

**Distribution of Mesopotamia Expeditionary Corps  
19 November 1916**

6th Cavalry Brigade: Brigadier General S.F.Crocker

- "S" Battery RHA (6 guns)
- Ammunition Column
- 14th Hussars (4 sqns)
- 21st Cavalry (2 sqns)
- 22nd Cavalry (4 sqns)
- 6th Machine Gun Squadron
- 2nd Field Troop, 2nd Sappers & Miners
- Signal Troop
- No. 131 Indian Combined Cavalry Field Ambulance

7th Cavalry Brigade:

- "V" Battery, RHA (6 guns)
- Ammunition Column
- 13th Hussars (4 sqns)
- 13th Lancers (4 sqns)
- 14th Lancers (4 sqns)
- 7th Machine Gun Squadron
- Signal Troop
- No. 119 Combined Cavalry Field Ambulance
- No. 4 Mobile Veterinary Section

1st Indian Army Corps: Lieutenant General A.S.Cobbe

3rd (Lahore) Division: Brigadier General S.R.Davidson

7th Infantry Brigade:

- 1/Connaught Rangers
- 27th Punjabis
- 91st Punjabis
- 2/7th Gurkhas
- No. 131 Machine Gun Company

8th Infantry Brigade: Brigadier General S.M.Edwardes

- 1/Manchester Regiment
- 47th Sikhs
- 59th Rifles
- 2/124th Baluchistan Infantry
- No. 132nd Machine Gun Company

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

- 1/Highland Light Infantry
- 93rd Burma Infantry
- 1/1st Gurkhas
- 105th Mahrattas
- No. 133 Machine Gun Company

Artillery:

Headquarters Divisional Artillery

4th Brigade, RFA

- 7th Battery (6 guns)
- 14th Battery (6 guns)
- 66th Battery (6 guns)
- 1 ammunition column detached

215th Brigade, RFA:

- 1 battery detached, temporarily at Amara

Attached

- B/69th Battery (4 howitzers)

Engineers:

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

Divisional Troops:

No. 3 Divisional Signals Company  
Mobile Veterinary Company  
7th British Field Ambulance  
8th British Field Ambulance  
111th Indian Field Ambulance  
112th Indian Field Ambulance  
113th Indian Field Ambulance  
No. 11 Sanitary Section

7th (Merrut) Division: Major General V.B.Fane

19th Brigade: Brigadier General C.E.Norie

1/Seaforth Highlanders  
28th Punjabis  
92nd Punjabis  
125th Rifles

No. 134 Machine Gun Company

21st Brigade: Brigadier General E.C.Peebles

2nd Black Watch  
9th Bhopal Infantry  
20th Punjabis (detached on L of C)  
1/8th Gurkhas

No. 135 Machine Gun Company

28th Brigade: Brigadier General C.H.Davies

2/Leicestershire  
51st Sikhs  
53rd Sikhs  
56th Rifles

No. 136 Machine Gun Company

Artillery: Brigadier General A.D.Musgrave

HQ Divisional Artillery

9th Brigade, RFA

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

56th Brigade, RFA:

"A" Battery (4 guns)  
"B" Battery (4 guns)  
"C" Battery (4 guns)  
"D" Battery (4 guns)

D/69th Howitzer Battery (4 guns)

Engineers:

HQ Divisional Engineers  
1st Field Company, Sappers & Miners  
3rd Field Company, Sappers & Miners  
4th Field Company, Sappers & Miners (temporarily at  
Nasiriya)  
121st Pioneers

Divisional Troops:

No. 7 Divisional Signal Company  
No. 2 Mobile Veterinary Company  
19th British Field Ambulance  
20th British Field Ambulance  
128th Indian Field Ambulance  
129th Indian Field Ambulance  
130th Indian Field Ambulance  
Mobile Veterinary Section

Corps Troops:

32nd Lancers (less 2 sqns) (enroute)  
1st Corps Signal Company  
No. 1 Printing Section  
No. 1 Litho Section

II Indian Army Corps: Major General W.R.Marshall

13th Division: Brigadier General W. de S. Cayley (camped near Amara)

38th Brigade: Brigadier General J.W.O'Dowda

6th King's Own Royal Regiment  
6th East Lancashire  
6th (Prince of Wales volunteers) South Lancashire  
6th Loyal Regiment (N. Lancashire)  
No. 38 Machine Gun Company

39th Brigade: Brigadier General T.A.Andrus

9th Royal Warwickshire  
7th Gloucestershire  
9th Worcestershire  
7th North Staffordshire  
No. 39 Machine Gun Company

40th Brigade: Brigadier General A.C.Lewin

8th Cheshire  
8th Royal Welch Fusiliers  
4th South Wales Borderers  
5th Wiltshire  
No. 40 Machine Gun Company

Mounted Troops:

1/1st Hertfordshire Yeomanry (1 sqn)  
13th Divisional Cyclist Company

55th Brigade, RFA:

A/55th Battery (4 guns)  
B/55th Battery (4 guns)  
C/55th Battery (4 guns)  
D/55th Battery (4 guns)

66th Brigade, RFA:

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

Other Artillery:

A/69th Battery (4 guns)  
72nd Battery, RGA (4 guns)  
13th Divisional Ammunition Train

Engineers:

71st Field Company, RE<sup>1</sup>  
72nd Field Company, RE  
88th Field Company, RE  
8th Welch Regiment (Pioneers)<sup>2</sup>

Divisional Troops:

13th Divisional Signal Company  
13th Divisional Supply Company  
10th Field Bakery  
31st Field Butchery  
Mobile Veterinary Company  
39th British Field Ambulance  
40th British Field Ambulance  
41st British Field Ambulance  
No. 28 Sanitary Section  
No. 24 Veterinary Section

14th (Indian) Division: Major General R.G.Egerton

35th Infantry Brigade: Brigadier General W.M.Thomson

1/5th Buffs (East Kent Regiment)  
3rd Brahmans  
37th Dogras  
2/4th Gurkhas  
No. 185 Machine Gun Company

36th Infantry Brigade: Brigadier General L.B.Walton

1/6th Devonshire Regiment  
26th Punjabis  
62nd Punjabis  
82nd Punjabis  
No. 186 Machine Gun Company

37th Infantry Brigade: Brigadier General F.J.Fowler

1/4th Devonshire  
36th Sikhs  
45th Sikhs  
1/2nd Gurkhas  
No. 187 Machine Gun Company

Engineers:

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

Artillery: Brigadier General H.J.A.Mackey

HQ, Divisional Artillery

13th Brigade, RFA:

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

C/69th Howitzer Battery (4 guns)

Divisional Troops:

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<sup>1</sup> The 71st & 72nd Field Companies were temporarily employed on construction of the Qurna-Amara railroad.

<sup>2</sup> The 8th Welch were temporarily employed on construction of the Qurna-Amara railroad.

14th Divisional Signal Company  
1st Combined Field Ambulance  
20th Combined Field Ambulance  
21st Combined Field Ambulance  
22nd Combined Field Ambulance  
No. 13 Sanitary Section  
No. 1 Mobile Veterinary Section

Corps Troops:

32nd Lancers (2 sqns)  
III Corps Signals Company  
No. 2 Printing Section  
No. 2 Litho Section

Army Troops

No. 14 Kite Balloon Section, RNAS  
No. 134 (Howitzer) Brigade, RFA  
60th & 61st Batteries  
No. 74 Heavy Artillery Group  
2/86th Battery  
2/104th Battery  
157th Battery (at Basara)  
159th Siege Battery, RGA (at Basara, 1 gun with I Corps)  
524th Howitzer Battery, RFA (4 5" howitzers) (arrived  
within one week)  
No. 92 Flak Section (arrived within 1 week)  
No. 59 Anti-Aircraft Section (2-13pdrs) (with III Corps)  
No. 80 Anti-Aircraft Section (2-13pdrs) (in Basara)  
No. 208 Anti-Aircraft Section (2-12pdrs)  
Trench Mortar Group with personnel from Nos. 133, 134  
135, 136, 137, & 138 Trench Mortar Batteries  
(24 2" mortars) (in Basara)  
"A" Stokes Mortar Battery (with I Corps)  
"B", "C", "D", "E", & "F" Stokes Mortar Batteries  
(with III Corps)  
No. 1 Bridging Train (at Shaikh Saad)  
No. 2 Bridging Train (at Arab Village)  
Army Signals Company  
1st ANZAC Wireless Signal Squadron (enroute)  
64th Pioneers (attached to III Corps)  
No. 788 & 789 Motor Transport Companies, ASC  
(Caterpillar tractors, in Shalkh Saad)  
No. 30 Squadron, Royal Flying Corps (less 2 aircraft  
with 15th division at Nasiriya)

EUPHRATES LINE

15th Division: Major General H.T. Brooking

(at Nasiriya)

HQ, 15th Division

12th Infantry Brigade: Brigadier General F.P.S. Dunsford

1/5th Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey)

43rd Infantry

90th Punjabis

No. 128 Machine Gun Company

42nd Infantry Brigade: Brigadier General F.G. Lucas

1/4th Dorsetshire Regiment

2/5th Gurkhas  
2/6th Gurkhas  
No. 130 Machine Gun Company

Cavalry:

12th Cavalry (less 1 sqn)

Artillery:

HQ, Divisional Artillery

222nd Brigade, RFA:

"A" Battery (4 guns)

"B" Battery (4 guns)

"D" Battery (4 guns)

7th Mountain Brigade

21st Battery (6 guns)

26th Battery (6 guns)

Plus:

15th Divisional Ammunition Column

Engineers:

Headquarters, Divisional Engineers

3/1st (Northumbrian) Company, RE (enroute)

1/3rd (Northumbrian) Company, RE (enroute)

4th Field Company, Sappers & Miners (for 7th Division)

Malerkotla Sappers & Miners

48th Pioneers

Other:

15th Divisional Signal Company (less 1 brigade section)

No. 10 Printing Section

No. 8 Litho Section

No. 3 Combined Field Ambulance

No. 23 Combined Field Ambulance

No. 24 Combined Field Ambulance

No. 105 Combined Field Ambulance

No. 108 Combined Field Ambulance

No. 16 Sanitary Section (en route)

Mobile Veterinary Section

Attached:

Volunteer Battery (4 15pdrs & 1 5" gun)

"B" Troop (less 1 pack station), 2nd Wireless Signal Squadron

Det No.30 Squadron, Royal Flying Corps (2 aircraft)

No. 27 Casualty Clearing Station (enroute)

No. 83 Combined Stationary Hospital

No. 8 Advanced Depot Medical stores

No. 16 Field Veterinary Section

(at Khamisiya)

34th Infantry Brigade: Brigadier General E.C.Tidswell

2nd Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment

31st Punjabis

112th Infantry

No. 129 Machine Gun Company

Other

12th Cavalry Regiment (1 sqn)

Det/Volunteer Artillery Battery (2-15pdrs)

1 Pack Station, "B" Troop, 2nd Wireless Signal Company

No. 19 Combined Field Ambulance

(at Akaika)

114th Mahrattas (1/2 bn)  
Det/Volunteer Battery (2 15pdr post guns)  
(at Junction Camp)

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Det/Volunteer Battery (1 15pdr post gun)

KARUM FRONT: Colonel L.M. Younghusband  
(at Ahwaz)

Headquarters  
23rd Cavalry Regiment (1 sqn)  
Det/Anglo-Indian Battery (2-15pdrs)  
"C" Troop, 2nd Wireless Signal Squadron (-2 sections)  
8th Rajputs (enroute)  
97th Infantry  
No. 4 Indian Field Ambulance (2 sections)

(Dizful-Shushtar Column)

23rd Cavalry (2 sqns)  
97th Infantry (1/2 bn)

(at Shush)

23rd Cavalry (1 sqn)

BUSHIRE FRONT: Brigadier General J.A.Douglas  
(at Bushire)

Headquarters  
15th Lancers (1 sqn)  
4 Naval 12pdrs (crewed by RN sailors)  
1 7pdr Mountain Gun (Indian Mountain Artillerists)  
2 15pdr guns (Indian Mountain Artillerists)  
14th Sikhs  
22nd Punjabis  
No. 51 Indian Stationary Hospital

EUPHRATES DEFENSES Brigadier General F.R.E.Lock  
(in Basra)

Headquarters Euphrates Defenses  
Signals Section  
Headquarters, No. 1 Sector Defenses  
6th Jats  
2/9th Gurkhas (-2 cos)

(at Rataw)

HQ, No. 2 Section Defenses  
Patiala Lancers (2 troops)  
2/9th Gurkhas (2 cos)  
24th Combined Field Ambulance (1 section)

(at Lugaith)

HQ, No. 3 Section Defenses  
Patiala Lancers (1 1/2 sqns)  
1/10th Gurkhas

(at Shaiba)

HQ, Defense Reserves  
Patiala Lancers (2 sqns)  
1/4th Somerset Light Infantry  
Supply & Transportation Company  
24th Combined Field Ambulance (-1 section)

TIGRIS DEFENSES

No. 1 Section

Qurna

HQ, No. 1 Section, Tigris Defenses  
44th Infantry (1/2 bn)

Ezra's Tomb & Posts

44th Infantry (1/2 bn)

Qala Salih

96th Infantry (1/2 bn)

No. 2 Section

Amara

HQ, Tigris Defense

HQ, No. 2 Section Tigris Defense

Anglo-Indian Battery (2 post guns)

1/6th Devonshire Regiment

4th Rajputs

96th Infantry (1/2 bn)

Mobile Column

10th Lancers (1 sqn, less 2 troops)

"A" Troop, 2nd Wireless Signal Squadron (1 pack station)

1st Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry

No. 22 Indian Field Ambulance (1 section)

Mudelil

1 Post Gun, Anglo-Indian Battery

Mobile Column

16th Cavalry (1 sqn) (for India)

1st Wireless Signal Squadron (1 pack section)

67th Punjabis

No. 135 Indian Field Ambulance (1 section)

Fulaifila

1 15pdr Post Gun

2/119th Infantry (1 1/2 Cos)

No. 3 Section

Ali Gharbi

1 Post Gun, Anglo-Indian Battery

102nd Grenadiers (- 1 co)

Mobile Column:

16th Cavalry (1 sqn) (for India)

C/222nd Battery, RFA (1 section-2 guns)

"A" Troop, 2nd Wireless Signal Squadron (1 pack station)

No. 137 Indian Field Ambulance (1 section)

Omaiya (to be abolished)

10th Lancers (2 troops)

1 Post Gun, Anglo-Indian Battery

102nd Grenadiers (1 co)

Shaikh Saad

HQ, No. 3 Section Tigris Defenses

10th Lancers (1 sqn)

C/222nd Battery, RFA (-1 section)

2nd Norfolk Regiment

2nd Dorsetshire Regiment

2/119th Infantry (-1 1/2 cos)

LINE OF COMMUNICATIONS UNITS



(in Basra)

HQ, Inspector-General Communications  
Base Headquarters  
HQ, 2nd Wireless Signal Station  
"D" Troop, 2nd Wireless Signal Station (-1 pack section)  
Signal Service Park & Depot  
1st Labor Corps (-1 co)  
3rd Labor Corps  
5th Labor Corps (3 cos)  
6th Labor Corps (1 co)  
7th Labor Corps (1 co)  
8th Labor Corps (2 cos)  
10th Labor Corps (2 cos)  
11th Labor Corps  
6th Porter Corps  
7th Porter Corps  
12th Labor Corps  
13th Labor Corps  
24th Labor Corps  
73rd Carnatic Infantry  
74th Carnatic Infantry  
Nos. 1, 2, & 3 British Base Depots  
Nos. 1, 2, & 3 Indian Base Depots  
Indian General Base Depot  
No. 596 MT Company, ASC  
No. 695 MT Company, ASC  
1st Bullock Corps (forming)  
No. 3 British General Hospital  
No. 33 British General Hospital  
No. 40 British General Hospital  
No. 133 British General Hospital  
No. 8 Indian General Hospital  
No. 9 Indian General Hospital  
No. 10 Indian General Hospital  
No. 20 Indian General Hospital  
No. 24 Indian General Hospital  
No. 25 Indian General Hospital (forming)  
Basra Hospital Bait Naama  
No. 10 Sanitary Section  
No. 46 Sanitary Section  
No. 99 Sanitary Section  
No. 10 British Base Depot Medical Store  
No. 23 Motor Ambulance Convoy (50)  
No. 6 Veterinary Section  
No. 18 Veterinary Section  
Base Veterinary Store

(Mohammerah)

British Convalescent Depot  
Indian Convalescent Depot (forming)  
No. 27 Indian General Hospital (forming)

(Qurna)

4th Labor Corps  
No. 57 Indian Stationary Hospital

(Amara)

"A" Troop, 2nd Wireless Signal Squadron (-2 sections)  
122nd Infantry  
No. 23 British Stationary Hospital  
No. 70 Indian Stationary Hospital  
No. 1 British General Hospital  
No. 2 British General Hospital  
No. 32 British General Hospital  
No. 19 Indian General Hospital  
No. 21 Indian General Hospital  
No. 23 Indian General Hospital  
No. 42 Indian General Hospital  
Isolation Hospital  
Officer's Convalescent Depot  
British Convalescent Depot  
Indian Convalescent Depot  
No. 17 Sanitary Section  
No. 100 Sanitary Section  
No. 3 Advanced Depot  
Advanced Remount Section  
No. 9 Field Veterinary Section  
No. 10 Field Veterinary Section

(Shaikh Saad)

Headquarters, Advanced Base  
Headquarters, Riverhead  
Advanced Signal Park  
2nd Labor Corps  
No. 15 Combined Casualty Clearing Station  
No. 16 British Casualty Clearing Station  
No. 19 Combined Casualty Clearing Station  
No. 20 Combined Casualty Clearing Station  
No. 31 British Stationary Hospital  
Combined Convalescent Depot  
No. 61 Indian Stationary Hospital  
No. 6 Advanced Depot Medical Stores  
No. 7 Advanced Depot Medical Stores  
No. 14 Sanitary Section  
No. 101 Sanitary Section  
No. 7 Field Veterinary Section  
Advanced Veterinary Store Depot

(Arab Village)

Ammunition Park  
No. 5 Advanced Depot Medical Stores  
Advanced Remount Section

#### OTHER UNITS ON LINES OF COMMUNICATIONS

(Basra)

157th Battery, RGA (Army Troops)  
159th Siege Battery, RGA (-1 6" howitzer) (Army Troops)  
No. 80 Anti-Aircraft Section, RFA (Army Troops)  
77th Battery, RGA (15th Division)  
23rd Mountain Battery (orders for India)  
30th Mountain Battery (orders for India)  
No. 133 Mortar Battery (personnel only) (Army Troops)  
No. 134 Mortar Battery (personnel only) (Army Troops)  
No. 135 Mortar Battery (personnel only) (Army Troops)

No. 136 Mortar Battery (personnel only) (Army Troops)  
No. 137 Mortar Battery (personnel only) (Army Troops)  
No. 138 Mortar Battery (personnel only) (Army Troops)  
2/2nd (Northumberland) Company, RE  
Tehri-Garhwal Sappers & Miners  
Aircraft, Royal Flying Corps  
No. 783 MT Company ASC (ford van supply company)  
No. 784 MT Company ASC (ford van supply company)

(Qurna)

"A" Section, No. 137 Indian Field Ambulance

(Shaikh Saad)

Military Railway Company  
No. 33 Motor Ambulance Convoy  
No. 3 Bridging Train

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