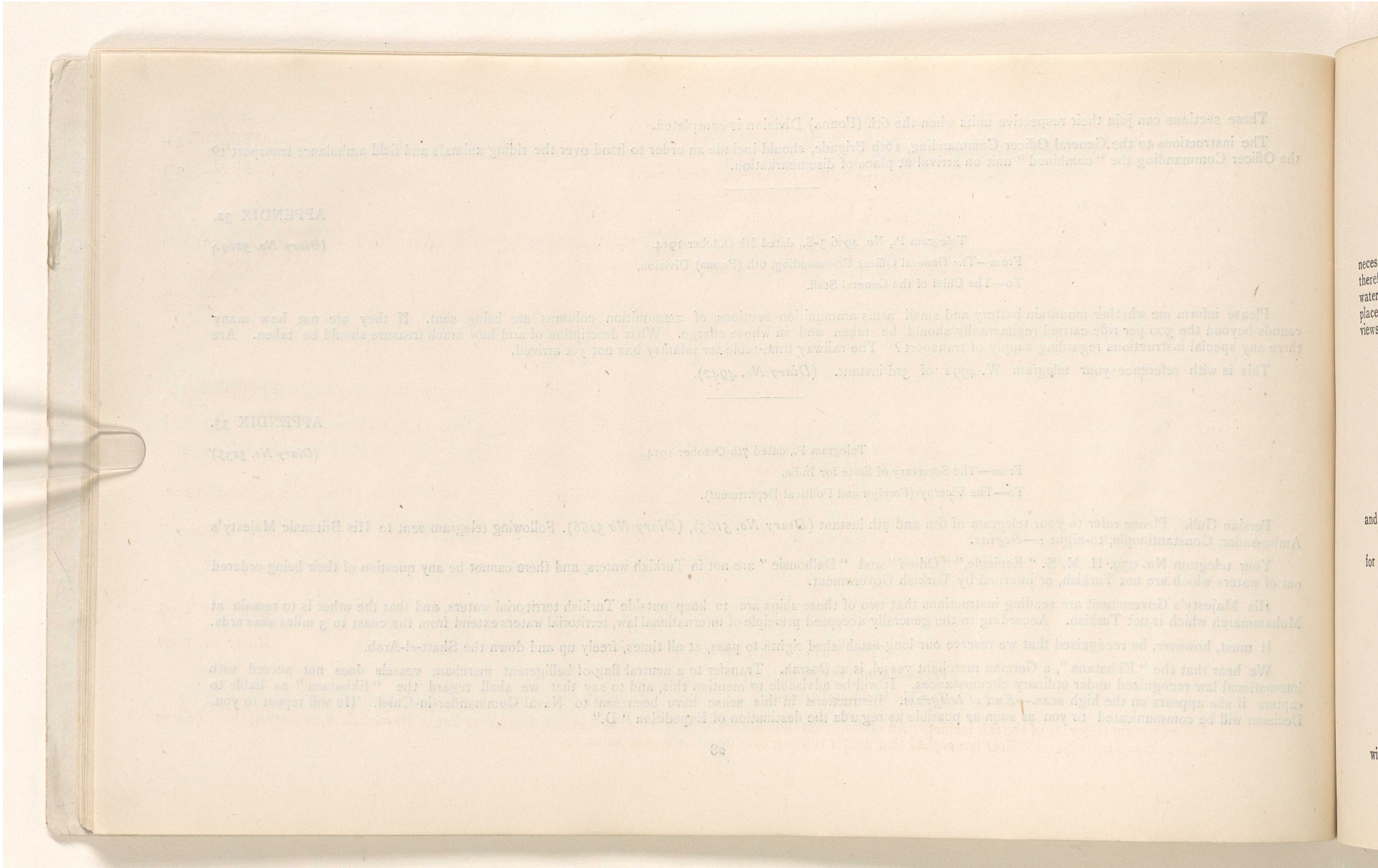
Your telegram No. 939. H. M. S. "Espiegle," "Odien" and "Dalhousie" are not in Turkish waters, and there cannot be any question of their being ordered out of waters which are not Turkish, or interned by Turkish Government.

His Majesty's Government are sending instructions that two of these ships are to keep outside Turkish territorial waters, and that the other is to remain at Muhammareh which is not Turkish. According to the generally accepted principle of international law, territorial waters extend from the coast to 3 miles seawards.

It must, however, be recognized that we reserve our long-established rights to pass, at all times, freely up and down the Shatt-el-Arab.

We hear that the "Ekbatana", a German merchant vessel, is at Basrah. Transfer to a neutral flag of belligerent merchant vessels does not accord with international law recognized under ordinary circumstances. It will be advisable to mention this, and to say that we shall regard the "Ekbatana" as liable to capture if she appears on the high seas.—*End of telegram.* Instructions in this sense have been sent to Naval Commander-in-Chief. He will repeat to you. Decision will be communicated to you as soon as possible as regards the destination of Expedition "D."

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(Diary No. 5236.)

Telegram P., No. 1187, dated 8th October 1914.  
From—The Secretary of State for India,  
To—The Viceroy (Army Department).

Expedition "D." It is unnecessary for the present to decide regarding Abbadan. I am most anxious to avoid disturbing Indian Muhammadans, but it is necessary to reassure the Arabs who will be agitated by the reports that will be spread by the Turks of our retirement from Shatt-el-Arab at their dictation. It is, therefore, important that an immediate demonstration should be made. You incline apparently to Basidu as a suitable rendezvous, excepting for the scarcity of water there, but the difficulty in respect of water can possibly be overcome by distillation. If the difficulties of landing at Bahrain can be overcome, that place on the other hand has great political advantages. All preparations should, in the meantime, be continued. I shall be glad if you will send me your views at once. This is with reference to your telegram of 7th instant and mine of the same date repeating instructions sent to Mallet.

APPENDIX 35.

(Diary No. 5238.)

Telegram P., No. 106, dated 8th October 1914.  
From—The Naval Commander-in-Chief, East Indies,  
To—The Secretary to the Government of India (Marine Department).

The following orders contained in a telegram received to-day from the Admiralty, have been telegraphed to the Senior Naval Officer, Muhammareh, and the Resident Bushire:—

The "Duke of Edinburgh" from Karachi has been sent to search as far as the entrance to the Gulf, calling at Masqat and Jask. Substitute "Dalhousie" for "Mashona" to watch the entrance to the Gulf.

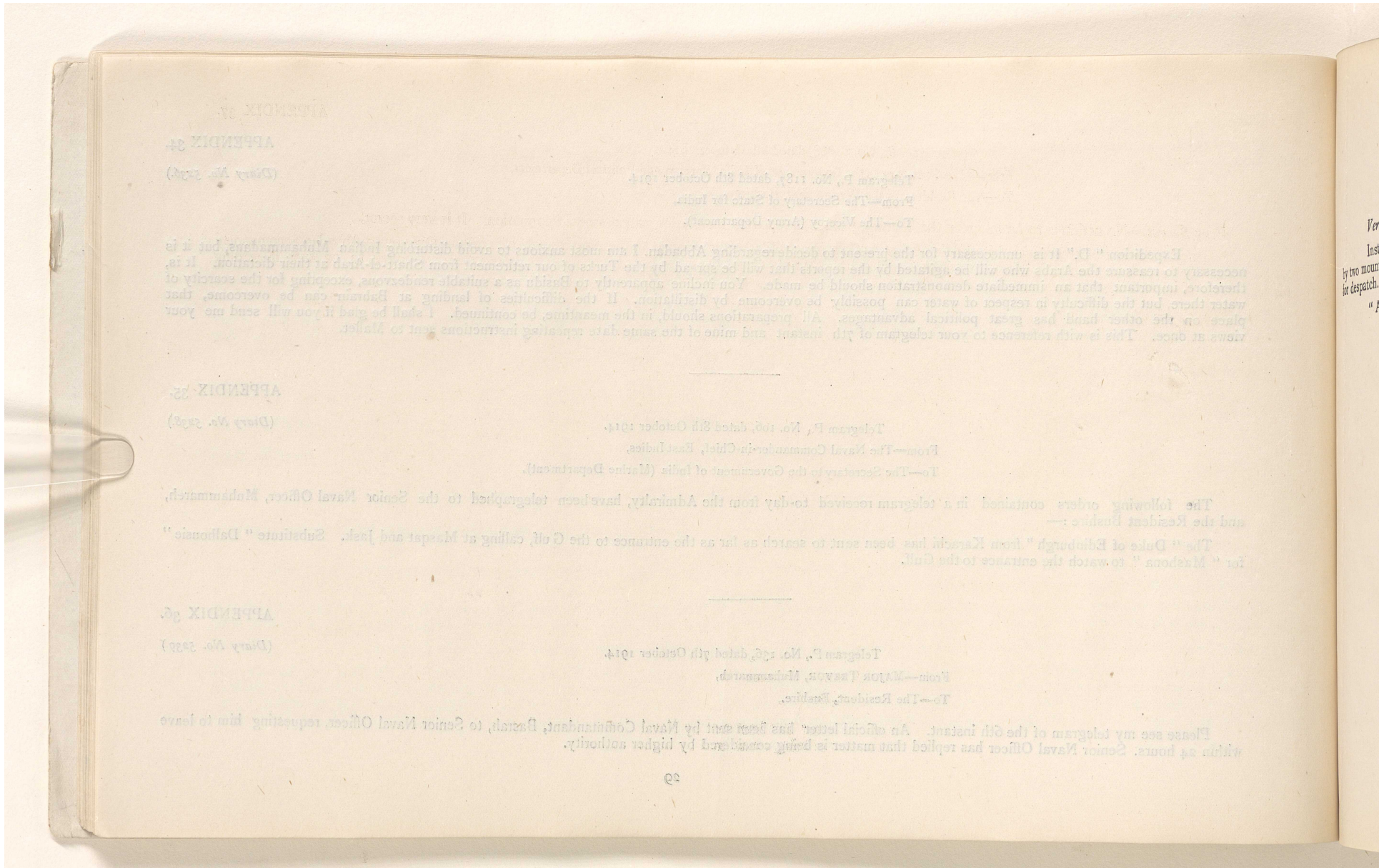
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(Diary No. 5239.)

Telegram P., No. 136, dated 7th October 1914.  
From—MAJOR TREVOR, Muhammareh,  
To—The Resident, Bushire.

Please see my telegram of the 6th instant. An official letter has been sent by Naval Commandant, Basrah, to Senior Naval Officer, requesting him to leave within 24 hours. Senior Naval Officer has replied that matter is being considered by higher authority.

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Telegram P, No. S.-868, dated 8th October 1914.

From—The Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign and Political Department,

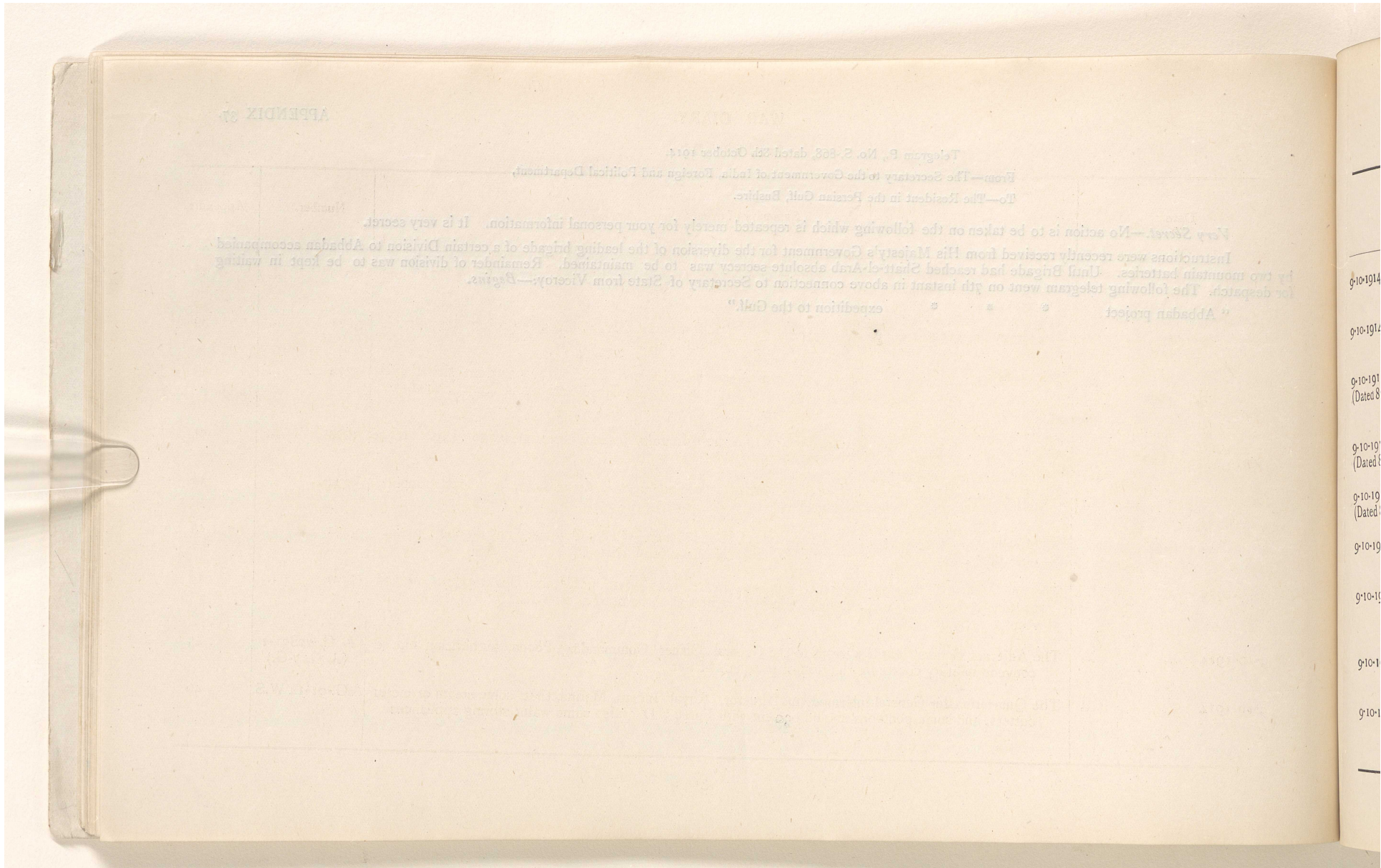
To—The Resident in the Persian Gulf, Bushire.

*Very Secret.*—No action is to be taken on the following which is repeated merely for your personal information. It is very secret.

Instructions were recently received from His Majesty's Government for the diversion of the leading brigade of a certain Division to Abbadan accompanied by two mountain batteries. Until Brigade had reached Shatt-el-Arab absolute secrecy was to be maintained. Remainder of division was to be kept in waiting for despatch. The following telegram went on 7th instant in above connection to Secretary of State from Viceroy:—*Begins.*

" Abbadan project \* \* \* expedition to the Gulf."

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9-10-1914 ...	The Naval Commander-in-Chief asked the Marine Department for instructions regarding the attitude for naval ships to adopt towards Turkey in the Shatt-el-Arab.	5271 ...	39
9-10-1914 ... (Dated 8th.)	The Political Resident, Bushire, reported to the Foreign and Political Department that Saiyid Talib had informed him that, in the event of a rupture between Great Britain and Turkey, he wished to negotiate with us.	5272 ...	40
9-10-1914 ... (Dated 8th.)	The Secretary of State informed the Viceroy that the Admiralty wished merchantmen to be encouraged to go to Abbadan.	5274 ...	41
9-10-1914 ... (Dated 8th.)	The Secretary of State informed the Viceroy that according to the Ambassador at Constantinople, the Turks wished to avoid any incident.	5275 ...	42
9-10-1914 ...	The Chief of the General Staff gave instructions to the General Officer Commanding, Poona Division, regarding ammunition, transport, and treasure of the 6th Division.	5277 ...	43
9-10-1914 ...	The Secretary of State gave the Viceroy certain instructions regarding Captain Shakespear's pay and his actions on return to the Persian Gulf, where he was to be used as an emissary to his friend the Amir Bin Saud of Najd.	5291 ...	44
9-10-1914 ...	The Adjutant General sent a warrant to the General Officer Commanding, Poona, authorizing him to convene military courts for the trial of prisoners of war.	A. G.-22831-1 (A. G. 7-G.)	45
9-10-1914 ...	The Quartermaster General informed the Director, Royal Indian Marine, that some steam or motor cutters, and some pontoons should be sent with Force " D " also some water storing appliances.	A.G.-91-14 W.S.	46

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39	The Naval Commander-in-Chief asked the Marine Department for instructions regarding the attitude for naval ships to adopt towards Turkey in the Straits.	9-10-1914
40	The Political Resident, Bombay, reported to the Foreign and Political Department that Saidi had informed him that in the event of a rupture between Great Britain and Turkey, he wished to negotiate with us.	9-10-1914 (Dated 8th)
41	The Secretary of State informed the Admiralty that the Admiralty wished transportation to be encouraged to go to Aden.	9-10-1914 (Dated 8th)
42	The Secretary of State informed the Admiralty that according to the Ambassador at Constantinople the Turks wished to send any military.	9-10-1914 (Dated 8th)
43	The Chief of the General Staff gave instructions to the General Officer Commanding, Poona Division regarding ammunition, transport, and messes of the 1st Division.	9-10-1914
44	The Secretary of State gave the Secretary of State instructions regarding Captain Shapson's pay and his actions on return to the Persian Gulf, where he was to be used as an emissary to his friend the Amir the Shah of Persia.	9-10-1914
45	The Adjutant-General sent a letter to the General Officer Commanding, Poona, authorizing him to provide military routes for the first of November.	9-10-1914
46	The Quartermaster-General ordered the Director, Royal Indian Marine, that some steam or motor launch should be sent with Force "D" and some other launch.	9-10-1914

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APPENDIX 38.

(Diary No. 5269.)

Telegram P., H.-1381, dated 9th October 1914.

From—The Viceroy (Army Department),

To—The Secretary of State for India.

*Clear the line.* The difficulties of landing troops on Bahrain can be overcome, and there is ample space for camping grounds and good water. It would be very difficult to effect the distillation of water for a force landed at Basidu.

There is no doubt that by its position near the head of the Gulf, Bahrain has many advantages over Basidu, both political and material, while it has none of the disadvantages of Abbadan as a place of disembarkation. The presence of our troops at Bahrain should completely re-assure the Arabs, and be a sufficiently good reply to any boastings of the Turks.

Preparations are being pushed forward, and, on the 14th or 15th October 1914, one brigade will start.

This is with reference to your telegram, No. 1187, Expedition "D".

APPENDIX 39.

(Diary No. 5271)

Telegram P., No. 108, dated 9th October 1914.

From—The Naval Commander-in-Chief,

To—The Government of India, Marine Department.

Is it to be understood, in view of the Turkish threat to fire upon warships entering Shatt-el-Arab, that should the Turks carry out their threat, the fire is to be returned and passage forced. The only ships available are the "Odin" and the "Espiegle", but they would probably suffice to silence the forts. I am making enquiries as to what guns are now mounted at Fao, as I am not clear on this point.

APPENDIX 40.

(Diary No. 5272.)

Telegram P., dated 8th October 1914.

From—The Political Resident, Persian Gulf,

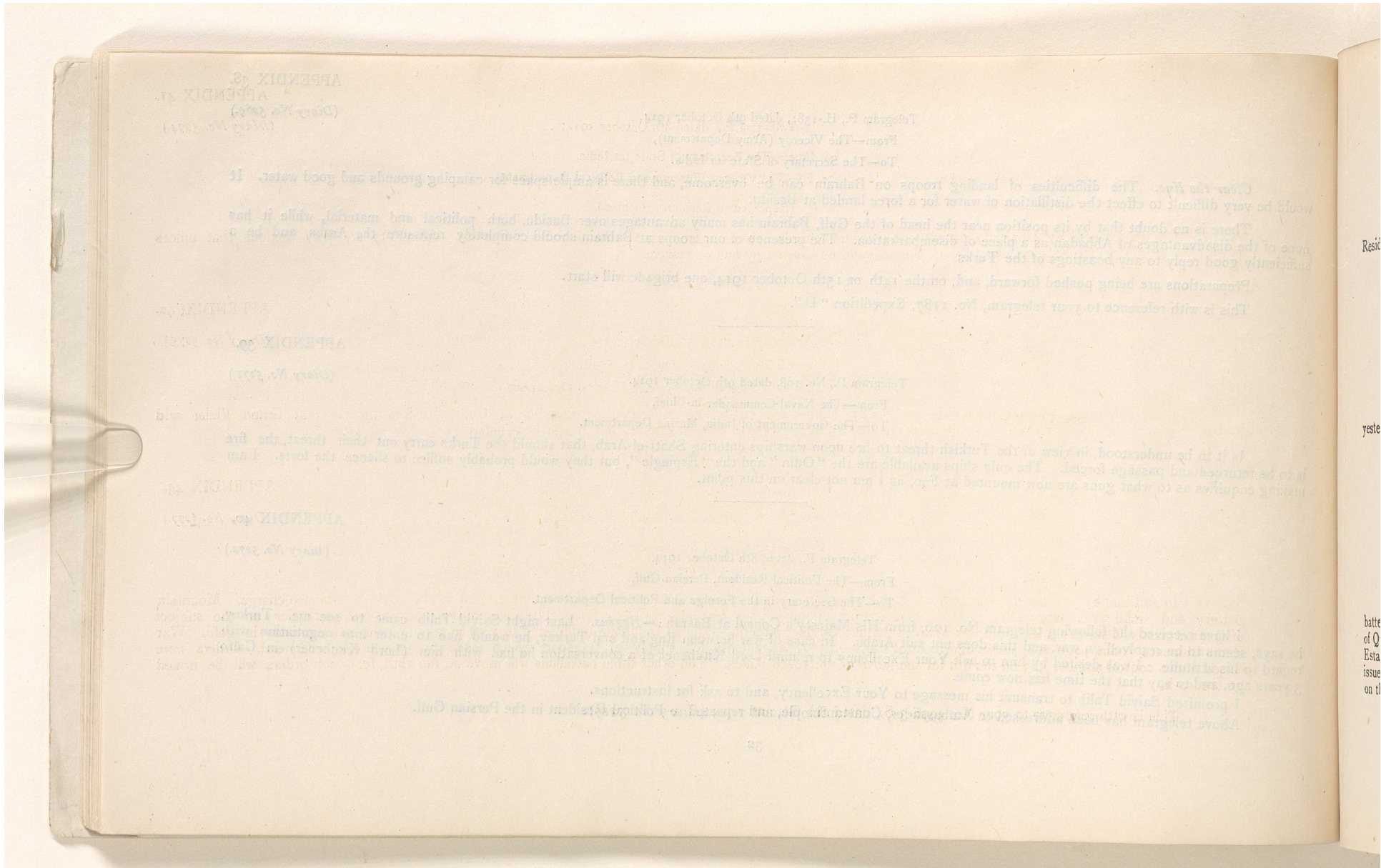
To—The Secretary in the Foreign and Political Department.

I have received the following telegram No. 120, from His Majesty's Consul at Basrah:—*Begins.* Last night Saiyid Talib came to see me. Turkey, he says, seems to be resolved on war, and this does not suit Arabs. In case of war between England and Turkey, he would like to enter into negotiation with regard to his attitude. I was desired by him to ask Your Excellency to remind Lord Kitchener of a conversation he had with him (Lord Kitchener) in Cairo 3 years ago, and to say that the time has now come.

I promised Saiyid Talib to transmit his message to Your Excellency, and to ask for instructions.

Above telegram has been addressed to Ambassador, Constantinople, and repeated to Political Resident in the Persian Gulf.

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APPENDIX 41.

(Diary No. 5274.)

Telegram P., dated 8th October 1914.

From—The Secretary of State for India,

To—The Viceroy (Foreign and Political Department).

(Repeated to Resident, Bushire.)

It is represented by Admiralty that several ships for Abbadan are being held up by the Resident, Bushire. Admiralty are very anxious that unless Resident has information not possessed by us, ships should be allowed by him to proceed.

APPENDIX 42.

(Diary No. 5275.)

Telegram P., dated 8th October 1914.

From—The Secretary of State for India,

To—The Viceroy (Foreign and Political Department).

With reference to my telegram of the 7th instant (Diary No. 5235), His Majesty's Ambassador at Constantinople reports that Grand Vizier said yesterday that the Vali of Basrah had been instructed that all incidents with His Majesty's ships should be avoided.

APPENDIX 43.

(Diary No. 5277.)

Telegram P., No. 5277-W., dated 9th October 1914.

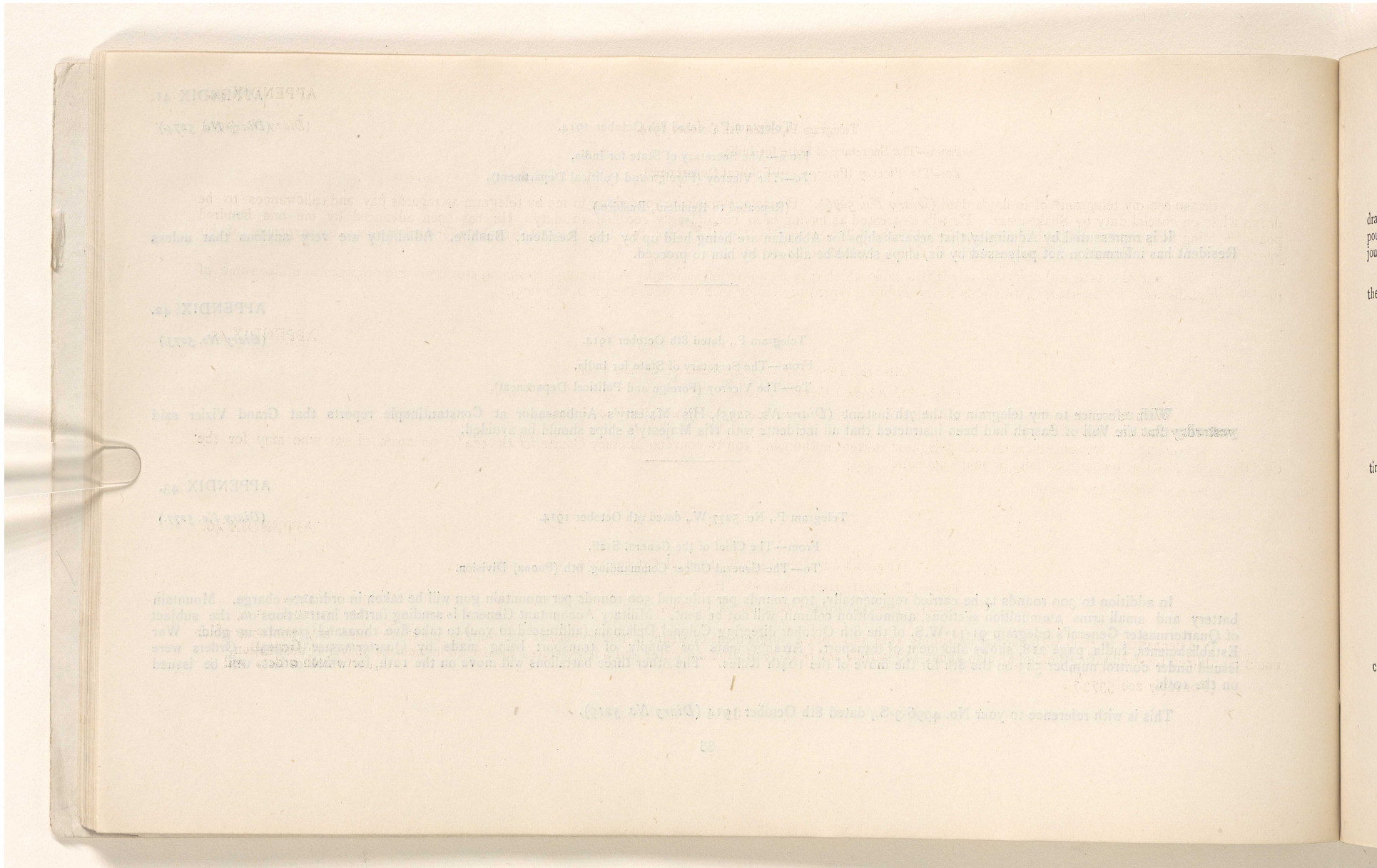
From—The Chief of the General Staff,

To—The General Officer Commanding, 6th (Poona) Division.

In addition to 300 rounds to be carried regimentally, 700 rounds per rifle and 500 rounds per mountain gun will be taken in ordnance charge. Mountain battery and small arms ammunition sections, ammunition column, will not be sent. Military Accountant General is sending further instructions on the subject of Quartermaster General's telegram 91-11-W.S. of the 8th October directing Colonel Delamain (addressed to you) to take five thousand pounds in gold. War Establishments, India, page 218, shows allotment of transport. Arrangements for supply of transport being made by Quartermaster General. Orders were issued under control number 523 on the 8th for the move of the 104th Rifles. The other three battalions will move on the 12th, for which orders will be issued on the 10th.

This is with reference to your No. 4996-3-S., dated 8th October 1914 (Diary No. 5219).

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APPENDIX 44.

(Diary No. 5291.)

Telegram P., dated 8th October 1914.

From—The Secretary of State for India,  
To—The Viceroy (Foreign and Political Department).

Please see my telegram\* of to-day's date (*Diary No. 5276*). Please communicate your views to me by telegram as regards pay and allowances to be drawn while on special duty by Shakespear. He will be treated as having been compulsorily recalled to duty. He has been advanced by me one hundred pounds sterling for purchase of Durbar presents for which he will account in England. He has been instructed to draw for further necessary expenses of his journey upon Bushire Treasury. Kindly instruct Resident Bushire in this sense.

Shakespear of course will carry out any instructions which may be conveyed to him by you through Resident, Bushire. He proposes to utilize some of the Koweit staff, etc. Please issue instructions to the Political Agent to comply with his requirements in this respect.

APPENDIX 45.

Letter No. 22831-1 (A.G.-7-G.), dated 9th October 1914.

From—The Adjutant General in India,  
To—The General Officer Commanding, 6th (Poona) Division, Poona.

I am directed to forward the attached delegated warrant authorising you to convene Military Courts for the trial of prisoners of war who may for the time being, be under or within the limits of your command.

Please acknowledge receipt.

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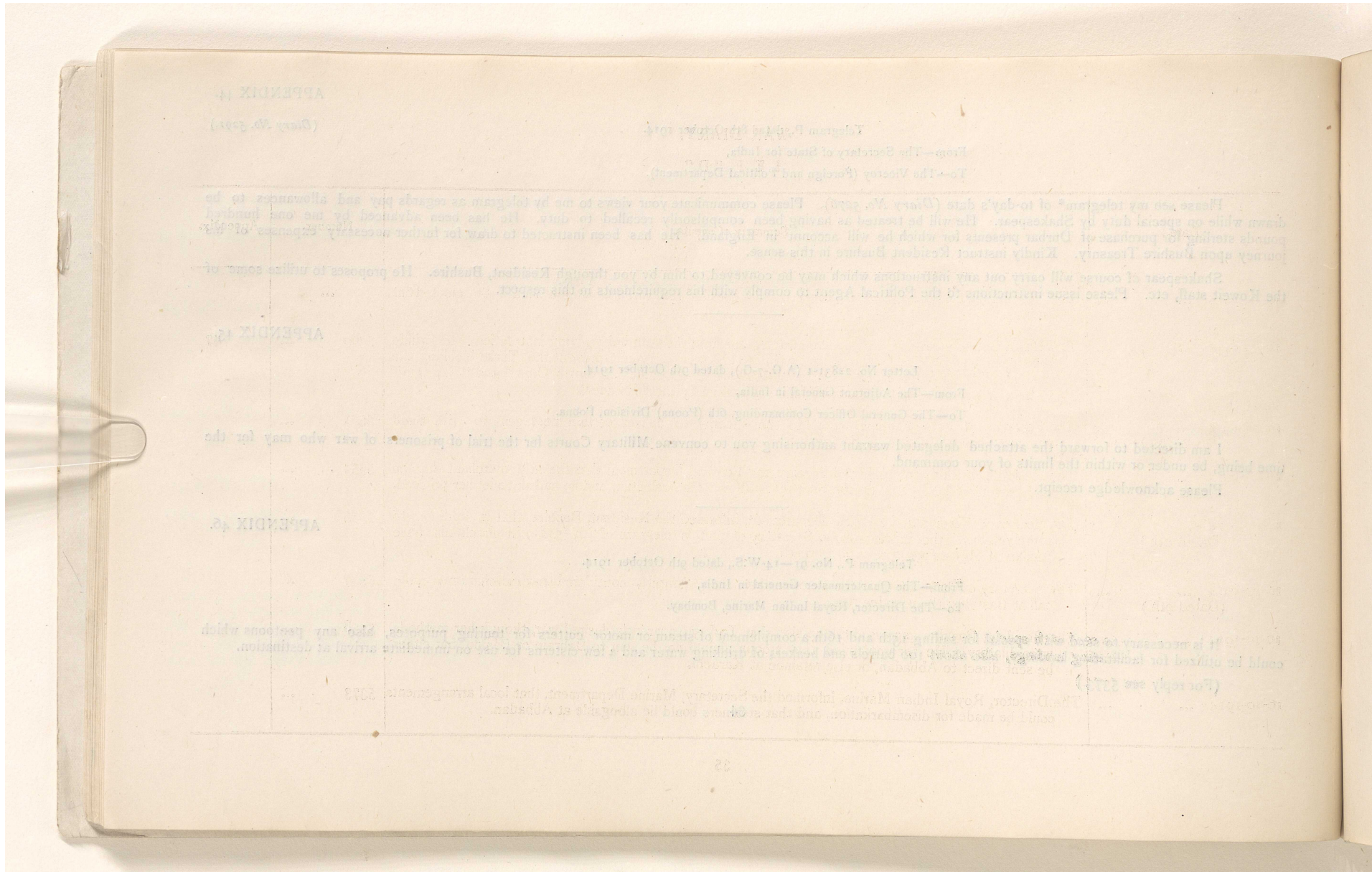
Telegram P., No. 91—14-W.S., dated 9th October 1914.

From—The Quartermaster General in India,  
To—The Director, Royal Indian Marine, Bombay.

It is necessary to send with special for sailing 15th and 16th a complement of steam or motor cutters for touring purposes, also any pontoons which could be utilized for facilitating landings, also about 100 barrels and beakers of drinking water and a few cisterns for use on immediate arrival at destination.

(For reply see 5373.)

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Date.	Summary of events.	Number.	Appendix.
10-10-1914 ...	... The Commander-in-Chief issued orders that if possible the wireless station should be erected at Bahrain.	...	
10-10-1914 ...	... The Naval Commander-in-Chief repeated a telegram from the Admiralty giving instructions to guide the Senior Naval Officer in the Persian Gulf. He was to try and prevent the Turks blocking the channel of the Shatt-el-Arab, seize the "Ekbatana" if she came out, warn "Odin" and "Espiegle" to take up positions up the Shatt-el-Arab if attacked by the "Emden".	5300	... 47
10-10-1914 ... (Dated 8th.)	... The Secretary of State gave instructions to the Viceroy to deliver certain messages to Bin Saud through Shaikh Mubarak of Kuwait.	5321	...
10-10-1914 ... (Dated 9th.)	... The Resident, Bushire, informed the Foreign and Political Department that the only merchant ship he had prevented from going up the Shatt-al-Arab was the Arabistan, and he had since let her proceed.	5354	...
10-10-1914 ... (Dated 9th)	... The Secretary, Foreign and Political Department, informed the Resident, Bushire, that in addition to complying with the instructions in Secretary of State's telegram of 8th (5321) he should also have Shaikh oi Muhammarch secretly warned.	5355	...
10-10-1914 ... (Dated 9th.)	... The Secretary of State informed the Viceroy that the Admiralty considered that merchantmen could call at Basrah without undue risk.	5357	...
10-10-1914 ...	... The Resident, Bushire, expressed the opinion that Turkey apparently desired war, though her methods were dilatory. He recommended that troops should not be sent to Bahrain or Basidu, but either be sent direct to Abbadan, or else retained at Karachi.	5358	...
10-10-1914 ...	... The Director, Royal Indian Marine, informed the Secretary, Marine Department, that local arrangements could be made for disembarkation, and that steamers could lie alongside at Abbadan.	5373	...

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3351	The Secretary of State gave instructions to the Viceroy to deliver certain messages to Bin Hasid through British Mission at Moscow.	10-10-1914 (Dated 8th)
3352	The Resident, Basrah, informed the Foreign and Political Department that the only merchant ship he had procured from going up the Tigris at Basrah was the "Albatross", and he had since let her proceed.	10-10-1914 (Dated 9th)
3353	The Secretary, Foreign and Political Department, informed the Resident, Basrah, that in addition to complying with the instructions in paragraph 2 of the telegram of 8th (5221) he should also have through British Mission at Moscow.	10-10-1914 (Dated 9th)
3354	The Secretary of State informed the Viceroy that the Admiralty considered that arrangements could be made for the transport of the "Albatross" to Basrah without undue risk.	10-10-1914 (Dated 9th)
3355	The Resident, Basrah, expressed the opinion that Turkey apparently desired war though her methods were dishonest. He recommended that troops should not be sent to Basrah or Basrah, but other arrangements should be made for the transport of the "Albatross" to Basrah.	10-10-1914

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(Diary No. 5300.)

Telegram P., No. 109, dated 10th October 1914.

From—The Naval Commander-in Chief, East Indies,

To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Marine Department.

My telegram No. 107 refers to the following telegram from the Admiralty :—*Begins*. His Majesty's ships in the river have been warned by the Vali at Basra to leave on Wednesday the 7th October 1914, before 7 P. M., and tax on vessels disregarding this prohibition will be liability to be interned. One of His Majesty's ships is to remain in the Persian anchorage at Muhammareh and the others are to remain outside Turkish territorial waters which are only to be recognised extending for distance of three miles from the coast. Every effort is to be made to prevent an attempt at blocking the channel, either by sinking dhows or by sinking a steamer on the bar.

We have received information that the "Ekbatana" is intended to be used for transport of troops. It may also be used in order to block the river by being sunk on the bar. It is said that it may sail under the Turkish flag, but transfer of flag is not to be respected.

It is possible that the "Emden" may attempt to come up the Persian Gulf to co-operate with any movement of the Turks in that region. You should therefore endeavour to arrange a watch to be maintained at the entrance of the Gulf, use the "Mashona" for that purpose and arrange with the Government of India for possible assistance for that purpose.

In the event of the "Emden" appearing at the head of the Gulf and attacking the "Odin" and "Espiegle", the latter are to retire into the river, and to select such position that they may fight the "Emden" if she appears in the river. It is possible to neutralise the longer range of the "Emden's" guns by the selection of a suitable ground.

The "Dalhousie" may be used for watching the Strait, if you consider the force you have at the head of the Gulf is sufficient without her. This telegram has been repeated to the Government of India.—*Ends*.

This is with reference to your telegram No. H.-1387, dated the 9th October 1914.

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(Diary No. 5321.)

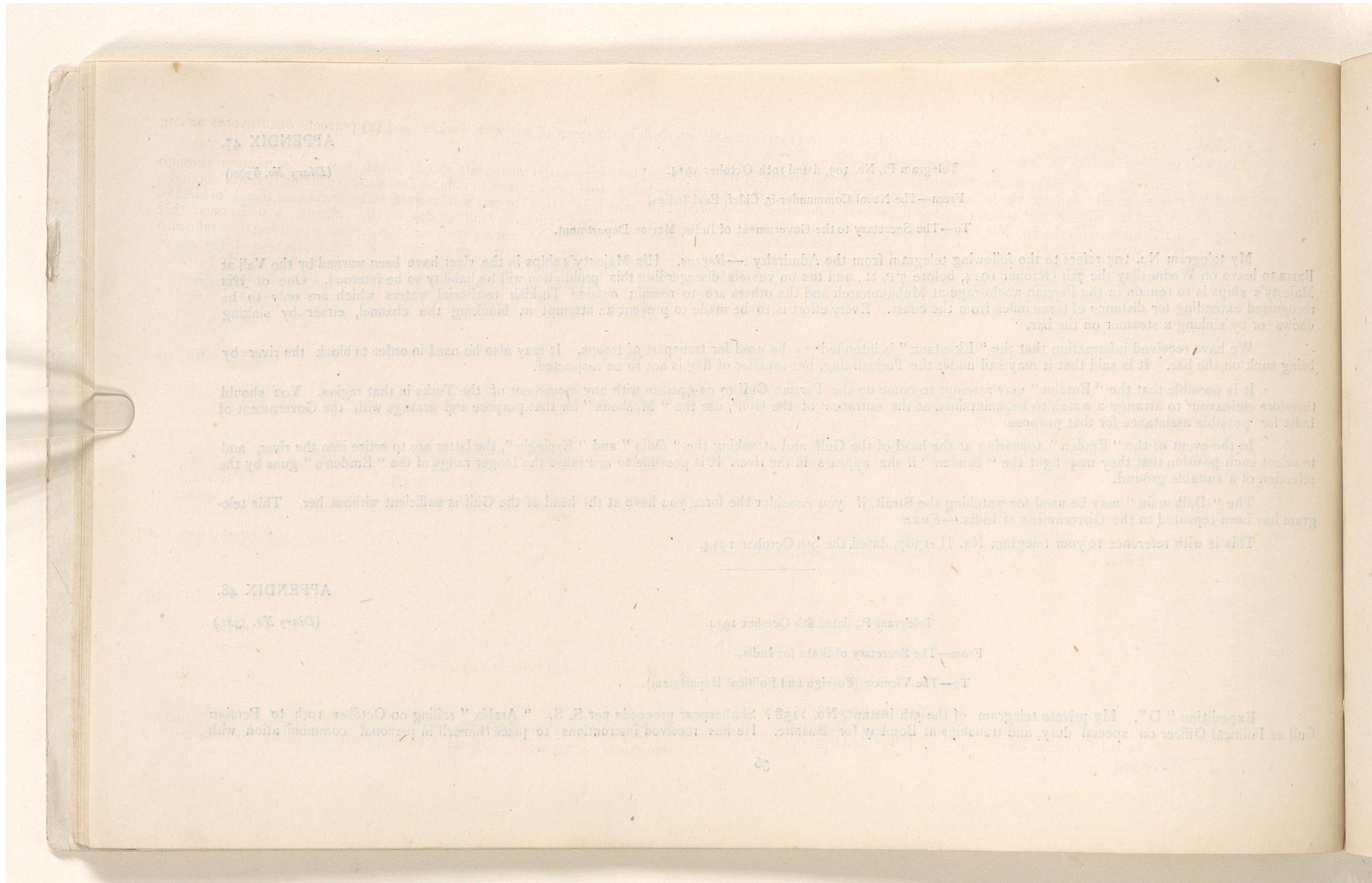
Telegram P., dated 8th October 1914.

From—The Secretary of State for India,

To—The Viceroy (Foreign and Political Department).

Expedition "D". My private telegram of the 5th instant, No. 1158? Shakespear proceeds per S. S. "Arabia" sailing on October 10th to Persian Gulf as Political Officer on special duty, and tranships at Bombay for Bushire. He has received instructions to place himself in personal communication with

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Bin Sard as soon as possible and to influence latter with a view to (1) secure Arab goodwill in the event of war with Turkey and (2) prevent disturbances among Arabs as a result of our proceedings.

In anticipation of Shakespear's arrival His Majesty's Government think it desirable that message meanwhile should be at once communicated through Sheikh of Koweit to Bin Saud to the following effect. Shaikh is aware that influence is being used by Germany to induce Turks to take action that will entangle Great Britain and her allies in war which they are all sincerely desirous of avoiding and especially His Majesty's Government as traditional friend of Islam. Owing to the attitude of Turks His Majesty's Government have been compelled to take military precautions in Gulf but desire Arabs clearly to understand that action is only contemplated in event of aggression by Turks. Shaikh (s) Mubarak and Bin Saud can assist materially in maintaining peace by using their influence with their own tribes and also with their powerful friends such as Bin Shaalan and Sharif of Mecca who might be carried away by specious promises of reward or inaccurate statements. In order that their wishes may be explained by one who is already well known to the Arabs, His Majesty's Government are despatching Captain Shakespear and they rely on the coastal chiefs and Bin Saud to take no action even in event of war breaking out until they have been informed in more detail of intentions of British Government.—Ends. Action should be taken accordingly with least possible delay. As to terms, etc., of Shakespear's deputation I am addressing you separately.

APPENDIX 49.

(Diary No. 5345.)

Telegram P., No. 1200, dated 9th October 1914.

From—The Resident, Bushire,

To—The Foreign and Political Department. (Repeated to India Office).

Please refer to telegram from the India Office, dated 8th instant, on the subject of ships proceeding to Abbadan. On a hint given by His Majesty's Consul at Mohammareh, who considered that merchant vessels had better not go up the river for the present, a notice was issued by me to shipping agents at Bushire in which I only warned merchantmen not to proceed up the river until receipt of further instructions.

"Arabistan" is the only ship bound for Abbadan affected by this notice. She is, however, being permitted to proceed. No special information has been received by me nor I think by the Consul, Mohammareh, which has not been communicated to higher authority.

APPENDIX 50.

(Diary No. 5355.)

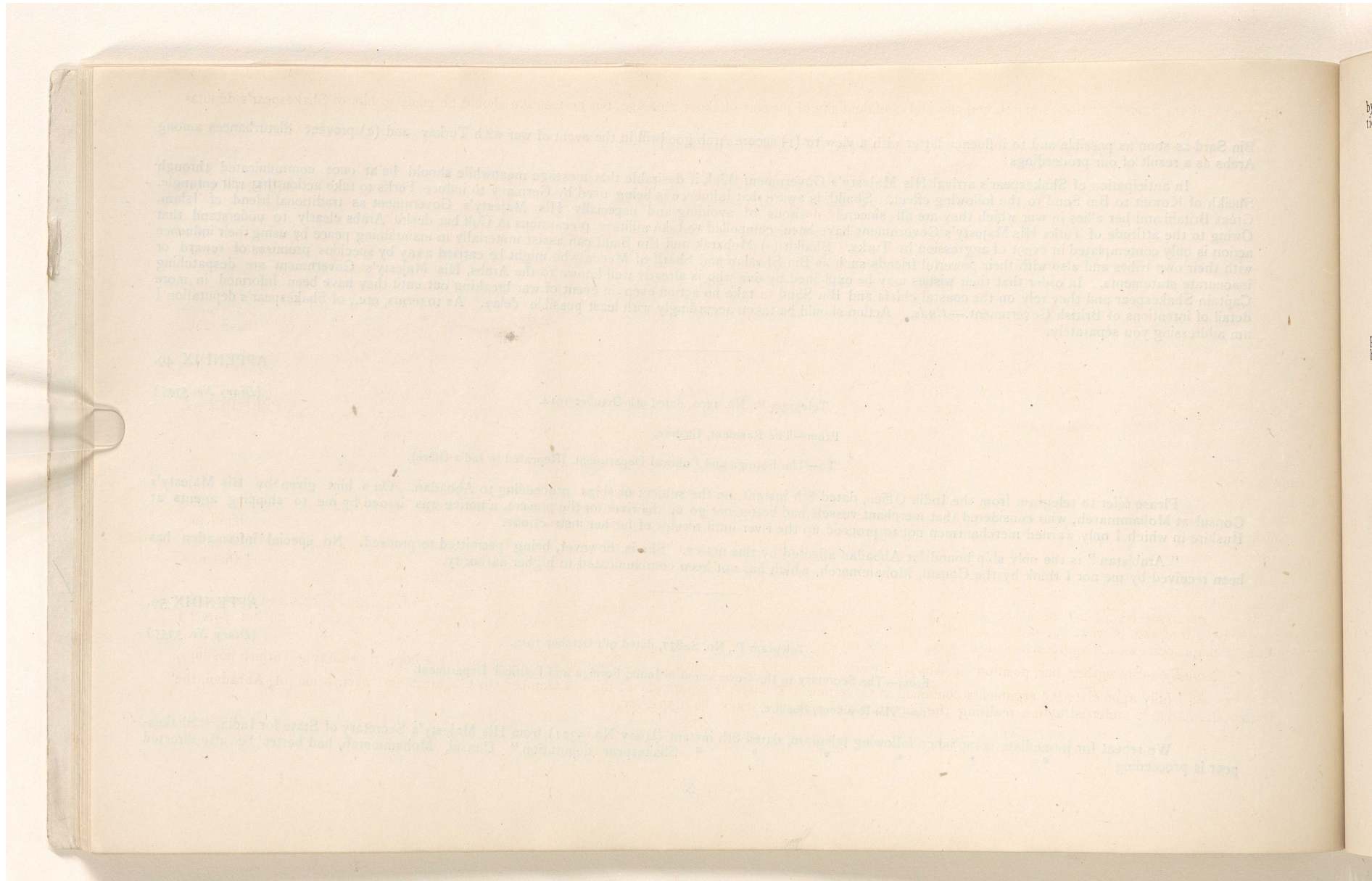
Telegram P., No. S-877, dated 9th October 1914.

From—The Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign and Political Department.

To—The Resident, Bushire.

We repeat for immediate compliance following telegram, dated 8th instant (Diary No. 5321) from His Majesty's Secretary of State for India. "Shakespear is proceeding \* \* \* \* \* Shakespear deputation." Consul, Mohammerah, had better be also directed

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by you to inform Shaikh of Mohammareh verbally and confidentially of purport of above message, but no mention should be made to him of Shakespear's deputation.

Directly date of sailing and destination is finally decided on, you will be informed.

APPENDIX 51.

Telegram P., dated 9th October 1914.

From—The Secretary of State for India,

(Diary No. 5357.)

To—The Viceroy (Foreign and Political Department).

*Call of British merchant vessels at Basrah.*—Please refer to your telegram dated the 1st instant (Diary No. 4829) Admiralty are of opinion that course proposed is one which may be undertaken without undue risk. Foreign Office lay stress upon advisability of consulting Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, before going into the river.

APPENDIX 52.

Telegram P., No. 1196, dated 9th October 1914.

From—The Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, Bushire,

To—The Secretary to the Government of India in the Foreign and Political Department.

I venture to submit, with all diffidence, following comment on Foreign and Political Department telegram No. 868-S., dated the 8th instant. Syad Talib's opinion (*vide* telegram from His Majesty's Consul at Basrah, which was repeated to you in my telegram No. 1189, dated the 8th instant) is significant and I am convinced by his opinion that war is desired by Turkey, but her dilatory method of setting to work proves that she is rather (fire ?) of the enemy.

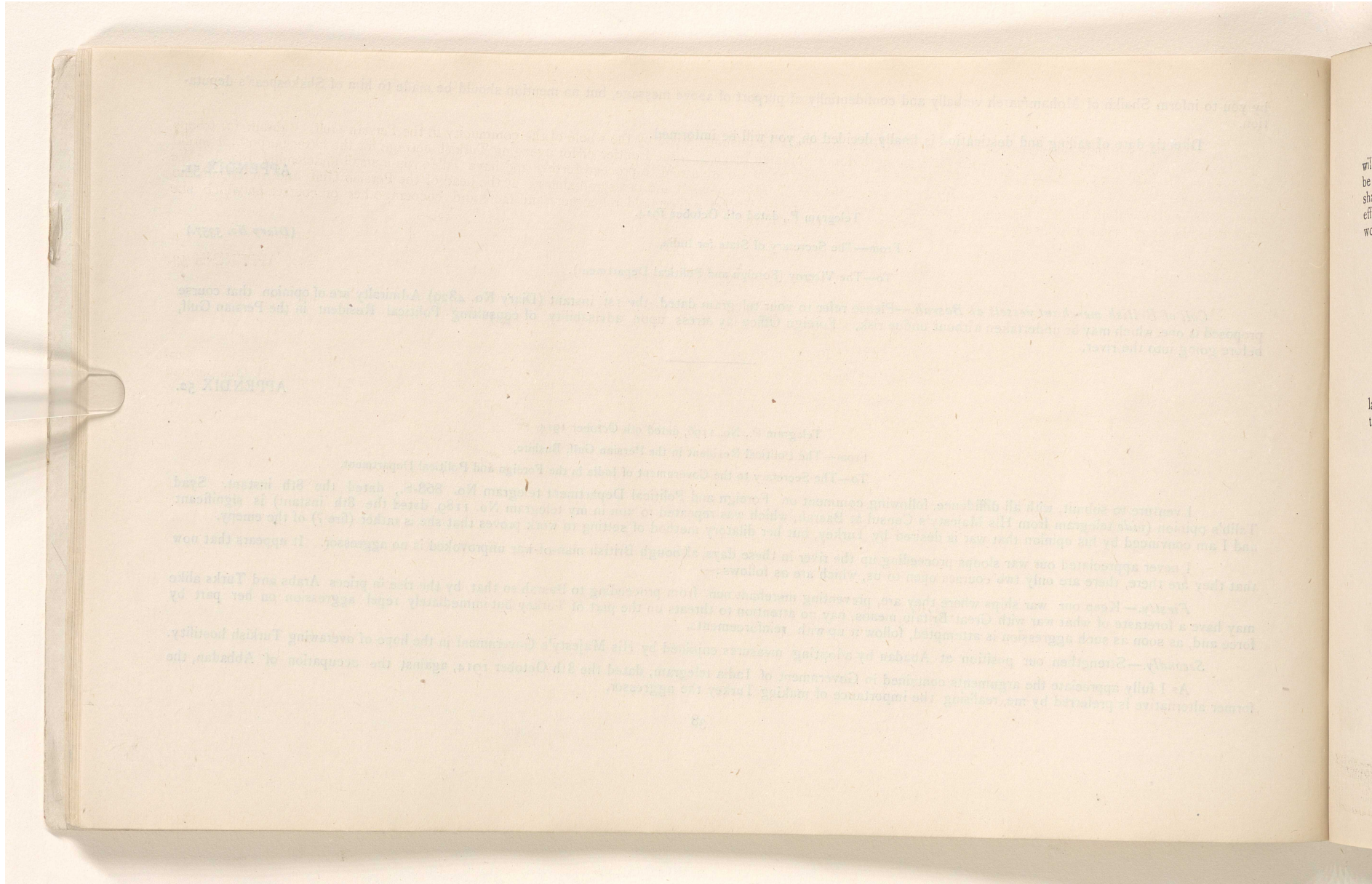
I never appreciated our war sloops proceeding up the river in these days, although British man-of-war unprovoked is no aggressor. It appears that now that they are there, there are only two courses open to us, which are as follows:—

*Firstly.*—Keep our war ships where they are, preventing merchant men from proceeding to Basrah so that, by the rise in prices Arabs and Turks alike may have a foretaste of what war with Great Britain means, pay no attention to threats on the part of Turkey but immediately repel aggression on her part by force and, as soon as such aggression is attempted, follow it up with reinforcements.

*Secondly.*—Strengthen our position at Abadan by adopting measures enjoined by His Majesty's Government in the hope of overawing Turkish hostility.

As I fully appreciate the arguments contained in Government of India telegram, dated the 8th October 1914, against the occupation of Abbadan, the former alternative is preferred by me, realising the importance of making Turkey the aggressor.

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But any stopping once measures have been taken in hand will be misunderstood by the whole of the community in the Persian Gulf. Bahrain for troops will be an equally awkward place whether for maintaining order in India and peace on the frontier or for avenging Turkish outrage for the latter purpose it would be more convenient to keep them at Karachi; our enemies will declare that we are afraid to proceed further and have fallen on a small undefended island. We shall create alarm where we do not excite derision. On the Shaikh of Mohammareh and our sympathisers at the head of the Persian Gulf and in Basrah the effect of this step will be very deplorable. Each concession now made to Turkey will embolden her more and more and encourage her on courses on which she would, if she dared, evidently gladly embark.

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(Diary No. 5373.)

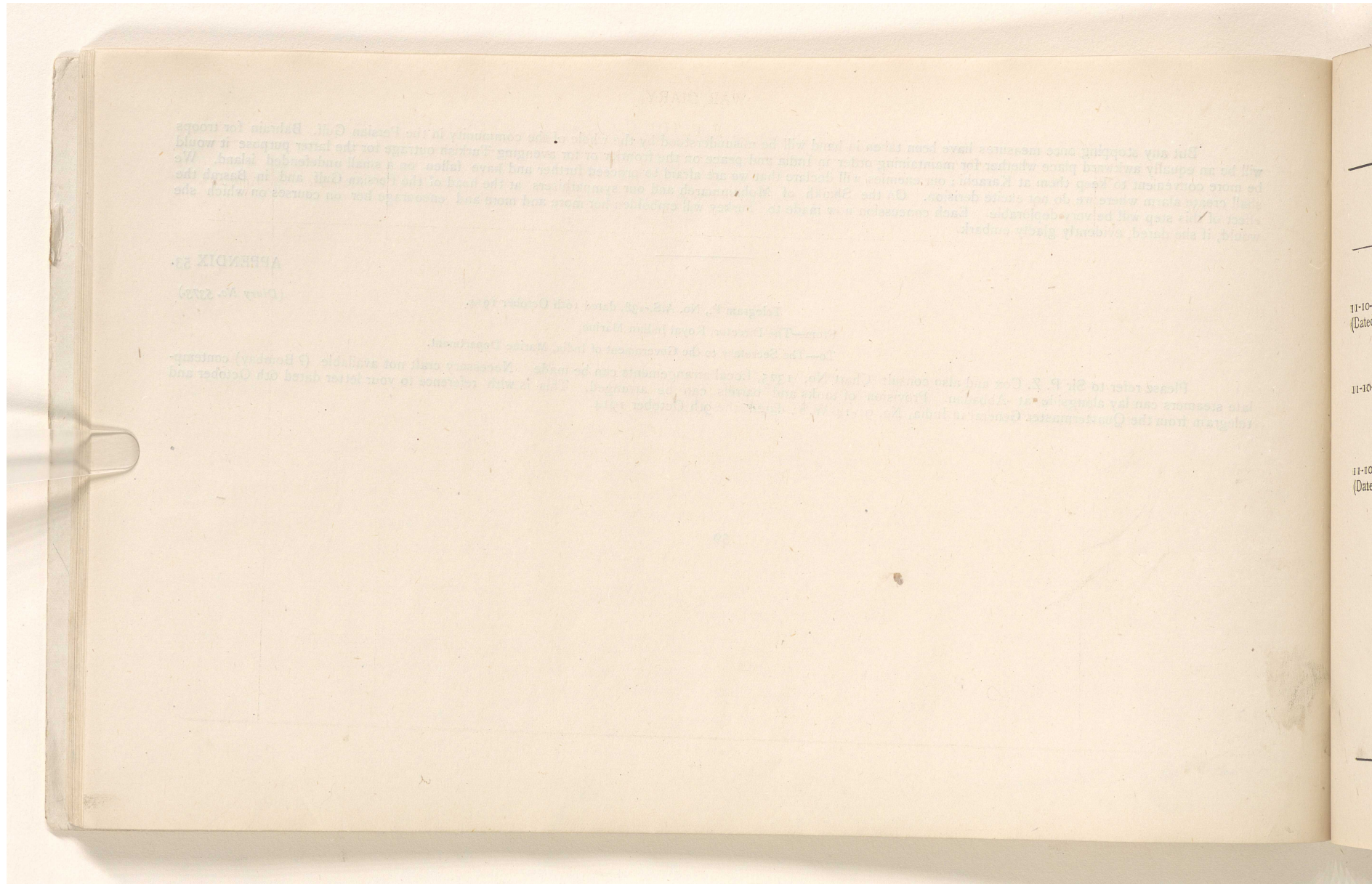
Telegram P., No. A.S.-138, dated 10th October 1914.

From—The Director, Royal Indian Marine,

To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Marine Department.

Please refer to Sir P. Z. Cox and also consult Chart No. 1325, Local arrangements can be made. Necessary craft not available (? Bombay) contemporary steamers can lay alongside at Abbadan. Provision of tanks and barrels can be arranged. This is with reference to your letter dated 6th October and telegram from the Quartermaster General in India, No. 91-14-W.S., dated the 9th October 1914.

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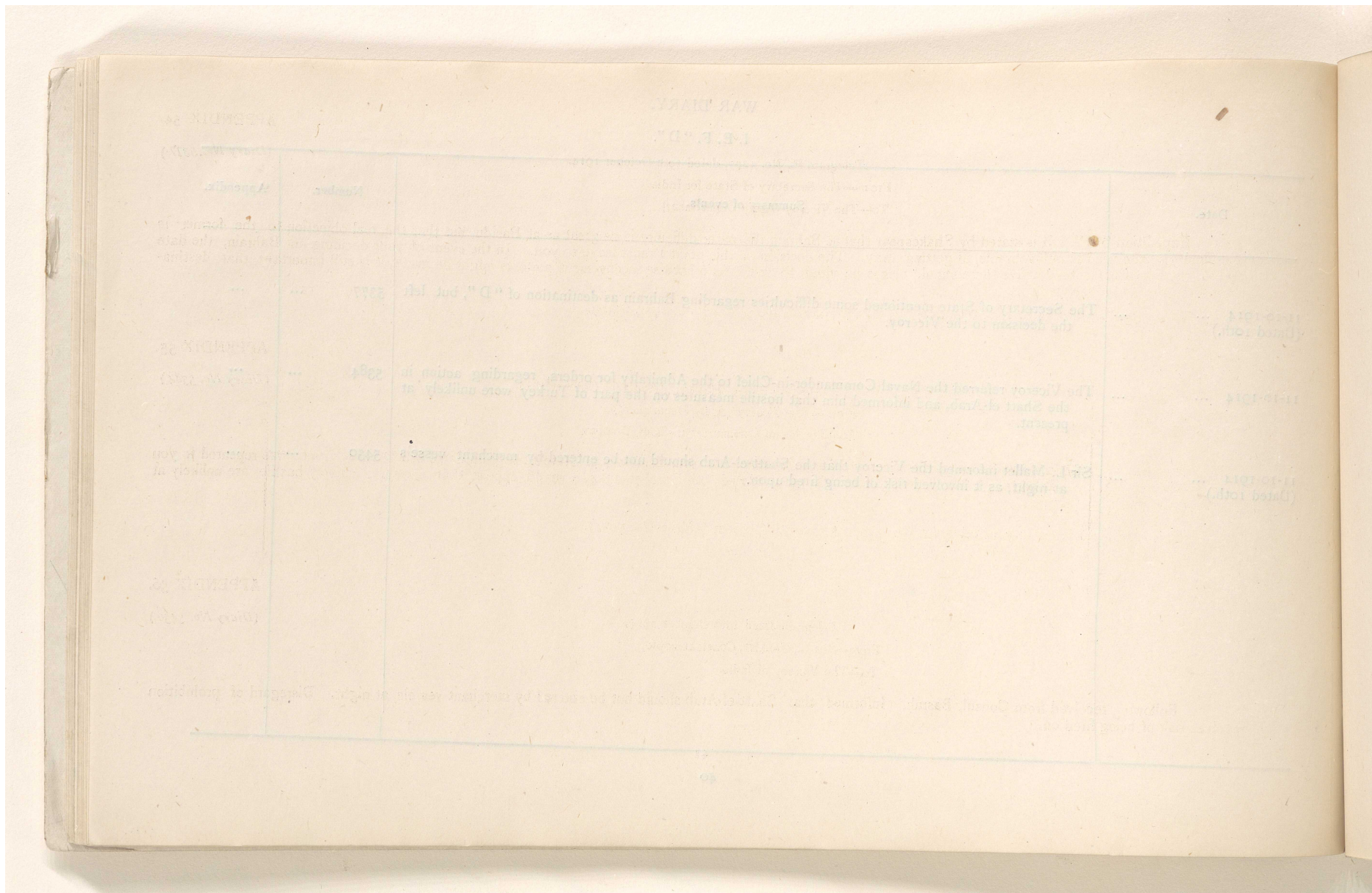
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Date.	Summary of events.	Number.	Appendix.
11-10-1914 ... (Dated 10th.)	... The Secretary of State mentioned some difficulties regarding Bahrain as destination of " D ", but left the decision to the Viceroy.	5377	... ..
11-10-1914 ...	... The Viceroy referred the Naval Commander-in-Chief to the Admiralty for orders, regarding action in the Shatt el-Arab, and informed him that hostile measures on the part of Turkey were unlikely at present.	5384	... ..
11-10-1914 ... (Dated 10th.)	... Sir L. Mallet informed the Viceroy that the Shatt-el-Arab should not be entered by merchant vesse's at night, as it involved risk of being fired upon.	5430	... ..

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APPENDIX 54.

(Diary No. 5377.)

Telegram P., No. 1207, dated 10th October 1914.  
From—The Secretary of State for India,  
To—The Viceroy (Army Department).

Expedition "D". It is stated by Shakespear that at Bahrain the water difficulty is as great as at Basidu, but that the real objection to the former is the difficulty, if the wind is unfavourable, of getting away. The decision on this point I must leave to you. In the event of your deciding on Bahrain, the date on which the expedition should arrive there should please be wired to me. As otherwise inconvenient protests might be made, it is still important that destination of force should be kept secret.

This is with reference to your telegram No. H.-1381, dated the 9th October 1914 (5269).

APPENDIX 55.

(Diary No. 5384)

Telegram P., No. H.-1437, dated 11th October 1914.  
From—The Viceroy (Army Department),  
To—The Naval Commander-in-Chief, Bombay.

You should apply for any necessary instructions to the Admiralty, but from Secretary of State's telegram dated 8th October which was repeated to you under Foreign and Political Department, No. S.-875 (Diary No. 3324), dated 9th October 1914, it would appear that measures actively hostile are unlikely at present on the part of the Turks.

This is with reference to your telegram No. 108, of the 9th October (Diary No. 5271).

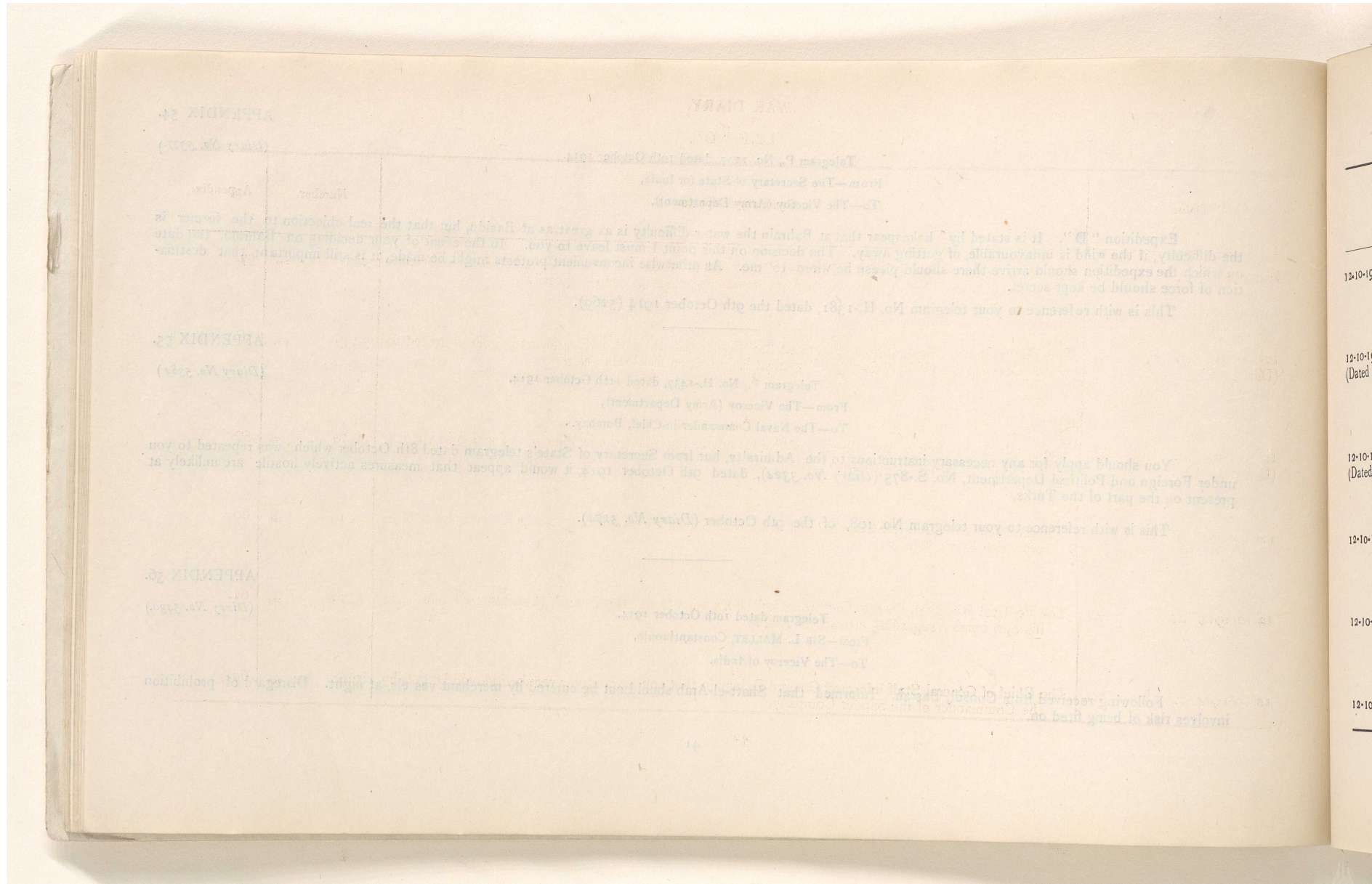
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(Diary No. 5430.)

Telegram dated 10th October 1914.  
From—SIR L. MALLET, Constantinople,  
To—The Viceroy of India.

Following received from Consul, Basrah. Informed that Shatt-el-Arab should not be entered by merchant vessels, at night. Disregard of prohibition involves risk of being fired on.

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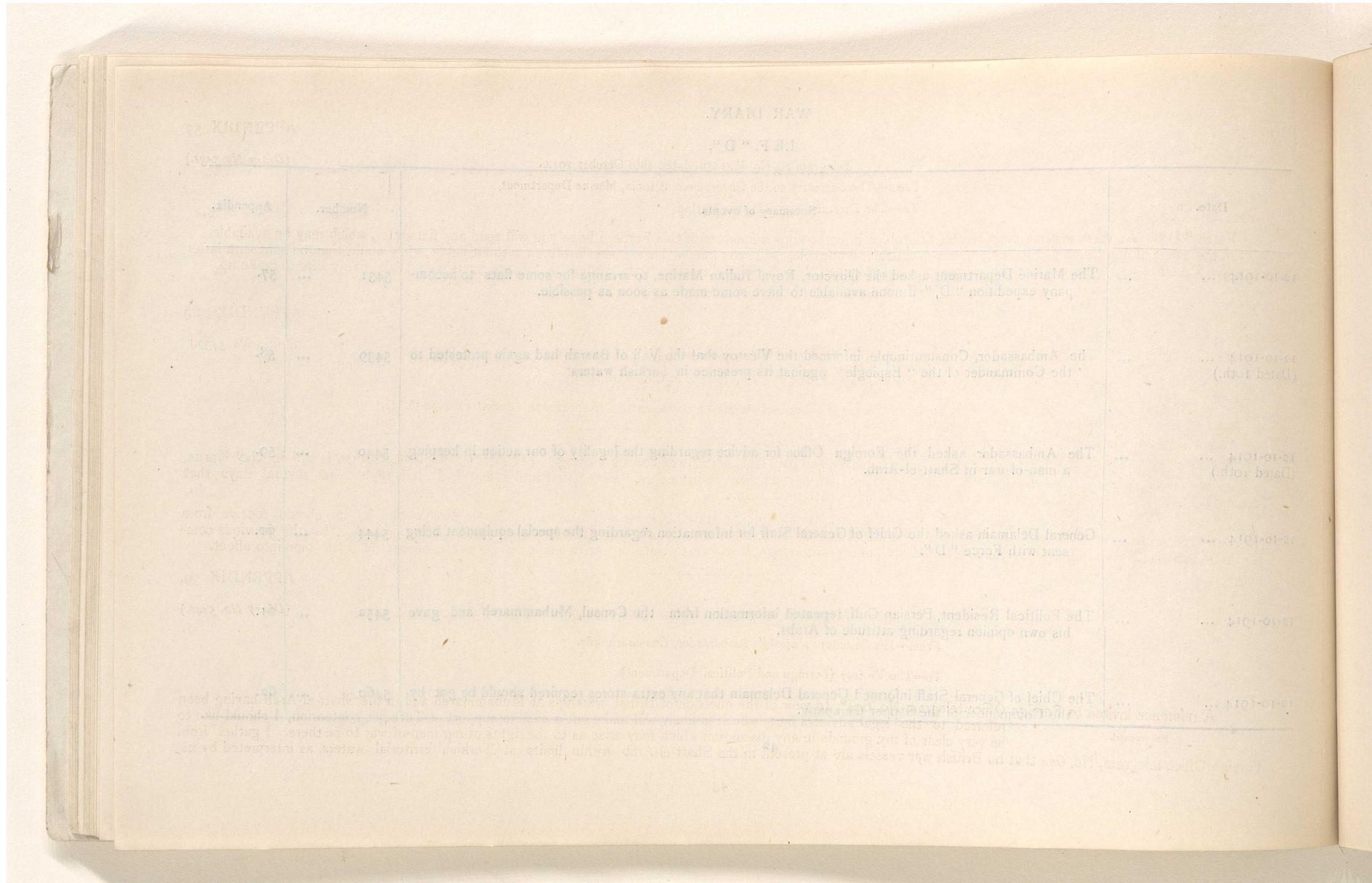
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Date.	Summary of events.	Number.	Appendix.
12-10-1914 ...	... The Marine Department asked the Director, Royal Indian Marine, to arrange for some flats to accompany expedition " D," if none available to have some made as soon as possible.	5431 ...	57.
12-10-1914 ... (Dated 10th.)	... The Ambassador, Constantinople, informed the Viceroy that the Vali of Basrah had again protested to the Commander of the " Espiegle " against its presence in Turkish waters.	5439 ...	58.
12-10-1914 ... (Dated 10th.)	... The Ambassador asked the Foreign Office for advice regarding the legality of our action in keeping a man-of-war in Shatt-el-Arab.	5440 ...	59.
12-10-1914 ...	... General Delamain asked the Chief of General Staff for information regarding the special equipment being sent with Force " D ".	5444 ...	60.
12-10-1914 ...	... The Political Resident, Persian Gulf, repeated information from the Consul, Muhammareh and gave his own opinion regarding attitude of Arabs.	5452 ...	61.
12-10-1914 ...	... The Chief of General Staff informed General Delamain that any extra stores required should be got by the Commander of the Sapper Company.	5460 ...	62.

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(Diary No 5431.)

Telegram P., No H.-1450. dated 12th October 1914.  
From—The Secretary to the Government of India, Marine Department,  
To—The Director, Royal Indian Marine.

Force "D". As there may be considerable difficulties in embarking animals with this Force, I hope you will send any flats, etc., which may be available. In the event of none such being immediately available, if possible, will you kindly have some made up without delay; they could then be sent with latter convoy. I am not unmindful of your telegram of the 29th August, No. A. S.-56, in which you stated that horse boats would take five weeks to make up.

APPENDIX 58.)

(Diary No. 5432.)

Telegram P., dated 10th October 1914.  
From—His Britannic Majesty's Ambassador at Constantinople,  
To—The Viceroy (Foreign and Political Department). (Repeated to London Foreign Office.)

I have received the following telegram No. 122 from His Majesty's Consul at

His Majesty's Consul at Muhamareh informs me that Vali of Basrah yesterday sent a message to H. M. S. "Espiegle," which is still in the Karun, to leave within 24 hours. Commander of "Espiegle" replied that he was there under orders. Both Commander and Vali telegraphed on several days that protest was being raised by Turks, but no reply was received by either of them.

In a written communication received by me last night from Vali, he stated that he would carry out such instructions as he should receive from Ottoman Government if the two gun boats now in the Shatt-el-Arab did not leave within 24 hours. It had been pointed out to him by me that the previous communication received from him did not define attitude of Turkey with regard to British ships of war this side of Fao at the time regulations came into effect.

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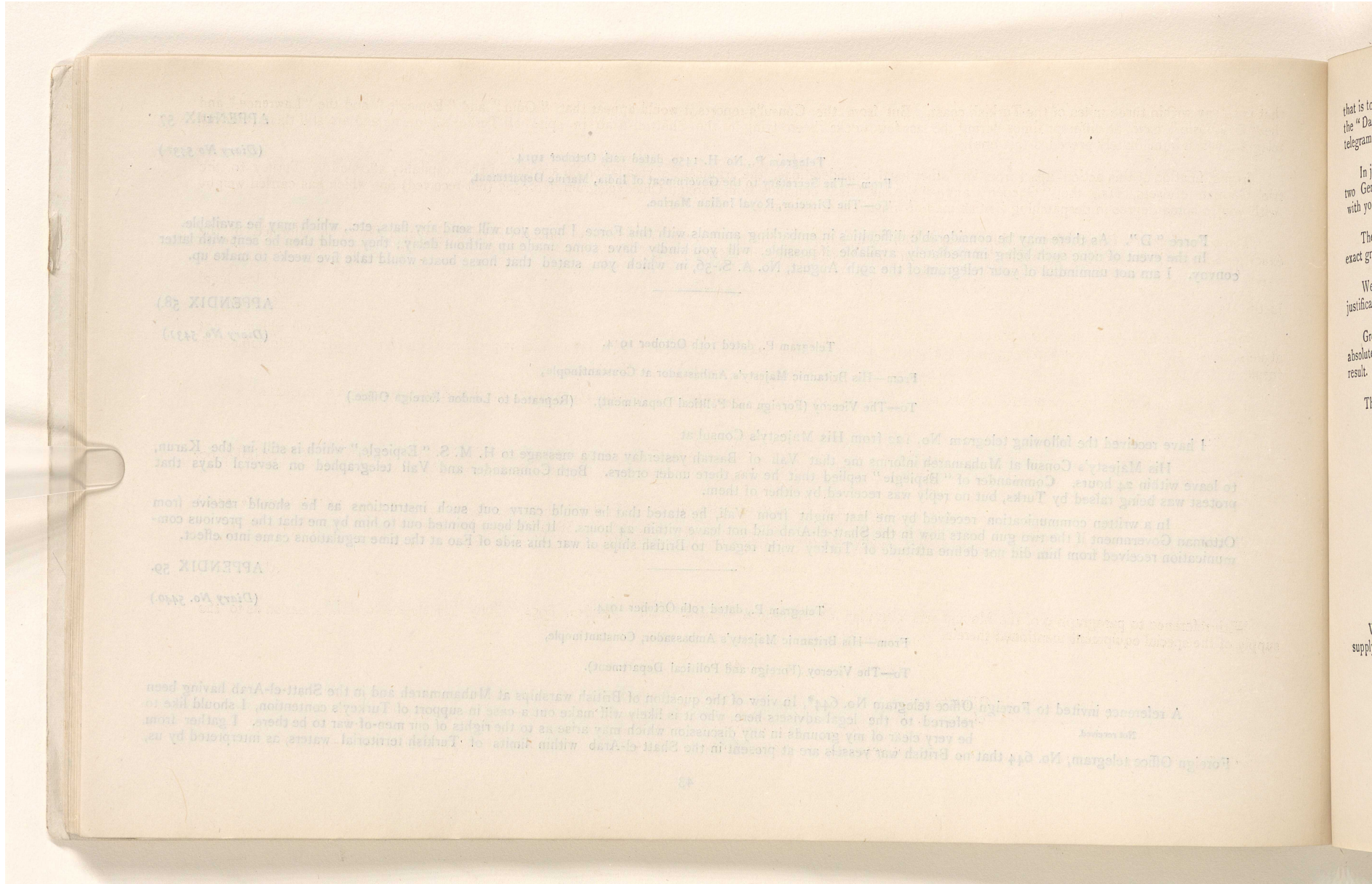
(Diary No. 5440.)

Telegram P., dated 10th October 1914.  
From—His Britannic Majesty's Ambassador, Constantinople,  
To—The Viceroy (Foreign and Political Department).

A reference invited to Foreign Office telegram No. 644\*, In view of the question of British warships at Muhamareh and in the Shatt-el-Arab having been referred to the legal advisers here, who it is likely will make out a case in support of Turkey's contention, I should like to be very clear of my grounds in any discussion which may arise as to the rights of our men-of-war to be there. I gather from Foreign Office telegram, No. 644 that no British war vessels are at present in the Shatt-el-Arab within limits of Turkish territorial waters, as interpreted by us,

Not received.

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that is to say within three miles of the Turkish coast. But from the Consul's reports it would appear that "Odin" and "Espiegle" and the "Lawrence" and the "Dalhousie" have, at different times during the last few weeks been lying in the Shatt-el-Arab in spite of Turkey's protests and are still there (*vide* my telegram which immediately preceded this one).

In justification of this action, apart from any other legal considerations, the argument of retaliation on account of the hospitality afforded by Turkey to the two German cruisers, *viz.*, the "Goeben" and "Breslau," is, I conclude from Foreign Office telegram, No. 587 (not received) one which has carried weight with you to some degree in despatching British men-of-war to these waters.

The stationing of a British ship at Muhammareh in Persian waters is another matter, which primarily concerns Persia. I should like to be informed of the exact grounds on which we base our claim for British war-ships to pass through the waters of the Shatt-el-Arab when Great Britain is at war.

Were this matter to cause a rupture with Turkey, which is possible owing to division of authority here, I should like to be satisfied that we had clear legal justification for our position and an unanswerable case before the world as we should be incurring grave responsibility.

Great Britain has so strong a case based on Turkish breaches of neutrality, violation of treaties, etc., that it would be a pity to choose ground which is not absolutely tenable if it is such, except sound reasons of policy be involved, especially since the internment of two British men-of-war might be the immediate result.

This telegram has been addressed to His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and is repeated to His Excellency the Viceroy at Simla.

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(Diary No. 5444)

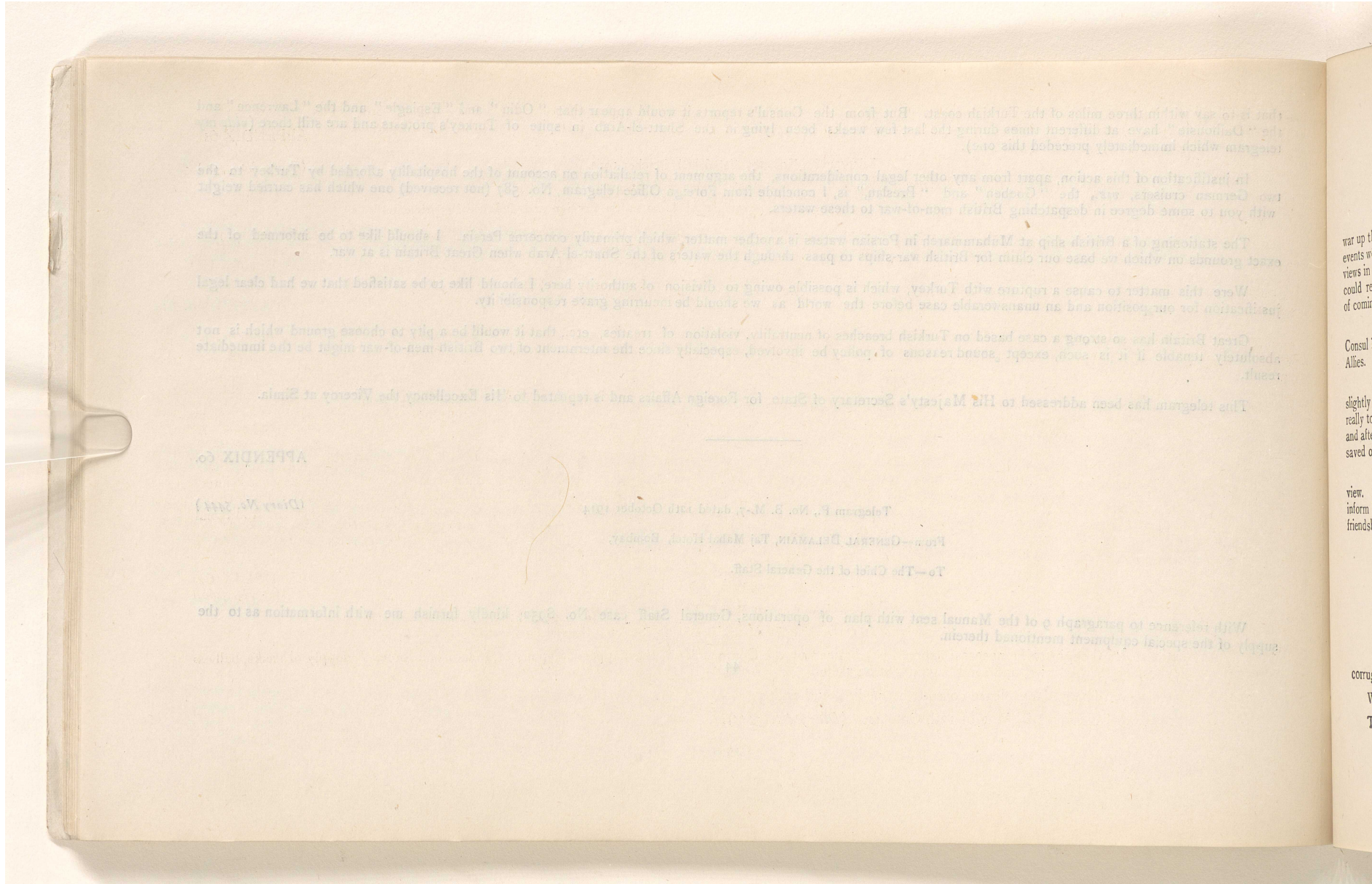
Telegram P., No. B. M.-7, dated 12th October 1914.

From—GENERAL DELAMAIN, Taj Mahal Hotel, Bombay,

To—The Chief of the General Staff.

With reference to paragraph 9 of the Manual sent with plan of operations, General Staff case No. 8952, kindly furnish me with information as to the supply of the special equipment mentioned therein.

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APPENDIX 61.

(Diary No. 5452.)

Telegram P., No. 1207, dated 11th October 1914.

From—The Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, Bushire,

To—The Secretary to the Government of India in the Foreign and Political Department.

On the 9th October His Britannic Majesty's Consul at Muhammareh telegraphed to me. *Firstly*, he urges the importance of retaining our men-of-war up the river to protect British interests. He expresses this view as the result of an interview with the Shaikh who evinced much agitation at the turn which events were taking. *Secondly*, he reports an interview with Saiyid Talib at the instance of the Shaikh, who represented Talib as being prepared to fall in with our views in the event of a rupture with Turkey. At the meeting, no definite proposal was made by Talib, who stated that Turkey was bent on war and that he could render assistance before, but not after, the outbreak of hostilities. Talib wished to have an interview with me. His Majesty's Consul doubts the advisability of coming to a definite settlement with a man of this calibre.

The Russian Consul-General on the other hand, informs me that a Russian merchant, who has lately come from Basrah, tells him that the Russian Consul there is of opinion that Turkey does not desire war and that this is the general belief in Basrah, where the bazar rumours are all of the victories of the Allies. Government of India telegram No. 875-8, dated the 9th October 1914, conveys a similar impression.

From these repeated overtures, it is somewhat difficult to help coming to the conclusion that some of our sympathisers at the head of Gulf are perhaps, slightly more disappointed (at?) hopeful turn things are taking and are loth to miss the opportunity of fishing in troubled waters. Presuming that our object is really to avert war with Turkey if this is possible, I would urge that proposed expedition be abandoned, Grand Viziers instructions to Vali be given wide publicity and after a reasonable interval of say 14 days, if events do not take any untoward turn, withdraw His Majesty's ships "Odin" and "Espiegle", as we have saved our face, from vicinity of river and with occasional visits, satisfy ourselves that our rights to use the water way to Muhammareh is maintained.

As regards Talib, I intend to send him a reply through the Shaikh to the effect that for the moment I do not see any object in the proposed interview. I suggest adding to the communication, in order to avoid giving offence, that the situation at Constantinople is not as grave as it is said in Basrah to be, inform Talib of the latest orders which have been given to the Vali and say that Great Britain, whose sincere wish it is to avoid a breach of her traditional friendship with Turkey, has by no means given up all hope of succeeding in maintaining peace.

APPENDIX 62.

(Diary No. 5460.)

Telegram P., No. 5460-W., dated 13th October 1914.

From—The Chief of the General Staff, Simla,

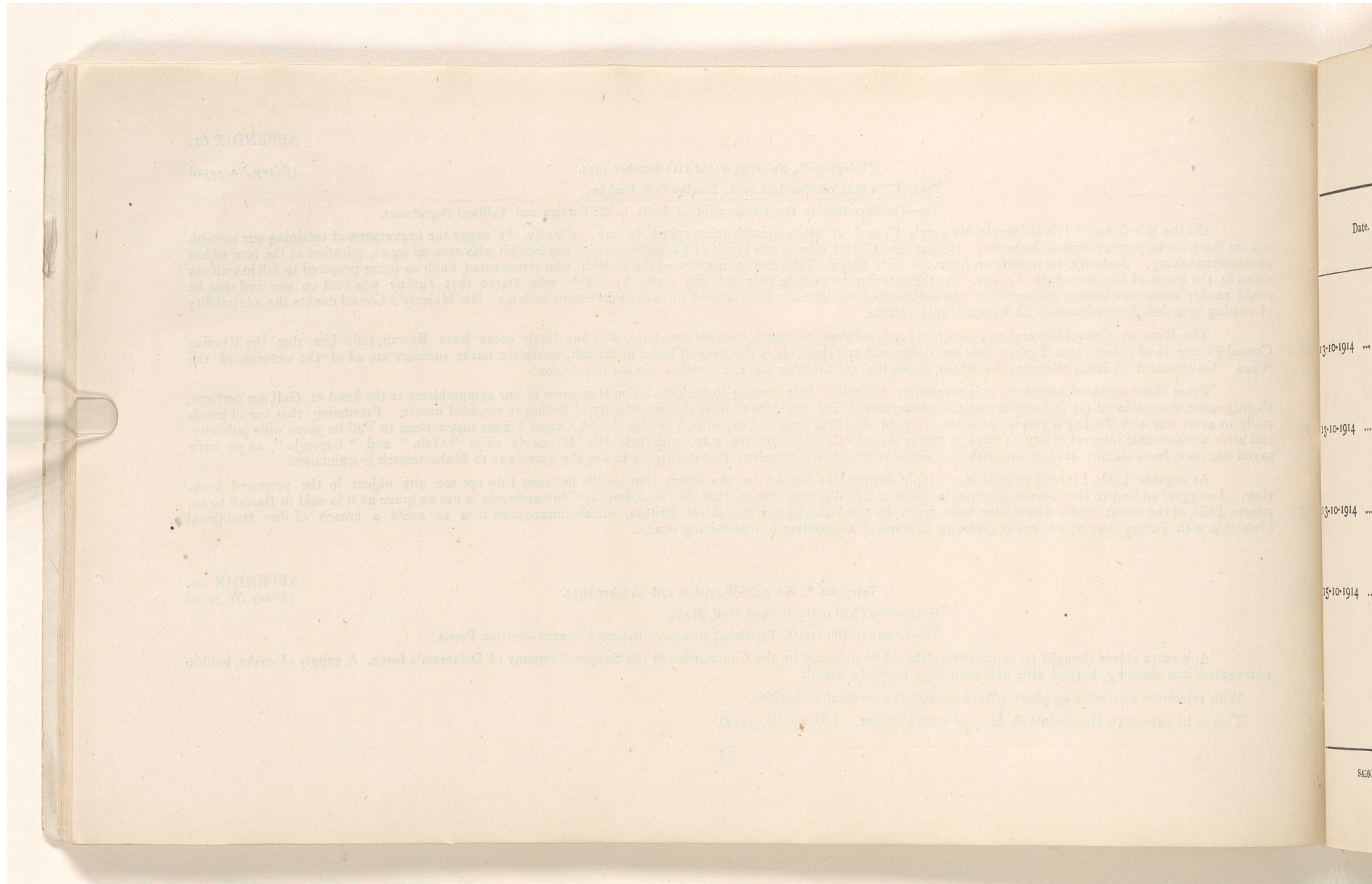
To—GENERAL DELAMAIN, Taj Mahal, Bombay. (Repeated General Division, Poona.)

Any extra stores thought to be necessary should be obtained by the Commander of the Sapper Company of Delamain's force. A supply of casks, ballies, corrugated iron sheeting, barbed wire, and sand bags might be useful.

With reference to sterilizing plant, please consult the medical authorities.

This is in answer to Delamain's B. M. 7 of 12th October. (Diary No. 5444).

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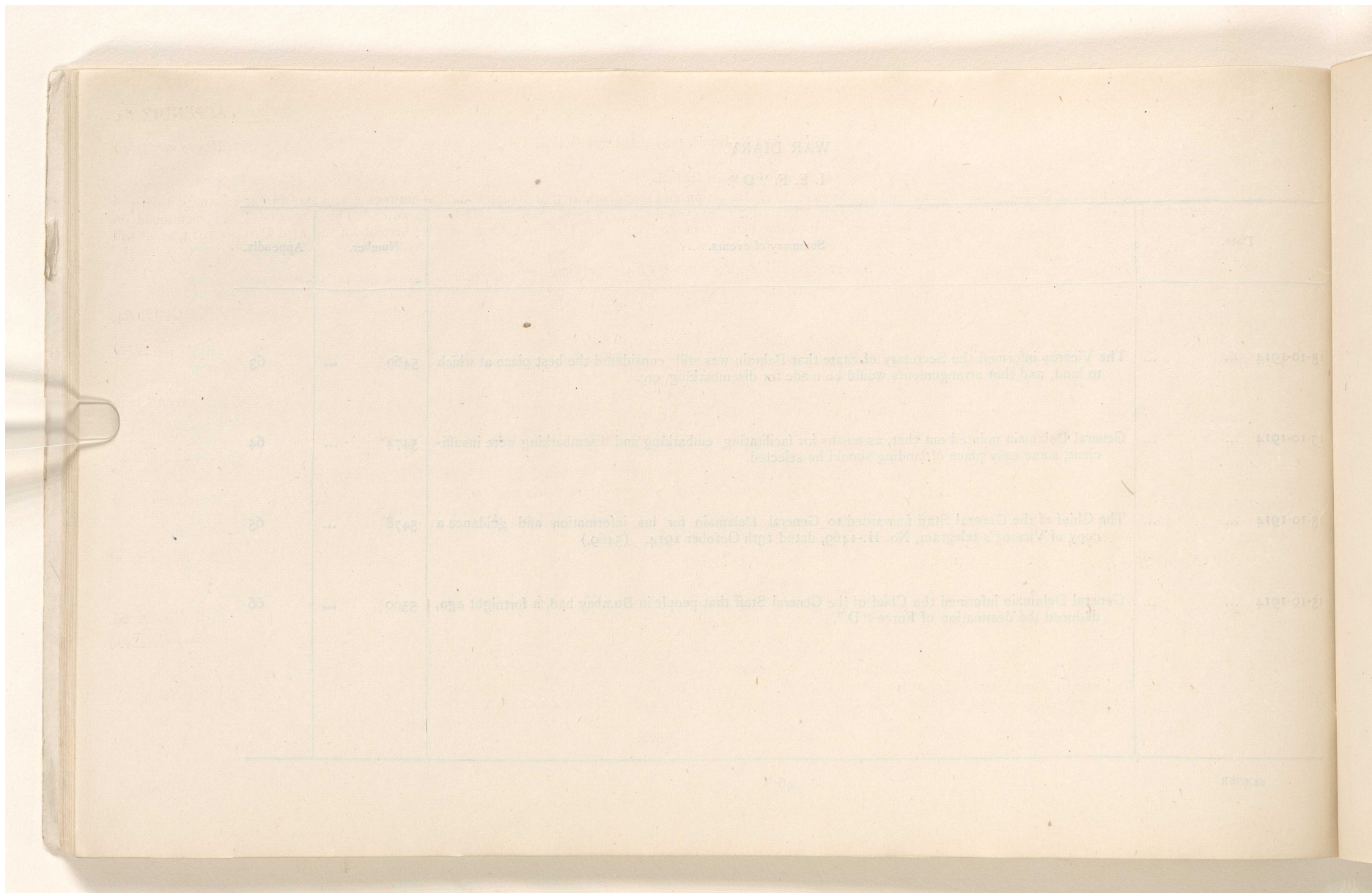
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Date.	Summary of events.	Number.	Appendix.
13-10-1914 ...	The Viceroy informed the Secretary of State that Bahrain was still considered the best place at which to land, and that arrangements would be made for disembarking, etc.	5469 ...	63
13-10-1914 ...	General Delamain pointed out that, as means for facilitating embarking and disembarking were insufficient, some easy place of landing should be selected.	5474 ...	64
13-10-1914 ...	The Chief of the General Staff forwarded to General Delamain for his information and guidance a copy of Viceroy's telegram, No. H.-1469, dated 13th October 1914. (5469.)	5478 ...	65
15-10-1914 ...	General Delamain informed the Chief of the General Staff that people in Bombay had, a fortnight ago, deduced the destination of Force "D".	5500 ...	66

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APPENDIX 63.

(Diary No. 5469.)

Telegram P., No. H.-1469, dated 13th October 1914.

From—The Viceroy of India,  
To—The Secretary of State for India.

We realise that there certainly will be difficulties in disembarkation and re-embarkation at Bahrain, but as between it and Basidu our information derived from Sir P. Cox and General Birdwood is that water is plentiful at Bahrain, even if not very good, while Basidu has no water. The advanced force mentioned in your telegram No. 1062, dated 26th September 1914, is therefore being sent to Bahrain. The force should arrive there about the 23rd October 1914, as it will leave Bombay and Karachi on the 16th and 17th October, 1914, respectively.

This is with reference to your telegram No. 1207, dated 10th October 1914, regarding Expedition " D ".

APPENDIX 64.

(Diary No. 5474.)

Telegram P., No. B.M.-8, dated 13th October 1914.

From—GENERAL DELAMAIN, Taj Mahal Hotel, Bombay,  
To—The Chief of the General Staff.

It appears desirable, on account of the want of sufficient means to facilitate disembarking on an open beach, and especially of means for re-embarking again, that some place with good landing facilities should be selected as the destination of my force.

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(Diary No. 5478.)

Telegram P., No. 5478-W., dated 18th October 1914.

From—The Chief of the General Staff,  
To—GENERAL DELAMAIN, Taj Mahal Hotel, Bombay.

The Viceroy has sent to the Secretary of State the following telegram numbered H.-1469 (Diary No. 5469) and dated 13th October in reply to No. 1207 (Diary No. 5377) and it is repeated to you for your guidance and information :—*Begins.* Repeats Diary No. 5469.—*Ends.*

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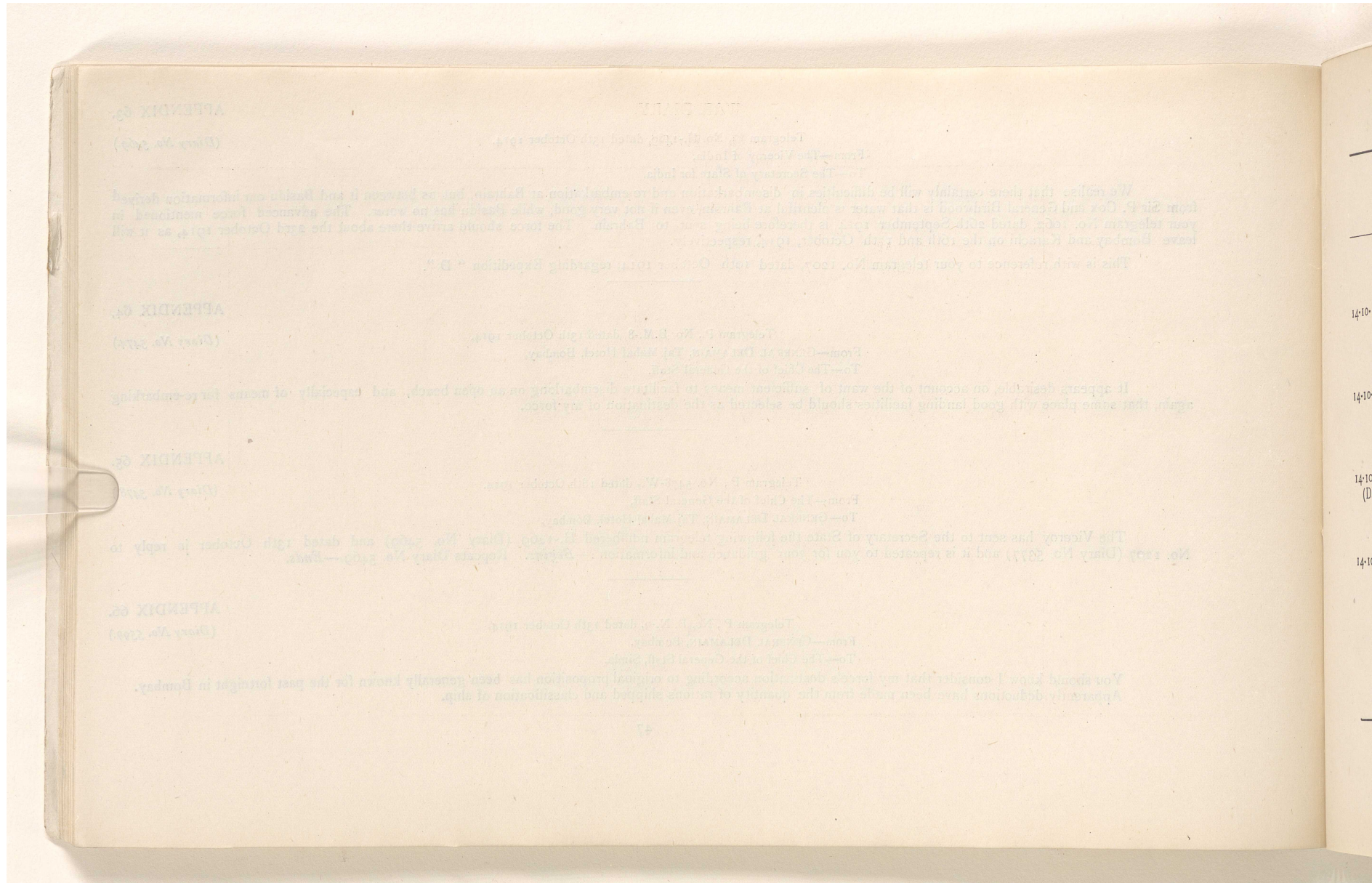
(Diary No. 5599.)

Telegram P., No. B. N.-9, dated 13th October 1914.

From—GENERAL DELAMAIN, Bombay,  
To—The Chief of the General Staff, Simla.

You should know I consider that my force's destination according to original proposition has been generally known for the past fortnight in Bombay. Apparently deductions have been made from the quantity of rations shipped and classification of ship.

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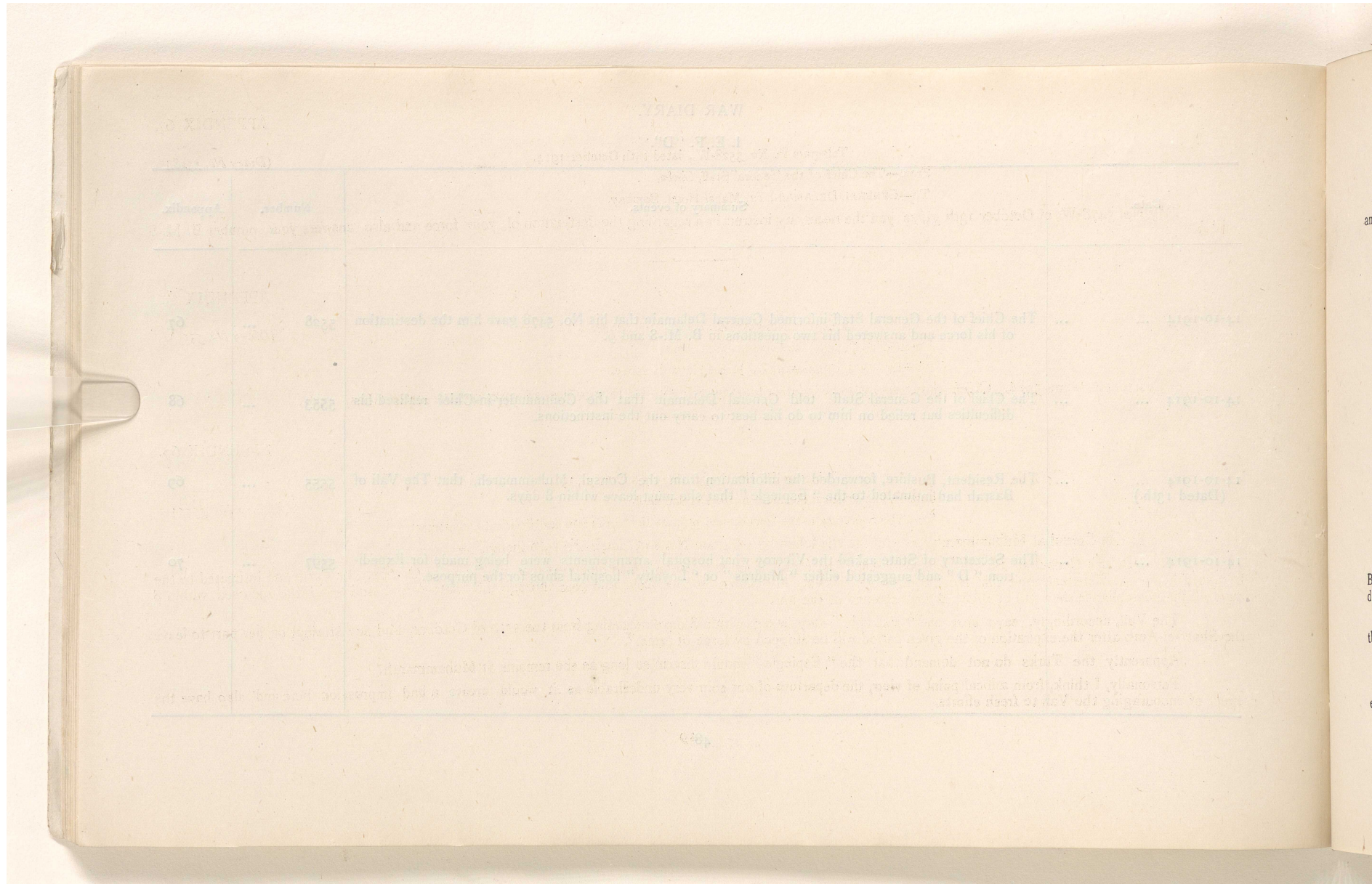
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I. E. F. "D".

Date.	Summary of events.	Number.	Appendix.
14-10-1914 ...	... The Chief of the General Staff informed General Delamain that his No. 5478 gave him the destination of his force and answered his two questions in B. M.-8 and 9.	5528 ...	67
14-10-1914 ...	... The Chief of the General Staff told General Delamain that the Commander-in-Chief realised his difficulties but relied on him to do his best to carry out the instructions.	5553 ...	68
14-10-1914 ... (Dated 13th.)	... The Resident, Bushire, forwarded the information from the Consul, Muhammareh, that The Vali of Basrah had intimated to the "Espiegle" that she must leave within 8 days.	5555 ...	69
14-10-1914 ...	... The Secretary of State asked the Viceroy what hospital arrangements were being made for Expedition "D" and suggested either "Madras" or "Loyalty" hospital ships for the purpose.	5597 ...	70

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Telegram P., No. 5528-W., dated 14th October 1914.

(Diary No. 5528.)

From—The Chief of the General Staff, Simla,

To—GENERAL DELAMAIN, Taj Mahal Hotel, Bombay.

My No. 5478-W. of October 13th gives you the necessary instruction regarding the destination of your force and also answers your number B. M.-8 and 9.

APPENDIX 68.

Telegram No. 5553-W., dated 14th October 1914.

(Diary No. 5553.)

From—The Chief of the General Staff, Simla,

To—GENERAL DELAMAIN, Taj Mahal Hotel, Bombay.

In continuation my 5528. Chief appreciates your difficulties but relies on you to do your best to carry out the instructions.

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Telegram P., No. 1219, dated 13th October 1914.

From—The Political Resident in the Persian Gulf,

(Diary No. 5555.)

To—The Secretary to the Government of India in the Foreign and Political Department.

The British Consul at Muhammareh has sent me the following telegram No. 143, dated the 13th instant :—

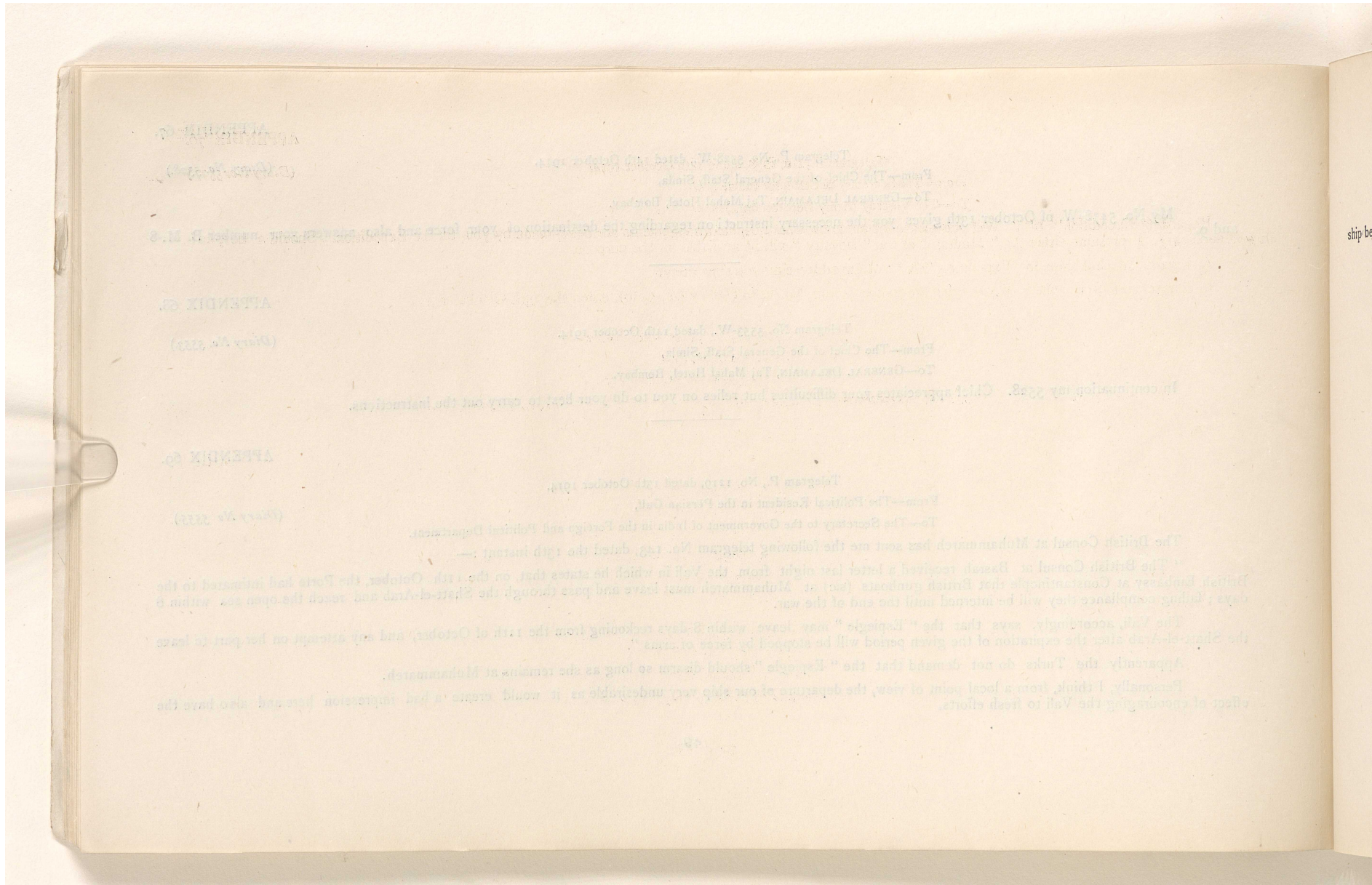
" The British Consul at Basrah received a letter last night from the Vali in which he states that, on the 11th October, the Porte had intimated to the British Embassy at Constantinople that British gunboats (sic) at Muhammareh must leave and pass through the Shatt-el-Arab and reach the open sea within 8 days ; failing compliance they will be interned until the end of the war.

The Vali, accordingly, says that the " Espiegle " may leave within 8 days reckoning from the 11th of October, and any attempt on her part to leave the Shatt-el-Arab after the expiration of the given period will be stopped by force of arms "

Apparently the Turks do not demand that the " Espiegle " should disarm so long as she remains at Muhammareh.

Personally, I think, from a local point of view, the departure of our ship very undesirable as it would create a bad impression here and also have the effect of encouraging the Vali to fresh efforts.

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(Diary No. 5597.)

Telegram P., No. 1238, dated 14th October 1914.

From—The Secretary of State, for India,

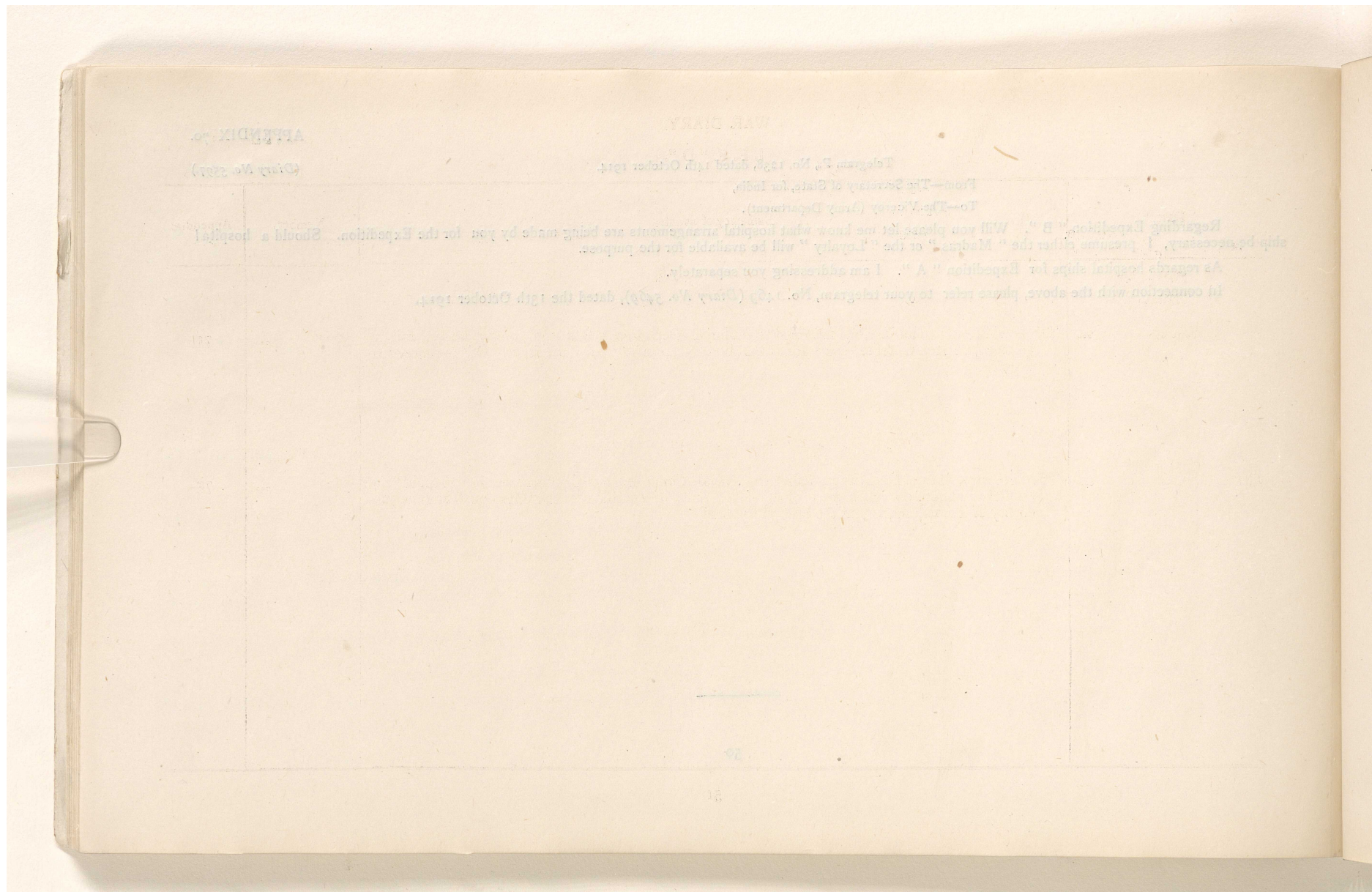
To—The Viceroy (Army Department).

Regarding Expedition " B ". Will you please let me know what hospital arrangements are being made by you for the Expedition. Should a hospital ship be necessary, I presume either the " Madras " or the " Loyalty " will be available for the purpose.

As regards hospital ships for Expedition " A ". I am addressing you separately.

In connection with the above, please refer to your telegram, No. 1469 (Diary No. 5469), dated the 13th October 1914.

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I. E. F. " D " .

Date.	Summary of events.	Number.	Appendix.
15-10-1914 ...	... The Naval Commander-in-Chief informed the Marine Department that the convoy was to sail at 5-0 P.M., on 16th October, and stating that he was arranging for Expedition " D " to proceed to Bahrain.	5607 ...	71
15-10-1914 ...	... The Secretary, Marine Department, asked the Naval Commander-in-Chief whether he thought the Dufferin sufficient escort, in view of the doubt as to the position of the " Emden ", and the possibility of Turkish activity at the head of the Gulf.	5608 ...	72

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71	5607	The Naval Commander-in-Chief informed the Marine Department that the cutter was to sail at 5.0 P.M. on 10th October and stating that he was arranging for Expedition "B" to proceed to Bahrain.	12-10-1914
72	5608	The Secretary, Marine Department, asked the Naval Commander-in-Chief whether he thought the Bahrain submarine escort in view of the doubt as to the position of the "Emden", and the possibility of Turkish activity at the head of the Gulf.	12-10-1914



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(Diary No. 5607.)

Telegram P., No. 114, dated 15th October 1914.

From—The Naval Commander-in-Chief,

To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Marine Department.

At 5 P.M. on 16th October 1914, the convoy sails from Bombay.

With reference to your telegram No. H.-1471, (*Diary No. 5479*), dated 13th October 1914, I am arranging for Expedition "D" to proceed to Bahrain.

Until you are informed that it has been changed to Aden, my telegraphic address remains Bombay.

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(Diary No. 5608.)

Telegram P., No. H.-1505, dated 15th October 1914.

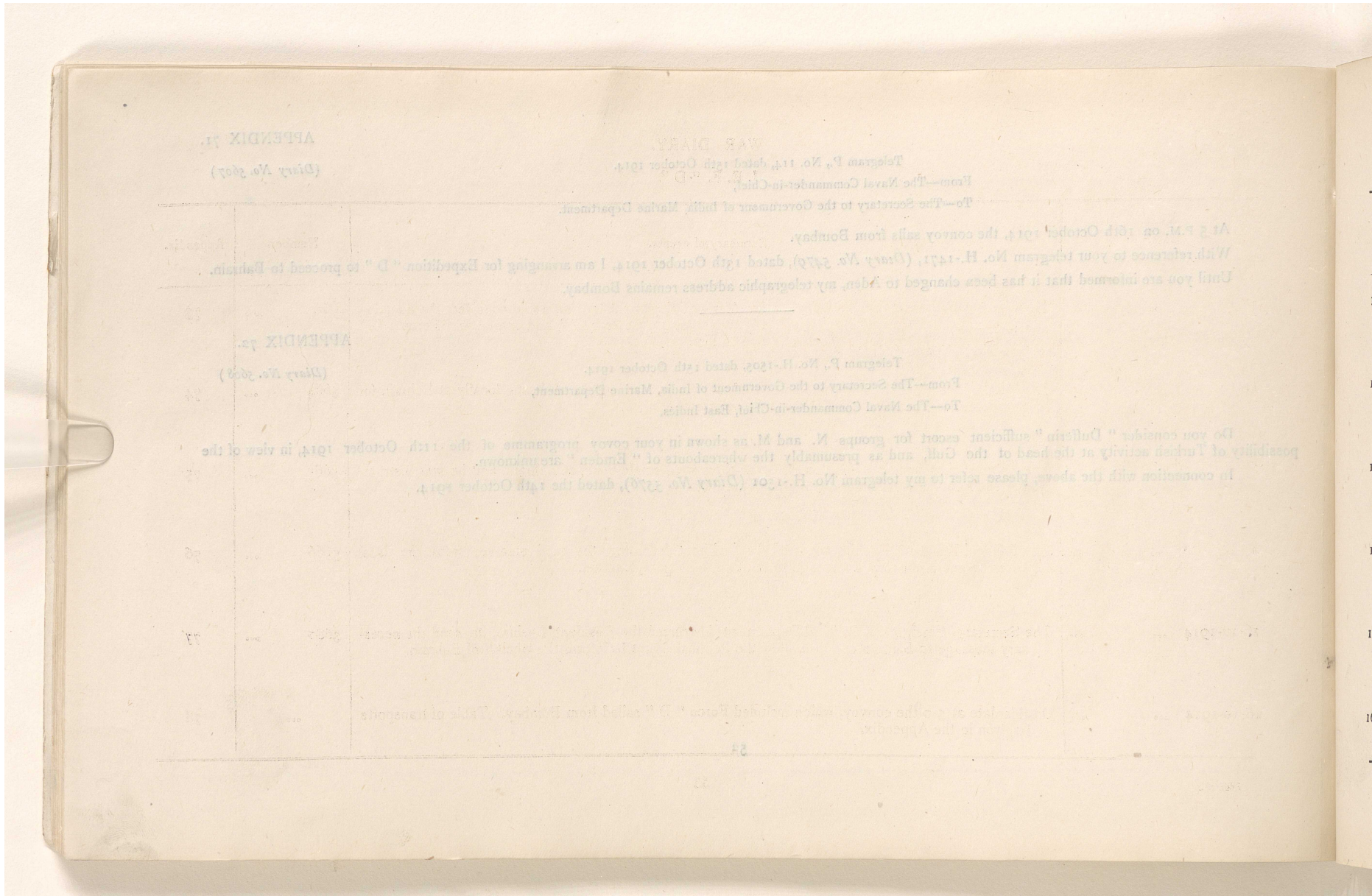
From—The Secretary to the Government of India, Marine Department,

To—The Naval Commander-in-Chief, East Indies.

Do you consider "Dufferin" sufficient escort for groups N. and M. as shown in your convoy programme of the 11th October 1914, in view of the possibility of Turkish activity at the head of the Gulf, and as presumably the whereabouts of "Emden" are unknown.

In connection with the above, please refer to my telegram No. H.-1501 (*Diary No. 5576*), dated the 14th October 1914.

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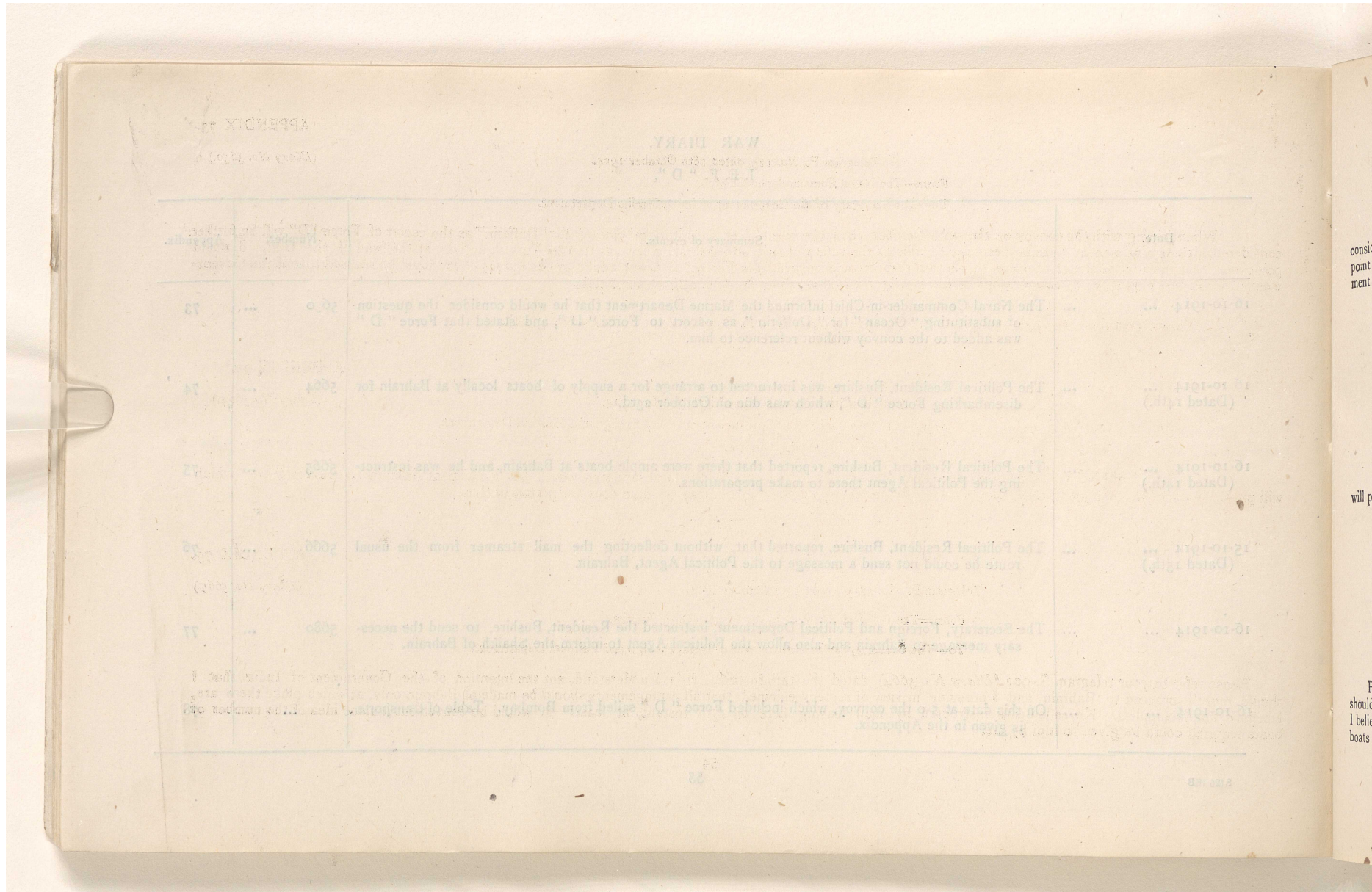
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I. E. F. " D ".

Date.	Summary of events.	Number.	Appendix.
16-10-1914 ...	... The Naval Commander-in-Chief informed the Marine Department that he would consider the question of substituting "Ocean" for "Dufferin" as escort to Force "D", and stated that Force "D" was added to the convoy without reference to him.	5650 ...	73
16-10-1914 ... (Dated 14th.)	... The Political Resident, Bushire, was instructed to arrange for a supply of boats locally at Bahrain for disembarking Force "D", which was due on October 23rd.	5664 ...	74
16-10-1914 ... (Dated 14th.)	... The Political Resident, Bushire, reported that there were ample boats at Bahrain, and he was instructing the Political Agent there to make preparations.	5665 ...	75
15-10-1914 ... (Dated 15th.)	... The Political Resident, Bushire, reported that, without deflecting the mail steamer from the usual route he could not send a message to the Political Agent, Bahrain.	5666 ...	76
16-10-1914 ...	... The Secretary, Foreign and Political Department, instructed the Resident, Bushire, to send the necessary message to Bahrain and also allow the Political Agent to inform the Shaikh of Bahrain.	5680 ...	77
16-10-1914 ...	... On this date at 5-0 the convoy, which included Force "D" sailed from Bombay. Table of transports is given in the Appendix.	...	78

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(Diary No. 5650.)

Telegram P., No. 1115, dated 16th October 1914.

From—The Naval Commander-in-Chief,

To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Marine Department.

When joining with the convoy on the 19th October 1914, the question of substituting "Ocean" for "Dufferin" as the escort of Force "D" will be further considered, although at present I see no necessity for this as the safety of routes to Bahrain is not affected by Turkish activity at the head of the Gulf. I would point out that without reference to me as to whether escort would be available Force "D", was added to the convoy. It should be realised that if the Government of India desire to move so many troops in different (parts ?) this cannot be done without some risk.

This is with reference to your telegram No. H.-1505, dated the 15th October 1914. (Diary No. 5698).

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(Diary No. 5664.)

Telegram P., No. 901-S., dated 14th October 1914.

From—The Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign and Political Department,

To—The Political Resident, Bushire.

Following should be treated as *very secret*.—Please make arrangements for the local supply of boats for landing at Bahrain Expedition "D" which will probably arrive on the 23rd instant. Boats cannot be previously obtained at Bombay as time does not permit of this.

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(Diary No. 5665.)

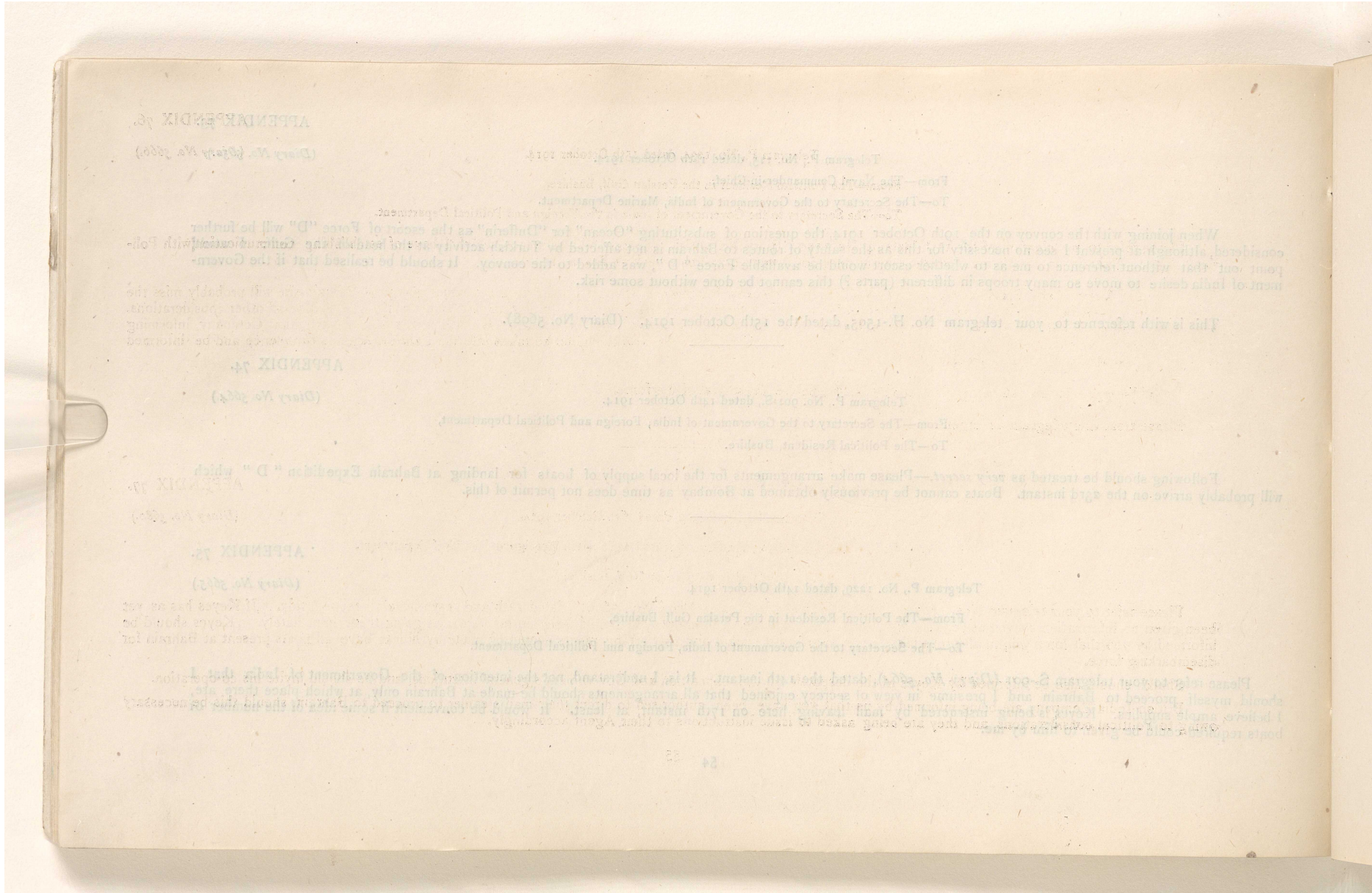
Telegram P., No. 1229, dated 14th October 1914.

From—The Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, Bushire,

To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign and Political Department.

Please refer to your telegram S.-901 (Diary No. 5664), dated the 14th instant. It is, I understand, not the intention of the Government of India that I should myself proceed to Bahrain and I presume in view of secrecy enjoined that all arrangements should be made at Bahrain only, at which place there are, I believe, ample supplies. Keyes is being instructed by mail leaving here on 17th instant, at least. It would be convenient if some idea of the number of boats required could be given to him by me.

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Telegram P., No. 1234, dated 15th October 1914.

(Diary No. 5666.)

From—The Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, Bushire,

To—The Secretary to the Government of India in the Foreign and Political Department.

Please refer to my telegram of the 14th instant, No. 1229 (Diary No. 5665). The only reliable means, which I have of establishing communication with Political Agent, Bahrain is by the mail, which steamer does not, however, call this week at Bahrain.

The local Agent of the British India Steam Navigation Company informs me that, if I insist on the steamer going *via* Bahrain she will probably miss the English mail at Bombay even if she abandoned her calls at other intermediate ports *en route*. In my opinion Bahrain claims over-ride all other considerations. If the Government of India concur in this view, could they have the necessary instructions conveyed to the British India Steam Navigation Company, informing me at the same time? *Secondly*, please communicate urgent instructions when the Shaikh should be taken into the Political Agent's confidence and be informed definitely of the despatch of the expedition to Bahrain.

I would suggest intimation being given to the Shaikh before the arrival of the force.

Please treat this telegram as urgent.

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Telegram P., No. S-919, dated 16th October 1914.

(Diary No. 5680.)

From—The Secretary to the Government of India in the Foreign and Political Department,

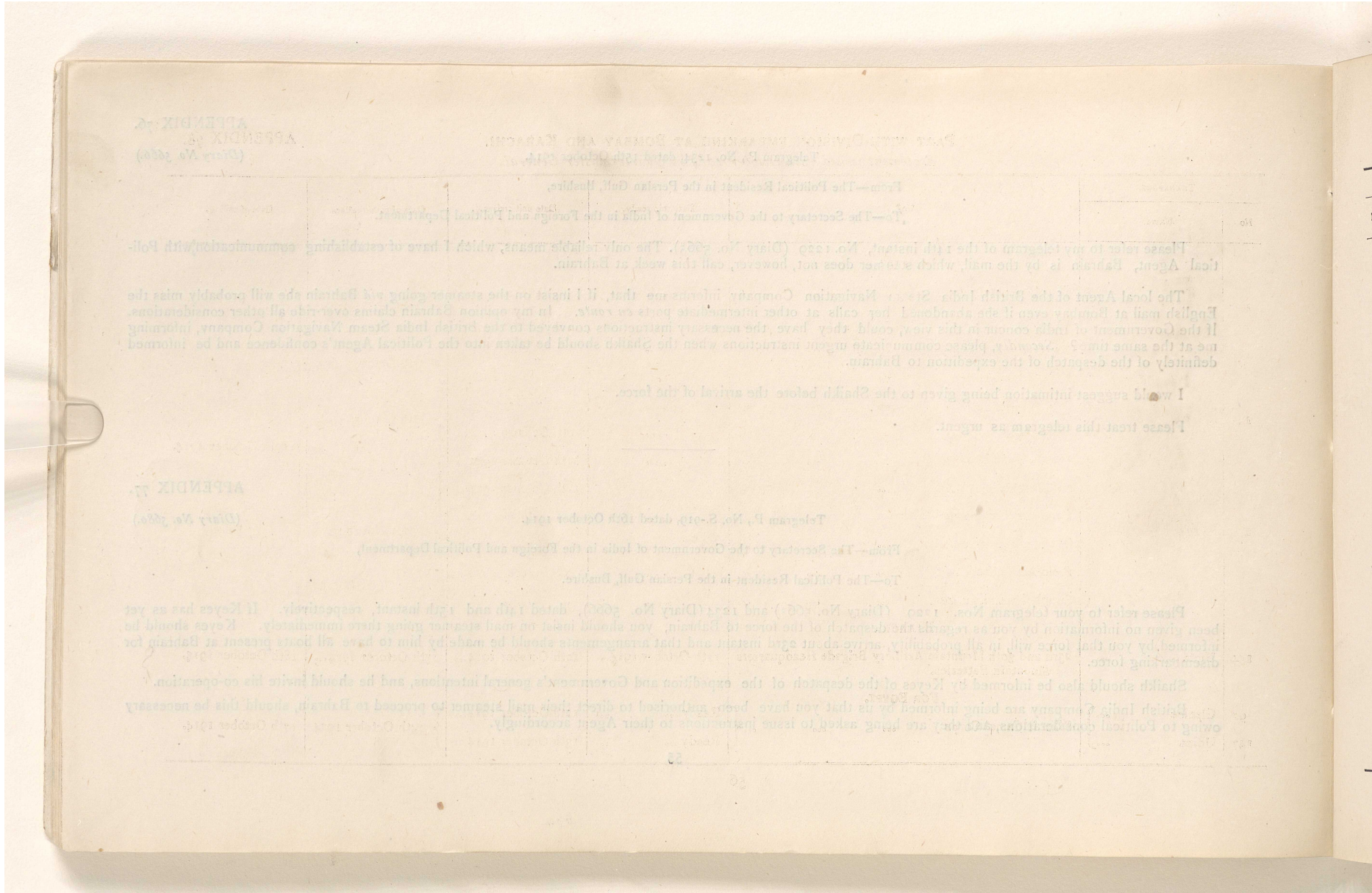
To—The Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, Bushire.

Please refer to your telegram Nos. 1229 (Diary No. 5665) and 1234 (Diary No. 5666), dated 14th and 15th instant, respectively. If Keyes has as yet been given no information by you as regards the despatch of the force to Bahrain, you should insist on mail steamer going there immediately. Keyes should be informed by you that force will, in all probability, arrive about 23rd instant and that arrangements should be made by him to have all boats present at Bahrain for disembarking force.

Shaikh should also be informed by Keyes of the despatch of the expedition and Government's general intentions, and he should invite his co-operation.

British India Company are being informed by us that you have been authorised to direct their mail steamer to proceed to Bahrain, should this be necessary owing to Political considerations, and they are being asked to issue instructions to their Agent accordingly.

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*Statement issued 18th October 1914 by Quartermaster General.*

APPENDIX 78.

TRANSPORT.		Unit.	Date ship ready.	Date unit arrives.	Date of embarkation.	Date of sailing.			
No.	Name.								
BOMBAY.									
101	Masunda	... { ½ 117th Mahrattas... ..	.....	12th October 1914...	} 11th October 1914	} 16th October 1914.			
		... { ½ Mule Transport ... ..	.....	9th October 1914...					
84	Berbera	... { ½ 117th Mahrattas ... ..	.....	12th October 1914...	} 11th October 1914				
		... { ½ Mule Transport ... ..	.....	9th October 1914...					
133	Umaria	... { 20th Infantry ... ..	.....	12th October 1914...	} 12th October 1914				
		... { 104th Rifles ... ..	.....	10th October 1914...					
148	Varela	... { 16th Brigade Headquarters ... ..	.....	11th October 1914..	} 13th October 1914				
		... { 2nd Dorsets ... ..	.....	12th October 1914...					
		... { Company, Sappers and Miners... ..	.....	9th October 1914...					
		... { Section, Signal Company ... ..	.....	10th October 1914...					
		... { Field Ambulance ... ..	.....	9th October 1914...					
		... { Supply Establishment ... ..	.....	.....	} 13th October 1914				
		KARACHI.							
		154	Umta ...	... { 23rd and 30th Mountain Artillery Brigade Headquarters Mountain Batteries.		12th October 1914...	10th October 1914...	15th October 1914...	18th October 1914.
		FOR EGYPT.							
		92	Glenlee	... { Bikanir Camel Corps ... ..		... { Ready ... ..	12th October 1914...	} 14th October 1914	17th October 1914.
147	Udina	... { Ready ... ..	13th October 1914...						

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Subsequent dates 1914 (Dates for 1914 are given in the margin)

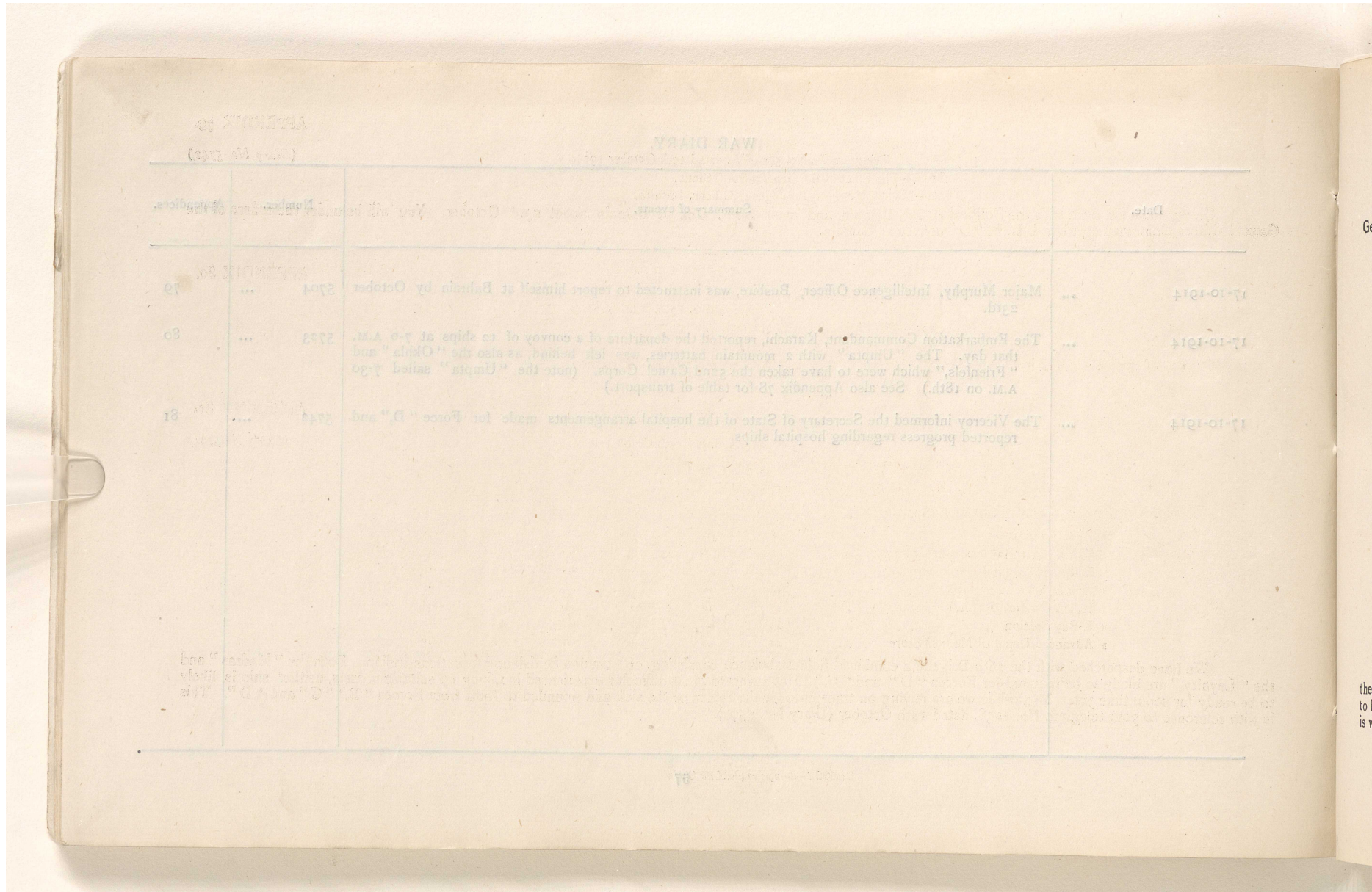
No.	Name	Rank	Post	Date of entry	Date of departure
101	Mansab	...	4 1st Bn. Madras ...	1st October 1914	1st October 1914
				2nd October 1914	2nd October 1914
				3rd October 1914	3rd October 1914
				4th October 1914	4th October 1914
51	Barber	...	1 1st Bn. Madras ...	1st October 1914	1st October 1914
				2nd October 1914	2nd October 1914
				3rd October 1914	3rd October 1914
				4th October 1914	4th October 1914
127	Lance	...	10th Bn. ...	1st October 1914	1st October 1914
				2nd October 1914	2nd October 1914
				3rd October 1914	3rd October 1914
				4th October 1914	4th October 1914
148	Lance	...	Company, Sappers and Miners ...	1st October 1914	1st October 1914
				2nd October 1914	2nd October 1914
				3rd October 1914	3rd October 1914
				4th October 1914	4th October 1914
154	Lance	...	1st and 2nd Bns. ...	1st October 1914	1st October 1914
				2nd October 1914	2nd October 1914
				3rd October 1914	3rd October 1914
				4th October 1914	4th October 1914
155	Lance	...	Bikanir Camel Corps	1st October 1914	1st October 1914
				2nd October 1914	2nd October 1914
				3rd October 1914	3rd October 1914
				4th October 1914	4th October 1914

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Date.	Summary of events.	Number.	Appendices.
17-10-1914	... Major Murphy, Intelligence Officer, Bushire, was instructed to report himself at Bahrain by October 23rd.	5704	... 79
17-10-1914	... The Embarkation Commandant, Karachi, reported the departure of a convoy of 12 ships at 7 <sup>00</sup> A.M. that day. The "Umpta" with 2 mountain batteries, was left behind, as also the "Okhla" and "Frienfels," which were to have taken the 52nd Camel Corps. (note the "Umpta" sailed 7 <sup>30</sup> A.M. on 18th.) See also Appendix 78 for table of transport.)	5723	... 80
17-10-1914	... The Viceroy informed the Secretary of State of the hospital arrangements made for Force "D," and reported progress regarding hospital ships.	5742	... 81

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APPENDIX 79.

(Diary No. 5742.)

Telegram P., No. 5704-W., dated 17th October 1914.

From—The Chief of the General Staff, Simla,

To—MAJOR MURPHY, Intelligence Officer, Bushire.

Communicate at once with the Political Agent, Bahrain, and meet Sir P. Cox at Bahrain about 23rd October. You will be under the orders of the General Officer Commanding when I. E. F. "D" arrives at Bahrain.

APPENDIX 80.

Telegram No. 20—19-8034, dated 17th October 1914.

From—The Embarkation Commandant, Kiamari,

To—The Quartermaster General in India.

Convoy of twelve ships sailed 7 A.M., 17th, "Umpta," "Okhla," "Frienfels," are still in harbour.

APPENDIX 81.

(Diary No 5704.)

Telegram P., No. H-1545, dated 17th October 1914.

From—The Viceroy (Army Department),

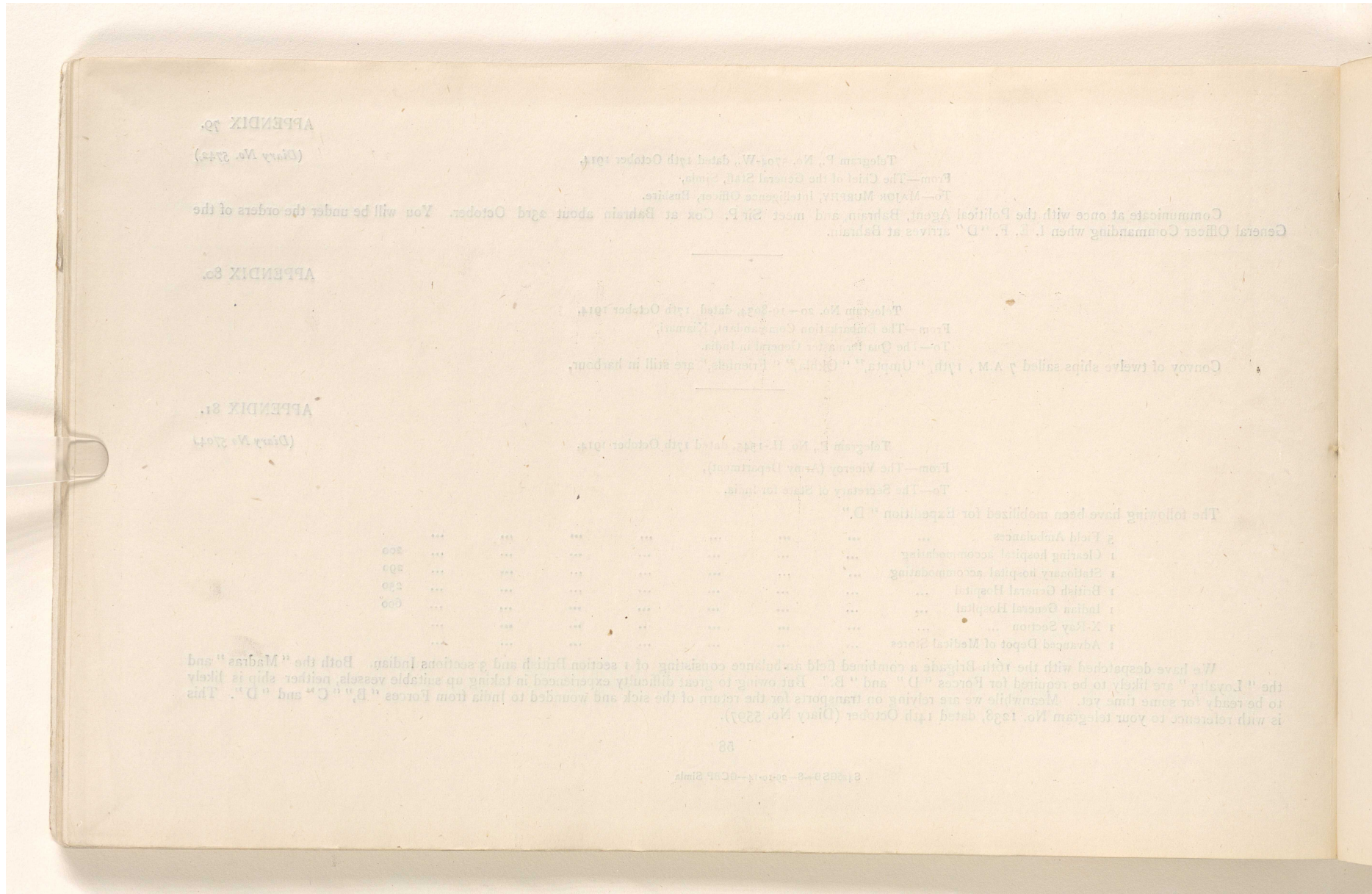
To—The Secretary of State for India.

The following have been mobilized for Expedition "D."

5	Field Ambulances	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	Clearing hospital accommodating	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	200
1	Stationary hospital accommodating	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	290
1	British General Hospital	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	250
1	Indian General Hospital	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	600
1	X-Ray Section	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	Advanced Depot of Medical Stores	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

We have despatched with the 16th Brigade a combined field ambulance consisting of 1 section British and 3 sections Indian. Both the "Madras" and the "Loyalty" are likely to be required for Forces "D" and "B." But owing to great difficulty experienced in taking up suitable vessels, neither ship is likely to be ready for some time yet. Meanwhile we are relying on transports for the return of the sick and wounded to India from Forces "B," "C" and "D". This is with reference to your telegram No. 1238, dated 14th October (Diary No. 5597).

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