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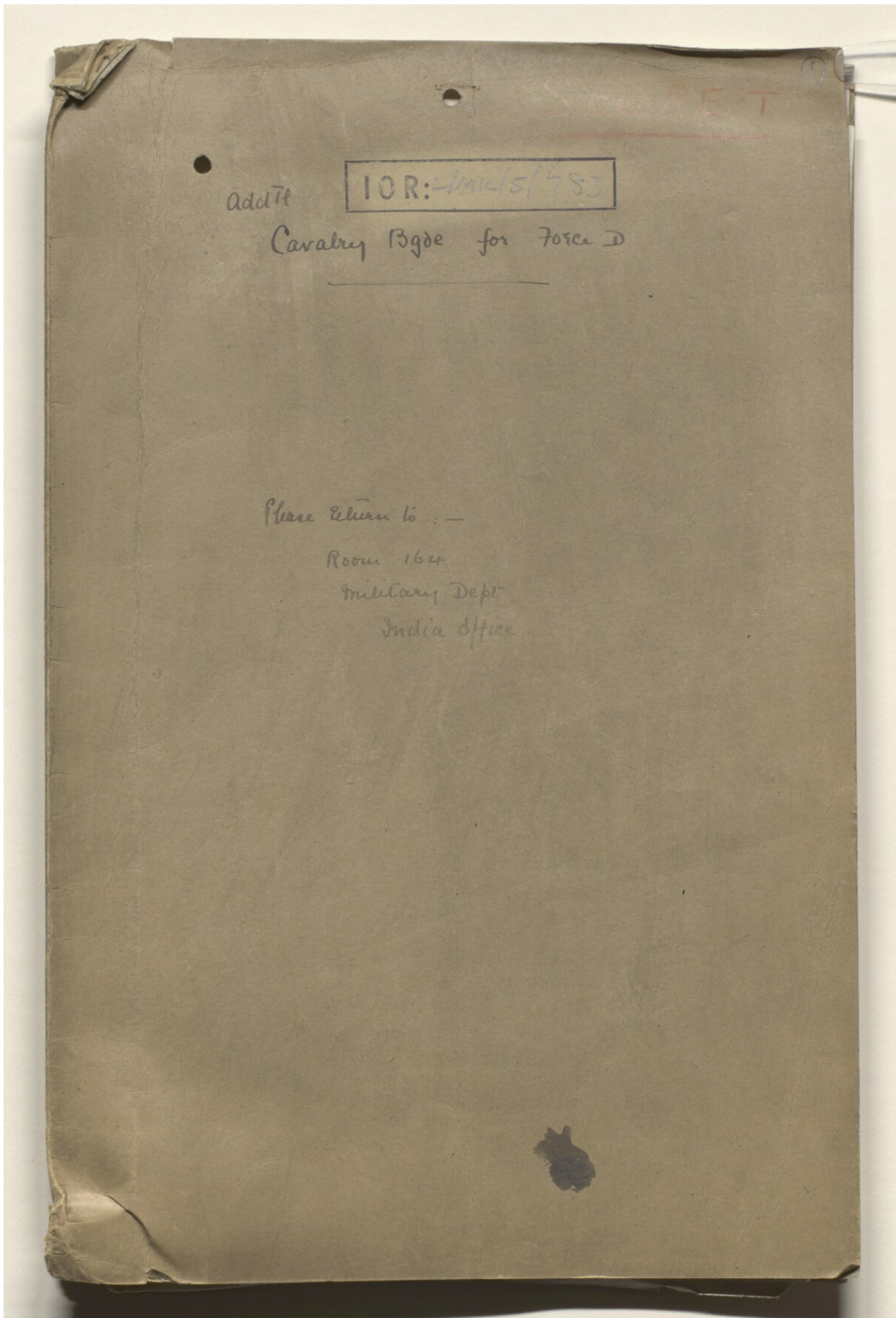
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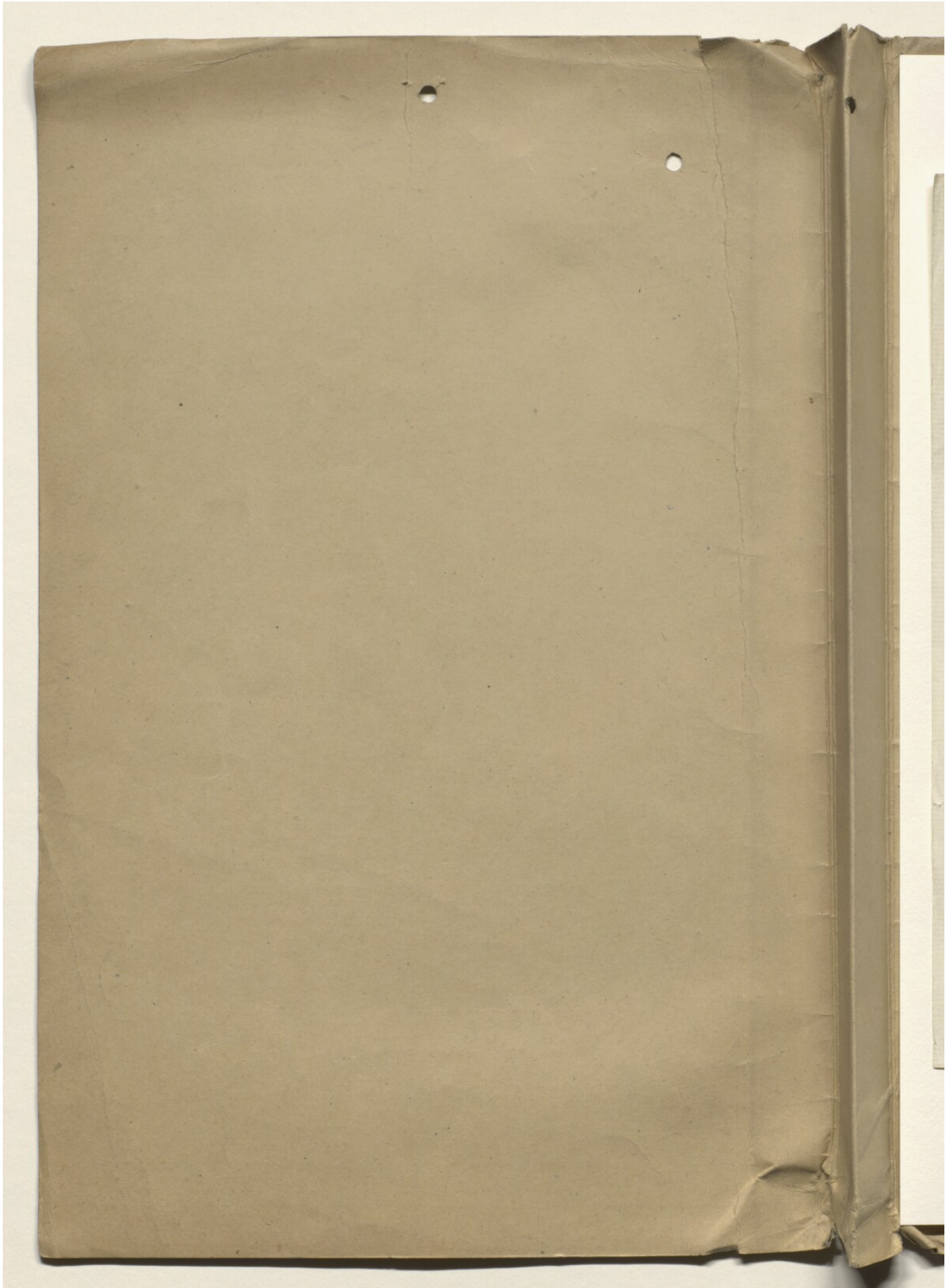
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About this record

This file is comprised of correspondence concerning the provision of an additional Brigade for Force D in Mesopotamia. Issues discussed include: equipment to be supplied; maintaining military strength on the North West Frontier of India (folio 45); date of dispatch; and inclusion of horse artillery.

The correspondents include the Commander-in-Chief, India; the War Office, London; the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Mesopotamia; and the Director of Ordnance Services, Mesopotamian Expeditionary Force.







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SECRET.

From:- War Office.
To:- G.O.C., Mesopotamia.

1st December 1917.

1.30 p.m.

46913 cipher A.G.9. 30th November 1917.

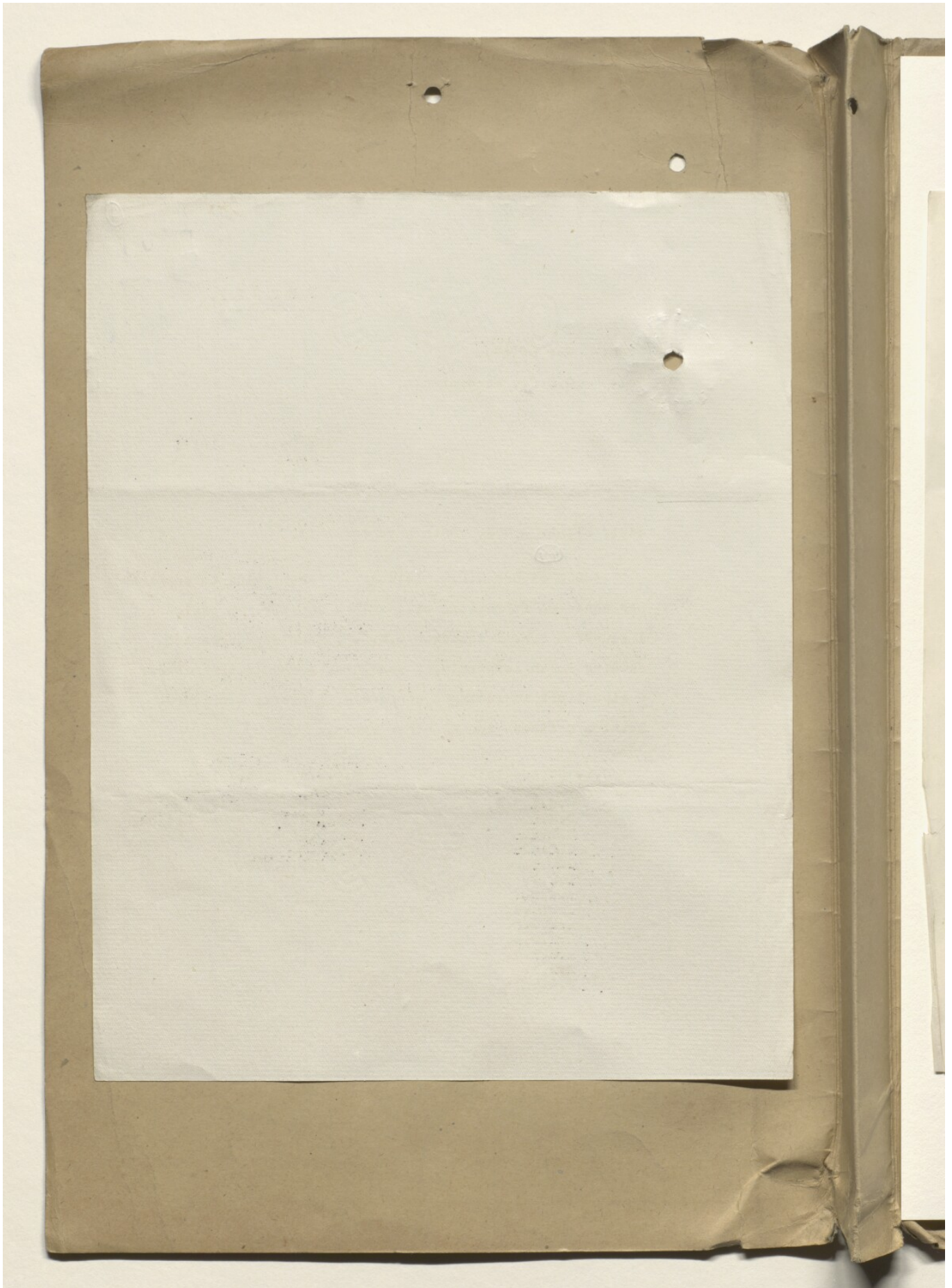
45953 cipher S.D.2. 19th. Following to complete
new squadron formations will embark shortly. 8 officers
1 squadron S.M. 1 squadron Q.M.S. 1 farrier sergeant 3
shoeing smith corporals, 2 saddlers, 3 saddle treemakers,
6 signallers including 3 corporals, 1 clerk, 2 drivers.
Total 8 officers and 20 other ranks.

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11th Cav. Bde

M.G. Squadrons

SECRET

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From : War Office.
TO : G.O.C. Mesopotamia.
C.in C. India.

23rd November 1917, 6 p.m.

46270 cipher S.D.S b.

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Reference your X.4676 November 21st.

Distribution all British ranks as follows :-

Headquarters- Captains 2, Squadron sergeant major (Warrant Officer Class II) 1, Squadron quartermaster sergeant 1, Farrier sergeant 1, Shoeing smith corporal 1, Saddlers 2, Saddletree-maker 1, Signallers 4 (includes 1 corporal) Clerk 1, attached R.A.M.C. (for water duties) 1, Armourer 1.

Each Section. Subaltern 1, Sergeant 1, Shoeing smith 1, corporal 1, privates 15, (viz. 14 gun numbers and 1 packhorse leader) Cook 1.

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D.S.D.
D.O.
S.D.S a.
A.G.S.
Q.M.G.S.
A.G.I.



11th Cav. Bde
M.G. Squadrons.

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SECRET.

From :- G.O.C., Mesopotamia

To :- War Office.

Handed in at 4.30 p.m. 21.11.17.

Received at 11 p.m. 21.11.17.

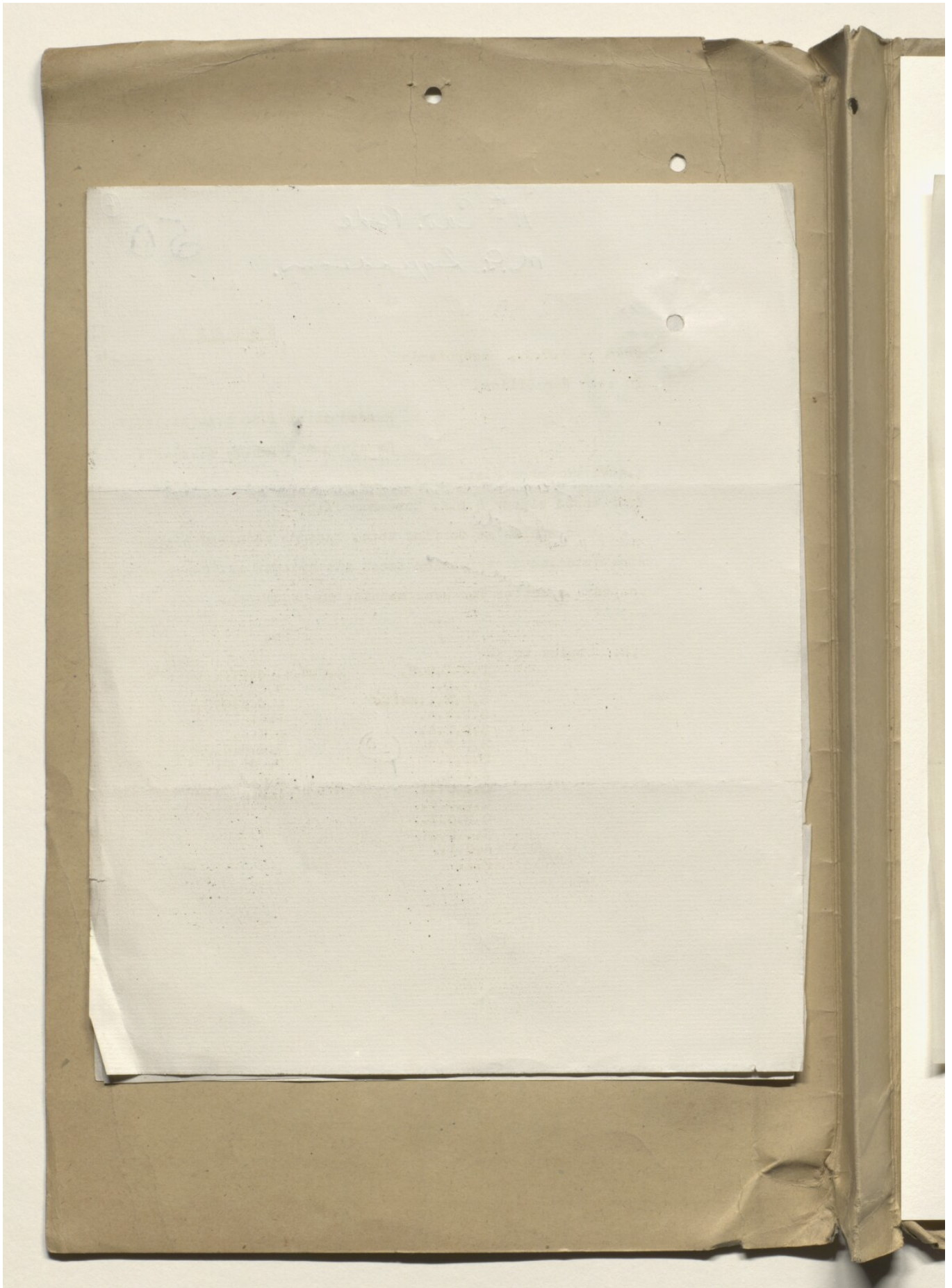
K.4876 November 21st.

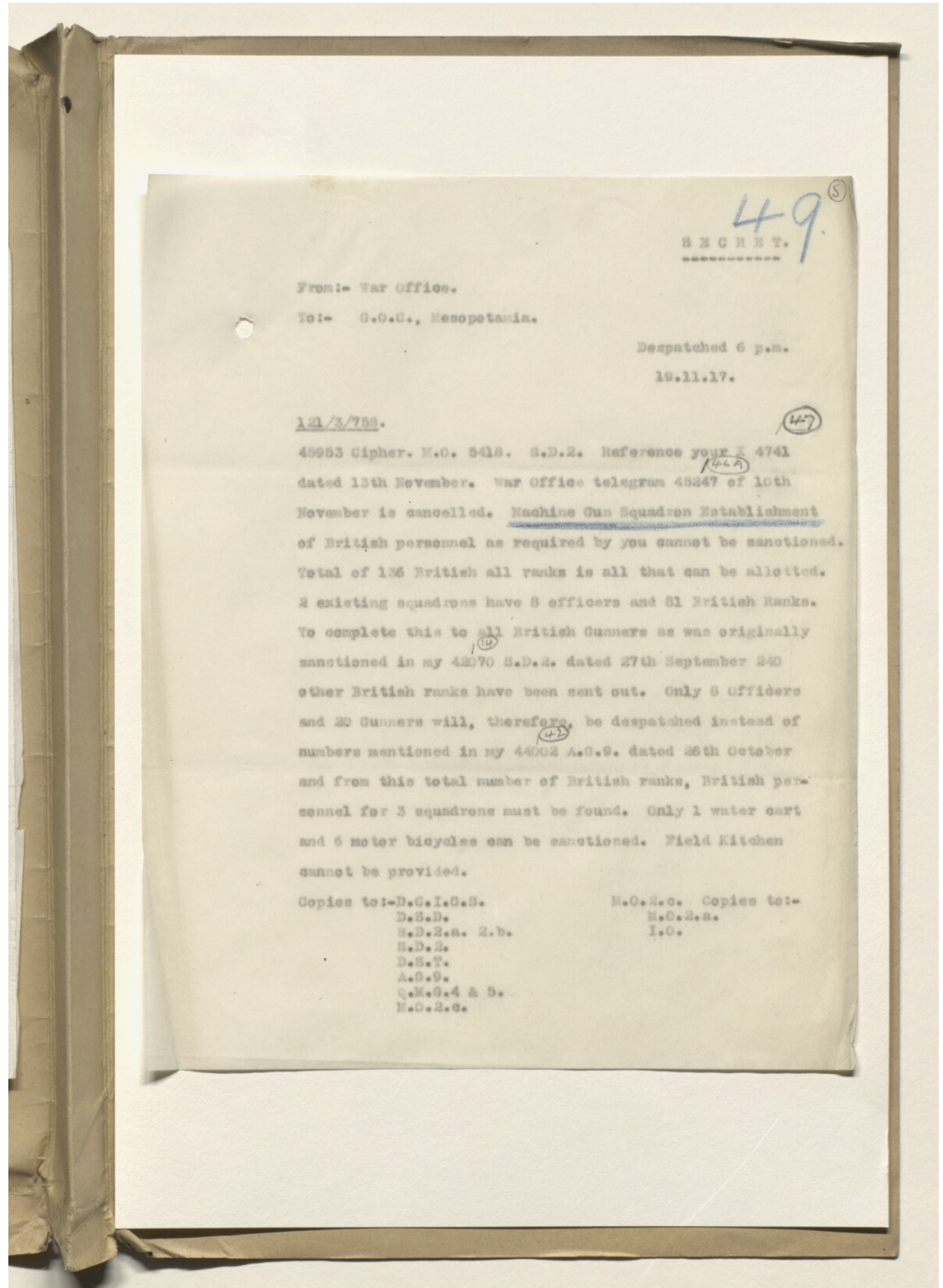
Your 45953⁴⁹ cipher S.D.2. November 19th.

To enable me to find total Indians required please wire detailed distribution total 136 British all ranks which you have allotted for each machine gun squadron.

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S.D.2.b.	A.G.1.
S.D.2.d.	Q.M.G.3.
D.S.T.	D. of A.
A.G.9.	A.3.
Q.M.G.4.	I.O.
Q.M.G.5.	M.O.2.a.
Q.M.G.3.	
M.O.2.c.	
A.G.1.	
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From:- War Office.
To:- G.O.C., Mesopotamia.

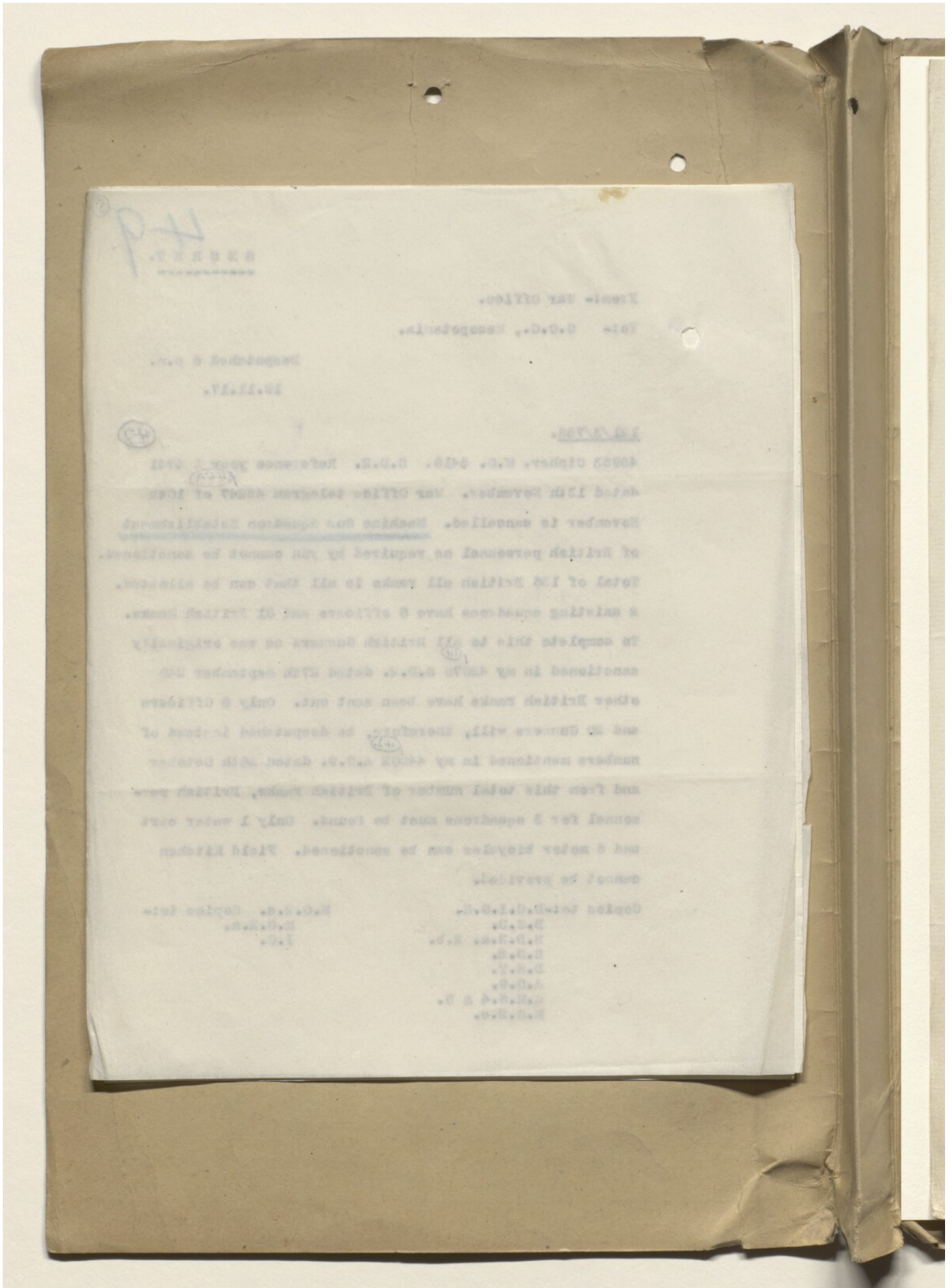
Despatched 6 p.m.
19.11.17.

121/3/789.

45983 Cipher. H.O. 5418. S.D.2. Reference your 4741
dated 15th November. War Office telegram 45247 of 10th
November is cancelled. Machine Gun Squadron Establishment
of British personnel as required by you cannot be sanctioned.
Total of 136 British all ranks is all that can be allotted.
2 existing squadrons have 8 officers and 81 British Ranks.
To complete this to all British Gunners as was originally
sanctioned in my 42070 S.D.2. dated 27th September 240
other British ranks have been sent out. Only 8 Officers
and 20 Gunners will, therefore, be despatched instead of
numbers mentioned in my 44002 A.G.9. dated 26th October
and from this total number of British ranks, British per-
sonnel for 3 squadrons must be found. Only 1 water cart
and 6 motor bicycles can be sanctioned. Field Kitchen
cannot be provided.

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D.S.T.
A.G.9.
Q.M.G.4 & 5.
H.O.2.C.

H.O.2.C. Copies to:-
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I.C.





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SECRET.

Despatched 9.25.a.m. 15/11/17.
Received 1.45.a.m. 16/11/17.

From:- Ordnance Army Baghdad.

To:- War Office.

X 4776 14th 9.30.a.m. (46)

Your 45356 cipher Q.M.G.10 November 12th. Presume you have not seen X 4452 to C.E.S.Simla. This states, begins:-- Requirements from outside Mesopotamia for machine gun squadron are as per War Establishment 351-78 part 7 with following exceptions.

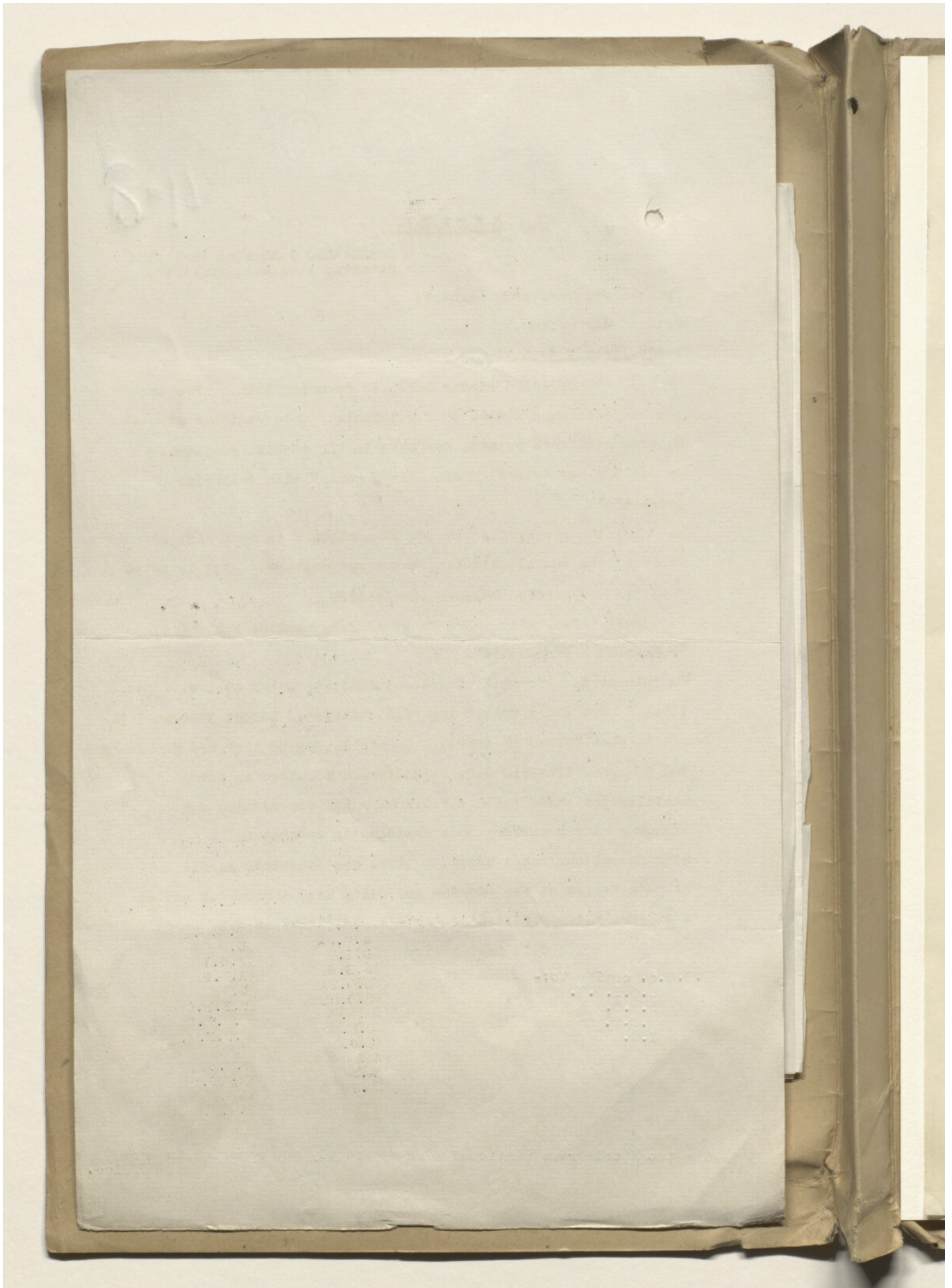
A. British personnel. Deduct 17 mentioned in my X 4254 of October 17th and all 1st line transport drivers. Add 12 privates that is 2 pack horse holders per section.

B. Pack horses with extra pack saddlery machine gun add 12 that is 2 per section.

C. Transport. For all bicycles substitute motor cycles. Add 1 water cart and 1 travelling field kitchen. Deduct 1 wagon G.S. Add 12 pack horses as above. Deduct 12 wagons limbered machine gun and 6 wagons limbered G.S. Equipment required as per mobilization store table A.F.G.1098 - 241 for Machine Gun squadron with necessary modifications in accordance with exceptions noted above. Above modifications permit of pack transport for machine gun being used throughout and of ~~AT~~ cart being substituted for G.S. and limbered G.S. wagons. Ends.

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		S.D.2A	M.S
		S.D.2B	M.S.1.(India)
		S.D.2D	M.S.1.(Cav)
		S.D.4D	D.D.E.O.S
		M.G.C	S.R.1
		D. of A	Q.M.G.4
		A.2	Q.M.G.5
		A.3	D.S.T
			D.F.W.

The two X telegrams mentioned were apparently not repeated to War Office.





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SECRET.

From:- G.O.C. Mesopotamia.

To:- War Office.

Handed in at 1.25 p.m. 13.11.17.

Received at 6.45 a.m. 14.11.17.

X 4741. November 13th. Reference W. O. 45247 Cipher S.D. 2B.
November 10th.

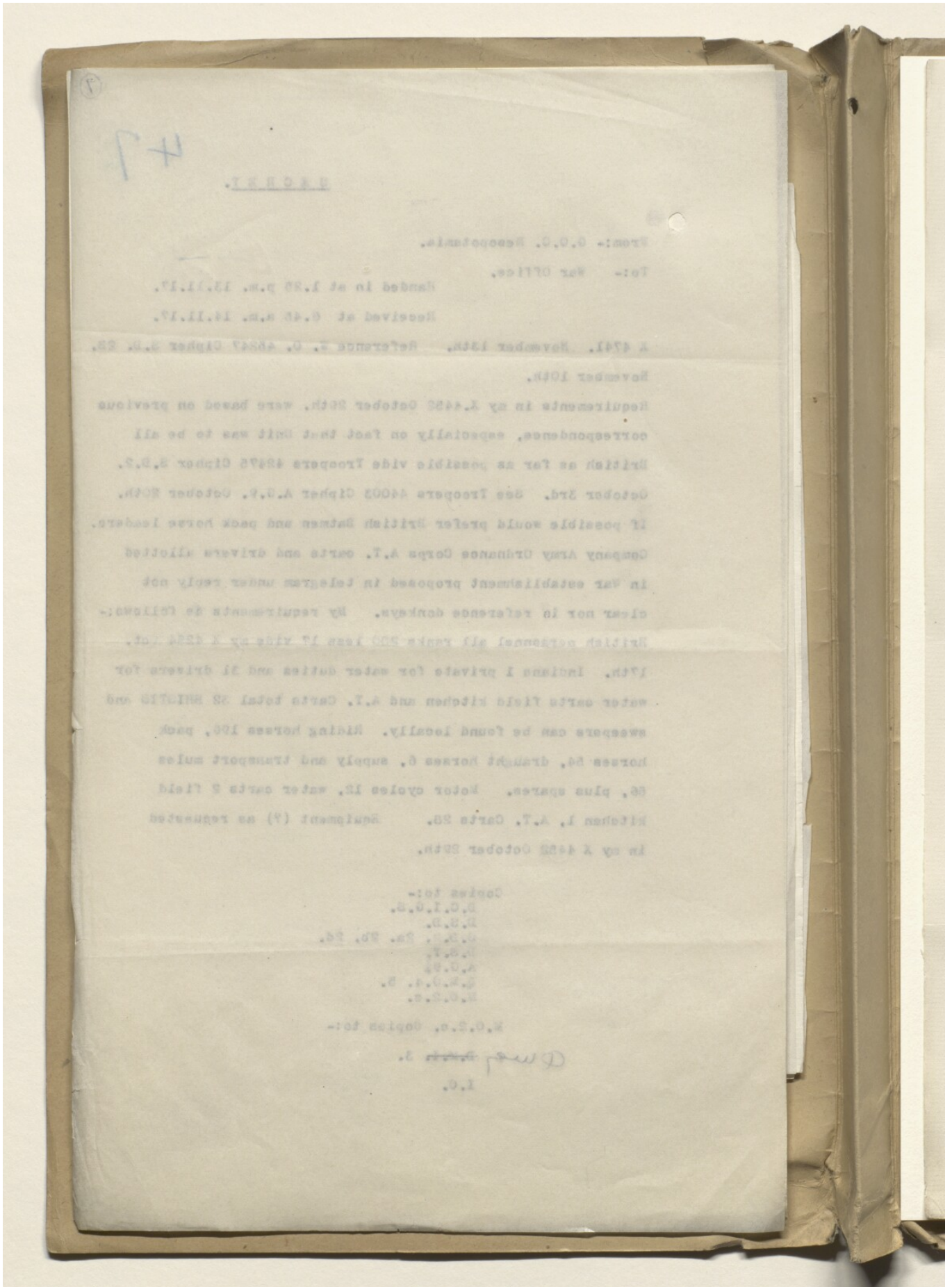
Requirements in my X.4452 October 29th. were based on previous correspondence, especially on fact that Unit was to be all British as far as possible vide Troopers 42475 Cipher S.D.2. October 3rd. See Troopers 44003 Cipher A.G.9. October 20th. If possible would prefer British Batmen and pack horse leaders. Company Army Ordnance Corps A.T. carts and drivers allotted in War establishment proposed in telegram under reply not clear nor is reference donkeys. My requirements as follows:-
British personnel all ranks 200 less 17 vide my X 4254 Oct. 17th. Indians 1 private for water duties and 31 drivers for water carts field kitchen and A.T. Carts total 32 BHISTIS and sweepers can be found locally. Riding horses 196, pack horses 54, draught horses 6, supply and transport mules 56, plus spares. Motor cycles 12, water carts 2 field kitchen 1, A.T. Carts 28. Equipment (?) as requested in my X 4452 October 29th.

Copies to:-

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S.D.2. 2a. 2b. 2d.
D.S.T.
A.G.91
Q.M.G.4. 5.
M.O.2.c.

M.O.2.c. Copies to:-

Qwey D.S.T. 3.
I.C.



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SECRET

From: G.O.C. Headquarters.
 To: War Office.
 Dated in at 1.30 p.m. 13.11.17.
 Received at G.O.C. 13.11.17.

A 4741. November 1917. Reference to G. 4647 Cipher 2. 11. 17.
 November 1917.

Requirements in my A. 4422 October 1917, were based on previous
 correspondence, especially on fact that unit was to be all
 British as far as possible vide Troopers 48428 Cipher 2. 11. 17.
 October 1917. See Troopers 44003 Cipher A. 11. 17. October 1917.
 It possible would prefer British Gaians and pack horse leaders.
 Company Army Ordnance Corps A.T. carts and drivers allotted
 in War establishment proposed in letters under reply not
 clear nor in reference drawings. My requirements in following:
 British personnel all ranks 200 less 17 vide my A. 4422 Oct.
 1917. Indians 1 private for water duties and 21 drivers for
 water carts vide Kitchen and A.T. Carts total 23 SWIGS and
 sweepers can be found locally. Riding horses 100, pack
 horses 50, draught horses 5, supply and transport mules
 50, plus spares. Motor cycles 12, water carts 2 field
 Kitchen 1, A.T. Carts 20. Equipment (7) as requested
 in my A. 4422 October 1917.

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- G.O.C. 1. 11. 17.
- G.O.C. 2. 11. 17.
- G.O.C. 3. 11. 17.
- G.O.C. 4. 11. 17.
- G.O.C. 5. 11. 17.
- G.O.C. 6. 11. 17.
- G.O.C. 7. 11. 17.

G.O.C. 1. 11. 17. copies for:-

1. G. 1. 11. 17.



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S E C R E T.

From :- War Office. 10th November, 1917.
To :- C-in-C, India. 10 p.m.
Repeated G.O.C., Mesopotamia. :
45247 cipher. S.D.2.b.

*Cancelled
in 449*

Reference your 75202 dated 5th November
not understood.

Propose W.E. 351/78 Part VII should stand
with following substitutions -

Headquarters - 4 1st Line Transport Drivers,
4 batmen, 1 private for water duties, to be Indian not
British.

Each Section - for privates 23 read 14 British
for gun numbers, 9 Indian for packhorse leaders. Drivers
1st Line Transport, 3 Indian for 9 donkeys. 2 Indian
batmen.

Transport - Headquarters - Motor bicycles 6,
water carts 2, Field Kitchen 1, A.T. Cart 1.
Six Sections, Motor bicycles 6, A.T. Carts 6. Drivers
all vehicles to be Indian.

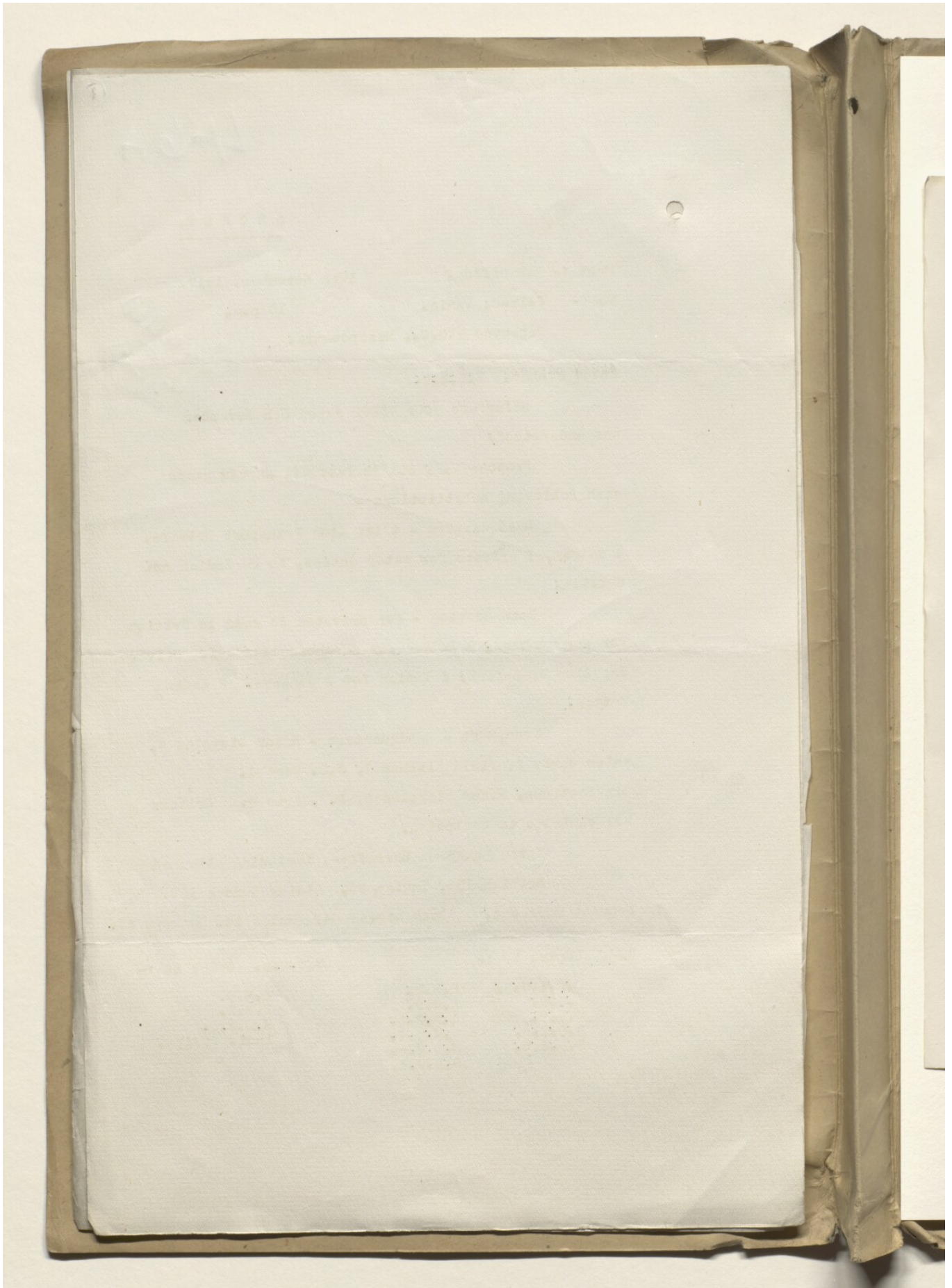
Total Squadron therefore, including attached
British 130, Indian 93. Riding Horses 190.
Draught Horses 4. Pack Horses 64. Mules 14. Donkeys 54.

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S.D.2.a. Q.M.G.4.
S.D.2.b. M.O.2.c.
S.D.2.d.

M.O.2.c. Copies to :-

D.M.O.
M.O.2.
M.O.2.a.
India Office.





Q.M.G. 10/11442.

SECRET. // 11th Cav Bde. 46⁹

From:- War Office.

Despatched 10.15 p.m.

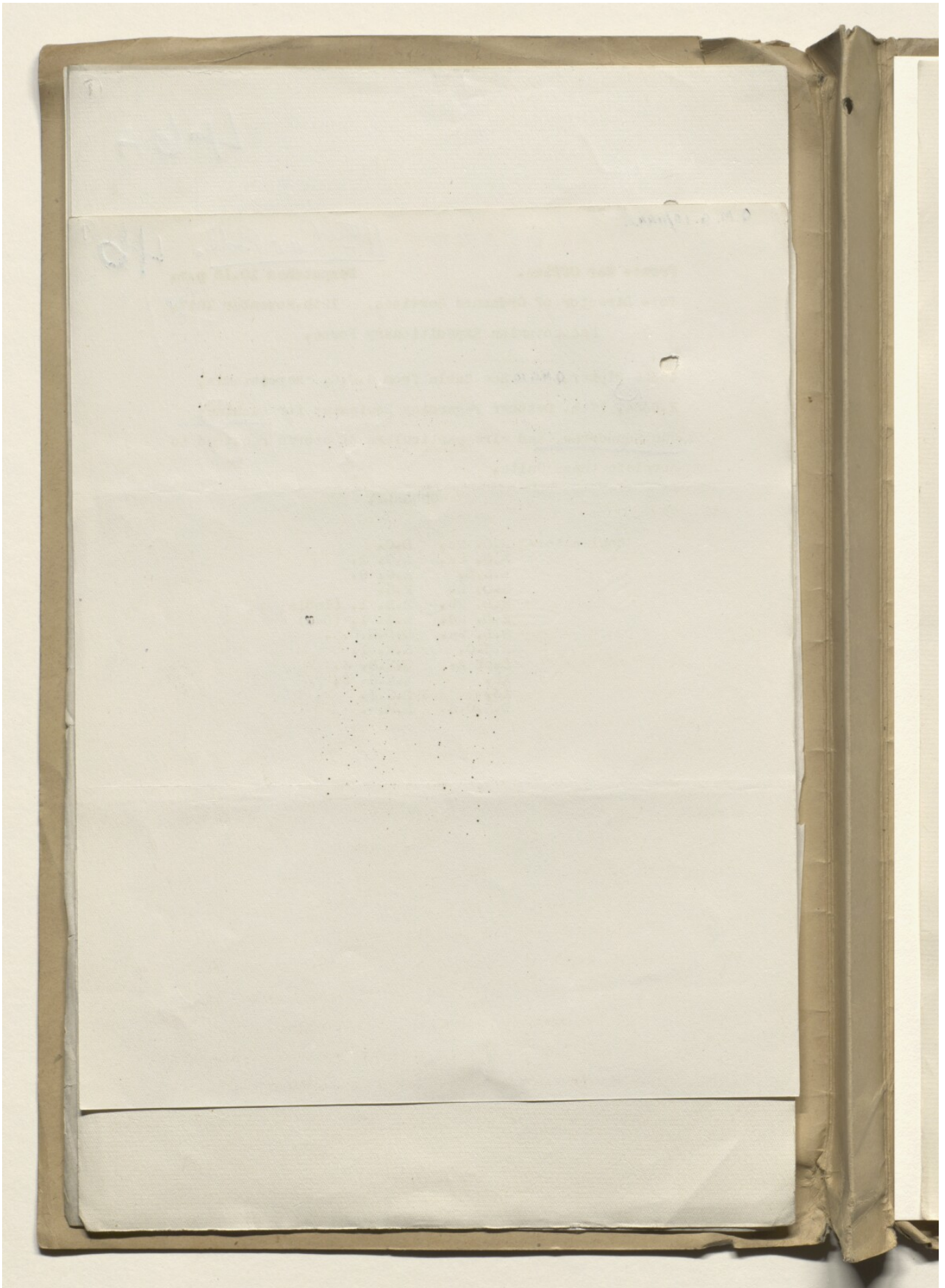
To:- Director of Ordnance Services, 12th, November 1917,
Mesopotamian Expeditionary Force.

45356 Cipher, Q.M.G. 10. See Cable from G.O.C. Mesopotamia,
X.5354, 17th. October regarding Equipment for Machine
Gun Squadrons, and wire particulars of stores required to
complete these Units.

GUNSHOT.

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M.O. 2c.	D.O.
M.O. 2a.	A.G. 1.
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S.D. 2.	M.S.
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S.D. 2d.	M.S. 1. (Ca ^o)
S.D. 2a.	D.D.E.O.S.
M.G.O.	S.R. 1.
D. of A.	Q.M.G. 4.
A2.	Q.M.G. 5.
A3.	D.S.T.
D.E.O.S.	D.F.S.





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Personnel MG Sqdn.

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SECRET.

Handed in 10.30 p.m.
Received 6/11/17. 3 a.m.

From:- C. in C. India.

To:- War Office.
repeated Mesopotamia.

75302 5/11/17. 9 p.m.

Your 42791 Q.M.G.10. October 23rd. Following received
from G.O.C. Force D-

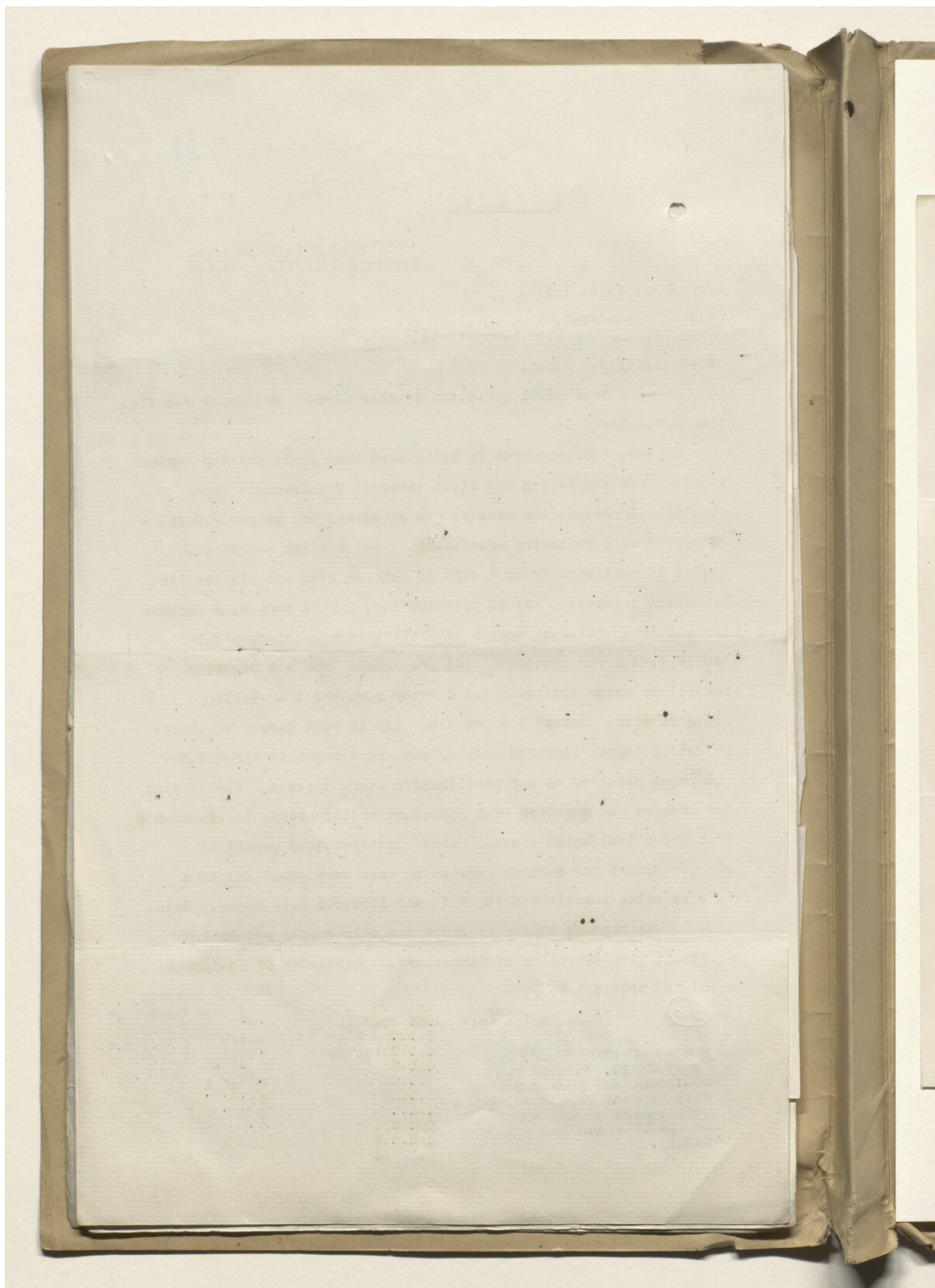
Begins. Beyond what is being sent from India nothing further
required for signalling and field troops. Requirements from
outside Mesopotamia for machine gun squadrons are as per W.E.351 -
73 part 7 with following exceptions. (A) British personnel.
Deduct 17 mentioned in my X 4254 of October 17th and all 1st line
transport drivers. Add 12 privates i.e. 2 pack horses, 9 donkeys
per section. (B) Pack horses with extra pack saddlery machine gun
add 12 i.e. 2 per section. (C) Transport. For all bicycles
substitute motor cycles. Add 1 water cart and 1 travelling
field kitchen. Deduct 1 wagon G.S. Add 12 pack horses as above.
Deduct 12 wagons limbered machine gun and 6 wagon limbered G.S..
Equipment required as per mobilization store table A.F.G.-1098-241
for machine gun squadron with necessary modifications in accordance
with exceptions noted above. Above modifications permit of
pack transport for machine guns being used throughout and of a
T. cart being substituted for G.S. and limbered G.S. wagon. Ends.

As regards equipment India can only supply personal
equipment with exception of binoculars. Remainder of equipment
should be provided by you.

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x Probably X5354 17/10/17.
Mesopotamia. Machine Gun
equipment and pack saddlery
will be sent from here. Cable
particulars of any other
equipment which you cannot
supply.

C.2. Copies to:- ARMY COUNCIL
D.S.D
S.D.2.(action)
S.D.2A
S.D.2B
S.D.2D
D.S.T
Q.M.G.4
Q.M.G.3
Q.M.G.5

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SECRET.

Operations.

From: C.-in-C., India.

To: G.O.C. Mesopotamia; repeated War Office.

1.11.17.
Handed in 5.30 p.m.
Received 8.55 p.m.

74161.

Your X.4486 October 31st.

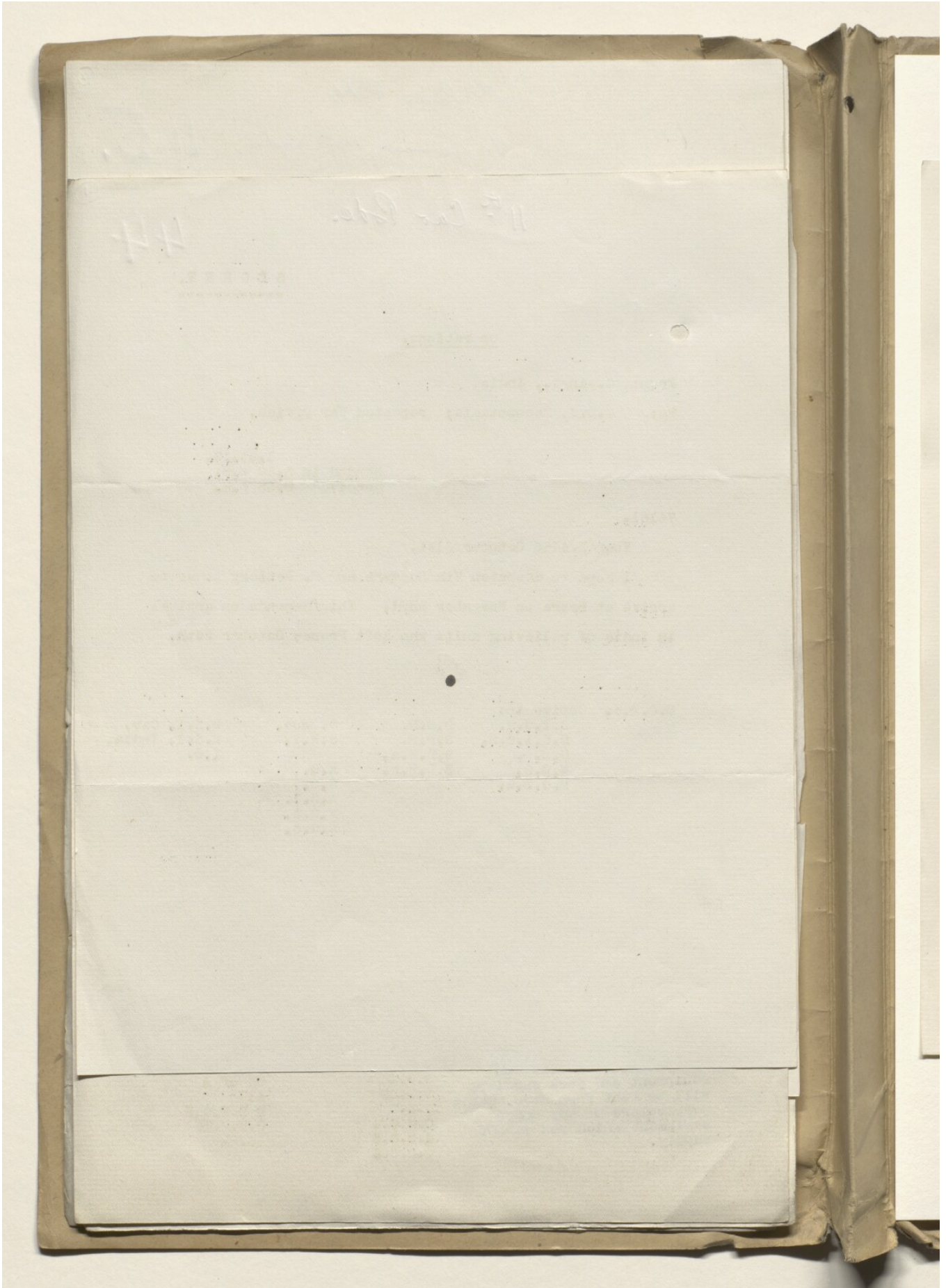
I hope to despatch 7th Hussars and W. Battery so as to arrive at Basra on November 23rd. This depends on arrival in India of relieving units who left France October 26th.

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S.D.2.b.

D. Mov.
S.R.1.
A.G.
D.O.
A.G.1.
A.G.5.
A.G.6.

M.S.1. Cav.
M.S.1. India.
I.O.





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SECRET

OPERATIONS.

From:- G.O.C., Mesopotamia.

To:- C.-in-C., India.
repeated C.I.G.S.

Handed in 31.10.17,
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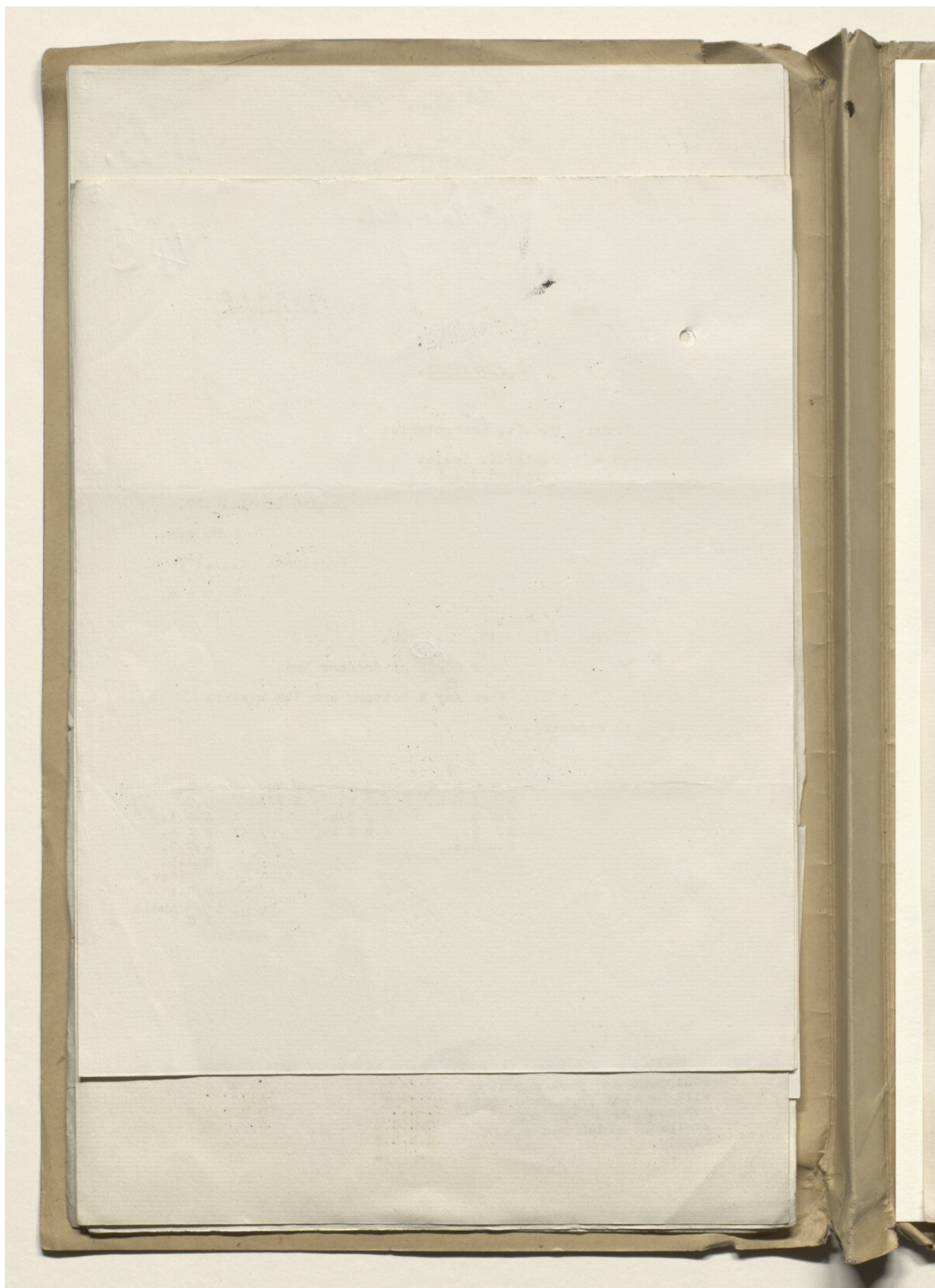
X 4486 31.10.17. 2.0 p.m.

Your 66829 of October 3rd.

When may W battery and 7th Hussars
be expected.

M.O.2.c. Copies to:-

C.I.G.S.	D.S.D.	D.Mov.	A.G.
D.C.I.G.S.	S.D.2.	S.R.l.	D.O.
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M.O.2.	S.D.2.b.		A.G.5.
M.O.2.a.			A.G.6.
			M.S.1.
			(Cav.)
			M.S.1
			India
			I.O.





11th Cav Bde
Personnel

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SECRET

From:- War Office.

To :- 3rd Echelon, Basra.
C.-n-C. India.

26th October 1917.

8 p.m.

44002 cipher A.G.9.

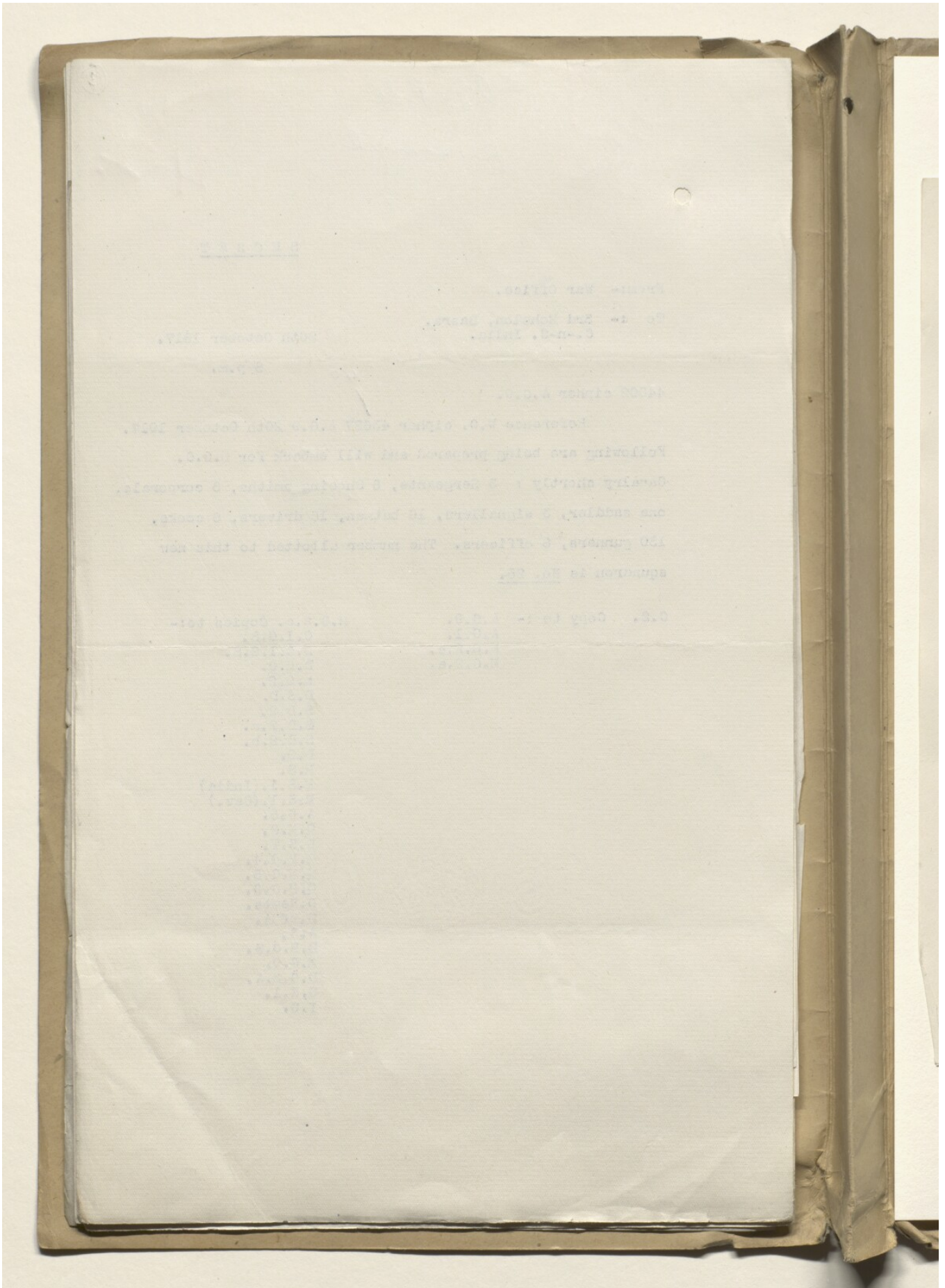
Reference W.O. cipher 43627 A.G.9 20th October 1917.

Following are being prepared and will embark for M.G.C.

Cavalry shortly : 3 Sergeants, 6 Shoeing smiths, 3 corporals,
one saddler, 3 signallers, 16 batmen, 15 drivers, 6 cooks,
130 gunners, 8 officers. The number allotted to this new
squadron is No. 25.

C.2. Copy to :- A.G.9.
A.G.1.
M.O.2.c.
M.O.2.a.

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S.D.2.b.
D.O.
M.S.
M.S.1.(India)
M.S.1.(Cav.)
A.G.5.
Q.M.G.
D.S.T.
Q.M.G.4.
Q.M.G.5.
Q.M.G.9.
D.Remts.
D.of A.
A.3.
D.E.O.S.
M.G.O.
D.G.M.A.
S.R.1.
I.O.





11th Cav. Bde:

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S E C R E T.

23/10/17.

From :- C. in C. India.

10.15.p.m.

To:- War Office.

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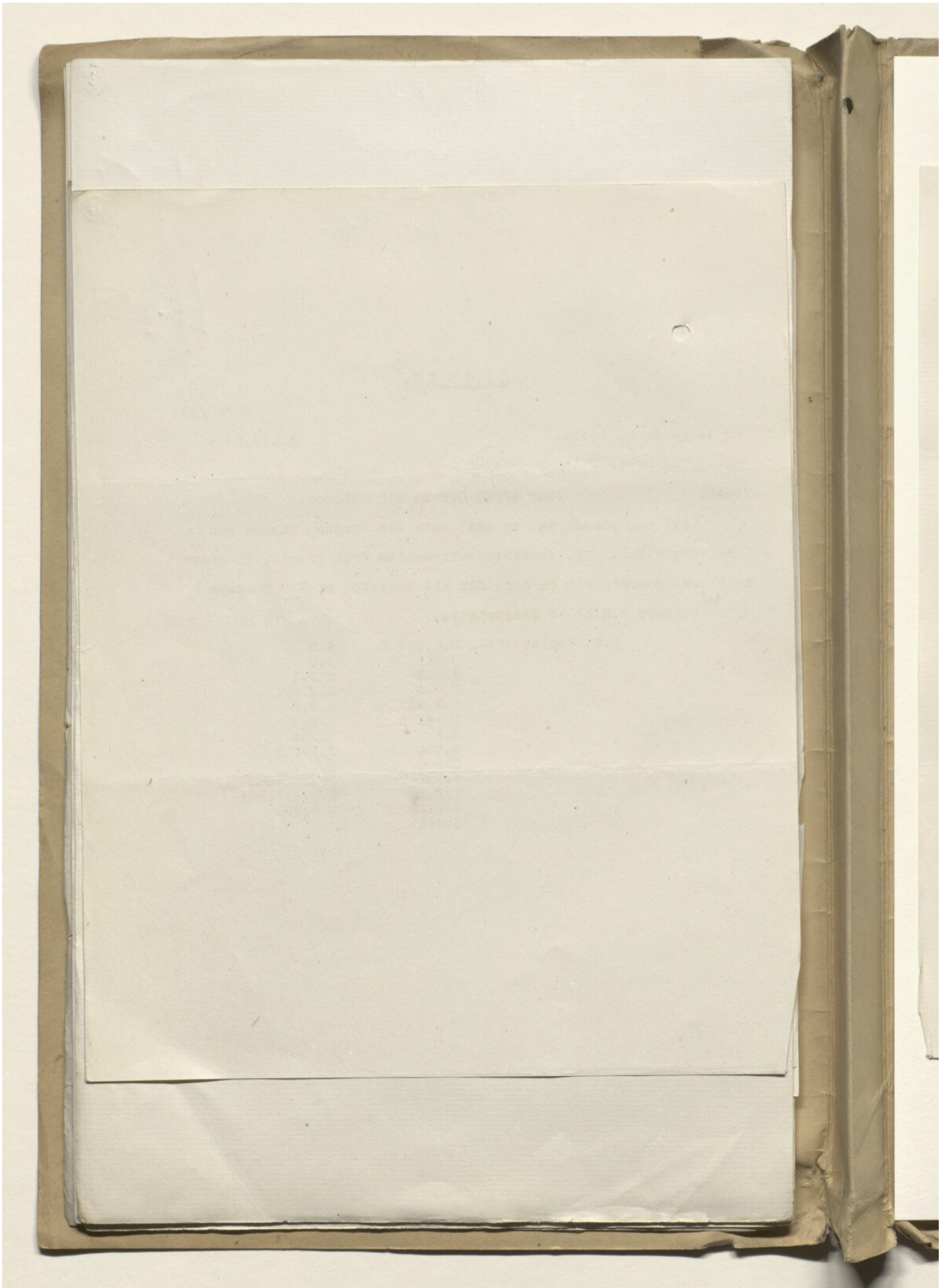
71865.

Your 42573 S.D.2. 4th October.

Will you please say, on what date 1st Dragoon Guards and X Battery R.H.A. will complete embarkation from France, in order that arrangements may be made for the despatch of 7th Hussars and ^W battery R.H.A. to Mesopotamia.

C.2. Copies to:-

D.C.I.G.S	A.G
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S.D.2B	M.S.1.(India)
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S.R.1	





11th Cav Bgde
Personnel for M.S. Sqdn. 40. (15)

SECRET.

From:- War Office.

To:- G.O.C. Mesopotamia,
C-in-C. India.

20th October, 1917.

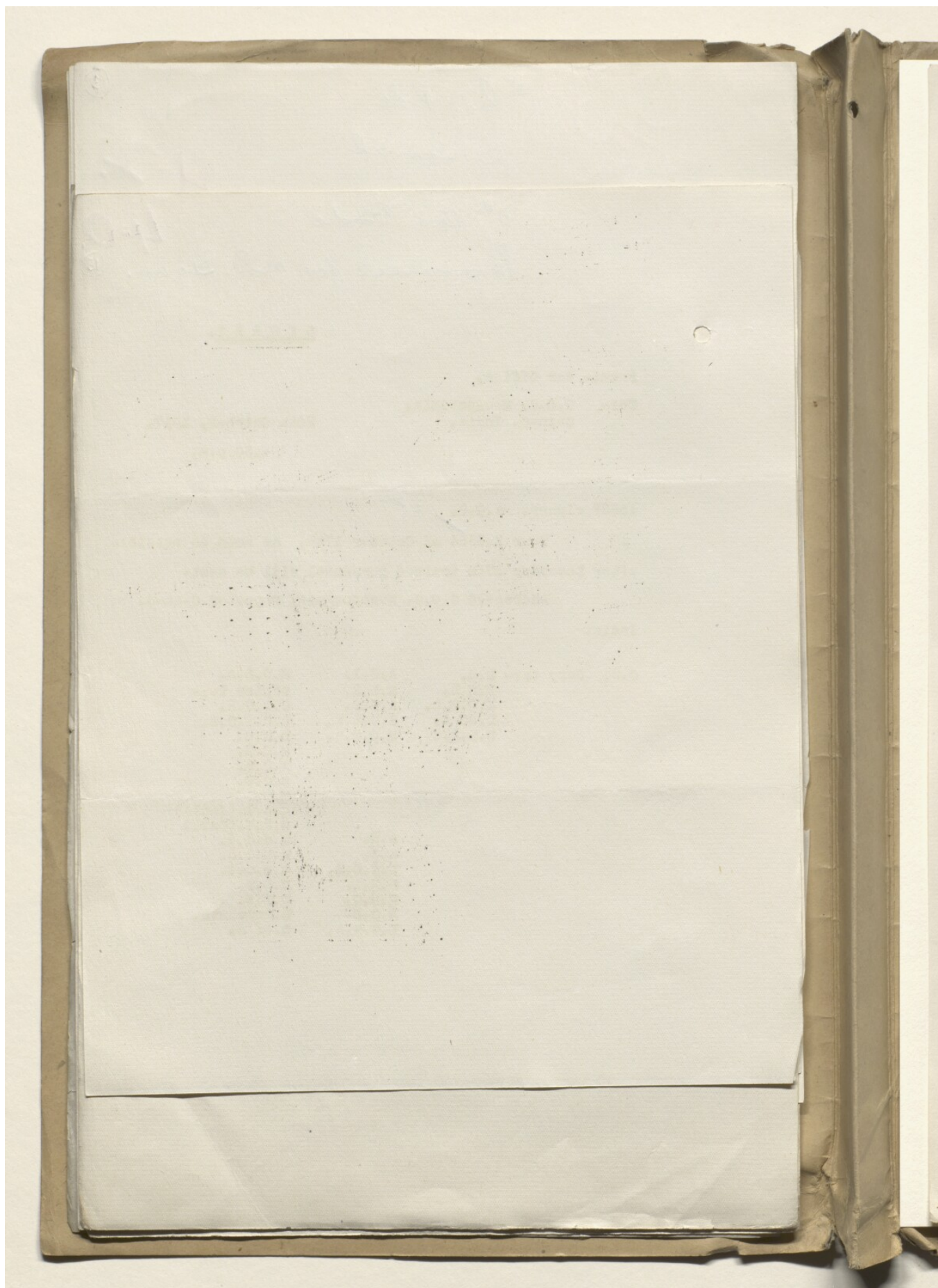
4.30 p.m.

43627 cipher. A.G.9. 38

Your X.5354 of October 17th. As soon as possible after December 17th trained personnel will be sent.

Addressed G.O.C. Mesopotamia; repeated C-in-C. India.

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			M.O.2.
			A.G.5.
			A.G.9.
			M.S.
			M.S.1.(India)
			M.S.1.(Cav.)
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		S.R.1.	D.S.T.
		Q.M.G.	D.F.W.
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		D.G.M.A.	D.of A.





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SECRET.

18/10/17.

From:- G.O.C.Mesopotamia.
To:- War Office.
repeated C. in C. India.

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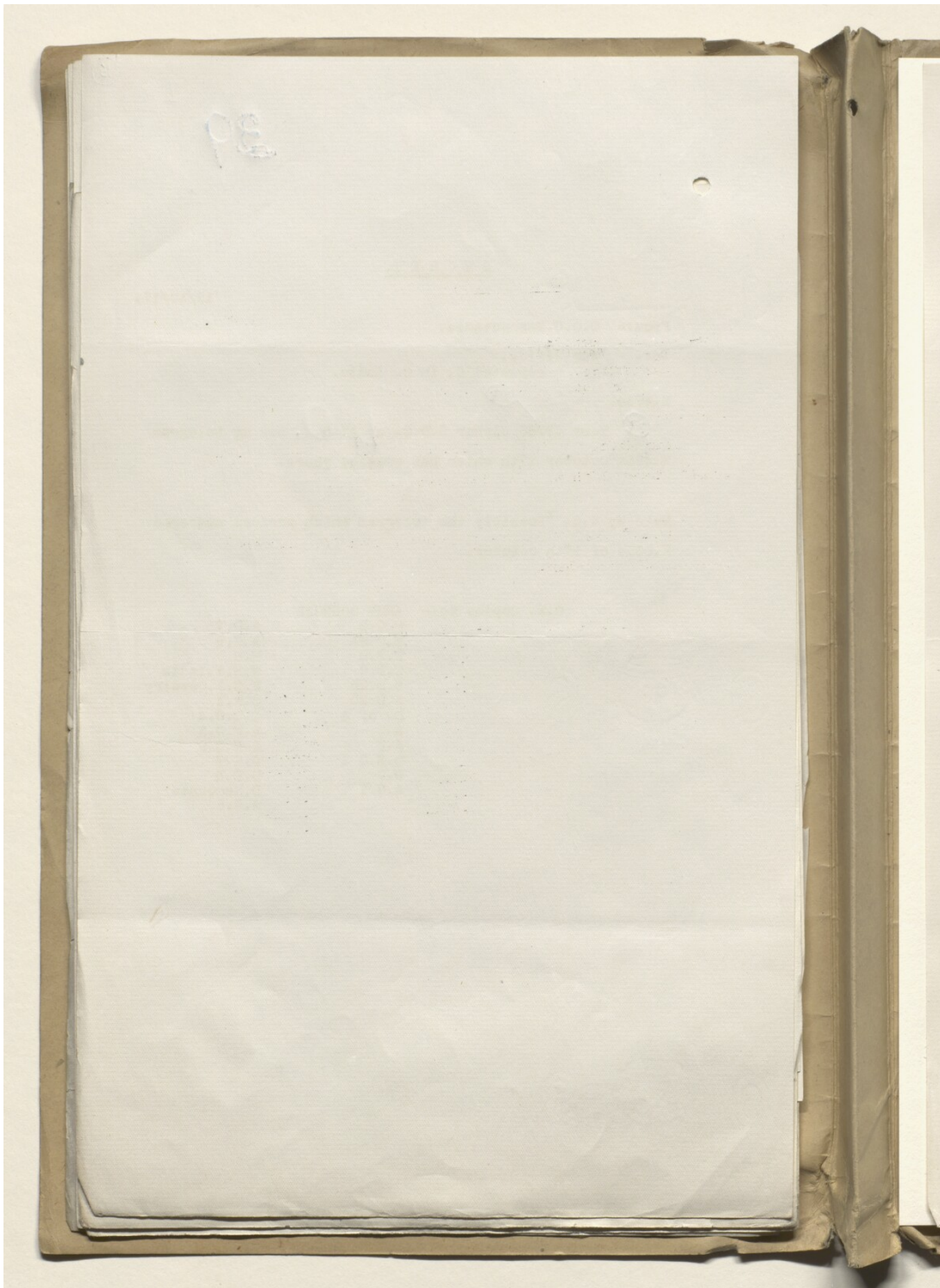
(37) Your 43383 cipher S.D.2. of 17th. See my telegram
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From:- G.O.C. Mesopotamia.

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Reference War office 42475 cipher S.D.2. October 3rd.

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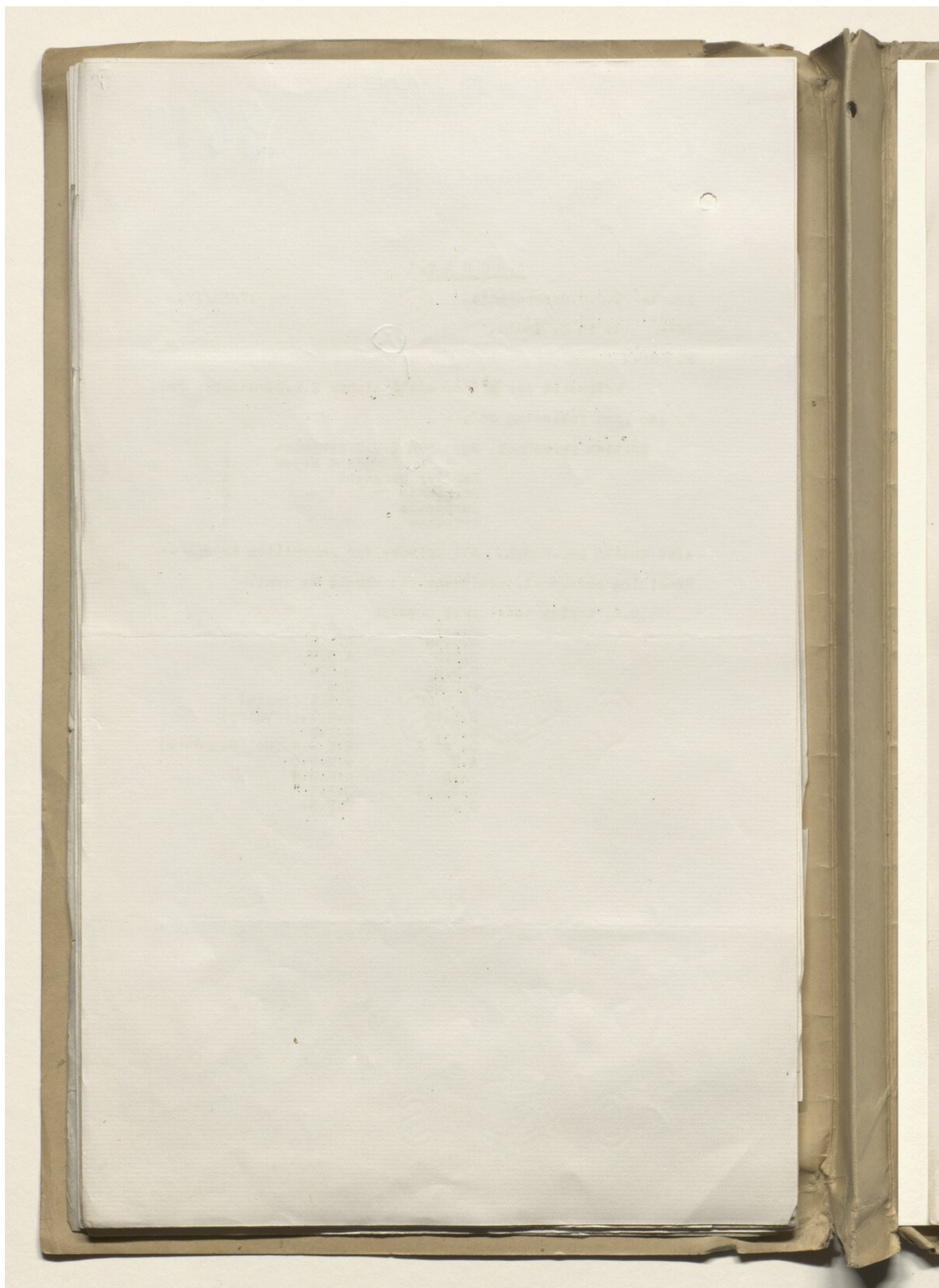
British personnel	Squadron Q.M.G. Sergeant	1
	" Sergeant Major	1
	Farrier Sergeant	1
	Sergeants	3
	Corporals	3
	Privates	8

Also Indian personnel. All drivers for Ammunition wagons -

Remaining personnel, equipment etc should be sent.

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S.D.4D	M.S.1.(Cavalry)
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D. of A	Q.M.G.4.(Col Saunders)
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From : War Office.
To : G.O.C. Mesopotamia.
C.in C. India.

17th October 1917,
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45383 cipher S.D.2. Oct. 17th. (27)

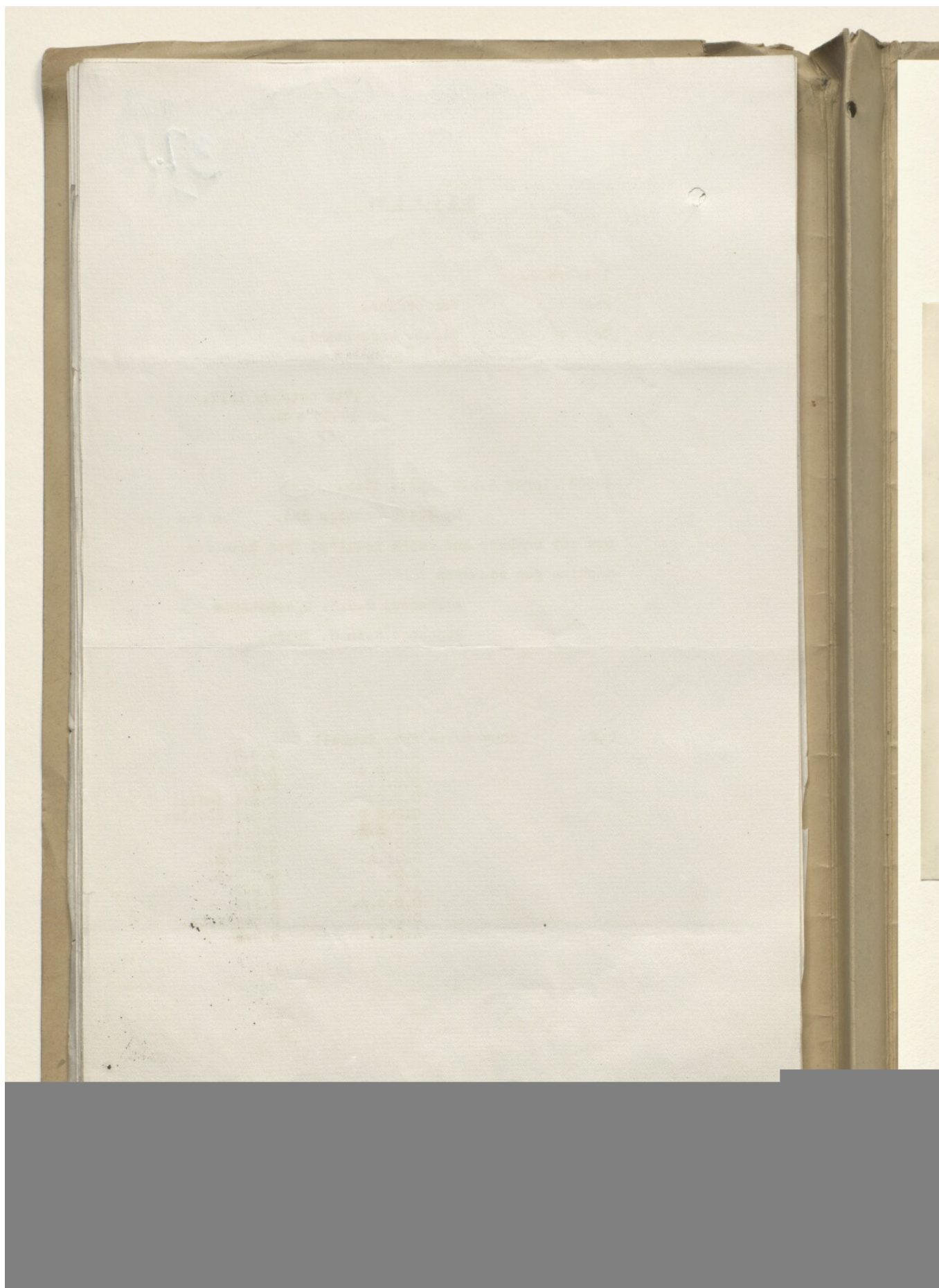
My 42475 October 3rd. Can you
now say numbers and ranks required from home for
machine gun squadron ?

Addressed G.O.C. Mesopotamia.
Reopened C.in C. India.

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A.G.1.

A.G.7.
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*P. Y. Instructors
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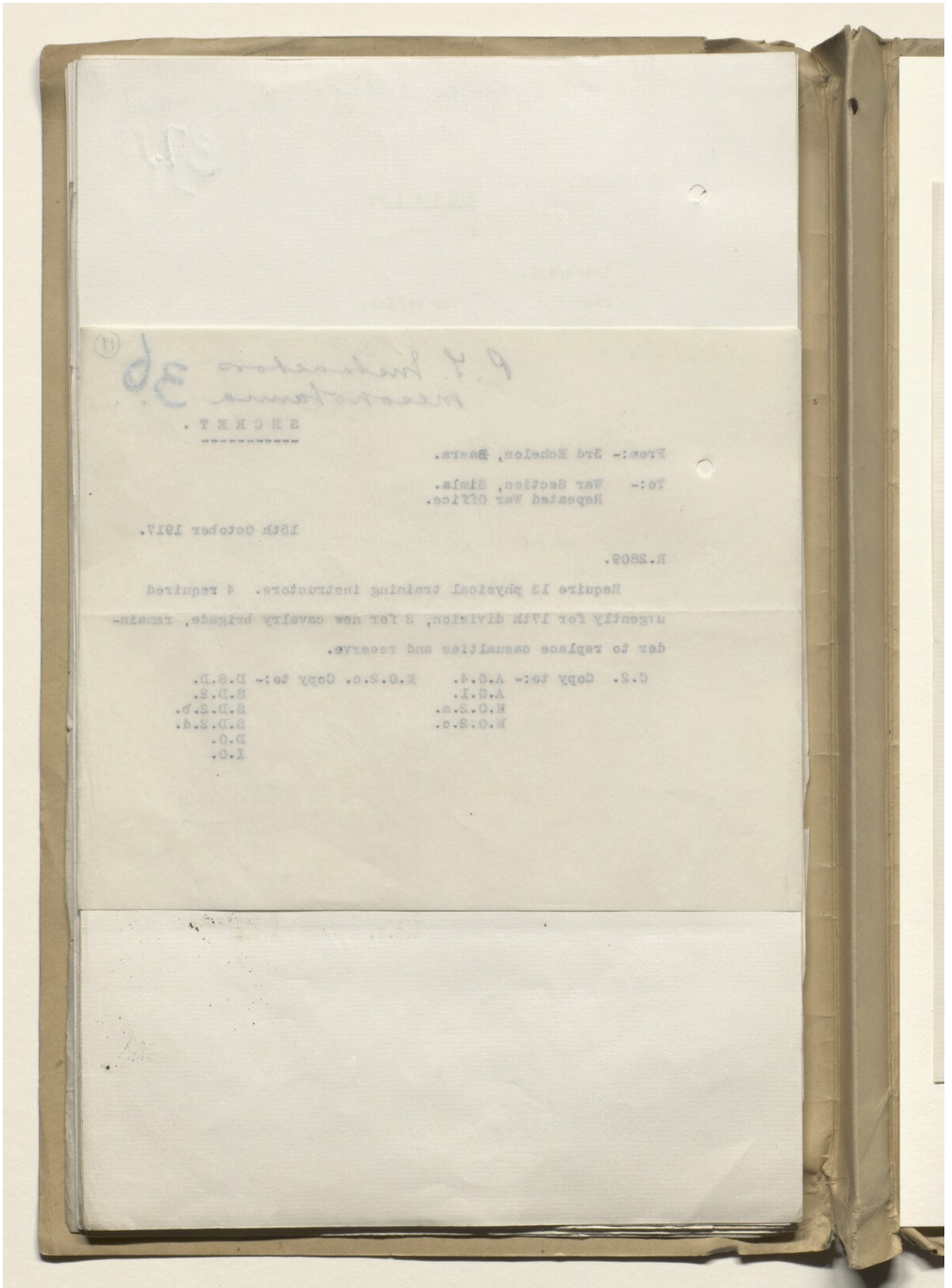
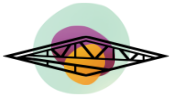
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Repeated War Office.

15th October 1917.

R.2809.

Require 13 physical training instructors. 4 required
urgently for 17th division, 2 for new cavalry brigade, remain-
der to replace casualties and reserve.

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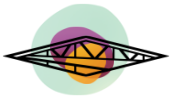
From:- 3rd Echelon, Base.
To:- War Section, Sims.
Repeating War Office.

18th October 1917.

R.2809.

Require 13 physical training instructors. 4 required
urgently for IVth division, 2 for new cavalry brigade, remain-
der to replace casualties and reserve.

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From:- War Office.

To:- G.O.C. in C. Mesopotamia.
C. in C. India.

42983 cipher A.G.9 October 10th.

Reference War Office cipher 42070 S.D.2. September 27th.

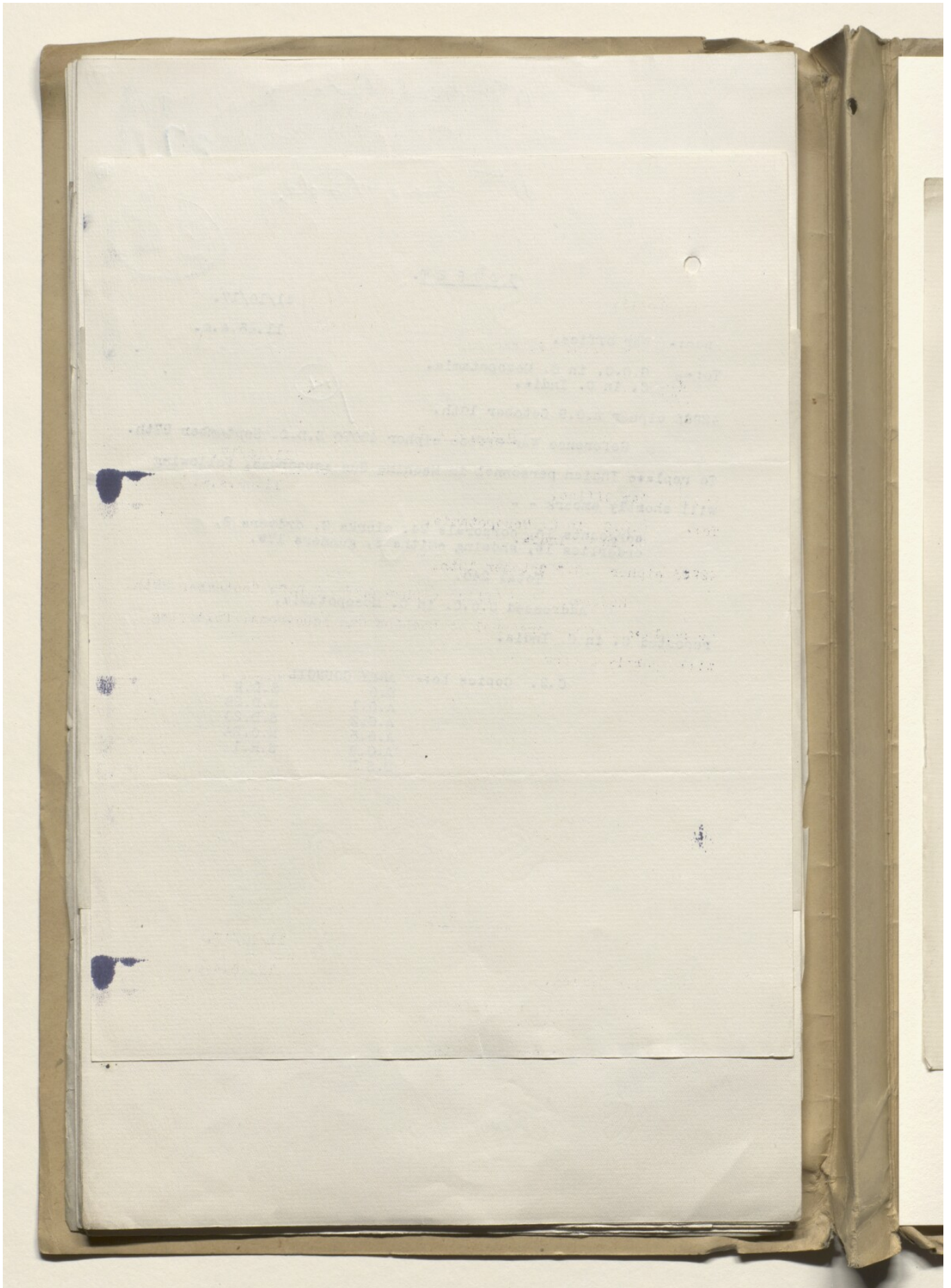
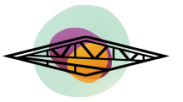
To replace Indian personnel in Machine Gun squadrons, following
will shortly embark - -

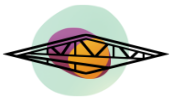
sargeants 10, corporals 24, clerks 2, drivers 2,
orderlies 18, shoeing smiths 3, gunners 17.

Total 240.

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From:- War Office

To:- C-in-C India

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S.D.2 Your 67580 October 6th.

section

X Battery R.H.A is accompanied by Artillery/ammunition
column.

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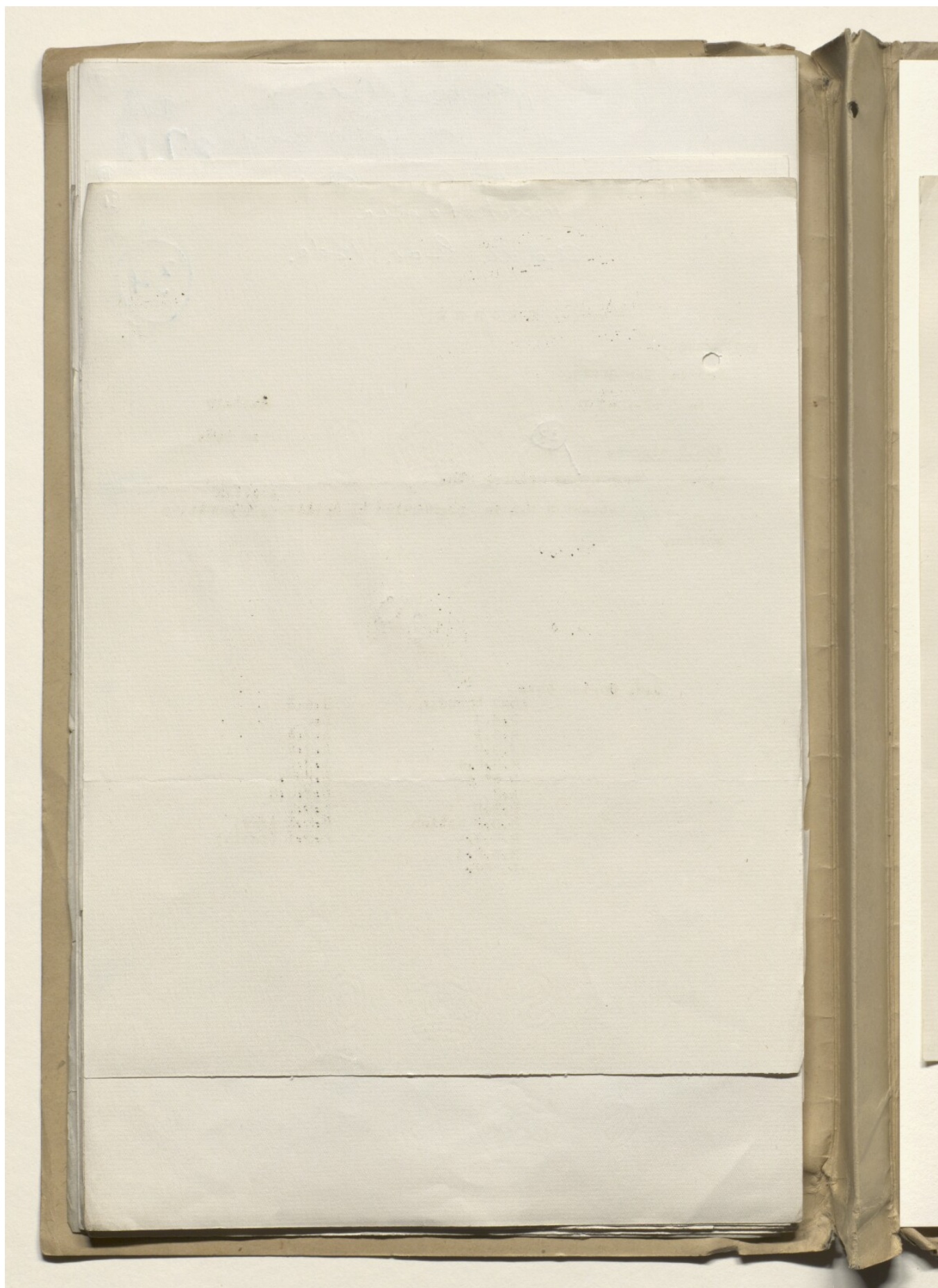
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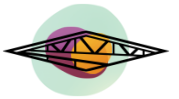
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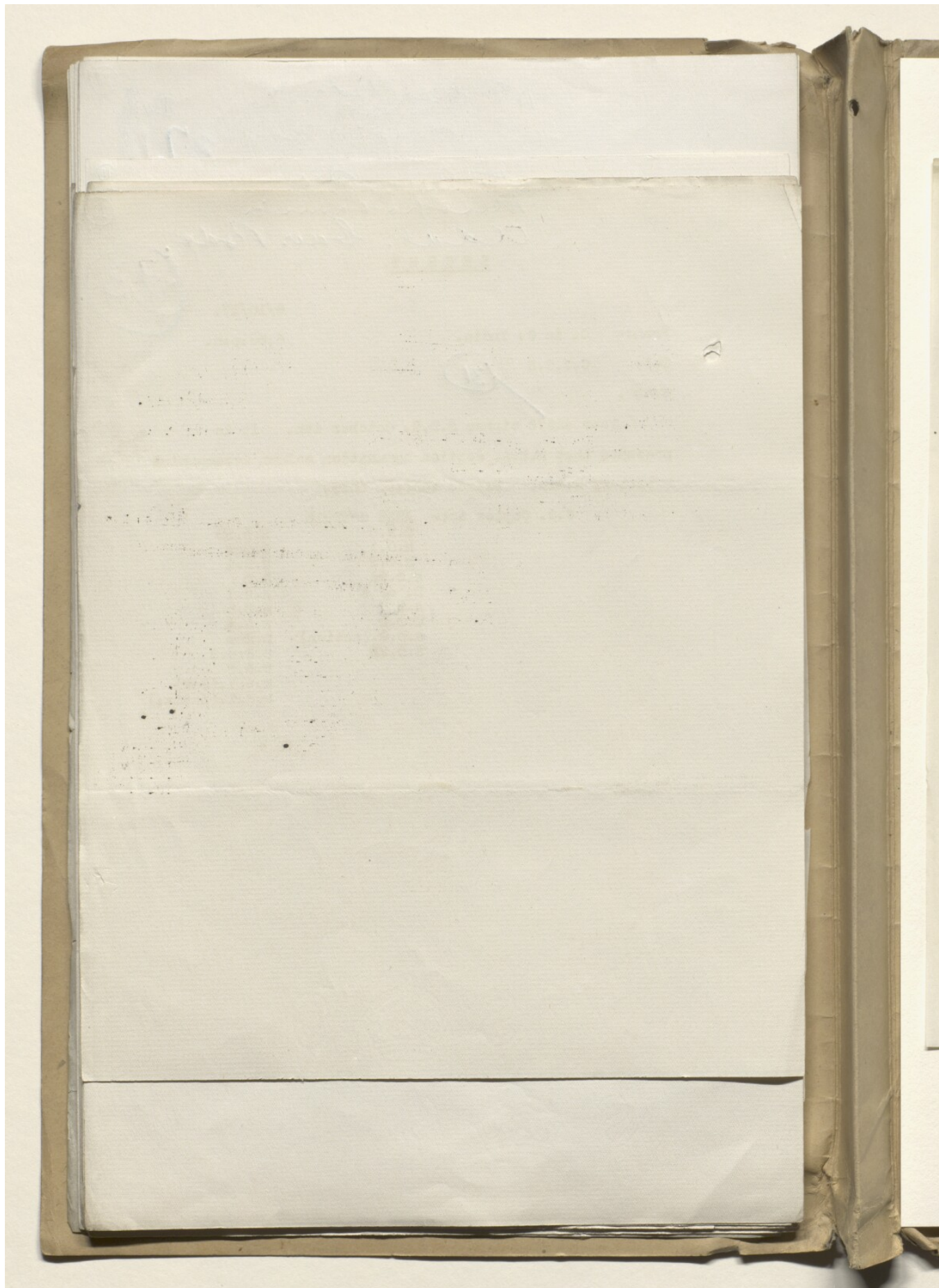
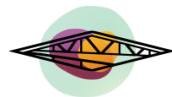
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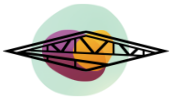
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Your 42573 cipher S.D.2. October 4th. It is presumed that R.H.A. section ammunition column accompanies battery R.H.A. Please confirm this.

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A.2	A.G.5
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S.D.2.(action)	D.Hem
S.D.2B	D.E.O.S
	D.S.T
	M.S.L.(Cav)
	M.S.L.(India.)





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0164/3786.

From:- War Office.,
To:- C.in.C., India.

4.10.17.

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42551 cipher S.D.2.

Your 64696 September 24th. Cavalry
alternative is preferred.*

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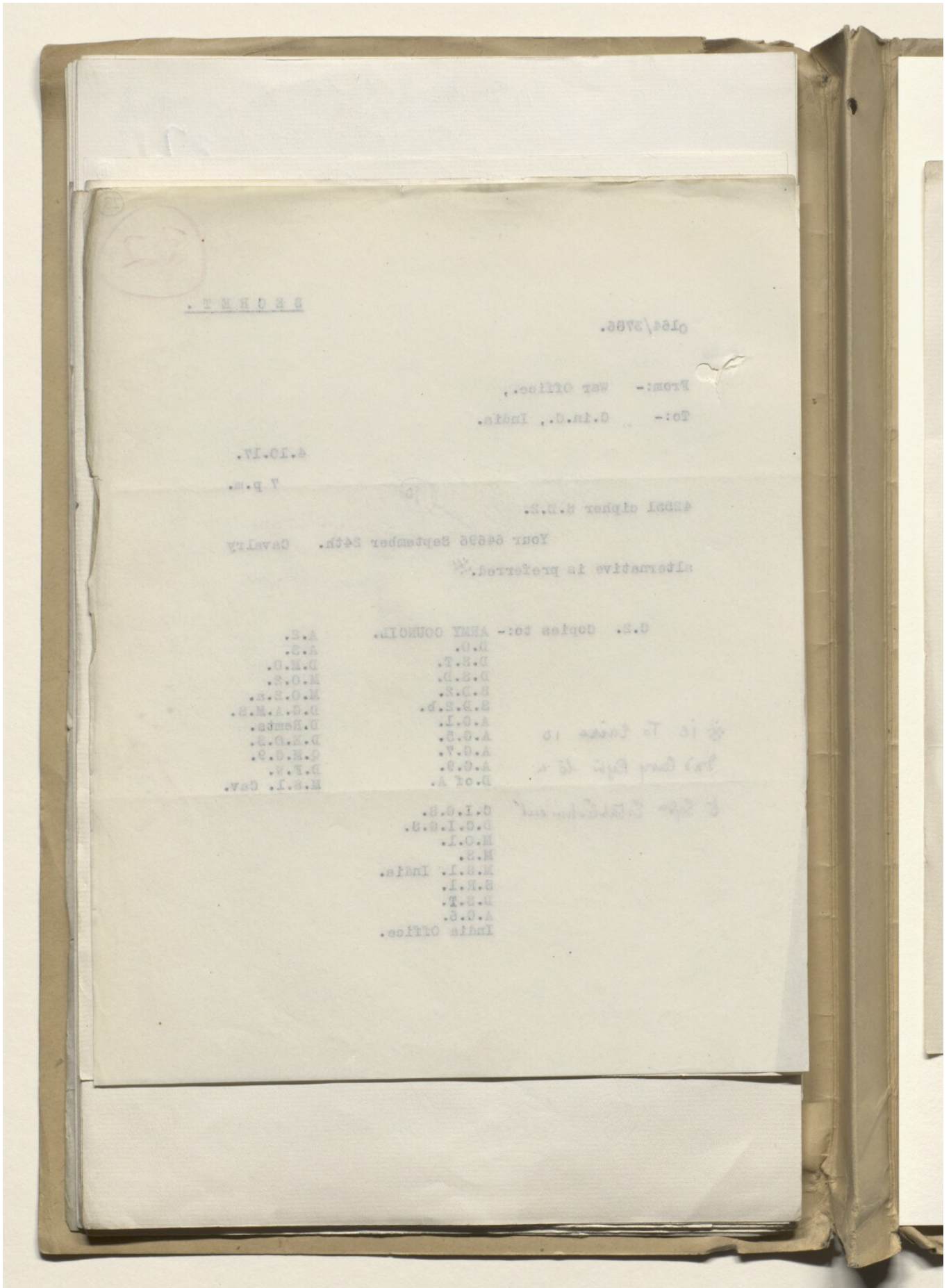
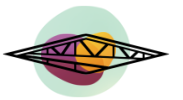
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A.G.9.
D.of A.

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M.S.l. Cav.

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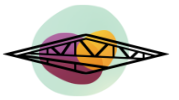
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Your 22222 September 24th. Cavalry
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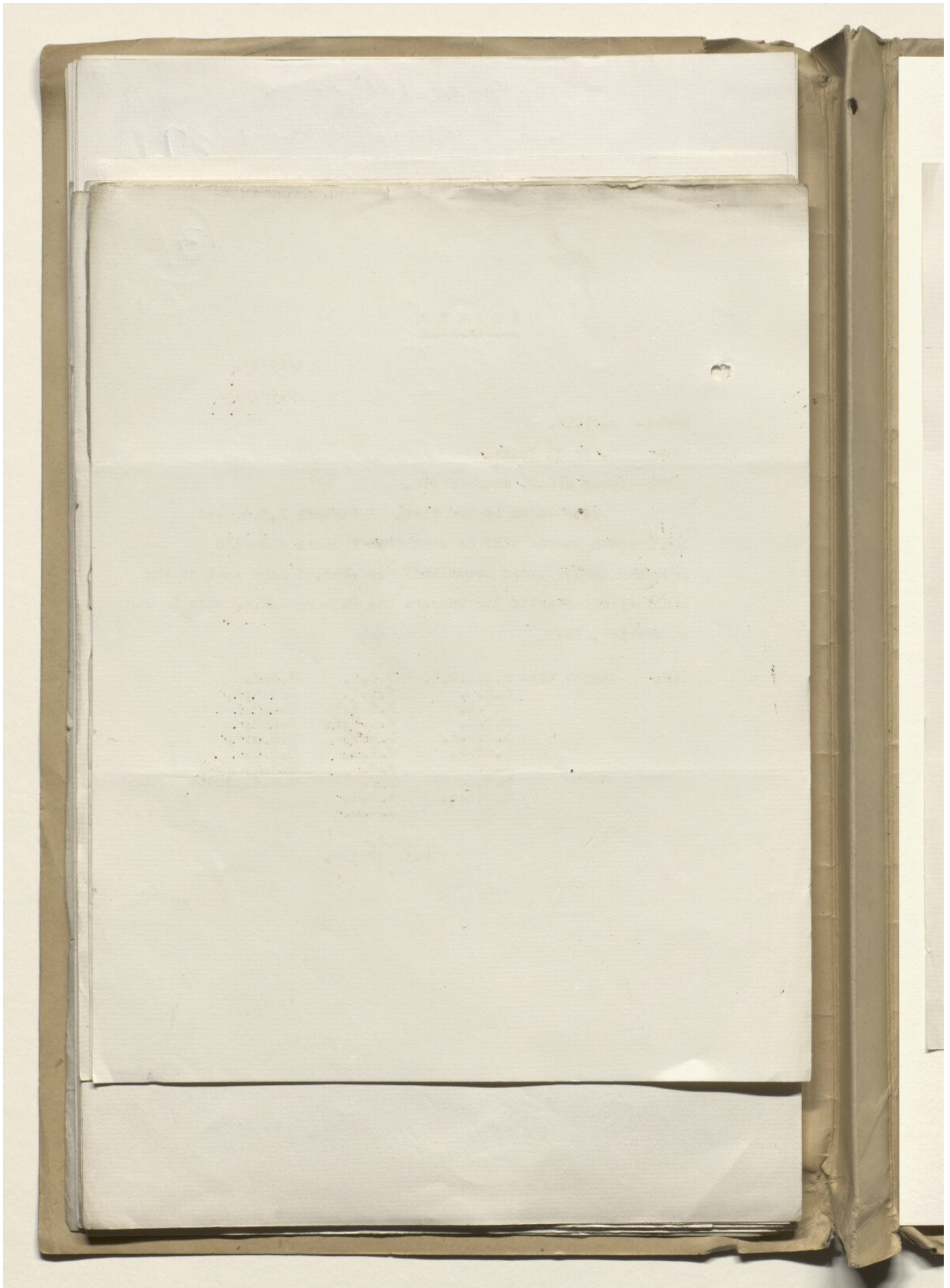
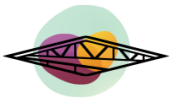
42573 cipher S.D.2. October 4th.

Your 66829 of 3rd inst. X Battery R.H.A. and 1st Dragoon Guards will be sent from France, and will probably arrive India about 15th November. I hope that at the earliest opportunity 7th Hussars and Battery R.H.A. will be sent to Mesopotamia.

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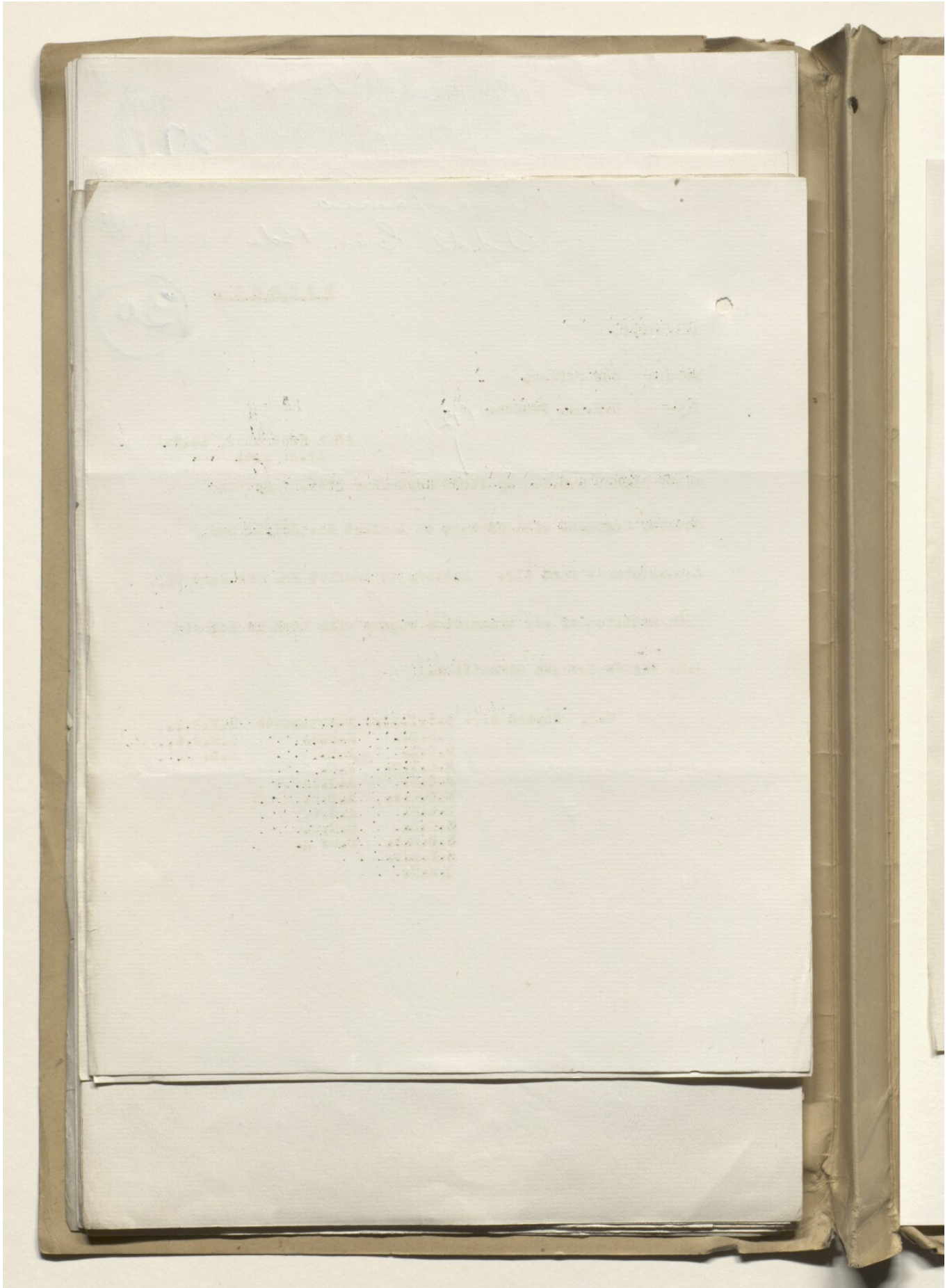
From:- War Office.

To:- G.H.Q., France. (12)

20th September, 1917.
11.20 a.m.

42177 Cipher S.D.S. My 42063 September 27th. British
Cavalry Regiment will proceed on leaflet No. 351/13 War
Establishment Part VII. Battery on leaflet No. 429 Part VII,
with addition of six ammunition wagons with limbers and six
G.S. wagons for gun ammunition.

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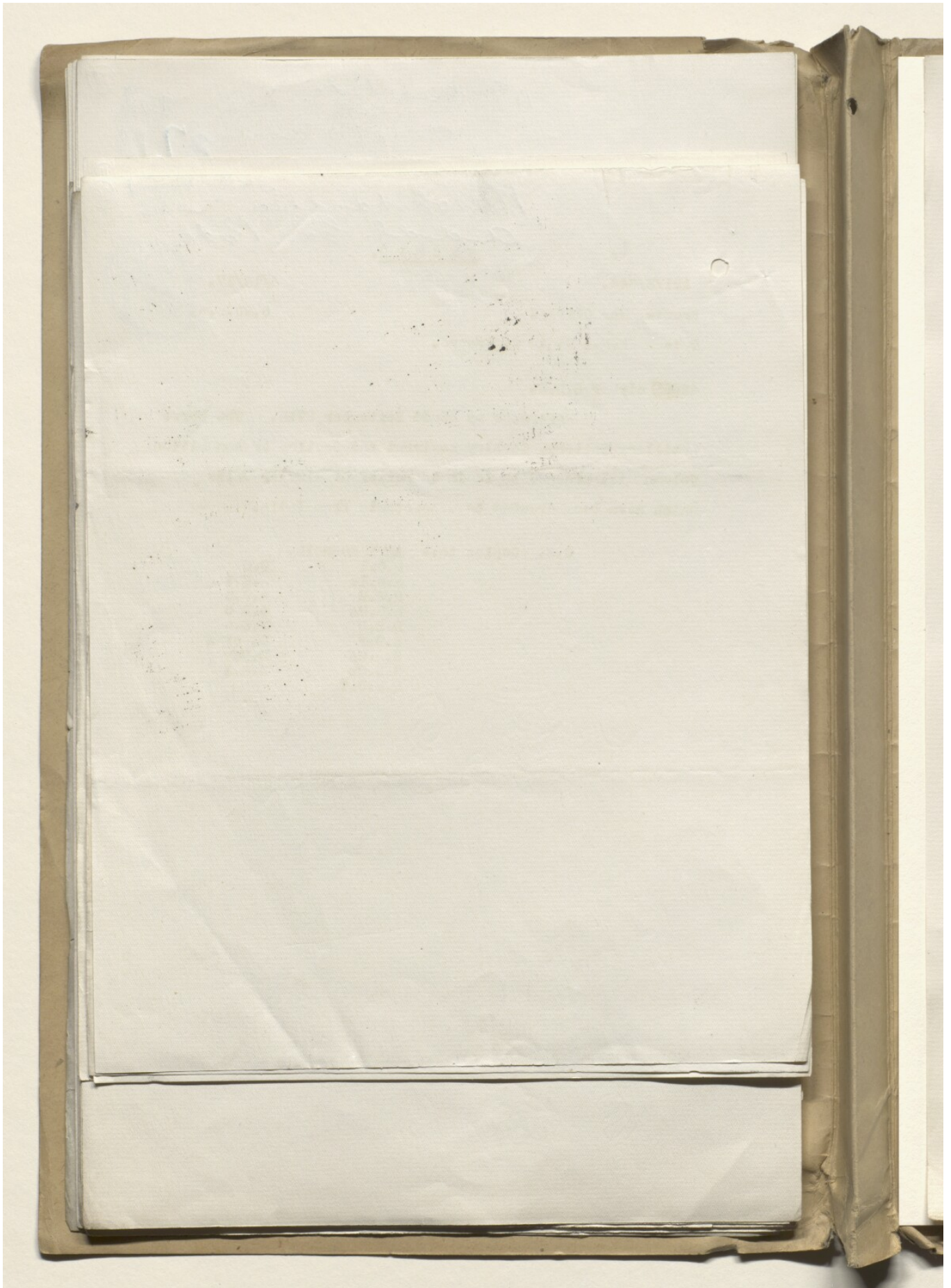
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To:- F.M., C. in C. France.

42463 cipher S.D.2.

Reference my 42063 September 27th. The Horse Artillery Battery, Cavalry Regiment and Section of Ammunition Column will proceed to India in relief of similar units which have been ordered to Mesopotamia from India.

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M.O.1c A.G.1
M.O.2 A.G.5
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S.D.2A D.Mov
S.D.2B S.R.1
Q.M.G.7





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Operations.

From: C. in C., India,

To: C.I.G.S. Repeated G.O.C., Mesopotamia.

3. 10. 1917,

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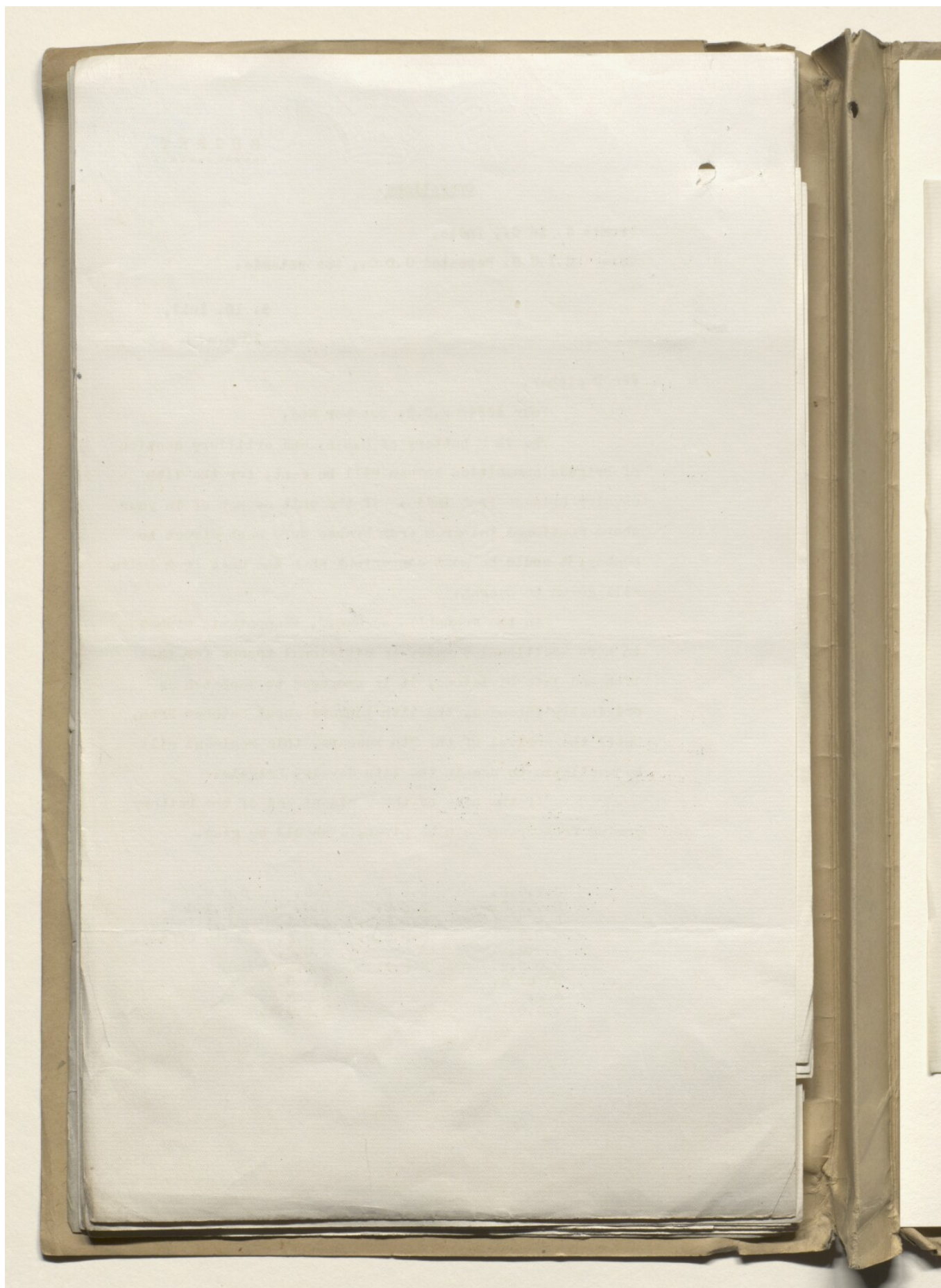
Your 42349 M.O.2. October 2nd,

The 7B W battery of R.H.A. and artillery section of brigade ammunition column will be sent, for the 11th Cavalry Brigade from India. If the unit spoken of in your above mentioned telegram from France were sent direct to Bombay, it would be most convenient when the unit from India will go on to Basrah.

In the meanwhile as G.O.C. Mesopotamia wished to have additional cavalry as divisional troops for the 17th and 18th Divisions, it is proposed to despatch as originally intended, the 11th Lancers about October 25th. Until the arrival of the 7th Hussars, this regiment will be available to use in the 11th Cavalry Brigade.

If the name of the regiment and of the battery coming from France can be given, I should be glad.

C.I.G.S.	D.S.D.	A.G.	D.S.T.
D.C.I.G.S.	S.D.2.	D.O.	M.S.1.Cav.
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M.O.1.	S.D.2.d.	A.G.5.	India Office.
M.J.2.	D.Mov.	A.G.6.	
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From:- War Office.

To:- C. in C. India.
G.O.C.Mesopotamia.

42475 cipher S.D.2.

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Your 66001 of 29th September and Maude's X.3925 of 1st October. Except Indian drivers for ammunition wagons personnel of Machine Gun Companies Squadron will be British and balance required will be sent from home.

Report early numbers required by ranks.

Addressed C. in C. India, repeated G.O.C.Mesopotamia.

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| M.G.O | C.M.G.4 |
| D. of A | Q.M.G.5 |
| A.2 | Q.M.G.9 |
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| D.E.O.S | D.F.W |
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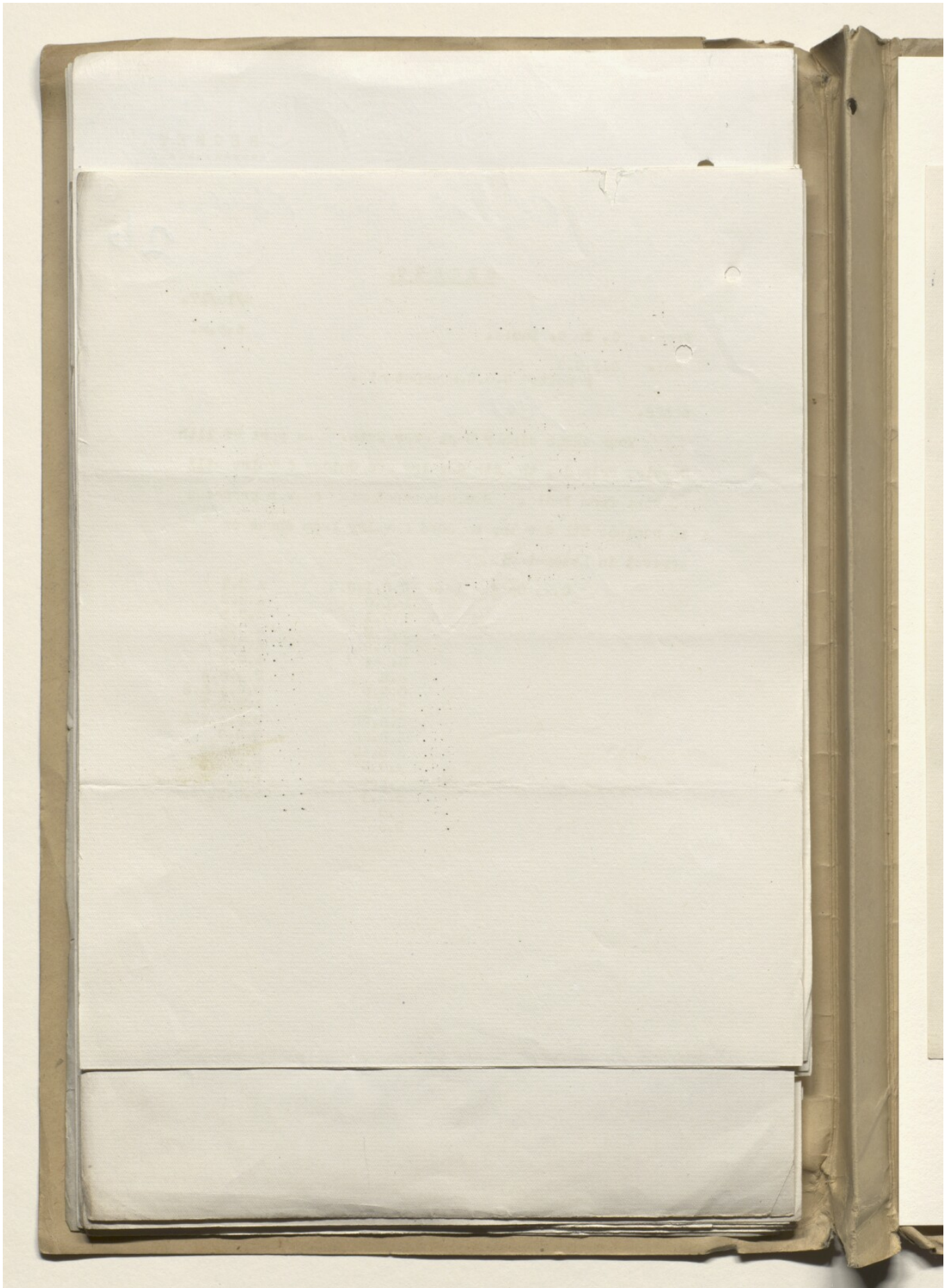
To:- C.I.G.S.
repeated G.O.C.Mesopotamia.

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Your 42208 cipher September 29th. As part of 11th Cavalry Brigade, the 5th Cavalry and Guides Cavalry will be sent from India. G.O.C.Mesopotamia however proposes to replace 5th Cavalry by 23rd Cavalry from Ahwaz on arrival in Mesopotamia.

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2nd October, 1917.

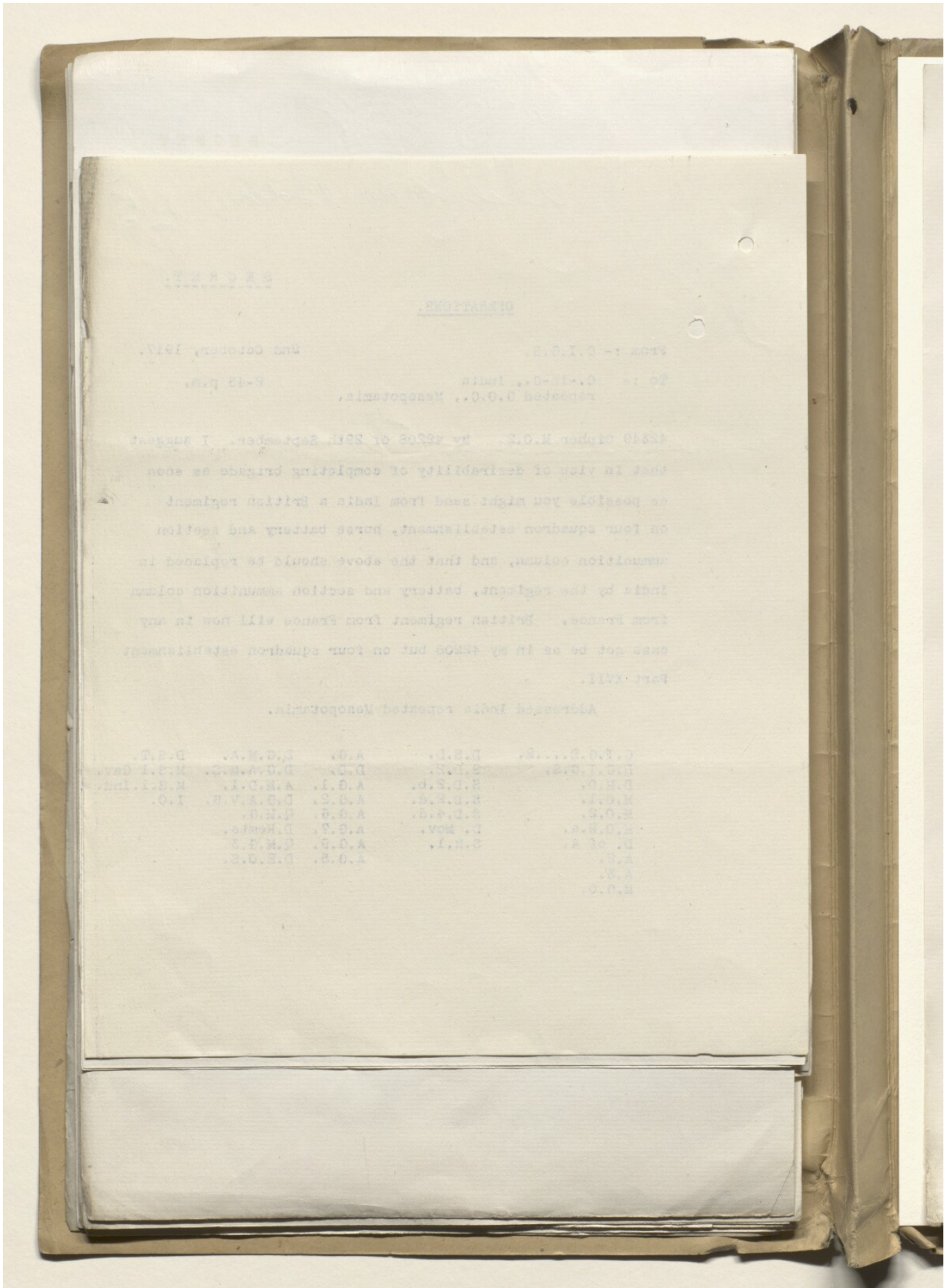
To :- C.-in-C., India
repeated G.O.C., Mesopotamia.

2-45 p.m.

42349 Cipher M.O.2. My 42208 of 29th September. I suggest
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that in view of desirability of completing brigade as soon
as possible you might send from India a British regiment
on four squadron establishment, horse battery and section
ammunition column, and that the above should be replaced in
India by the regiment, battery and section ammunition column
from France. British regiment from France will now in any
case not be as in my 42208 but on four squadron establishment
Part XVII.

Addressed India repeated Mesopotamia.

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M.G.O.				





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From :- War Office.
To :- G.O.C. Mesopotamia.
Repeated C. in C. India.

1st October, 1917.
6.35 p.m.

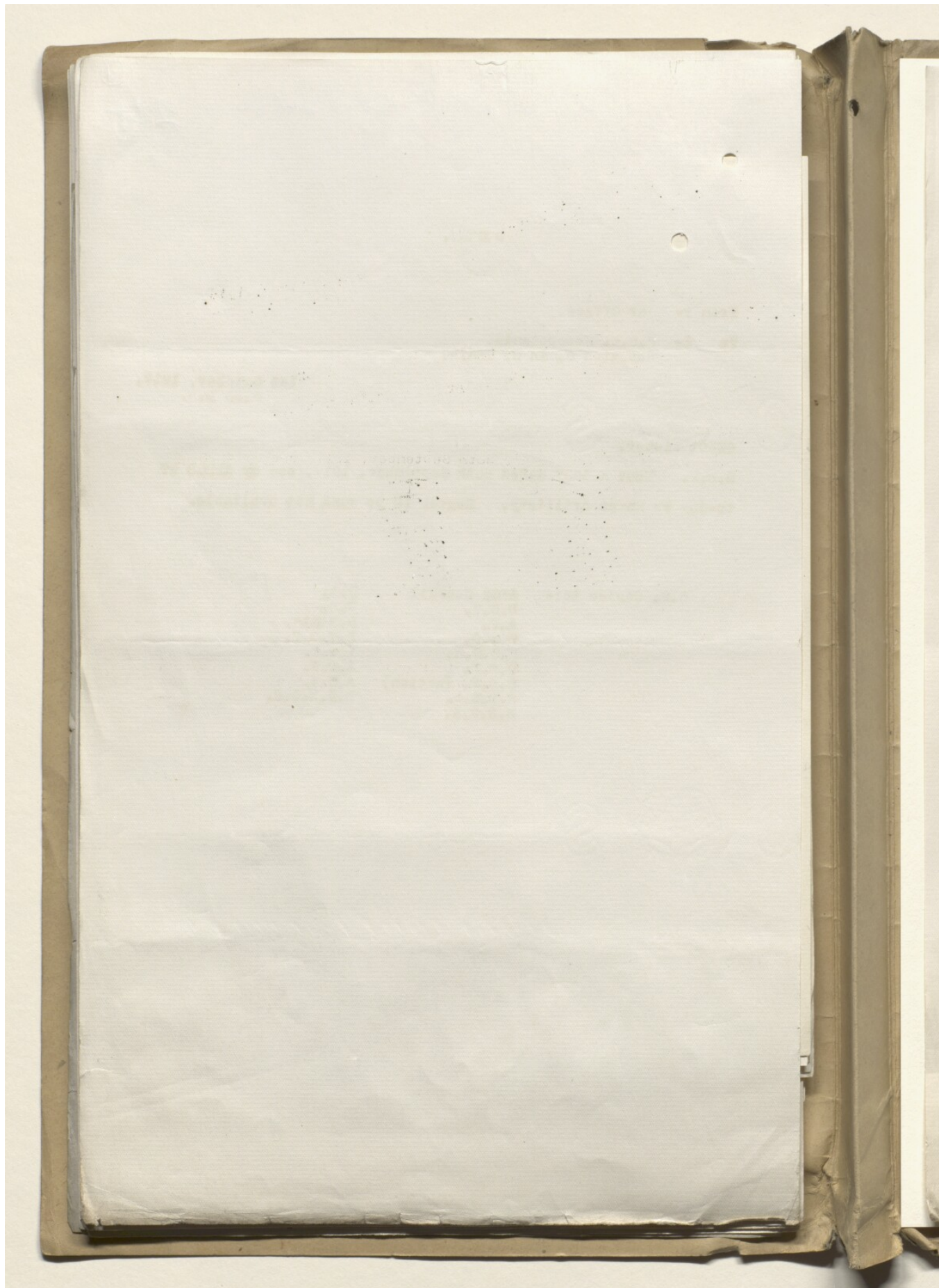
42301 cipher.

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S.D.2. Your X 3857 dated 28th September, 1917, see my 42208 of to-day re Horse Artillery. Regret 18 pr guns not available.

C.2. Copies to:-

Army Council	D.A.
D.S.T.	D.O.
A.2.	D.Repts.
D.L.O.	D.E.O.S.
H.O.2.a.	A.G.1.
D.S.D.	A.G.6.
S.D.2. (action)	A.G.9.
S.D.2.b.	D.D.E.O.S.
S.D.2.d.	





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S E C R E T .

From :- C. in C. India.

To :- C.I.G.S. repeated G.O.C. Mesopotamia.

66431 October 1st. 11.45 p.m. (18)

Your 42208 cipher of 29th.

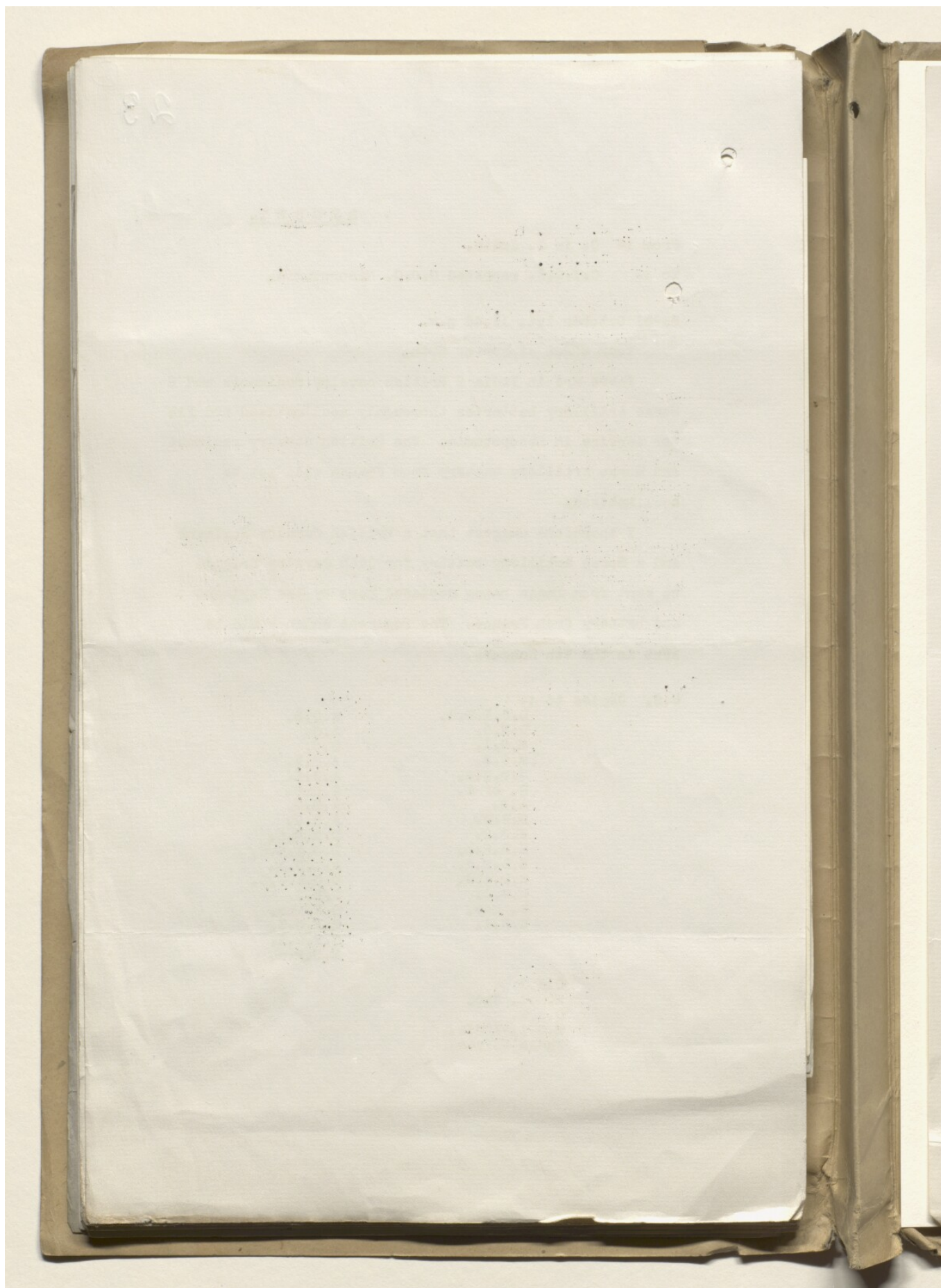
There are in India 2 British cavalry regiments and 2 Horse Artillery batteries thoroughly acclimatised and fit for service in Mesopotamia. The British cavalry regiment and Horse Artillery battery from France will not be acclimatised.

I therefore suggest that a British Cavalry Regiment and a Horse Artillery battery for 11th Cavalry Brigade be sent from India being replaced here by the Regiment and battery from France. The regiment which would be sent is the 7th Hussars.

C.2. Copies to :-

D.C.I.G.S.	A.G.5.
D.M.O.	A.G.
M.O.1.	D.O.
M.O.2.	A.G.1.
M.O.2.a.	A.G.2.
D. of A.	A.G.6.
A.2.	A.G.7.
D.S.D.	A.G.9.
S.D.2.	D.G.M.A.
S.D.2.b.	D.G.A.M.S.
S.D.2.d.	A.M.D.1.
S.D.4.d.	D.G.A.V.S.
H.G.O.	Q.M.G.
D. Mov.	D.Remts.
S.R.1.	Q.M.G.3.
	D.E.O.S.
	M.O.2.c.

C.I.G.S.
M.S.1. Cav.
D.S.T.
M.S.1. India.
India Office.





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SECRET.

1st October, 1917.

4.15 p.m.

From: G.O.C., Mesopotamia.

To :- India. Repeated C.I.C.S.

X.3935.

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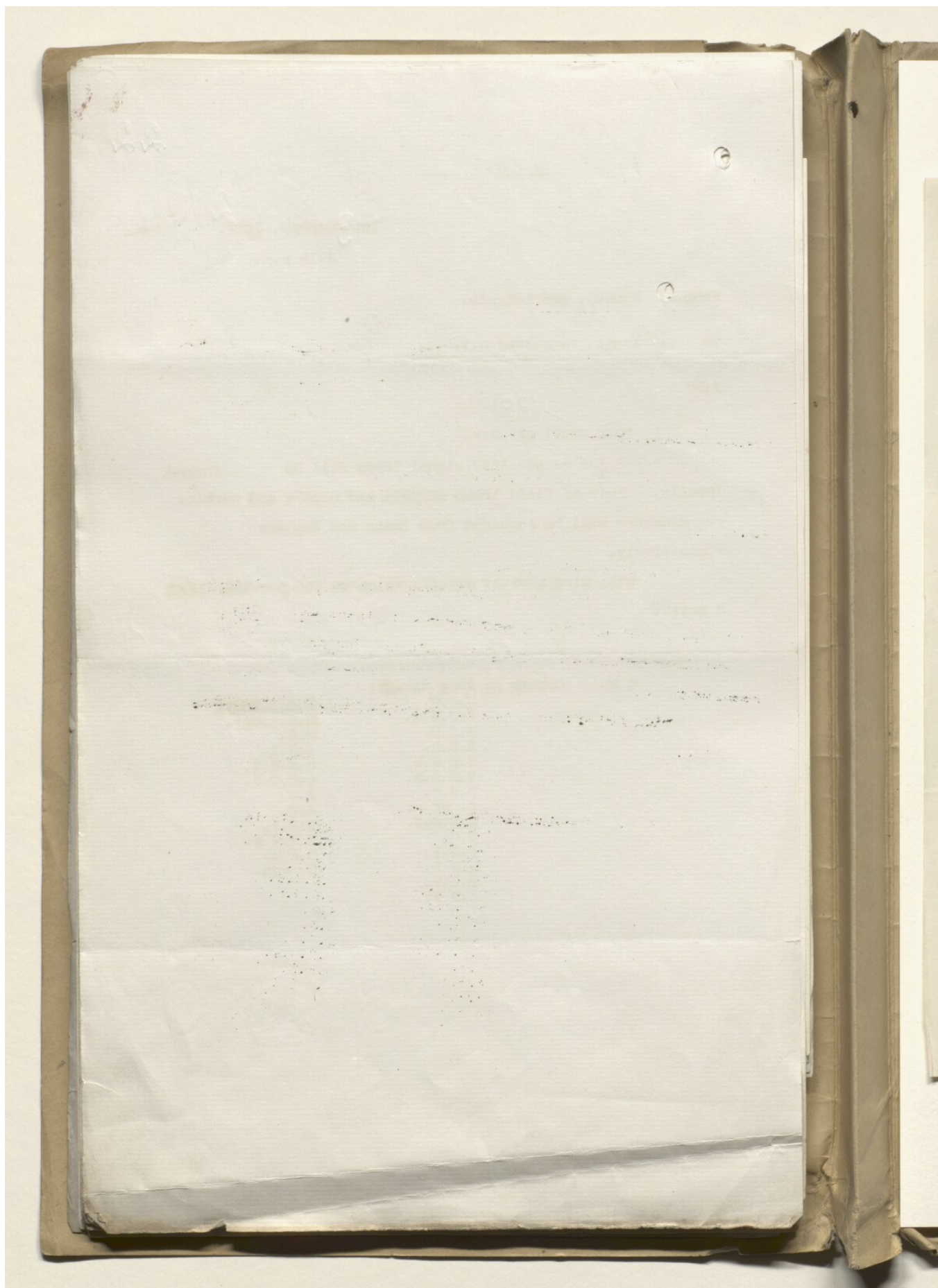
Your 66001 of 29th.

As far as possible signal troop will be formed locally. Bulk of field troop sappers and miners and machine gun squadron will be required from India and England respectively.

Will wire shortly details which we can provide these 3 units.

C.S. Copies to Army Council

M.O.2.	M.S.1. India
M.O.2.a.	M.S.1. Cav.
D.S.D.	M.S.
S.D.2.	S.R.1.
S.D.2.b.	Q.M.G.6.
S.D.2.d.	Q.M.G.5.
M.G.O.	A.2.
D. of A.	A.3.
D.E.O.S.	D.S.T.
D.O.	Q.M.G.9.
A.G.1.	D.F.W.
A.G.5.	D. Rem.
A.G.7.	
A.G.9.	





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Extra Cavalry Brigade.

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From:- Advanced G.H.Q. France.

Sept.30th 1917.

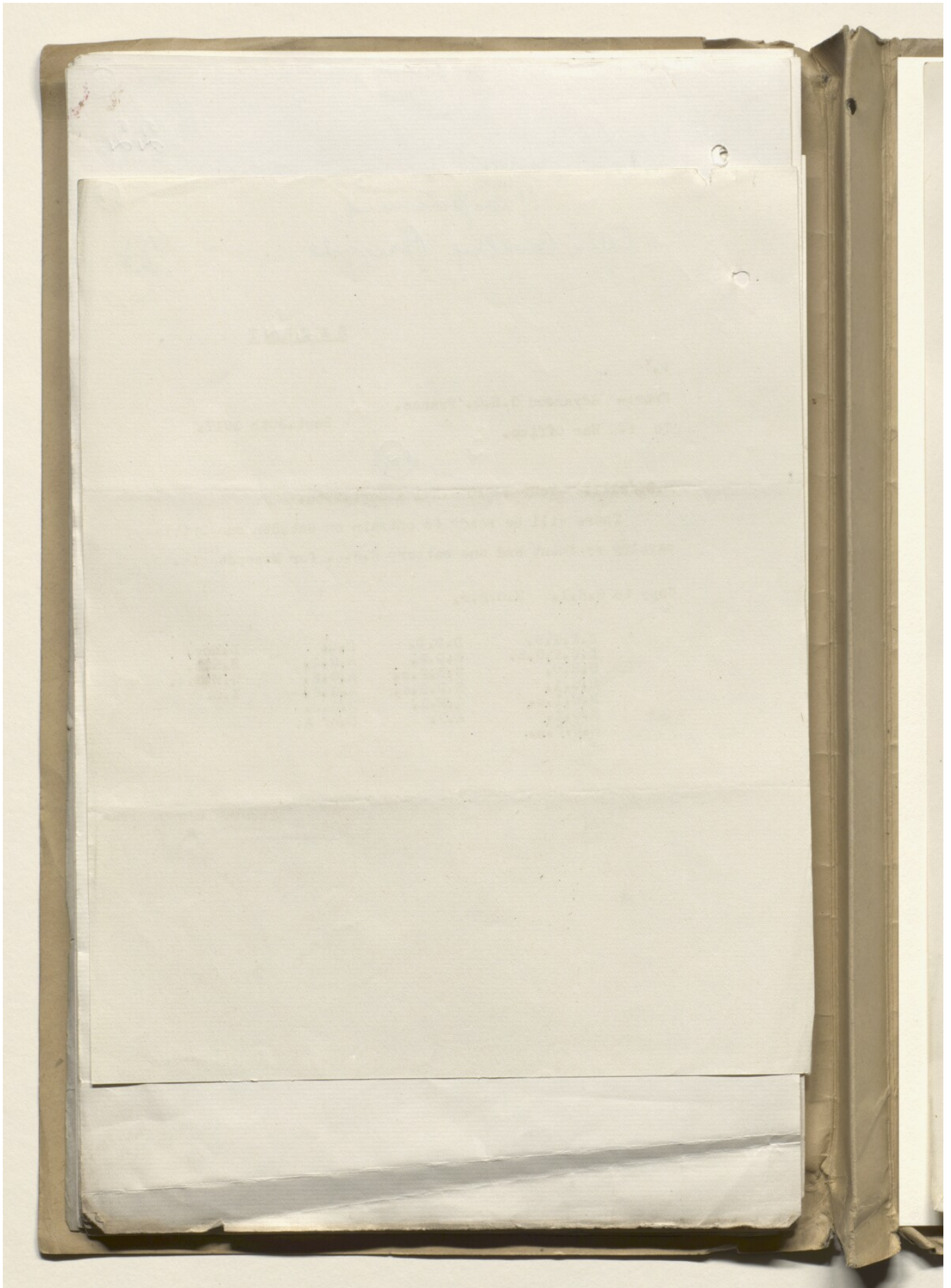
To :- War Office.

O.B./2111. Your 42210 S.R.1 A Sept.29th.

There will be ready to entrain on Oct.5th one British
cavalry regiment and one battery R.H.A. for Mesopotamia.

Copy to S.R.1. M.O.2.c,

C.I.G.S.	D.S.D.	D.O.	D.Mov.
D.C.I.G.S.	S.D.2.	A.G.1.	S.R.1.
D.M.O.	S.D.2.b.	A.G.5.	Q.M.G.4.
M.O.1.	S.D.2.a.	A.G.6.	I.O.
M.O.1.c.	Q.M.G.	M.G.O.	
M.O.2.	A.G.	D.of A.	
M.C.2.g.			





Mesopotamia
Extra Cavalry Bde.

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S E C R E T.

From:- C.N.S.Simla.

29/9/17.

To:- G.O.C.Mesopotamia.

6.30.p.m.

repeated War Office.

66001.

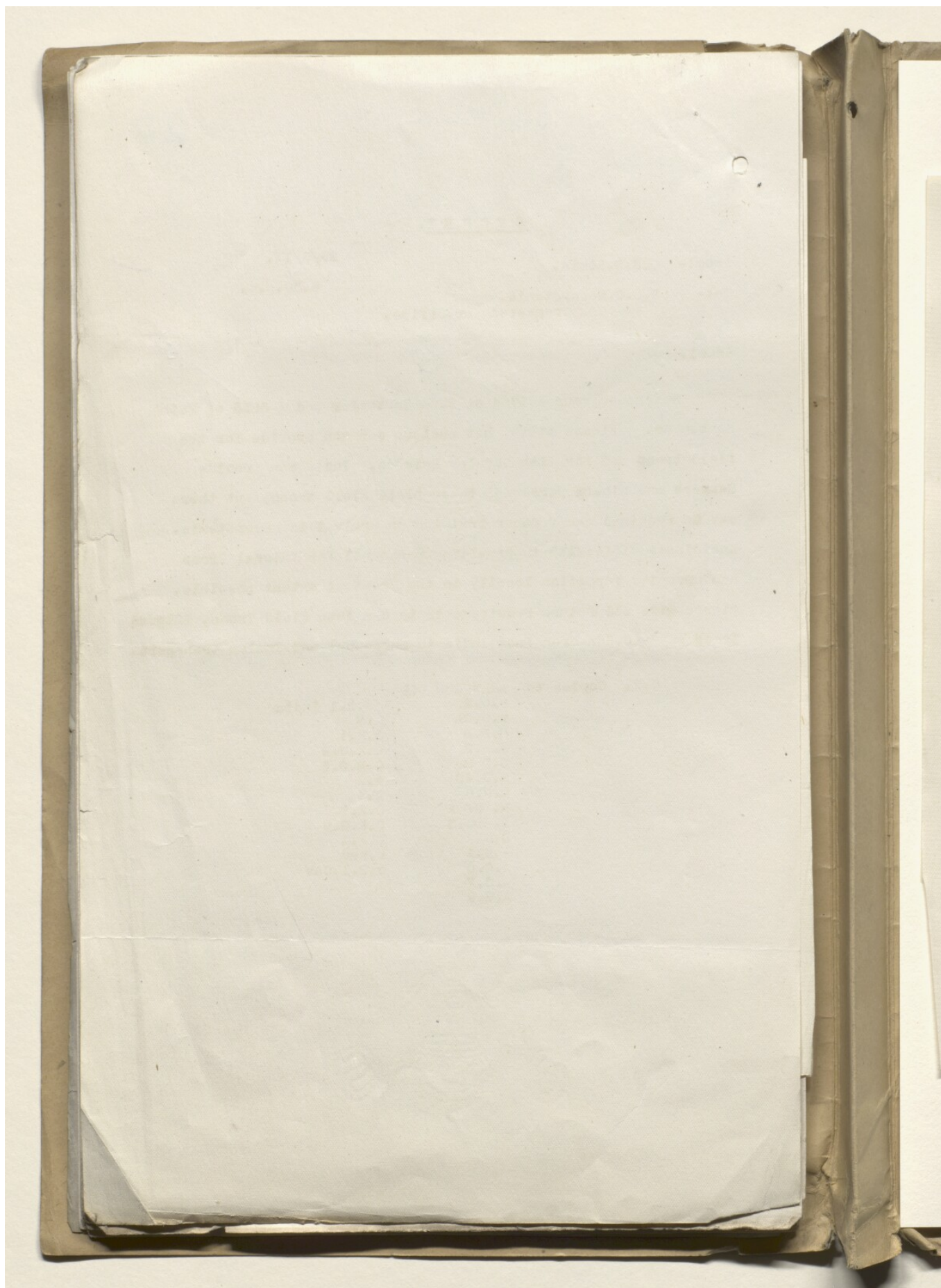
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Reference your X 3764 of 22nd September and X 3855 of 28th September. Please state what nucleus can you provide for the field troop and for 11th Cavalry Brigade. India can provide Sappers and Miners personnel to complete Field troop, but there may be required for further training on arrival in Mesopotamia. Anticipate difficulty in providing personnel for ?Signal Troop and urge its formation locally to the greatest extent possible. Please wire all future requirements to complete Field Troop, ?Signal Troop and M.G.Squadron from India in personnel and Indian transport.

C.2. Copies to ARMY COUNCIL

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|---------|-----------|
| M.O.2 | S.1 India |
| M.O.2A | F.S |
| D.S.D | S.R.1 |
| S.D.2 | G.H.G.4 |
| S.D.2B | Q.M.G.5 |
| S.D.4D | A.2 |
| M.G.0 | A.3 |
| D. of A | D.S.T |
| D.S.O.S | Q.M.G.9 |
| D.O | D.F.L |
| M.G.1 | D.Rem |
| A.G.5 | M.S.1.Cav |
| M.G.7 | |
| A.G.9 | |





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Extra Cavalry Bde.

SECRET.

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From:- War Office.

To:- G.O.C., Mesopotamia.
repeated C-in-C., India.

29/9/17.

6.25 p.m.

42213 cipher S.D.2. ¹⁵

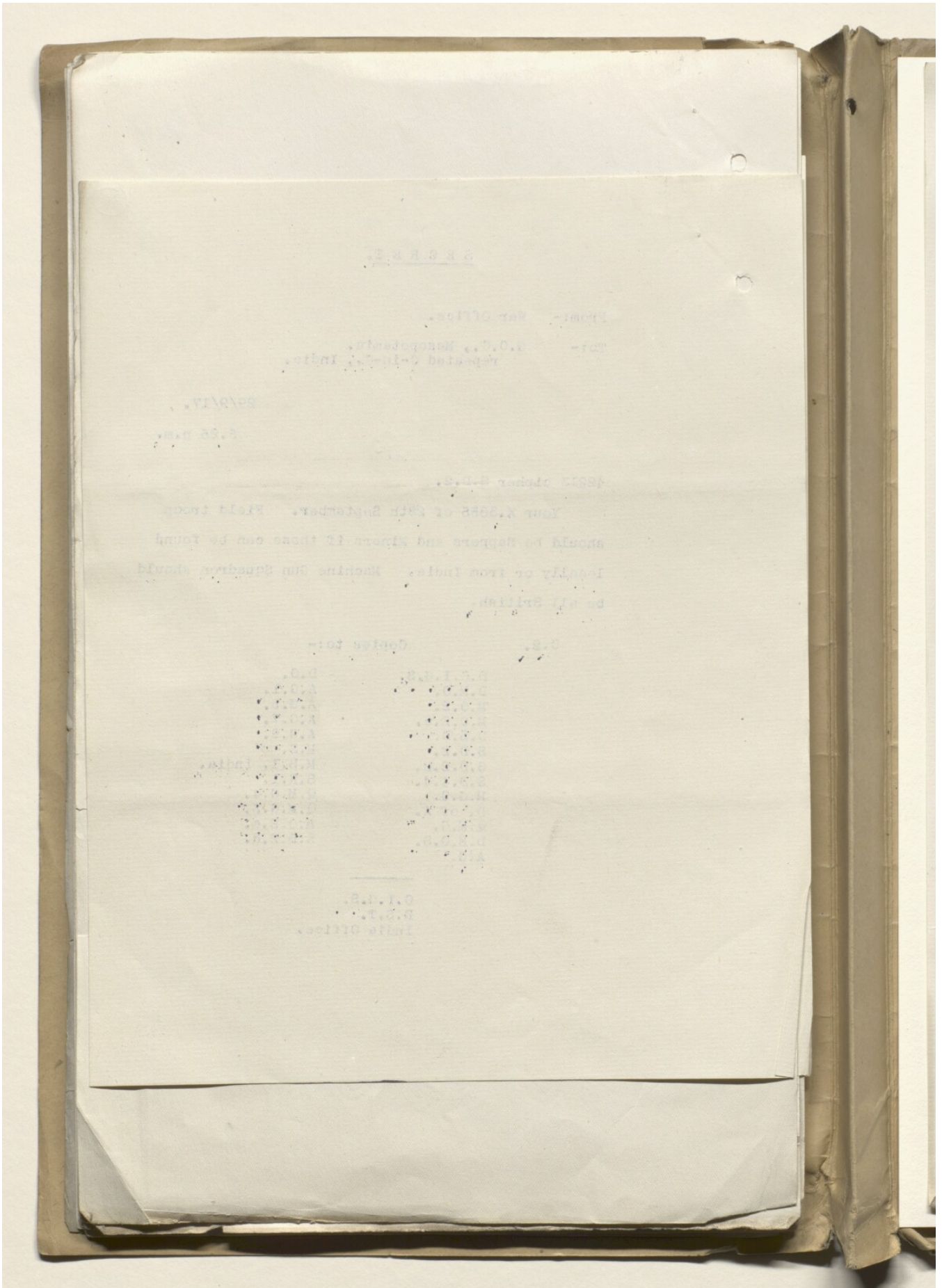
Your X.3855 of 28th September. Field troop should be Sappers and Miners if these can be found locally or from India. Machine Gun Squadron should be all British.

C.2.

Copies to:-

D.C.I.G.S.	D.O.
D.M.O.	A.G.1.
M.O.2.	A.G.5.
M.O.2.a.	A.G.7.
D.S.D.	A.G.9.
S.D.2.	M.S.
S.D.2.b.	M.S.1. India.
S.D.4.d.	S.R.1.
M.G.O.	Q.M.G.4.
D. of A.	Q.M.G.5.
Q.M.G.	M.O.2.c.
D.E.O.S.	S.D.2.d.
A.G.	

C.I.G.S.
D.S.T.
India Office.





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Extra Cavalry Bde.

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From:- C.I.G.S.

To:- C. in C. India.
repeated G.O.C., Mesopotamia.

29/9/1917,

5.50 p.m.

42208 cipher.

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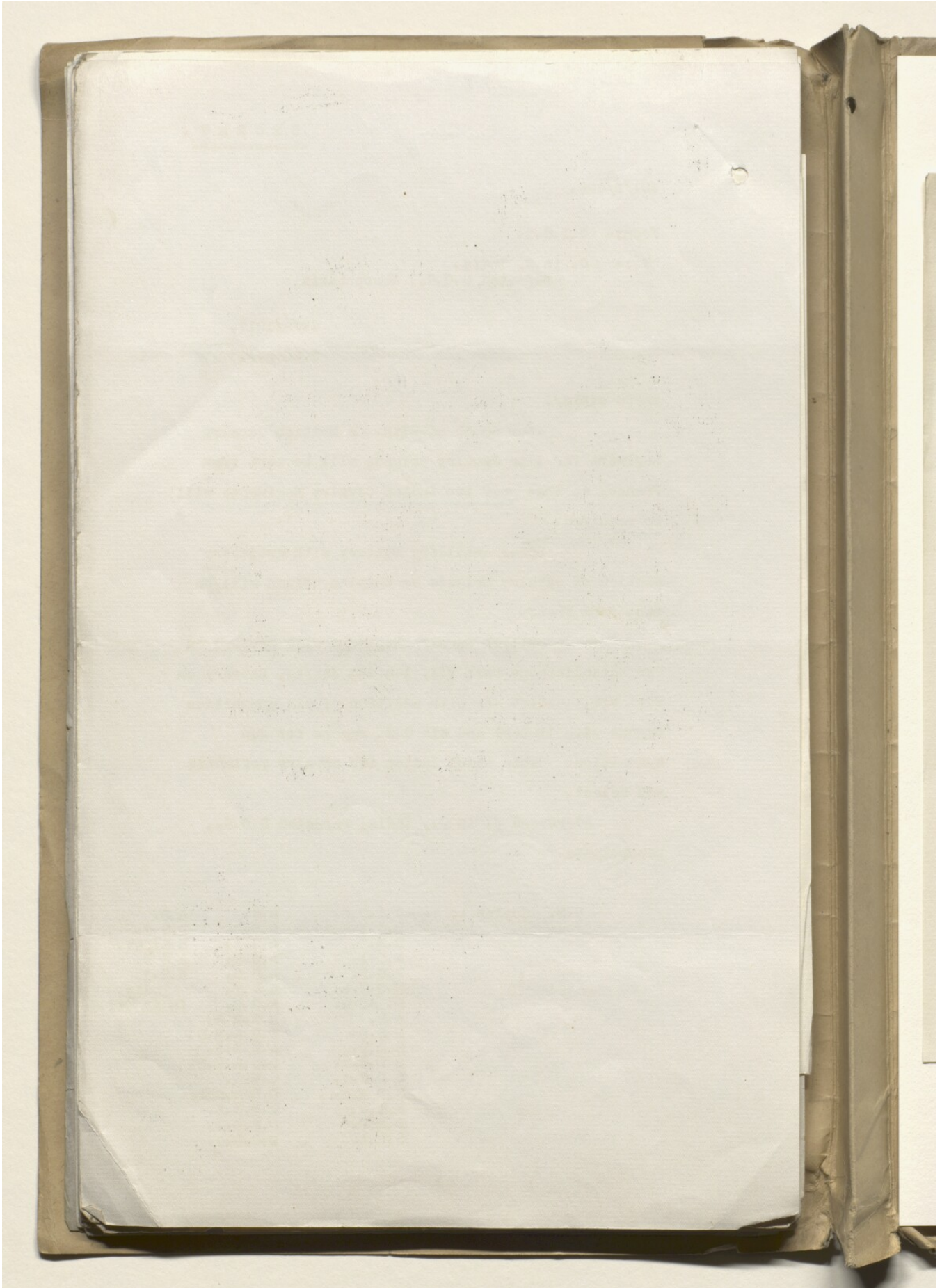
Your 65465 of 27th. A British Cavalry Regiment for 11th Cavalry Brigade will be sent from France, so that only two Indian Cavalry Regiments will be required.

Horse Artillery battery with artillery section of cavalry brigade ammunition column will ^{also} be sent from France.

British Cavalry Regiment will proceed on War Establishment Part VII, leaflet 351/13, Battery on Part VII, leaflet 429 with addition of six ammunition wagons with limbers and six G.S. wagons for gun ammunition. Cable which Indian two cavalry regiments you select.

Addressed C. in C., India, repeated G.O.C., Mesopotamia.

C.2. Copies to :-	C.I.G.S.	A.G.	A.3.
	D.C.I.G.S.	D.O.	D.S.T.
	D.M.O.	A.G.1.	M.S.1Cav.
	M.O.1.	A.G.2.	A.G.5.
	M.O.2.	A.G.6.	M.S.1.
	M.O.2.a.	A.G.7.	India.
	D. of A.	A.G.9.	India Off.
	A.2.	D.G.M.A.	
	D.S.D.	D.G.A.M.S.	
	S.D.2.	A.M.D.1.	
	S.D.2.b.	D.G.A.V.S.	
	S.D.2.d.	Q.M.G.	
	S.D.4,d.	D.Remounts.	
	M.G.O.	Q.M.G.3.	
	D.Mov.	D.E.O.S.	
	S.R.1.	M.O.2.c.	





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S E C R E T .

From:- War Office.

To:- F.M. C-in-C, France.

29/9/17.
8.5 p.m.

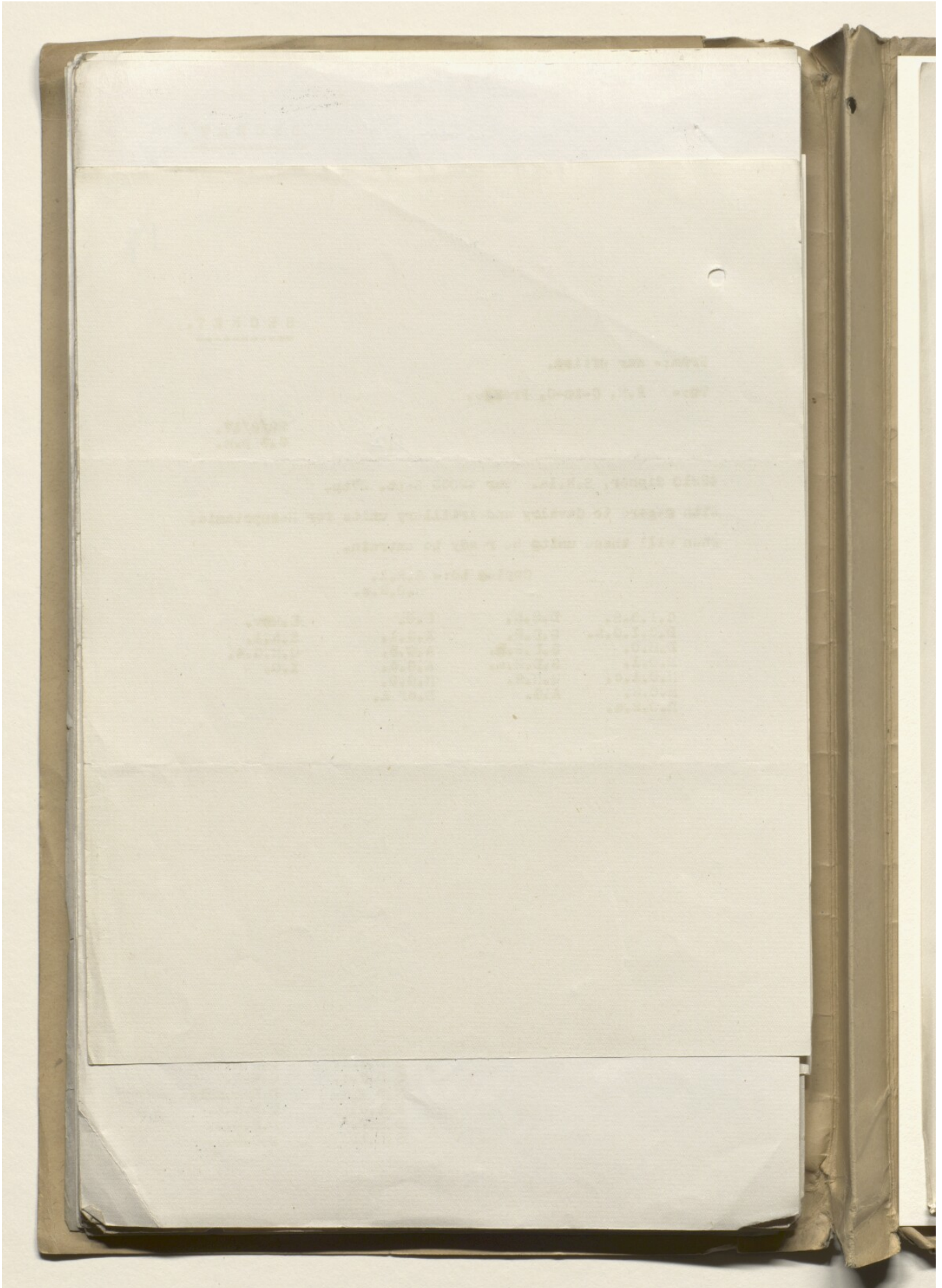
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42210 Cipher. S.R.la. Our 42063 Sept. 27th.

With regard to Cavalry and Artillery units for Mesopotamia,
when will these units be ready to entrain.

Copies to:- S.R.l.
M.O.2.c.

C.I.G.S.	D.S.D.	D.O.	D.Mov.
D.C.I.G.S.	S.D.2.	A.G.1.	S.R.l.
D.H.O.	S.D.2.b.	A.G.5.	Q.M.G.4.
M.O.l.	S.D.2.a.	A.G.6.	I.O.
H.O.l.c.	Q.H.G.	H.G.O.	
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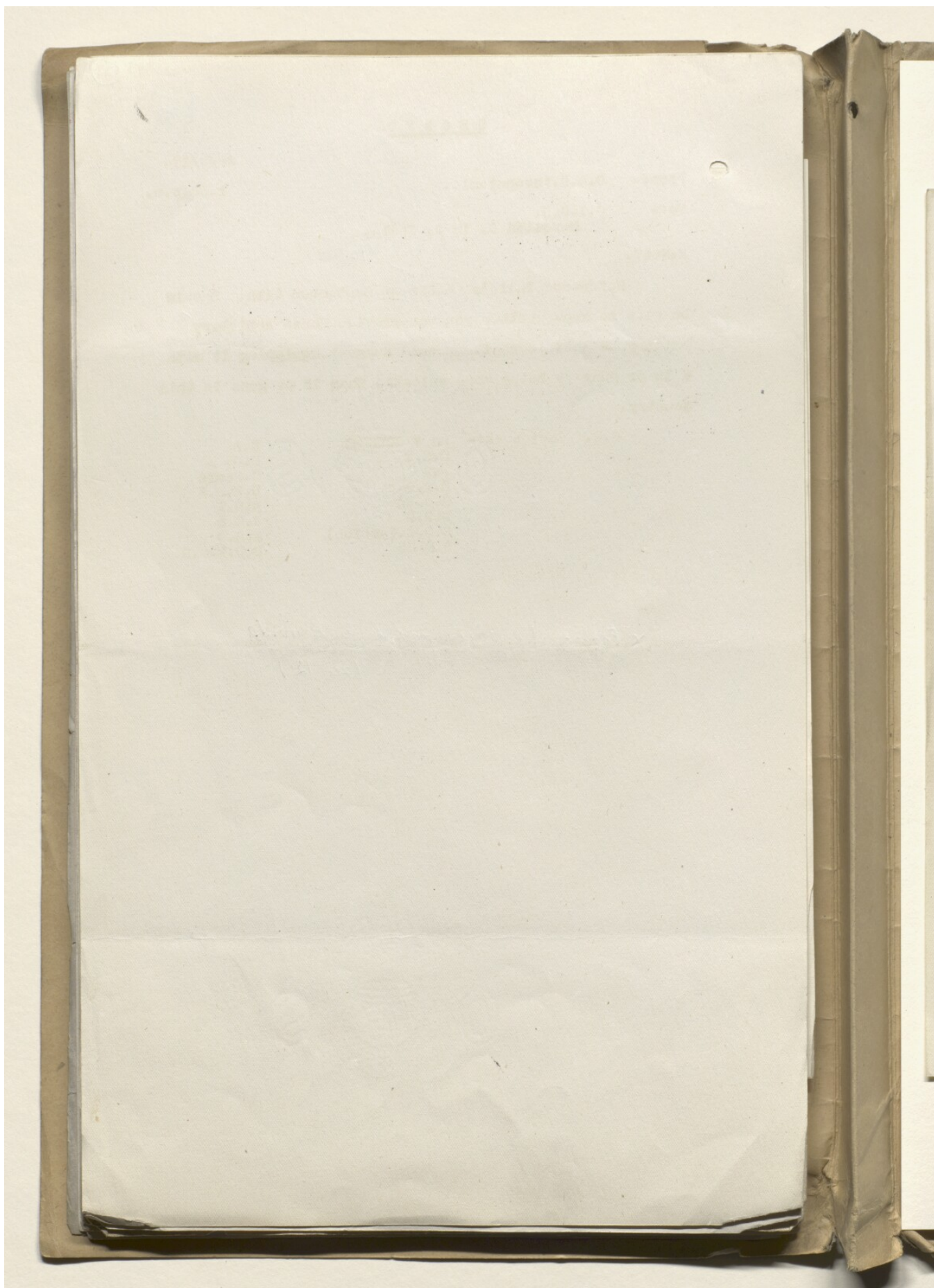
From:- G.O.C.Mesopotamia.
To:- C.I.G.S.
repeated C. in C. India.
X.3857. (10)

Reference India's 64696 of September 24th. Should be glad to know whether you can provide Horse Artillery^x battery as India cannot. Would suggest equipping it with 6 18 pr guns as being more suitable than 13 pr guns in this country.

C.2. Copies to:-

ARMY COUNCIL	D.A
D.S.T	D.O.
A.2	D.Rents
D.M.O	D.E.O.S
M.O.2A	A.G.1
D.S.D	A.G.6
S.D.2.(action)	A.G.9
S.D.2B	D.D.E.O.S

*x France has been asked to provide
(see 12)*





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SECRET.

From: G.O.C. Mesopotamia.

To: War Office; repeated C.-in-C., India.

28.9.17.

1.25 p.m.

X,3855.

Your 42620 S.D.2. September 26th.

Should be glad if following points can be settled before going into details of requirements.

1st.: Is machine-gun squadron to be all British or mixed British and Indian? Would prefer all British.

2nd.: Is field troop to be British or sappers and miners? Would prefer the latter.

C.2. Copies to:-

D.C.I.G.S.

D.H.O.

H.O.2.

M.C.2.a.

D.S.D.

S.D.2.

S.D.2.b.

S.D.4.d.

M.G.O.

D. of A.

Q.M.G.

D.E.O.S.

A.G.

D.O.

A.G.1.

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A.G.7.

A.G.9.

L.S.

L.S.1.India.

S.R.1.

Q.M.G.4.

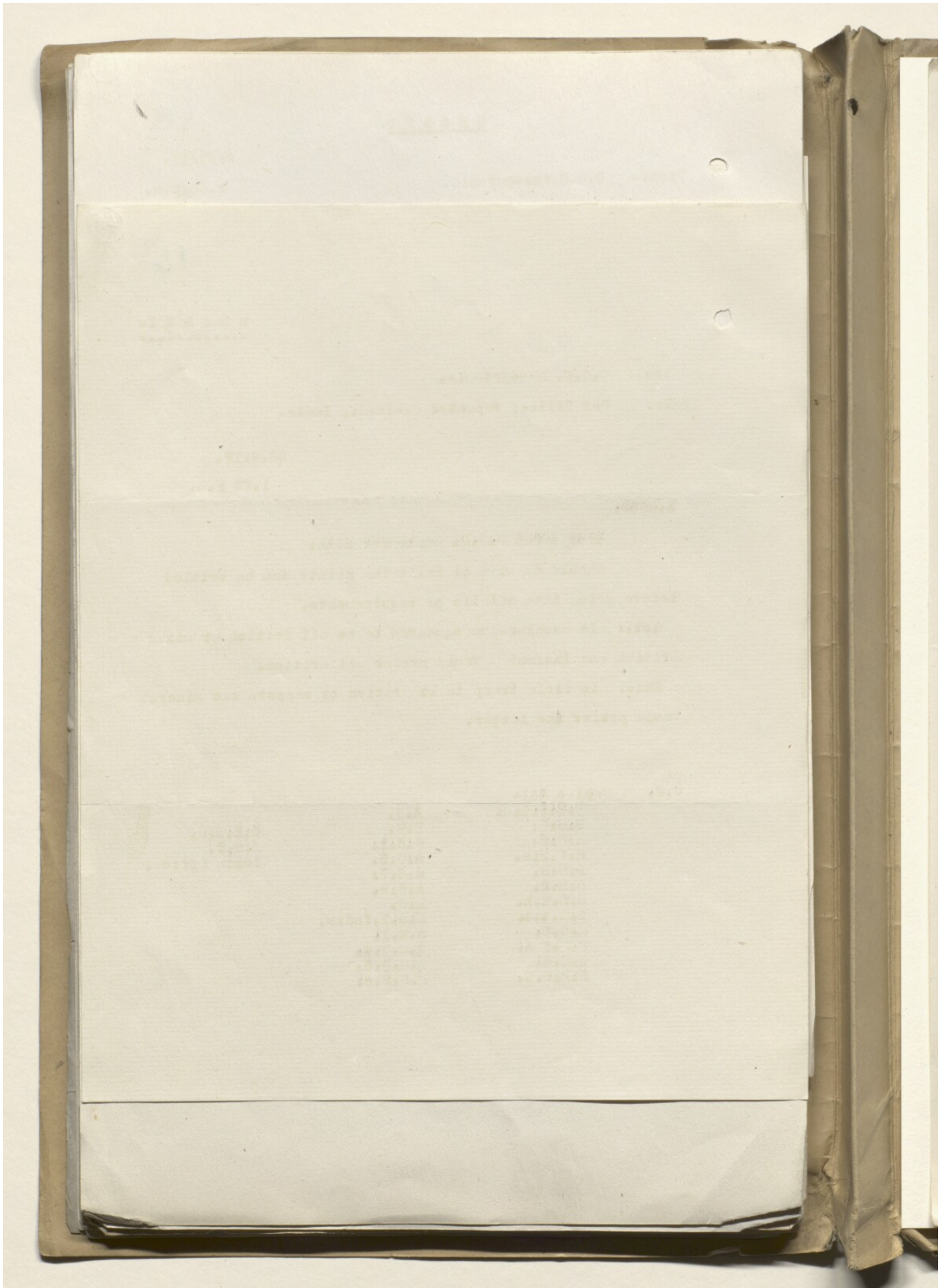
Q.M.G.5.

H.O.2.c.

C.I.G.S.

D.S.T.

India Office.





27/9. 9. 1917.

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S E C R E T

From:- War Office

To:- G.O.C. in C. Mesopotamia
repeated C in C India

27th September 1917

6.45 p.m.

42070 cipher.

S.D.2 Sept. 27th Your X3416 dated 30th August 1917

Approve policy of replacing Indian personnel in Machine Gun
Squadrons by British personnel, except that as in Machine Gun
Companies drivers for ammunition wagons should be Indian.

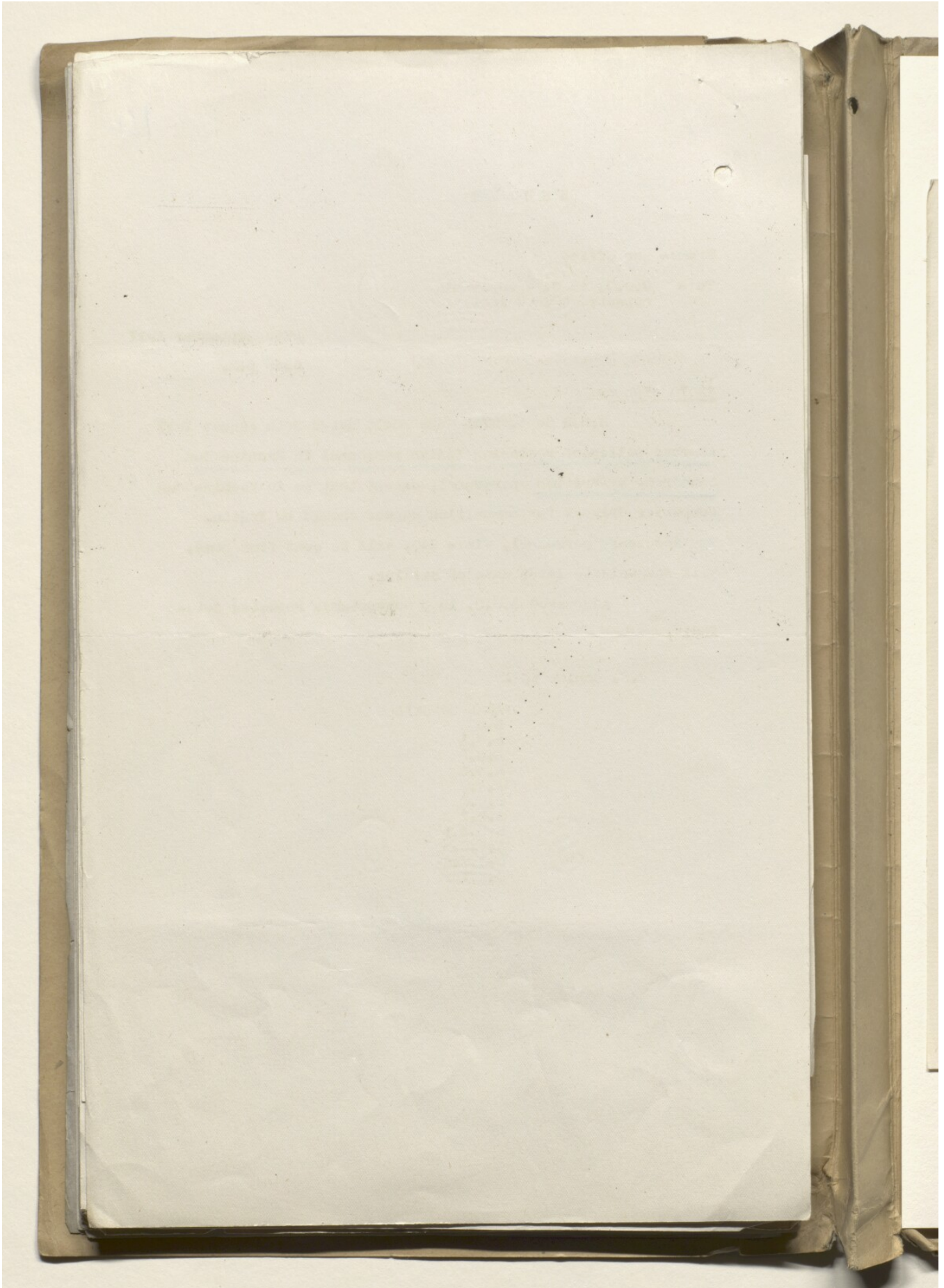
The necessary personnel, viz:- 240, will be sent from home.

Will communicate later date of sailing.

Addressed G.O.C. in C Mesopotamia repeated C-in-C
India.

C.2. Copies to:-

ARMY COUNCIL
D.O
A.G.1
A.G.2
A.G.5
A.G.9
D.S.D
S.D.2
S.D.2.b
S.D.2.c
H.O.2.a
S.R.1





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S E C R E T .

From:- War Office.

To:- G.O.C. in C. Mesopotamia.

Sept. 26th, 1917.

7.30 p.m.

No. 42020 cipher, S.D.2. (7)

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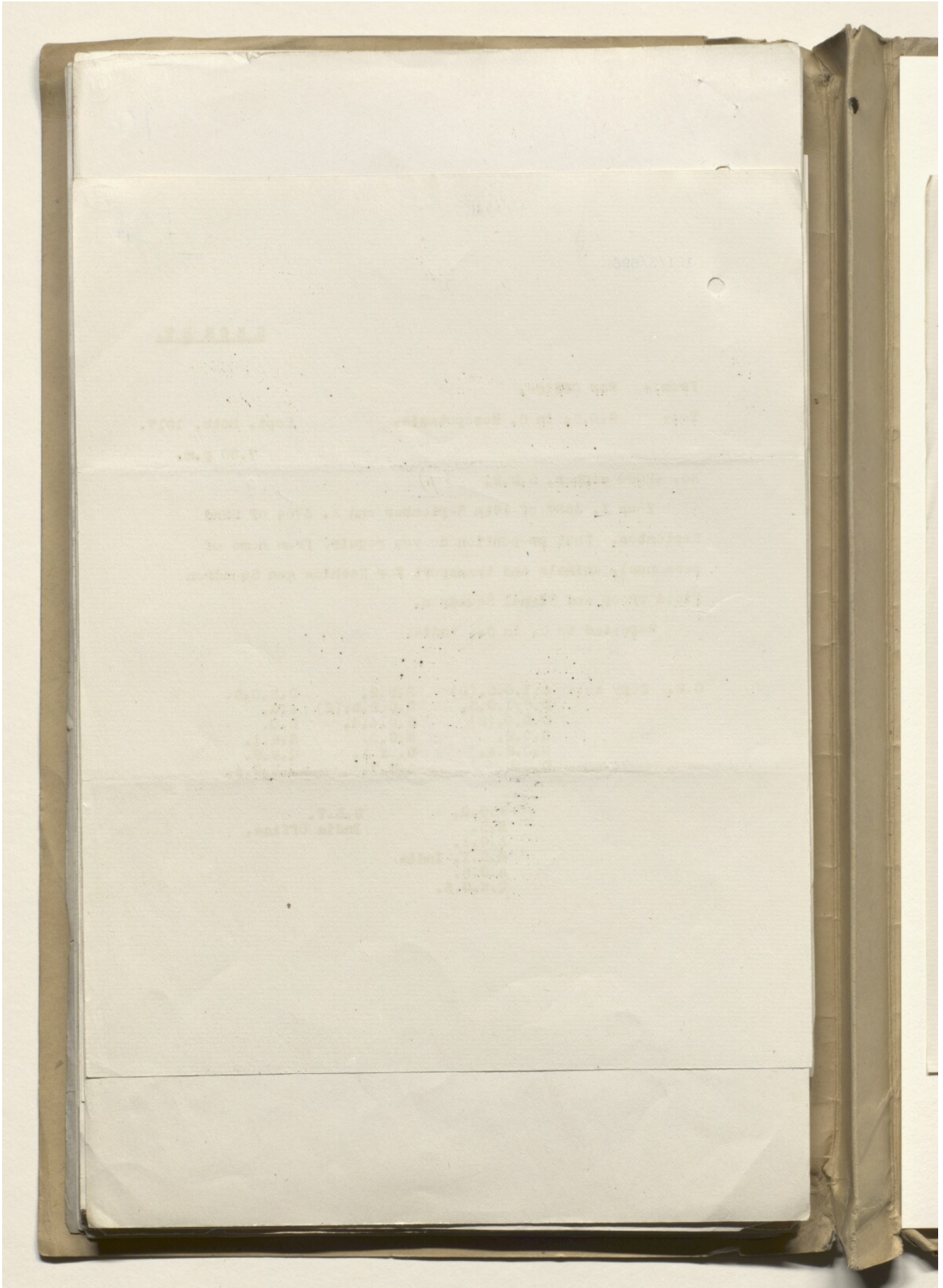
Your X. 3687 of 17th September and X. 3764 of 22nd September. What proportion do you require from home of personnel, animals and transport for Machine gun Squadron Field Troop and Signal Squadron.

Repeated to C. in C., India.

C.2. Copy to:-

C.I.G.S.(2)	S.D.2.	D.E.O.S.
D.C.I.G.S.	S.D.2.b.(2)	A.G.
D.M.O.(2)	S.D.4.d.	D.O.
M.O.2.	M.G.O.	S.R.1.
M.O.2.a.	D.of A.	Q.M.G.
D.S.D.	A.G.7.	Q.M.G.4.

A.G.9.	D.S.T.
M.S.	India Office.
A.G.1.	
M.S.1. India	
A.G.5.	
Q.M.G.5.	





SECRET.

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OPERATIONS.

From:- C.I.G.S., War Office.

To:- F.M.C.-in-C., G.H.Q., France.

27. 9. 17.

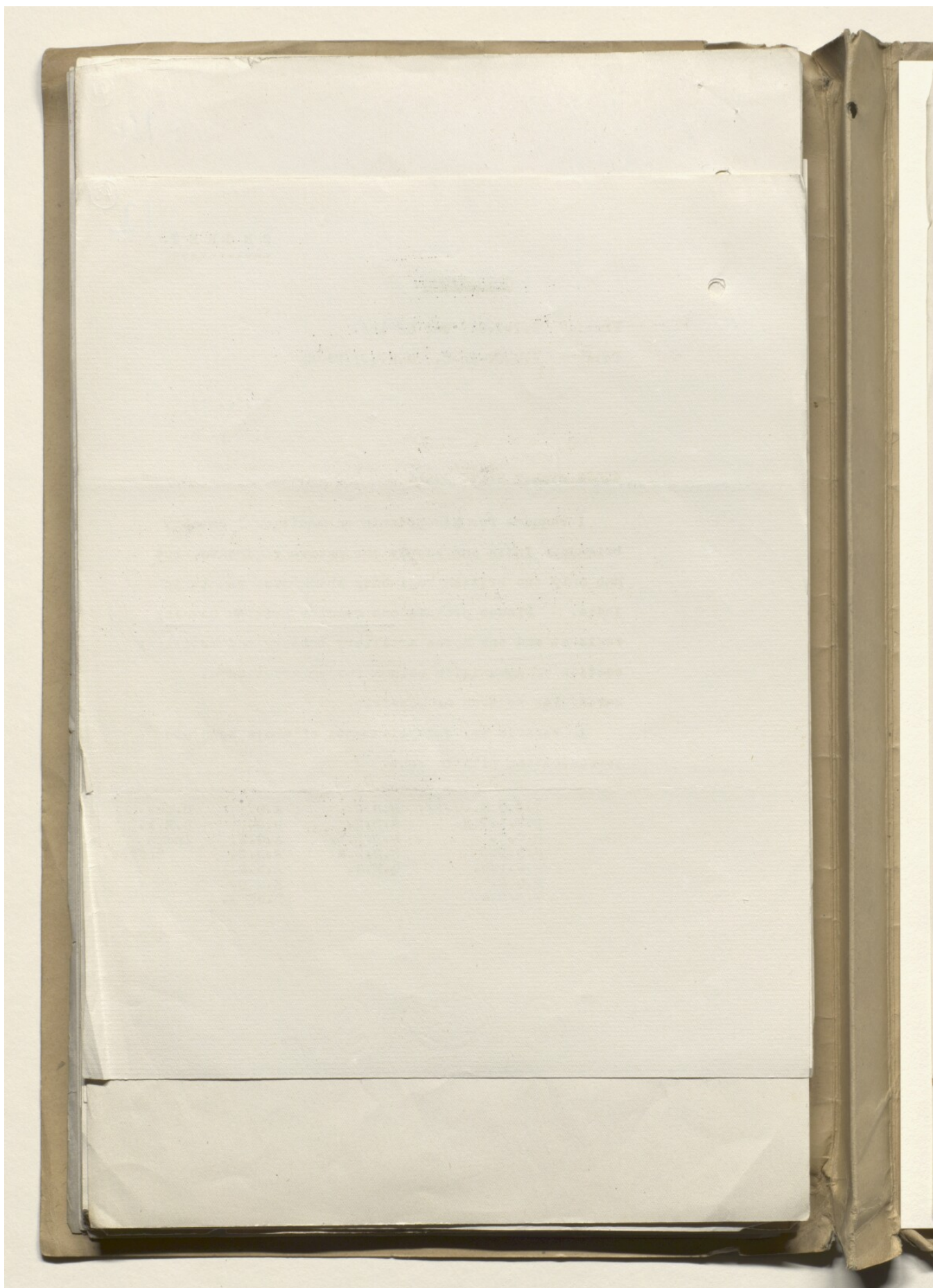
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42063 cipher Sept. 27th.

I require for Mesopotamia an additional cavalry brigade. India can supply the native regiments, but has only two British regiments which must remain in India. Please prepare one regular British cavalry regiment and one horse artillery battery and artillery section of ammunition column for embarkation at Marseilles as soon as possible.

As regards war establishments of above separate communication will be sent.

C.I.G.S....(2)	D.S.D.	A.G.	D.Mov.
D.C.I.G.S.	S.D.2.	D.O.	S.R.1.
D.M.O.	S.D.2.b.	A.G.1.	India
M.O.1.	S.D.2.a.	A.G.5.	Office.
M.O.1.c.	Q.M.G.	A.G.6.	
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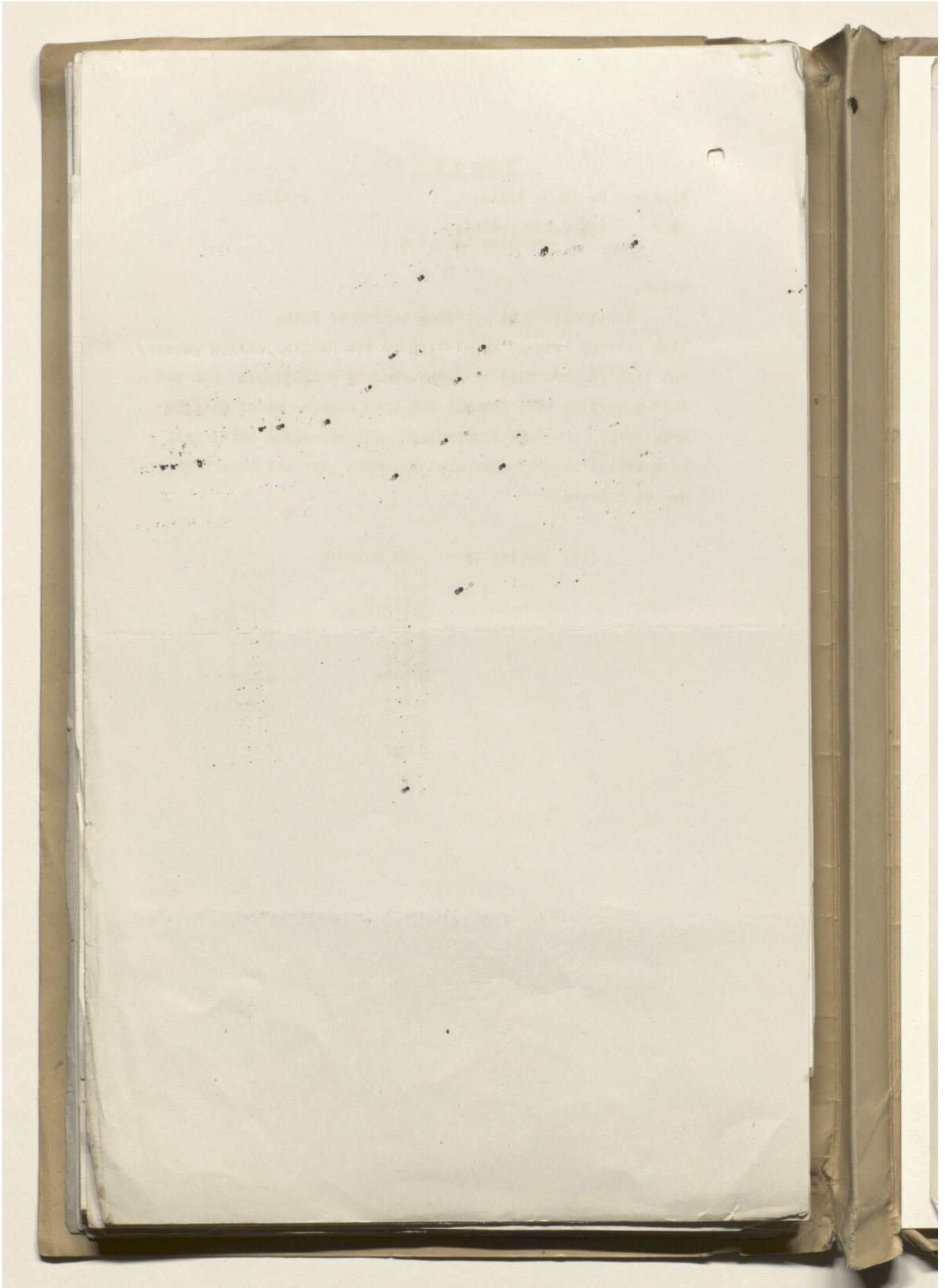
From:- C. in C. India. 27/9/17.
To:- G.O.C. Mesopotamia.
repeated to C.I.G.S.

65465.

Continuation of my 64696 September 24th.
11th Cavalry Brigade consisting of 5th Cavalry, Guides Cavalry,
and 11th Lancers will be despatched to Mesopotamia; 5th and
Guides Cavalry sail October 8th 11th Lancers about October,
28th 25th. Dates of despatch of administrative units will
be notified later. Cavalry Regiments will not take Hotchkiss
Gun equipments.

C.2. Copies to:-

ARMY COUNCIL	
A.G.C	D.F.W
A.3	D.O
Q.M.G.9	D.Rem
B.S.F D.S.T.	D.G.A.M.S
A.2	D.E.O.S
D.M.O	A.G.1
M.O.2	A.G.5
M.O.2A	A.G.7
D.S.D	A.G.9
S.D.2	A.M.D.1.
M.S.1.(Cav)	
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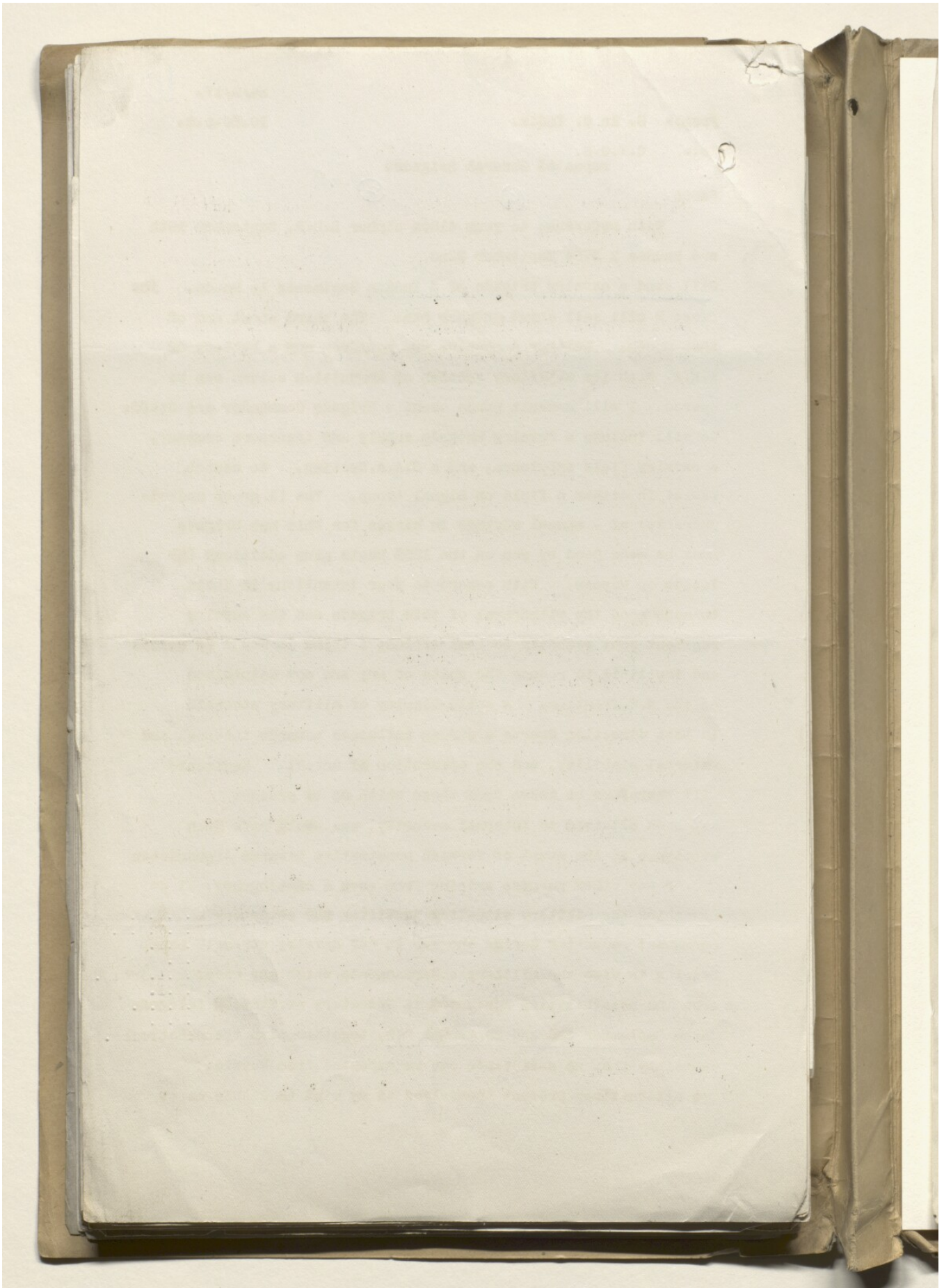
From:- C. in C. India.

To:- C.I.G.S.
repeated General Erigade.

64696.

With reference to your 41604 cipher S.D.2. September 19th and Maudes X 3764 September 22nd, ⁽⁹⁾ ⁽⁸⁾

Will send a cavalry brigade of 3 Indian Regiments to Maude. The first 2 will sail about October 5th. The third about end of that month. Neither a machine gun squadron nor a battery of R.E.A. with its artillery section of ammunition column can be spared. I will consult Maude about a Brigade Commander and Staff. We will include a Cavalry Brigade supply and transport company, a cavalry field ambulance, and a S.A.A. Section. We cannot assist in either a field or Signal troop. The (1 group undecipherable) of - annual wastage in horses for this new brigade must be made good by you on the 120% basis plus additions for losses on voyage. With regard to your intentions in India to make good the withdrawal of this brigade and the cavalry regiment sent recently to East Africa, I think it would be unwise and impolitic to reduce the units of any arm now maintained on the N.W. frontier. A solid display of military strength in that direction exerts a strong influence towards internal and external stability, and the prevention of unrest. Regiments will therefore be taken from those which up to present had been allotted to internal security, and would have been available in the event of Turkish penetration towards Afghanistan or for any other purpose arising from such a contingency. I do not think the military situation justifies our accepting a permanent reduction during the War in our cavalry strength here, keeping in view the military embarrassments which may occur from the possibilities announced in Secretary of States' telegram dated September 3rd and September 6th, together with the practical certainty that no assistance can be expected from Russia. Two alternatives present themselves to my mind to enable us to





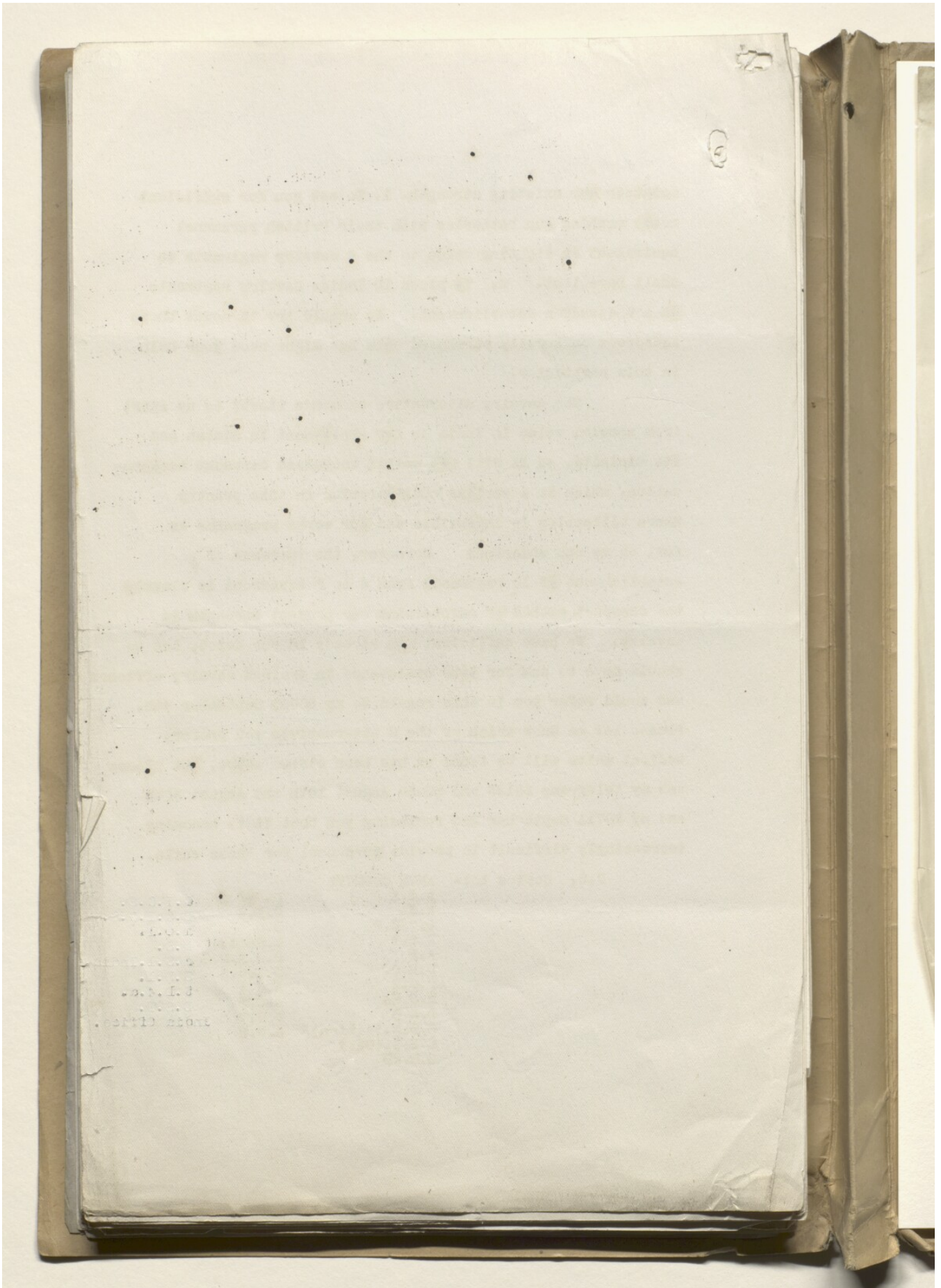
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maintain our existing strength. 1. To ask you for sufficient motor machine gun batteries with their British personnel equivalent in fighting value to the 4 cavalry regiments we shall have lost. 2. To place 10 Indian Cavalry regiments on a 5 squadron establishment. We should try to mount these squadrons on locally purchased cabs but might need your help in this particular.

The cavalry alternative commends itself to us apart from special value in India or for employment in Sistan and its vicinity, as it will not entail increased barracks accommodation, which is a serious consideration in this country where billeting is impossible and our works programme as full as we can undertake. Moreover, the increase of establishment of 10 regiments from 4 to 5 squadrons is clearly the cheapest method of maintaining our present strength in cavalry. We have sufficient men already in our depot, but we should have to ask for your assistance in trained cavalry officers and would refer you in this regard to my 60089 September 4th. Please let me know which of the 2 alternatives you prefer. Medical units will be found as has been stated above, but please see my telegrams 55123 and 59050 August 14th and August 30th and my 59711 September 2nd reminding you that it is becoming increasingly difficult to provide personnel for these units.

C.2. Copies to:- ARMY COUNCIL

A.G.6	D. of A	C.I.G.S.
A.3	D.F.W	D.C.I.G.S.
Q.M.G.9	D.O	M.O.I.
D.S.T	D.Remts	M.S.
A.2	D.G.A.M.S	M.S.I.India.
D.M.O	D.E.O.S	S.R.I.
M.O.2	A.G.1	S.D.4.d.
M.O.2A	A.G.5	D.S.T.
D.S.D	A.G.7	India Office.
S.D.2.(action)	A.G.9	
M.S.1.(Cav)		
S.D.2B		





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SECRET.

From :- G.O.C., Mesopotamia.

To :- C.in C. India repeated C.I.C.S.

22nd September 1917.

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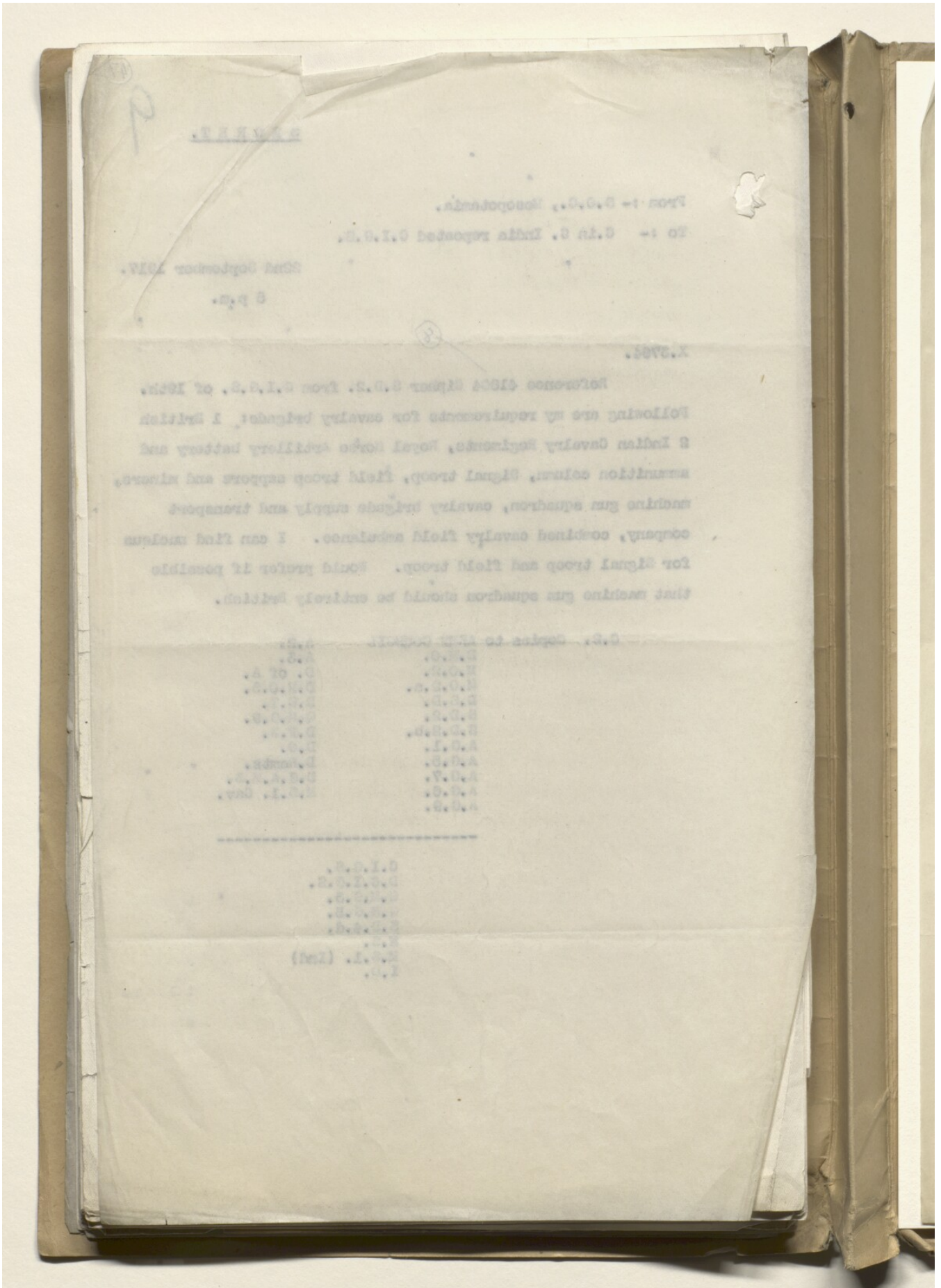
X.3764.

Reference 41604 Cipher S.D.2. from C.I.C.S. of 19th.
Following are my requirements for cavalry brigade: 1 British
2 Indian Cavalry Regiments, Royal Horse Artillery battery and
ammunition column, Signal troop, field troop sappers and miners,
machine gun squadron, cavalry brigade supply and transport
company, combined cavalry field ambulance. I can find nucleus
for Signal troop and field troop. Would prefer if possible
that machine gun squadron should be entirely British.

C.S. Copies to ARMY COUNCIL

D.M.C.	A.2.
H.O.S.	A.3.
H.O.S.G.	D. of A.
D.S.D.	D.R.O.S.
S.D.2.	D.S.T.
S.D.2.B.	Q.M.C.G.
A.G.1.	D.F.W.
A.G.5.	D.O.
A.G.7.	D.Rents.
A.G.8.	D.G.A.M.S.
A.G.9.	M.S.I. Cav.

G.I.C.S.
D.C.I.C.S.
Q.M.C.S.
Q.M.C.S.
S.D.4.d.
M.S.
M.S.I. (Ind)
I.O.





SECRET.

From :- C.I.G.S.

19/9/17.

To :- C. in C. India.

10.30 p.m.

41604 cipher S.D.3.

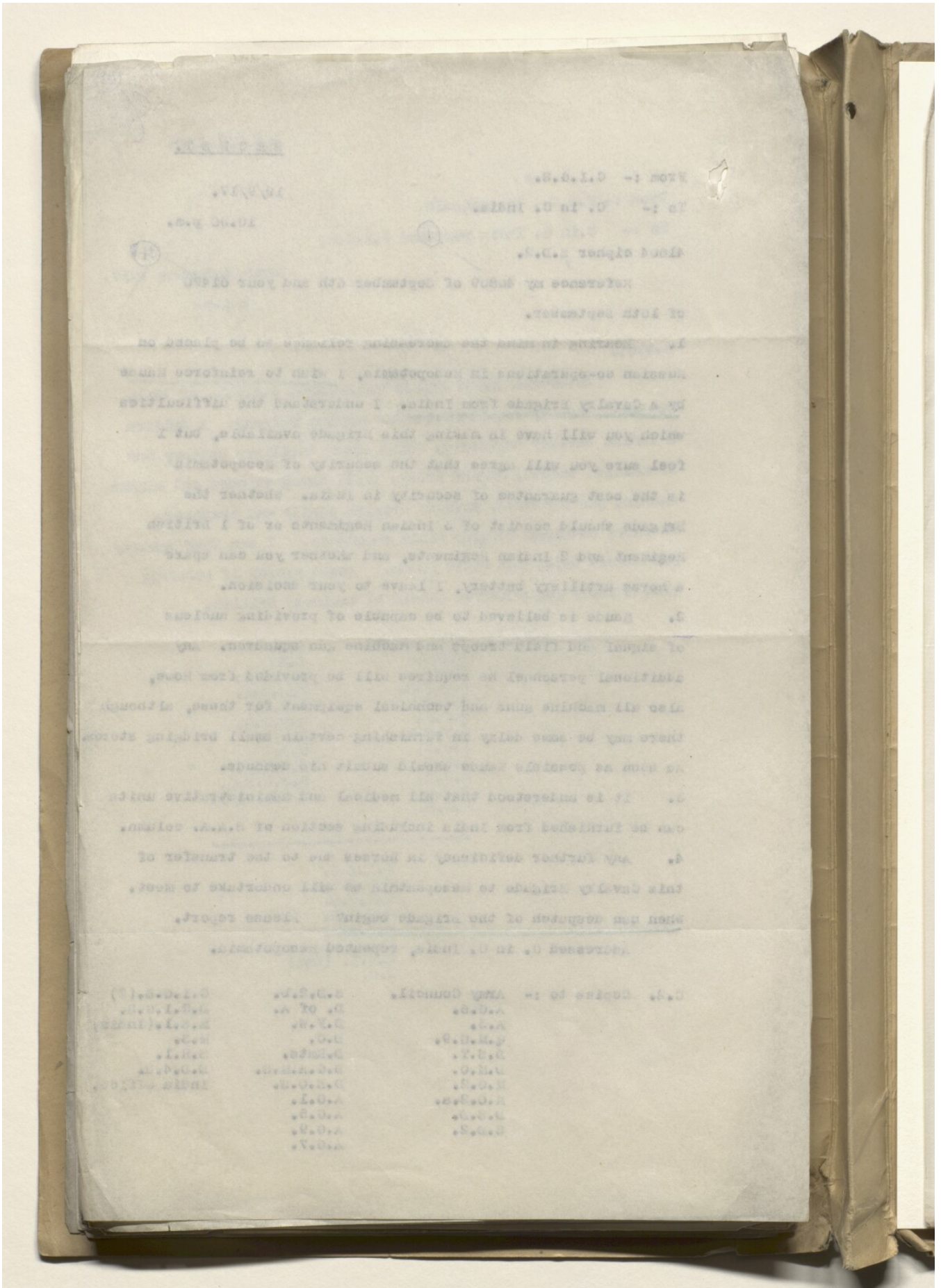
Reference my 40809 of September 6th and your 61490 of 10th September.

1. Bearing in mind the decreasing reliance to be placed on Russian co-operations in Mesopotamia, I wish to reinforce Maude by a Cavalry Brigade from India. I understand the difficulties which you will have in making this Brigade available, but I feel sure you will agree that the security of Mesopotamia is the best guarantee of security in India. Whether the Brigade should consist of 3 Indian Regiments or of 1 British Regiment and 2 Indian Regiments, and whether you can spare a horse artillery battery, I leave to your decision.
2. Maude is believed to be capable of providing nucleus of signal and field troops and machine gun squadron. Any additional personnel he requires will be provided from Home, also all machine guns and technical equipment for these, although there may be some delay in furnishing certain small bridging stores. As soon as possible Maude should submit his demands.
3. It is understood that all medical and administrative units can be furnished from India including section of S.A.A. column.
4. Any further deficiency in horses due to the transfer of this Cavalry Brigade to Mesopotamia we will undertake to meet. When can despatch of the Brigade begin? Please report.

Addressed C. in C. India, repeated Mesopotamia.

C.2. Copies to :-

Army Council.	S.D.2.b.	C.I.G.S.(2)
A.G.6.	D. of A.	D.C.I.G.S.
A.3.	D.F.W.	M.S.I.(India)
Q.M.G.9.	D.C.	M.S.
D.S.T.	D.Ints.	S.R.I.
D.M.O.	D.G.A.M.S.	S.D.4.d.
M.O.2.	D.S.O.S.	India Office.
M.O.2.a.	A.G.1.	
D.S.D.	A.G.5.	
S.D.2.	A.G.9.	
	A.G.7.	





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OPERATIONS

From:- G.O.C. Mesopotamia.
To :- C.I.G.S.

17.9.17.
1.40 p.m.

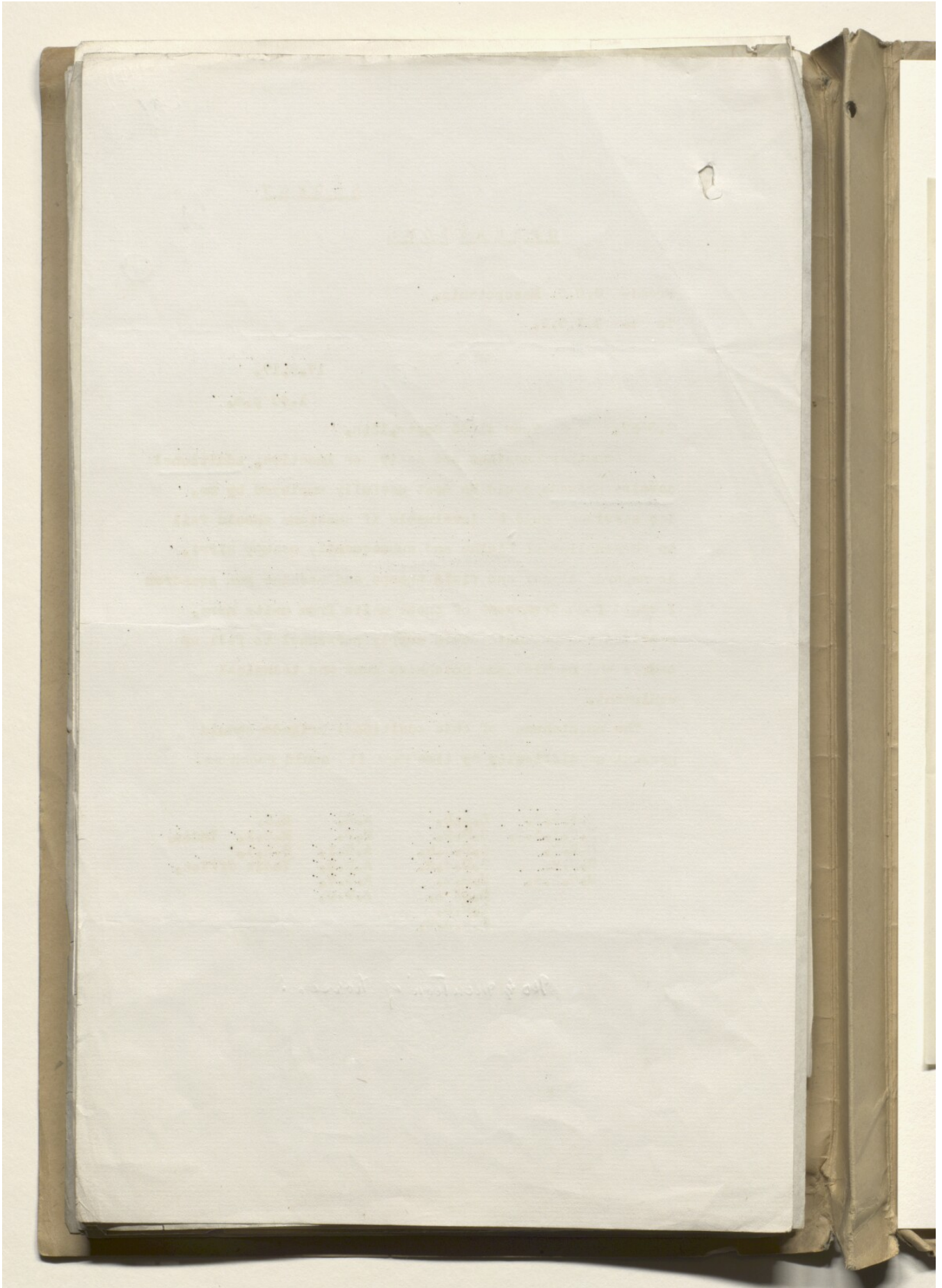
X.3687. Your 41865 Septr.13th.

Whether Russians are active or inactive, additional cavalry Brigade could be most usefully employed by me. Its services would be invaluable if Russians should fail to regain line of Dialha and subsequently occupy Kifri. As regards signal and field troops and machine gun squadron I could form framework of these units from units here, provided you or India could supply personnel to fill up cadres and machine and Hotchkiss guns and technical equipment.

The maintenance of this additional Brigade should present no difficulty by time that it should reach me.

C.I.G.S.	D.S.D.	A.G.	M.S.
D.C.I.G.S.	S.D.2.	D.O.	M.S.1. India.
D.M.O.	S.D.2.b.	A.G.1.	S.R.1.
M.O.2.	S.D.4.d.	A.G.5.	India Office.
M.O.2.a.	M.G.O.	A.G.7.	
	D.of A.	A.G.9.	
	Q.M.G.		
	D.E.O.S.		

No mention of horses!





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MHC. (50)

SECRET

120/India/8826 *br*

14.9.1917.
9.40 p.m.

From:- C.I.G.S.

To:- C-in-C, India.

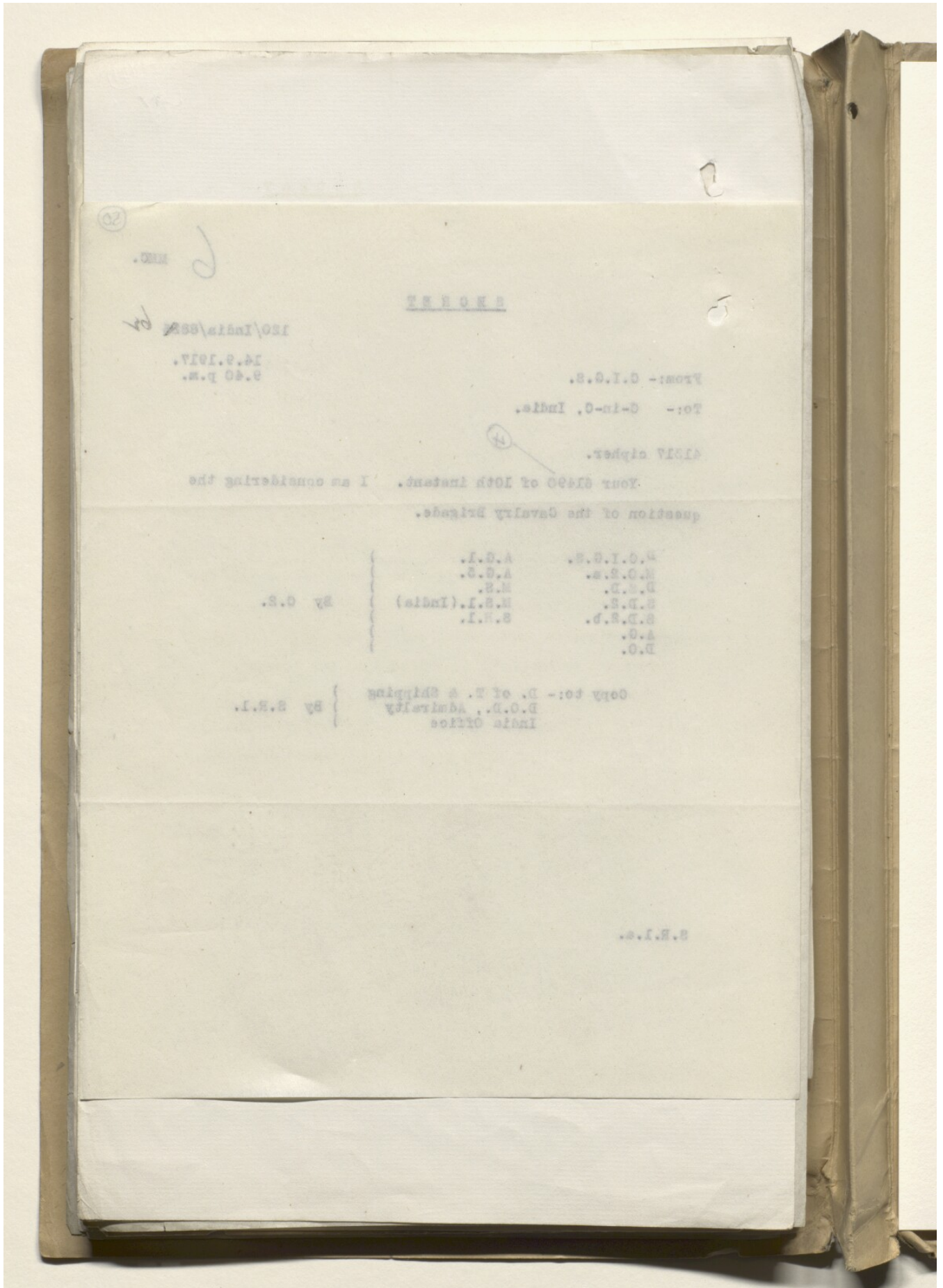
41317 cipher. *(4)*

Your 61490 of 10th instant. I am considering the question of the Cavalry Brigade.

D.C.I.G.S.	A.G.1.)	
M.O.2.a.	A.G.5.)	
D.S.D.	M.S.)	
S.D.2.	M.S.1.(India))	By C.2.
S.D.2.b.	S.R.1.)	
A.G.)	
D.O.)	

Copy to:-	D. of T. & Shipping)	
	D.O.D., Admiralty)	By S.R.1.
	India Office)	

S.R.1.a.



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REC. 2

SECRET

120/India/588

14.9.1917.
9.40 P.M.

From: G.I.C.S.

To: G-in-C, India.

ALTY cipher.

Your 2199 of 10th instanc. I am considering the

question of the Cavalry Brigade.

	A.S.I.	G.O.I.C.S.
	A.S.C.	M.O.S.a.
	M.S.	D.S.D.
By G.S.	M.S.I.(India)	S.D.E.
	S.M.I.	S.D.S.P.
		A.G.
		D.O.

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India Office
By S.M.I.

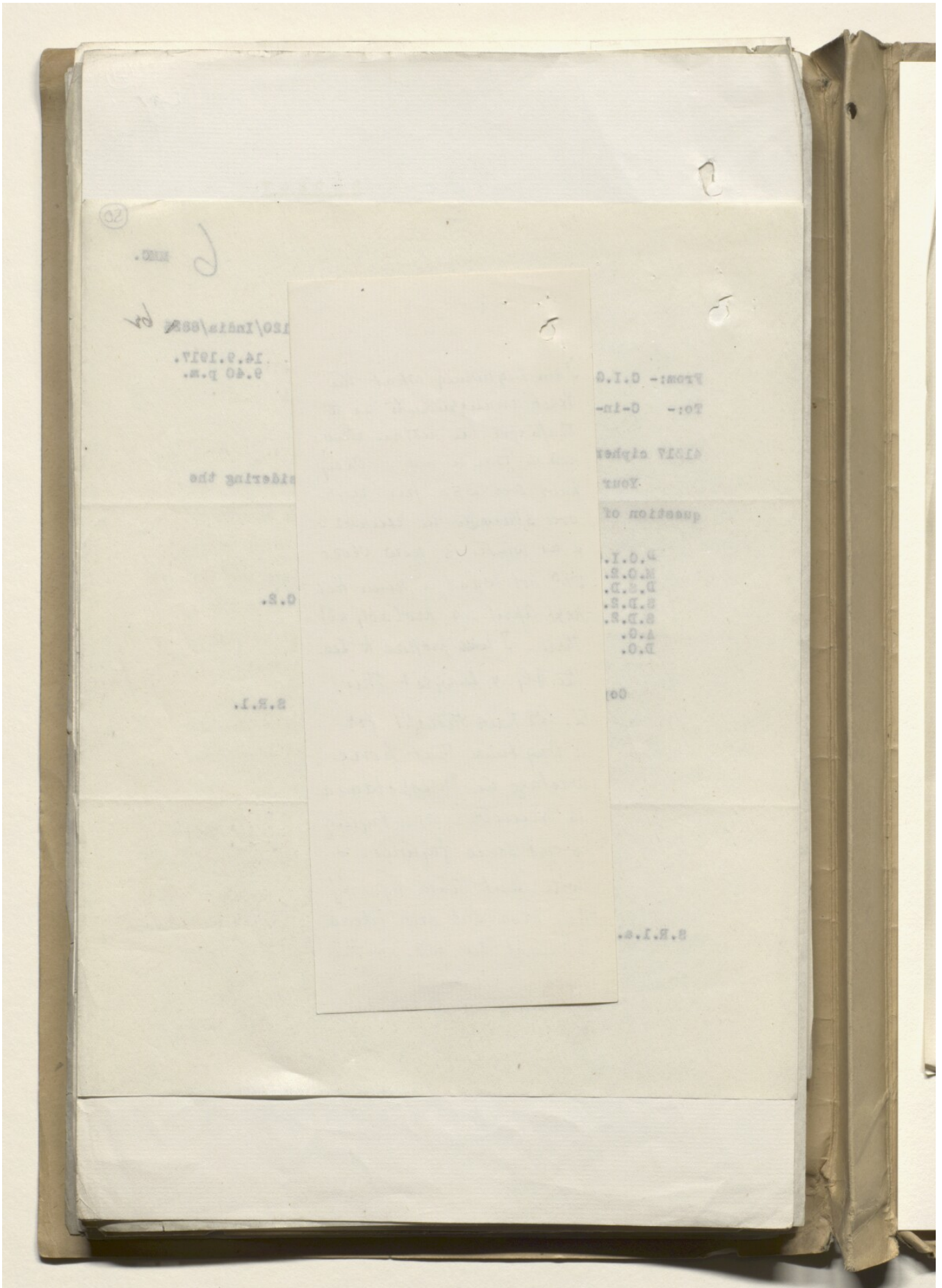
S.M.I.



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I am enquiring what the exact arrangements as to drafts for the Indian Cav: nos in France are - They have over 350 per regt. over strength in reserve - & as winter is now close shd not want a man till next April - & probably not then - I will propose to see the AG. & suggest this.

2. We have thought for a long time that horse wastage in Mesopotamia is excessive - am trying to get some figures - & will put them up - If they bear out our ideas I might see W.O. on this also. HOC





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S E C R E T.

Operations.

From:- C.I.G.S.

To:- G.O.C.in C., G.H.Q. Mesopotamia.

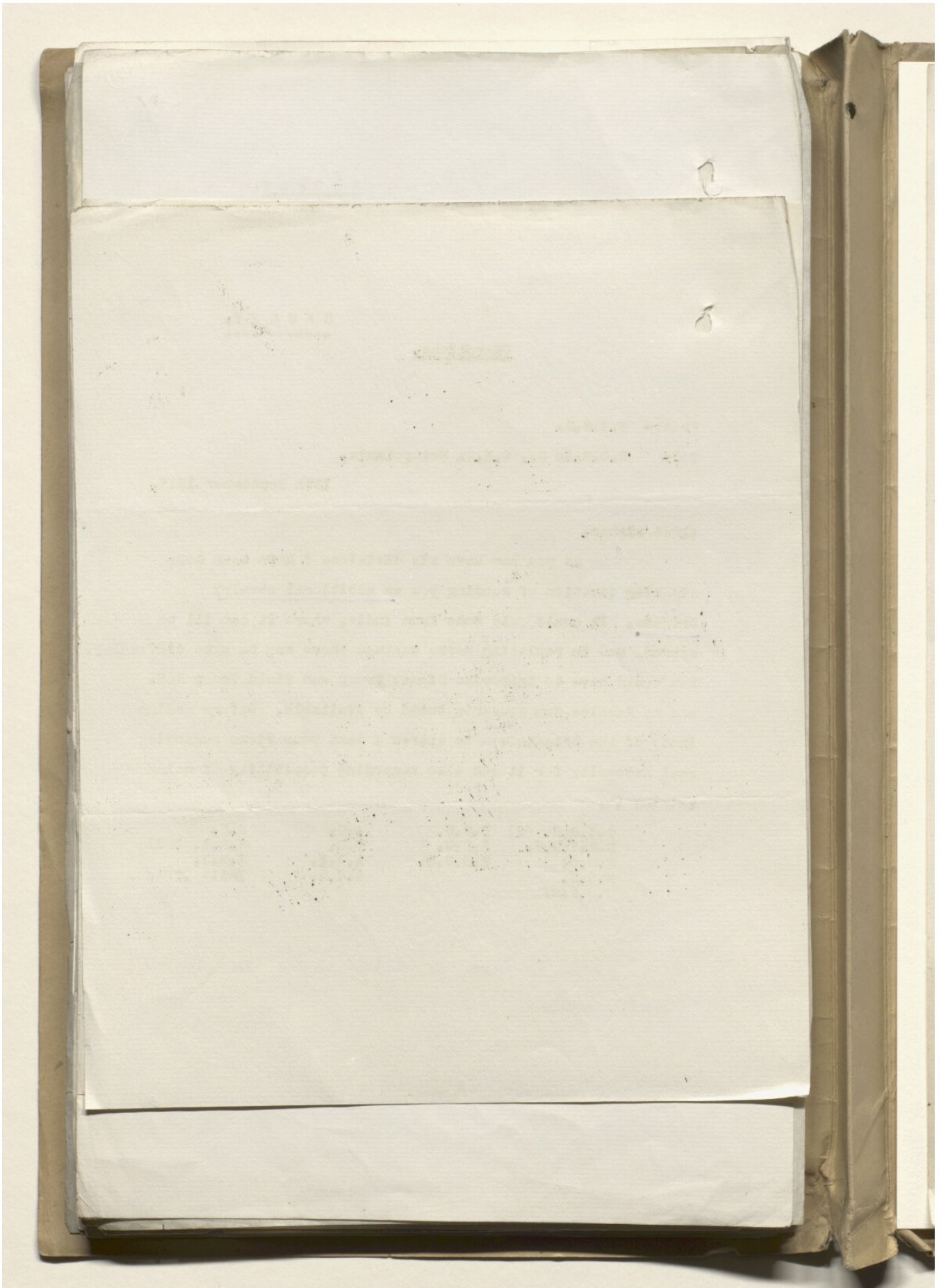
13th September 1917.

41265 cipher.

As you now have six divisions I have been considering question of sending you an additional cavalry brigade. It could only come from India, where it can ill be spared, and in replacing horse wastage there may be some difficulty. You would have to improvise Signal Troop and Field Troop R.E. and no Machine Gun Squadron would be available. Before asking India if the brigade can be spared I want your views regarding real necessity for it and also regarding possibility of maintaining it.

C.I.G.S. (2)	D.S.D.	A.G.	M.S.
D.C.I.G.S.	S.D.2.	D.O.	M.S.1. India
D.M.O.	S.D.2.b.	A.G.1.	S.R.1.
M.O.2.		A.G.5.	India Office.
M.O.2.a.			

As a matter of fact he asked India on the 6th Sept. (telegram below).





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*Sir H. Com
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Operations.

SECRET.

From :- C. in C. India.

10.9.17.

To :- C.I.G.S.

61490 cipher.

Your 40809 cipher September 6th.

1. I think you should know before asking Maude, the difficulty which I would find in making the brigade available. There are in India only 2 British and 17½ regular Indian Cavalry regiments, the latter having to provide drafts for all cavalry overseas in addition there are 3½ imperial service cavalry regiments.

2. We have for field army 2 complete cavalry brigades, 1 of which includes an imperial service regiment and have readjusted our divisional cavalry reducing it to 1 squadron so as to form a third brigade of 2 regular and 1 imperial service regiments, but without Horse Artillery. In addition we also require 6 regiments for frontier, leaving only 8 for internal India.

3. Considering Turkish intentions as reported by Secretary of State in his No. nil dated September 3rd and September 6th in the event of operations on a large scale, 3 brigades would be the least required.

4. In respect to maintenance, as you are already aware, we shall still be 1,000 short of requirements for next year estimated on existing strengths overseas, when all possible purchases of horses are completed. This deficiency will be increased by the addition of a cavalry brigade to Mesopotamia and can only be made good by assistance from home, South Africa or other theatres. Although therefore the extra cavalry brigade can be sent complete with horses, we could not maintain its remounts supply.

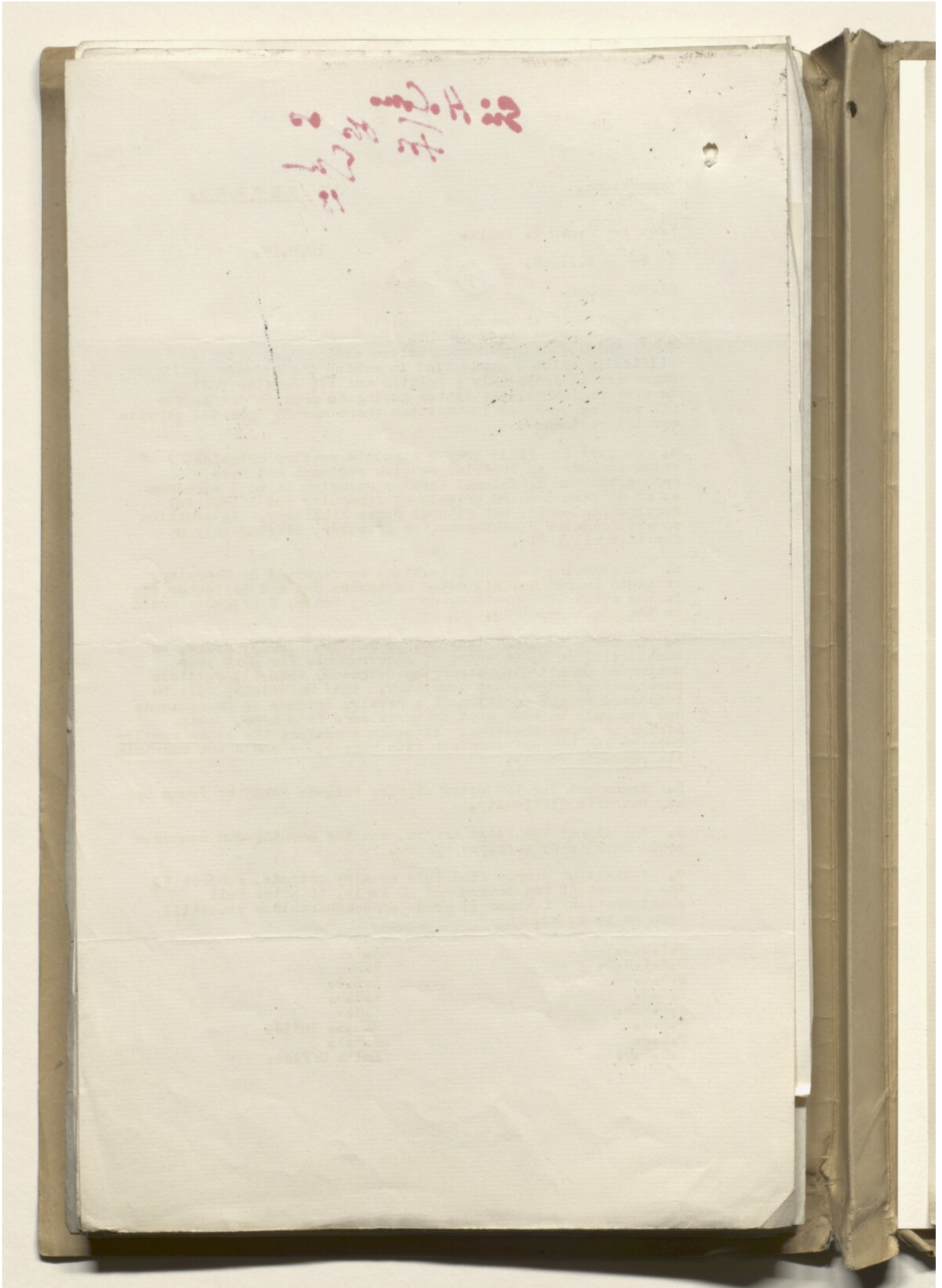
5. Transport for the extra cavalry brigade could be found by us, but with difficulty.

6. The signal and field troops, and the machine-gun squadron would have to be supplied by you.

7. I shall of course find this cavalry brigade, subject to the consent of the Government of India, if after full consideration of these (1 group undecipherable)s you still wish me to do so.

C.I.G.S.
D.C.I.G.S.
D.M.O.
M.O.2.
M.O.2.a.
D.S.D.
S.D.2.
S.D.2.b.

A.G.
D.O.
A.G.1.
A.G.5.
M.S.
M.S.1. India.
S.R.1.
India Office.





Cavalry drafts for France

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121/Drafts/2742.

SECRET.

From:- War Office.

To:- Deputy Adjutant General, G.H.Q. 3rd Echelon France.

8th September 1917.

8.10 p.m.

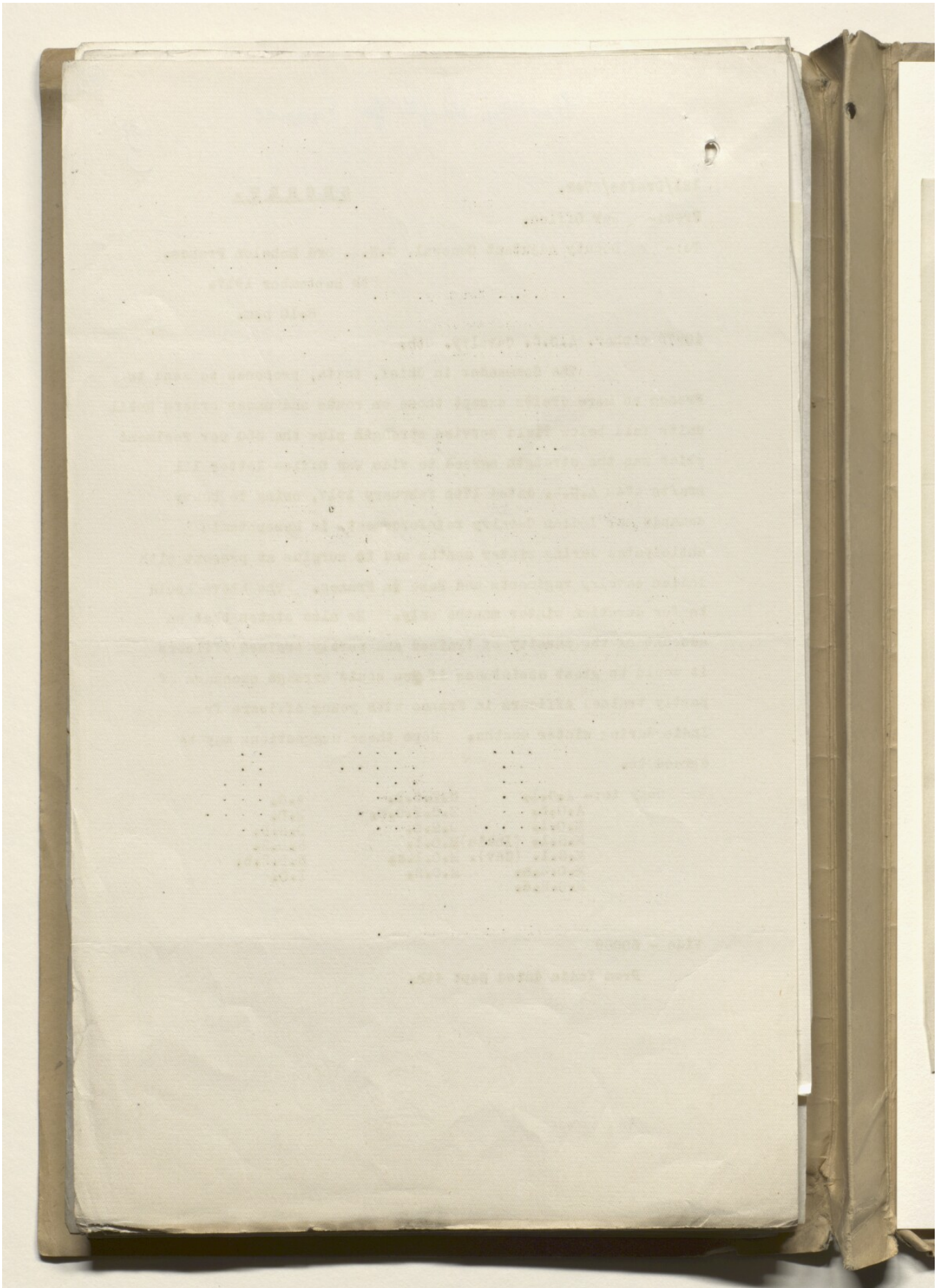
40975 cipher. A.G.5. Cavalry. 8th.

The Commander in Chief, India, proposes to send to France no more drafts except those en route and under orders until units fall below field service strength plus the 350 per regiment which was the strength agreed to vide War Office letter 121 Drafts 2742 A.G.2. dated 17th February 1917, owing to heavy demands for Indian Cavalry reinforcements in Mesopotamia anticipated during winter months and the surplus at present with Indian cavalry regiments and Base in France. The above would be for duration winter months only. He also states that on account of the paucity of trained and partly trained officers it would be great assistance if you could arrange exchange of partly trained officers in France with young officers from India during winter months. Hope these suggestions may be agreed to.

Copy to:- A.G.1.	C.I.G.S.	A.G.
A.G.5.	D.C.I.G.S.	D.O.
M.O.1.	D.M.O.	D.S.D.
M.S.1. (India)	M.O.1.	S.D.2.
M.S.1. (Cav).	M.O.1.c.	S.D.2.b.
M.O.2.a.	M.O.2.	I.O.
M.O.2.c.		

Vide - 60089

From India dated Sept 4th.





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SECRET.

From:- C.-in-C., India.

Sept. 4th 1917.

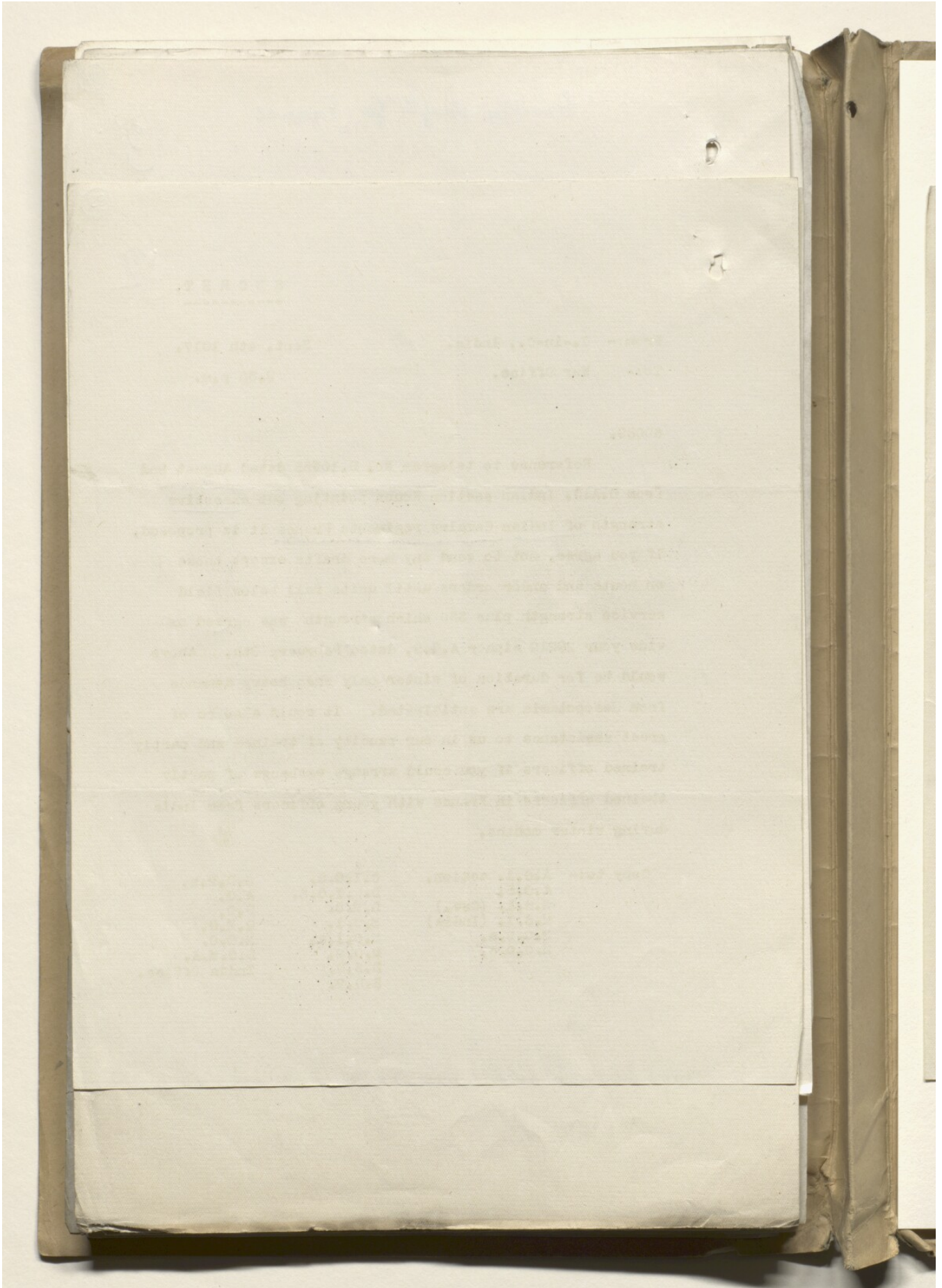
To:- War Office.

9.35 p.m.

60089.

Reference to telegram No. D.10755 dated August 2nd from D.A.G. Indian section Rouen pointing out excessive strength of Indian Cavalry regiments France it is proposed, if you agree, not to send any more drafts except those en route and under orders until units fall below field service strength plus 350 which strength was agreed on vide your 29212 cipher A.G.2, dated February 9th. Above would be for duration of winter only when heavy demands from Mesopotamia are anticipated. It would also be of great assistance to us in our paucity of trained and partly trained officers if you could arrange exchange of partly trained officers in France with young officers from India during winter months.

Copy to:-	A.G.1. action.	C.I.G.S.	S.D.2.b.
	A.G.5.	D.C.I.G.S.	A.G.
	M.S.1. (Cav.)	D.M.O.	D.O.
	M.S.1. (India)	M.O.1.	Q.M.G.
	M.O.2.a.	M.O.1.c.	M.G.O.
	M.O.2.c.	M.O.2.	D.G.M.A.
		D.S.D.	India Office.
		S.D.2.	





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SECRET.

OPERATIONS.

From:- C.I.G.S., War Office.

To:- C. in C., A.G.Q., India.

6. 9. 17.

5.40 p.m.

48808 cipher.

I think it very desirable to increase Maude's cavalry by a brigade. To get a brigade from France would take a very long time and lock up much shipping, which can ill be spared. Can you make a brigade available if Maude wants it and can maintain it?

C.I.G.S.	D.S.D.	A.G.
D.C.I.G.S.	S.D.2.	D.O.
D.M.O.	S.D.2.b.	A.G.1.
M.O.2.		A.G.5.
M.O.2.a.		

M.S.
M.S.1. (India)
S.R.1.
I.3.

