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In company with Lt Colonel Taka Bay Comd'g Regt.  
we went across to the Polver & Geysera, on the  
approach for the purpose of seeing the Metailum heterop.



to his regiment & station when about 250 men & officers appeared upon drill the remainder were on guard and other duty, the grounds we can track, the houses were all separated for an entire regiment, one story & about 30 yards apart, Commanding & Field officers opposite quarters opposite, The Command was divided under the Major Commanding whose name is. They went through nearly all the evolutions of the line of any movement, & closed with drill of Platoon which is one company, Bayonet exercise, & finally marched in Review in splendid order and good marching. — After this the entire officers present were brought in and presented, I expressed to the pleasure I experienced in making their acquaintance & that I was an old Soldier and was always glad to greet such good soldiers as they were. — Like the other part of the Regiment, this drilled with great accuracy & skill the Colonel again remained with me & gave order to the Major Commanding to drill the Battalion.

He did it with consummate skill assisted by the officers & men who all labored to do their best. — & certainly did it on this occasion. — I so expressed myself to the Colonel & his officers. He frequently gave us coffee & cigars, and gave me a handsome baguet which I brought down with me. The exhibition some gymnastics, not remarkable but they tried to please & I was willing to gratify them with the idea that I was. —

We passed through the Palace garden & was delighted with its beauty & the choice exotics it contained. — Together with its collection of wild animals, including two small sized Elephants, several Lions & Lionsess with their young, ostriches &c &c. — Drove back to the Casar Nil & left the Major with many salutes &c &c. —

I was 17th/840 Inspected the 3rd Regiment of the Guard now commanded by Lt Col Comdr R. B. B. the Colonel being absent on a mission, the Colonel of the 1st Regt of the Guard was present as a spectator, Gen Stone also accompanied me & was present during the Inspection.

There were three Battalions present at the Casar Nil, making in all about 1500 officers & men. — Others absent on guard & other duty, the organization is over 2000 men & officers, I cannot ascertain the number until I get the report. It commenced with the drill of the Platoon, which on all occasions takes the place of one company, — but first of all they commenced with the firing, then the platoon drill, Battalion Exercise, & a battery of each Battalion drilled at the Bayonet exercise. — & lasted about 15 minutes then made a few movements into the three Battalions in one, in the form of a Brigade. — The Company Commanders drilled their platoons or companies, the Majors their Battalions, and the Major General drilled the Regiment entire. — The whole Inspection closed with a Review, — marching by with the left in front, officers saluting, and according to the custom, & returned each of their salutes. — I suppose the reason of their doing this was because of the ground being difficult of changing front. — They marched by in admirable order, exhibiting a degree of accuracy that reflected the utmost credit upon the Command, his officers & men. — The whole Exercise was done with skill & soldierly bearing, in elegance & a strong disposition to do their best. — in which they succeeded & would reflect great credit upon any Army it set of officers. — The drills were done exactly according to the tactics and details were critically attended, & showed degree of knowledge, that equally reflected credit upon officers & men. — Officers & men were intelligent in their movements, respectful & obedient to their officers, no confusion during their Exercise, showing ignorance of either theory or practice. — Their arms were in good order, & from the casual observation which I could give them, looked as though they were well kept. — The general appearance of the officers & men was neat & soldierly, the dress fitting well, & the treat cadence, presented a handsome picture. — I informed the Major that I should at an early day, inspect his arms, & I also requested him to give me a report of his Regiment showing its organization, those present and absent. — At the next inspection I purpose to inspect his messes, Hospitals and the Caserne of the men.

They were hospitable with their coffee & cigars, and in every way, kind and gentlemanly. — The whole proceeding closed with with an introduction to the entire Regiment of officers in a line in front. — I said to them through an interpreter that it was always agreeable to meet with officers, that I was an old Soldier, and felt a great pleasure in seeing officers who so well understood their duties, and that I had every reason to congratulate myself that I had witnessed so a magnificent drill. — The Colonel upon driving out the review in front of the officers & again saluted. —

Gen Stone, agrees with me, that they reflected great credit



June 20. Inspected the Battalion of the Chasseurs of the 1<sup>st</sup> Division of the Guard, Commanded by Ali Effendi Fakhri, Major Command. — The Command commenced drilling shortly after sunrise at the Palace of Guizet, and exercised for about two hours, at the Bayonet exercise, Platoon Drill and in Battalion Drill. — The Commander first drilled his Platoons by his Company Commanders, — then in person his Battalion which numbered about 300 men & officers, his companies, the Companies drilled mostly in marching a few other movements sufficiently to show that they understood their drill. — The Commander drilled his Battalion in most of the difficult evolutions of the line, double movements concluded, <sup>etc. right</sup> the movement first of Placing on the Centre Division, then Deploying on the Centre Division, Counter-marching at the same time, thus changing his front — Changed front on First Company & changed to the rear on First Company &c. The Commander showed a knowledge of his tactics, the men were not I think so thoroughly drilled as some of those I had previously seen, but still creditable to himself & officer & men. — He exercised his entire command in the Bayonet exercise, in this he excelled in the same manner as the other commands I have seen, — The most of his men & officers were young, and fine looking — I complimented him & his Command, but I do not think he was as demonstrative as some of the other Commanders, still he was courteous & polite & offered coffee & cigarettes frequently, he also had connected with his Command a Mountain Hornet — which he was most & exercised, Although I was pleased with my visit after a pleasant ride there & back to breakfast. — The early morning is decidedly the worst of the part of the day for the exercises.

June 24 To day inspected the Arms, Knapsacks & quarters of Ali Effendi Fakhri Commandant of Chasseurs — His Arms I inspected on his Drill Ground, the Companies were in Column of Companies, there was no line formed as in review, he was presenting of Battalion or Company, the Company Commanders simply presenting his sword & I came to look at him to inspect his Company, in this manner I inspected his Arms, thoroughly and minutely.

they were the Remington Rifle, & comparatively new, — never have I seen Rifle in better condition, brighter & cleaner & this was without an exception in the entire Command, the soldiers were in white, their clothes clean, their feet well brushed, & their shoes shining — Their quarters, were as clean and everything about them looked no nicer as it was possible to be, their Arms upon going to the quarters were nicely stacked in the center of their quarters, together with the Arms not in the hands of the men, — I counted, but may not be exactly right, 15, 18, 24 — 16 rounds — each in the room, of each Company, — their blankets were spread upon very nice mats on each side of the room, their Knapsacks were neatly folded, apparently made of white cloth upon a thin frame, the contents of the Knapsack, was a neat full dress uniform, Cloth Coat & pants, blue & red, a shirt & few other small articles of clothing, a small buckram, folded containing, clothes brush, shoe brush, needle & thread, tooth & toothbrush, everything neat and in its place. — I neglected to mention that the Company had old Card boxes, very old but very neat, each box containing 6 rounds of Cartridges for each their Rifle, — The blankets & other Company property were placed in the end of each room & neatly folded and covered, their messing utensils were also in each room, — I do not see their Kitchen — This inspection was thorough & satisfactory — I have a report which I will note when translated. — The Company quarters, were old, apparently erected originally for temporary quarters, but are kept in admirable condition — The officers quarters are extremely small when compared with the quarters of the soldiers. — I am pleased with this entire Command.

24 June

To day about 4 1/2 P.M. While Gen. Thos & myself were sitting in my quarters we noticed a trembling sensation in the House in which we were, we at first could not understand what the occasion was, I was in my dress & Robe de Chambre, I thought first, they were moving something heavy in the building which is a large one, but upon going into the next chamber (hall), I became satisfied the building, <sup>large stone 3 1/2 stories high</sup> was either falling or that there was an earthquake, it proved to be the latter & lasted several minutes, our selves and the inmates all fled to the street & found every body there from other houses, I returned after my horse, the vibration still continuing, — the same was experienced throughout the City.



24<sup>th</sup> June to-night - Preside Monsieur Hammond bluffs my French teacher  
Hoke Karam Bay, Cole Pannafu, Cole Dumlup & Cole Mazon were  
at my house last night, during this time, Cole Mazon,  
the Elder &

Boy with a lady action came to visit  
me & insisted upon going to hear the big play, after entertaining  
them, the best I could, went with them & staid to a late hour  
Pasquade Choe.

25<sup>th</sup> -  
Capt Mazon has seen Col Comdr Pisham Bay and made an  
arrangement with him to inspect his army to-morrow at sunrise  
at the Citydike.

26<sup>th</sup> June. Inspected the Arms & quarters of the Command of Col Comdr Pisham  
Bay, about 1500 men was about 3 hours, Capt Mazon & three Egyptian  
officers assisted, the Arms were in fine condition, the greater  
part of them were old & much worn, some few comparatively new  
the Chasseurs, were the newest in the entire Command, -  
They were a few from 10 to 20 in the quarters of the men,  
kept in a rack with three already inspected, they with  
the Arms in the hands of the men were in a miserable  
condition, nothing could have been clearer in every  
respect, - I have never seen in any country kept in  
finer order & cleaner, & reflect great credit upon  
the officers & men, they were several boxes of new  
guns kept in the Battalions storeroom, & old boxes,  
containing about 12 guns in each box, - they too looked  
in good order, the Cartridges boxes of the Command were  
old, many of them much worn, some with difficulty  
kept together, now & then a few Cartridges in them but  
 seldom any, - The old guns were very old French guns,  
& would be entirely unserviceable for field service, with  
the exception of one Battalion, there was little uniformity  
in the armament of the Command, - The dress and quarters  
of the men were in fine condition, their knapsacks  
were neat & their contents, Clean & well folded, and  
only contained what a soldier should have, evidently  
great care is taken of the cleanliness of the men  
and their quarters, - their Arms & their accoutrements,  
No old Arms & accoutrements could possibly be kept cleaner  
& in better order than they are - I again observe  
here as elsewhere, the great want of attention to detail,  
they seem to have no uniformity of discipline.

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They do not form for inspection with open ranks,  
neither do they present arms, to the inspecting officer  
except in single instances of sentinels or men by the  
detours, the officer simply presents, and doing it when  
ever the inspecting officer approaches, they do not except  
in individual cases, open the ranks, unless wound  
by the inspector, nor neither do they open the Cartridge boxes,  
and in presenting the gun for inspection, it is done awkwardly  
and recurved in the same by the officer, who takes it, and  
generally hands it back from an order arms, and in hand-  
ling it, frequently striking the men with it, & so in handing  
it back, - The knapsacks are not examined & no effort  
is made to have them examined, until requested, and  
they do not know the necessity of facing inward  
& opening knapsacks for the purpose, the whole Review  
& inspection is out of order & so much so that it does  
not look like that arms are frequently inspected by the officer,  
yet they are in splendid condition reflecting in  
this respect more credit upon the men than the officer,  
the men handling the gun infinitely better than the officer,  
- I noticed that an officer, sewed us with coffee & cigars  
in the blue of an orderly, - this may be the custom of the  
country, but I thought it out of place, - I do not think that  
the officer or non-commissioned officer should be made to  
do service of this sort, but, everything to derate, when necessary,  
a soldier a better a soldier - Another thing reported to me, was  
the striking of a soldier in a parade, with the root of a sword,  
by an officer, - this too may be allowed, but it strikes at the  
root of discipline and the proper respect that an officer  
owes himself and his men, and is only controlling by brute  
force, and not regulations and orders, - Punishment should  
be a matter of course <sup>when the case of justice & discipline is to be attained</sup> be inflicted <sup>great & certain</sup> where  
the delinquent is guilty, & that according to the custom,  
but never in anger & with an instrument not allowed,  
they guide not well instructed, sentinels, do not appear  
attention, but are careless, - I have not had the opportunity  
of seeing the Guards march in & off & therefore cannot  
say much just now on this point, - but I hear that they  
show great want of uniformity, - The same hospital  
is shown here in legs & coffee as formerly & elsewhere.



28 June 1840. Commenced at <sup>10<sup>00</sup></sup>am inspecting the 11<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Line, at Abbasie of Coto Mahmoud Tahir Bey. — The entire Regiment present for <sup>inspection</sup> was about 800 men & officers, moved out in fine order & took position in front of their barracks, — in three battalions, front towards the main entrance where I sat with the Colonel who directed the movements. — between us & the Regiment, the Exercises commenced with the ~~drill~~ <sup>drill</sup> of the soldier.

The school of the soldier, the Battalion & company arms, &c in this the men & officers seemed well instructed, in the movement of their limbs, great attention paid to the setting of the soldier, & in the elasticity of the step, — &c &c

The Bayonet exercise, in this the men were not so well instructed as a rule, though <sup>some</sup> ~~many~~ <sup>some</sup> made taught were, —

The Platoon Drill — Great attention paid to the step & conversion, men & officers showed a proficiency in the different movements, The Battalion Drill, evinced a high degree of <sup>knowledge</sup> exercise in the evolutions of the line, the different Commands, were well informed & drilled with care, in some matters of detail, in the fixing of guides in conversions & alignments, the same great attention did not seem to prevail, possibly the change of guides was the cause, this frequently requires the orders of the Colonel to correct, who was always on the look out to correct the slightest fault in detail. —

During the intervals of rest, the men <sup>& officers</sup> were engaged in many & various sports, & the men & officers moved about in order & when called up, the whole command, with great alacrity, took their places in line, and with but one spirit to do their best in all their movements — in this & in going in & out of quarters, in their quarters, — away on duty or otherwise.

The Discipline of the entire command was perfect, the officers & men, were always well in hand & without a willing ness & obedience to orders, reflecting great credit up the Head. —

The Drill of the Regiment, under the immediate orders of the Colonel, was passed through many difficult evolutions & manoeuvres, with great boldness & skill, mistakes of others rapidly corrected & any matter

of the detail & fallen movements readily corrected & the Regiment moved, gracefully & in proper time observing distances with great precision, but seldom. Commanders of Battalions & Captains were at fault in their evolutions & conversions, in matters of detail, —

The whole exercise closed with a handsome movement, by change of front in column of divisions & finally, the men mustered in passing through the column of Platoon Companies, & the whole passed in in Review, right in front, marching by & saluting, after this the Regiment entered the quarters at a run, in fine order, though apparently great disorder. —

Soon after the Exercises the Colonel showed us that he taught his men soon after the ~~first~~ <sup>first</sup> coming to light their gun from a stack of arms with a bay, so that the gun would rest in its place. —

Guard mounting, the whole was done with a good deal of show but, within their system is entirely different from all others, or the proper form of inspection, formation, Parade & report of officers, is neglected. — and defection & awkward in many details.

The Relieving of the Guard was done admirably and according to a good system — both officers & men here knew their duty, The Reports of the Officer of the Guard & matters of detail & care & attention to prisoners, were of <sup>importance</sup> ~~importance~~ for <sup>both in officers & men</sup> ~~both in officers & men~~ the Colonel being the soul & <sup>in all cases except when</sup> ~~in all cases except when~~ it is necessary to send to a Court Martial. —

Few or no sick in quarters, where any reports, if necessary they are sent to the General Hospital, those & slight are kept in quarters, where, there is a doctor always to attend. —

#### Inspection of Arms & Ammunition

The Arms in the hands of the men were all of the old, French long since obsolete, Rifled & using the same in war — The guns were worn & would be useless for action service, the locks were weak &c — They were kept in splendid order, as clean & well looking as old guns could be possibly kept, — their Cartridge boxes & accoutrements were, also mainly old & worn, but kept in fair condition & where they were & carefully held together were patched & preserved by the <sup>soldier</sup> ~~soldier~~. — Nearly all had two bundles of cartridges in each box, — The Dress of men was faultlessly clean, worn often all the exercises of the day. —



The Inspection as usual <sup>at</sup> was entirely <sup>the</sup> fault of <sup>the</sup> done negligently by both by officers & men. <sup>the</sup> handling of the gun was even worse <sup>in his case</sup> careless than the soldier who <sup>with his hands</sup> <sup>is</sup> <sup>not</sup> <sup>learning</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>please</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>more</sup> the fault of <sup>than</sup> other view, when approaching there were no present except by the officer commanding the company, & no opening of ranks, springing of canteens or opening of cartridge boxes, & when opened the men were not instructed to keep them open - in fact there seems no system for inspection, the men were without <sup>for inspection</sup> <sup>being</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>company</sup> <sup>at</sup> <sup>an</sup> <sup>order</sup> arms, when the inspecting officer approached, the <sup>soldier</sup> <sup>is</sup> <sup>through</sup> <sup>with</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>gun</sup>, usually as he lifted <sup>the</sup> <sup>musket</sup>, <sup>from</sup> at an order he handed it back into the hands of the <sup>soldier</sup> <sup>who</sup> <sup>necessarily</sup> <sup>had</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>drop</sup> <sup>it</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>its</sup> <sup>place</sup> - & sometimes in a manner to strike the soldier in the face or on the shoulder.

The quarters of the men & the whole Barracks inside & out was as clean & as good order as it was possible to be, the gun of the man nicely kept in a rack, & proper attention paid to cleanliness & preservation.

The Magazine Room, was in fine condition, <sup>containing</sup> little in a large room, except the Rifle (Remington) for the Battalion of Chasseurs belonging to this Command, and not yet taken out the boxes for distribution.

They were hospitable & kind giving us a very fine collation, with good claret, fresh butter, ending with a bottle of champagne, they had a large number of courses, & beautifully set table. - The Room was large & comfortable & a fresh breeze blowing, liquors were abundant & coffee distributed ad libitum. We returned home at about 6 1/2 P M very much fatigued with our visit & labours.

27<sup>th</sup> June Col. the Eccles & Cami Bey dined with us. in the evening I saw <sup>the</sup> <sup>officer</sup>, <sup>Paris</sup>, & -  
30<sup>th</sup> Col. Cochet <sup>the</sup> <sup>officer</sup> <sup>Paris</sup> & two Commandants called upon us in the morning. In the evening Col. Mahmud Tahiri Bey dined with us together with Madam Haroun & her band.  
1<sup>st</sup> July Went to see Stone, I am sorry to say.  
2<sup>nd</sup> July Closed accounts to day with you & left the organ - & commenced de novo.

July 4<sup>th</sup> Visited Cami Agha & witnessed Guard mounting.

The inspection is mostly done by the Non-Commissioned officers (Cops & Sergeants) in the Company quarters, or on the balcony, the Commander guard is drawn up in line, ranks opened but no officer or soldier steps to the front, the Commander of the Battalion gives all orders for the inspection & inspects by simply, moving up & down the line the soldier raising his gun for him to see, after this he summons the officer to the front and gives them orders, & then the guard is marched by company or division in slow time & afterwards in quick time back to the same place of assembly when the different Commands are marched to their destination, the relief of the guard is done according to <sup>the</sup> <sup>system</sup>, the music was the Bugle & drum, no band.

The marching & appearance of the guard was good, and everything about the Caserne was in order.

Saw several officers, among them the Colonel of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Guards now on leave, to be gone six months.

Found <sup>him</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>be</sup> <sup>a</sup> <sup>highly</sup> <sup>intelligent</sup> <sup>&</sup> <sup>accomplished</sup> <sup>officer</sup>, & spent four years in the Berlin at a Prussian school.

His name as I write it is Dussaf Shakhdy Lt Col de Gard,

July 13<sup>th</sup> 1870 Left Cairo for Suez to inspect the Battalion of Chasseurs, <sup>belonging to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division</sup> <sup>&</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>Commanded</sup> <sup>by</sup> <sup>Abdel</sup> <sup>El</sup> <sup>Mehmed</sup> <sup>Effendi</sup>.

Arrived there about dark, leaving here at 1/2 past 8 A.M. stopped at the English Hotel, large, good beds, but poor living at about 5 dollars per day, the poorest I have seen for the money in any country - I took to sleep the climate. The accountant cheated in the little amount of 6 francs, finding us with Egyptian Sovereigns, he refused to take them at the market value, & I found in one than the English money.



who is named Korofo Effendi  
they were then <sup>the 13<sup>th</sup></sup>  
found the Commander about the Adjutant Major called  
to see me, & asked as it were Thursday the next day, to postpone  
the inspection until the day after, <sup>the 15<sup>th</sup> July</sup> & that was the day the  
changed up, to which I assented, - The next morning at  
sun rise <sup>the 15<sup>th</sup> July</sup> I was present, <sup>the</sup> Command by drilling at the school  
of the folow, this was well done, then at Bayonet exercises  
then Platoon drill which in marching was good, and  
the Exercise of the Protection -

The Exercises in the School of the Soldier, showed the very highest instruction & care, the entire command being drilled at it. —

The Bayonet Exercise, ~~but~~ was not so well advanced, the Command  
in giving instruction, the officers understand the drill, but  
the men are not yet proficient. —

The Platoon Exercise, was very good in the steps, marching well & converging good, the officers now well instructed, The Manual of Arms, showed high degree of instruction, time excellent. —

The British Excursion, I found the <sup>Adjutant Major</sup> ~~Commander~~, who was in the place of the regular Commander, was well instructed, & drilled the Command with ease, the subordinates doing their best to excel, drilled for several hours, Inspection of the Command.

The arms in the hands of the men are the Belgian Rifle  
(old Patent)  
single loader, - in very good condition, very clean,  
the same with regard to the accessories, ammunition  
in fine condition -

Orca of the men was fantabuly clean. Kuopsak, good  
and containing only the necessaries of the soldier, Caution  
of water in fine condition.

The command in tents, Camp well situated in regular order, extremely neat & well kept, the arms in the tents nicely stacked, all about them simple & well arranged. —

The new room, <sup>Blanchington</sup> located & not yet used, kept by each  
Company in a separate tent and well furnished.  
The Surgeon Mahomet Ali, in charge of the Hospital,  
sick, extremely well in form, able to attend  
few or no sick, few prisoners.  
Discipline of the regt. Military appearance  
very good. — The Revenue was admirably

Conducted, - The guards well instructed, and all about  
the Camp and showing very high order of attention  
to the interior economy, the Messing of the Officers  
Men good, the cooking & measure well conducted.

Before leaving, Major Abdel Alhamid ~~me~~ <sup>me</sup> arrived a quarter of twelve his officers found this young officer, highly intelligent active energetic, and ambitious of excelling, I am satisfied from my <sup>personal</sup> intercourse with him, that he thoroughly understands his duties, and his high intelligence & acquaintance with his duties is well attested, the excellent condition in which I found his command, its high state of discipline its cleanliness & military appearance & the proficiency in the exercises. —

There were about 500 men under arms in the  
-The evening before I left the Adjutant Major, & Dr. McNeill

the Surgeon of the Command, - & he by authority of the  
Commander Abdul Ahikbeni who had come to see me,  
the latter was extremely sorry that he was  
absent, and begged me to stay over another day,  
but this I could not as I had remained over one entire  
day to serve the Command, but told him that his  
Command had been thoroughly inspected &c -

The next morning, the Governor an Italian, sold  
me & the Major called to see me & went with  
me to the Cons with the Doctor & Major along  
— then they did all they could at such a short  
notice to get us ready — furnishing us with horses to  
ride to camp there being none to hire & no  
carriage in the city of Suze. — This City had  
a population of 20,000 a little over a year ago,  
it has now but about 10,000 inhabitants, nearly all  
the foreign population has gone to either Port Said  
Alexandria or Cairo & left the Country entirely,  
they complain a good deal that the Canal which  
commences a little over 10 miles beyond the City,  
having taken from them nearly all their trade  
& travel — of which they sorely complain.  
Returned to Cairo on the 16<sup>th</sup> July —



The following is the number of officers & soldiers made arms  
out of measure, of the exercise of  
at the different inspections and exercises during my  
stay at Luez. 509 Rank & file. — Number of arms  
inspected. 658 Belgian Rifles, 658 Contingent Boxes,  
658 Knap-sacks. — 658 Remington Rifles, 658 Boxes & Knapsacks.

Left Cairo on the 20<sup>th</sup> of July for Alexandria  
arriving the same day by Rail, & stopped at the Hotel  
D'Angleterre, — the next day being Thursday, I did not  
make a drill, but gave them until Friday to commence, the other day, an evening  
before Saturday, they used to clean up, —

Friday, 22 Inspected the 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Guard, Mustapha  
Bey Colonel being absent, Hourchi's Tahir Bey, Lieutenant Colonel  
Commanded, at ~~Rosetta~~ Ras-Eltin & Alumbading 1405 Rank & file.

Major Mahomet Charki Effendi.

Major Mahomet Izat Effendi

Major Mahomet Gaba Effendi

Achmet Effendi

Mahmet Said Effendi

Commandants of Battalions.

Adjutant Majors

Commenced the inspection soon after sunrise, with one Battalion  
drilling at the Bayonet, Exercise, one at the School of the Soldier,  
& one at the Platoon, there being different fields for them  
to drill, — Subsequently, one of the Battalions drilled as an  
entire Battalion, there being no room for them to Exercise  
the Entire Regiment ~~the whole Regiment~~, — Closing this part  
of the drill with a handsome Review, Right in front —  
Before the drill inspected the arms, found them furnished  
with the Remington gun, but the old equipments, worn and  
out of date but so far as they could keep them so, in first rate  
order, the old Knapsack, this was kept also in first rate order  
and packed with only that absolutely required by the Soldier  
and as neatly packed as I ever saw, this screw driver he  
kept in the Knapsack. — Their Knapsacks were all raised  
so that it was more convenient to look into them, they  
all contained two packages of powder &c in good condition,  
The Guns were new & kept faultlessly clean, the dress  
of the men, in fact the whole tout ensemble was  
in the most perfect order,

They drilled at the School of the Soldier, from the initiation lesson  
first administered to the Recruits & so on through to the Platoon,  
the non-commissioned officers & some officers were all  
well instructed & grounded at this, showing that this drill  
is not slighted, & that the Command is conversant with  
their business, — practicing them also at sighting. — The  
Object of this drill was to see their manner of instruction  
as well as the proficiency of the Sergeants & Corporals,

Manual of arms

as perfect as it was possible to be, the whole drill was  
so accurate & well timed as it was possible to be,  
the firing, kneeling both ranks was admirably done,  
Platoon —

Now & then they slighted, but as a rule this drill  
was admirable.

Bayonet

Nothing could excel the skill and accuracy of this  
Exercise, an entire Battalion, was selected, & the  
whole drilled with that precision & ease, with  
without number, showing the perfection of drill,  
and appearing as one man, I looked to see a  
fault, but found the Exercise as perfect as I ever  
saw in any army, — better instructed than I have  
before seen,

Battalion.

The Battalion drilled in many of the maneuvers,  
some could not be gone through with for want of  
room, with a few faults in the Exercise it was  
good —

The Review was exceedingly well done  
right in front. —

The inspection as usual was defective  
The military appearance & bearing of the men  
was admirable throughout —

Quarters were as clean as a new  
pin & all well arranged. —

Cooking — was well arranged.

Medical Department — Doctor, Comptant & but few sick

Poisoners

Few prisoners. —



Fixing the 22<sup>nd</sup> July —  
Saw several officers, Sergeants, Corporals &  
Privates shoot at a mark, 200 yards with the  
Remington, very one struck the mark but one  
officer, the shooting was admirable I selected  
the company at random, 3<sup>rd</sup> Company in the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Battalion. — So that it was fairly selected —

They insisted upon my staying with them  
to dinner or rather breakfast which I did. — found  
them polite, hospitable & kind, & in every respect  
considerate — I invited the H. Co. & 1<sup>st</sup> Major to dine  
with me & they did so at the Hotel de Anglterre,  
The Remington Cattridge is defective &c.

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1870. Inspected at Cabani.  
16<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Line, in the absence of its own Colonel  
Commanded by Kalid Bey Colonel of the 15<sup>th</sup> Regiment & numbered 697,  
Major Achmed Effendi Helmi & <sup>Rank & File</sup> Commanding Battalions  
Major Mustapha Effendi  
Commenced the inspection shortly after sun rise, found the Colonel with the  
Command two Battalions, waiting opposite the Palace  
built by Said Pasha, the parade in front of him, had to walk to walk on,  
said to have constructed to keep the dust down, when soldiers were  
drilling, much better when the dust is there. — Drilled the Command  
the most of which has just returned from walking upon the for-  
tifications, in the school of Soldier found the Sergeants,  
Corporals & men pretty well grounded in the early teaching,  
in the platoon, a good many well drilled soldiers, but  
the mass look as they were being instructed, Battalion  
the Commanding, passed their Battalions through several evolu-  
tions of the Line & were well instructed but the men & <sup>non</sup> Comm  
Commissioned, were not thorough, I attributed this to the  
fact that they had just come from working upon the fortif-  
ications. — The Bayonet Exercise, they were being in-  
structed, the marching was all good, the conversation & guide,  
showed the want of instruction, — The Guard marching  
was according to the system conducted through housework,  
with a very good band, they seemed thorough in their duties,  
The Arms were mostly old, but were kept in as good  
order as it was possible,

The knapsacks were well packed & neatly, the men were clean  
and everything about them, looked ~~as though~~ as well as it could,  
their quarters were faultlessly clean, their guns were well stocked  
and all the appointments were gotten up & arranged in the  
best possible manner. — Their Commissary seemed well  
attended to, the Hospital was, conducted in the proper manner,  
few or no sick there extremely, so were always sent  
to the general Hospital. — Breakfast with them &  
the officers were very kind of hospitality, cigars, coffee  
etc.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July, Inspector Battalion of Chasseurs, <sup>4<sup>th</sup> Division</sup> Commanded  
by Rachid Effendi Kanael, Major, at ~~Constantinople~~ Las-Eltim &  
519 Rank <sup>Rank & File</sup> Commenced with the inspection of arms, then were the new Remington  
Rifle, of course faultlessly clean, the Cartridge boxes, were old but  
but yet they had, the ammunition scarce & scarce, wipe be in it, it is  
only command so far in this respect, that had everything  
perfect, the knapsacks, were well & neatly packed, and  
everything well arranged. — The military appearance, chamber-  
lains of the Command were faultlessly clean, —  
Commenced with the Exercise of the Soldier, in that well instructed,  
Platoon very well, the Bayonet extremely well, seldom  
at fault, very good but not as good as the 4<sup>th</sup>  
The Battalion was well instructed, its Command well  
instructed & the officers seemed to know their duties, now  
often at fault in guides, not taught, so that the Command  
officers were always on the look out, to place them  
properly, — After a continuous drill, the Command passed  
in Review & presented a fine military appearance,  
marching with precision & accuracy, — closing with a grand  
marching, which was well done. —  
Quarters etc in the best possible condition —  
Breakfast & the night was hospitably entertained,

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 1870. Commenced inspection of 17<sup>th</sup> Regiment  
Colonel <sup>Rank & File</sup> Commanded by Mahammed ~~Kanael~~ <sup>Rank & File</sup>  
Bay, Majors Ali Effendi Sioc Key & <sup>Rank & File</sup> Commanding  
Major Muhammed Ali Effendi Battalions  
Commenced his inspection with one Battalion, at the  
School of the Soldier, commencing with the instruction of the <sup>Rank & File</sup>  
it through to the Platoon, showing a high degree of instruction  
in all the different schools of instruction, —



### Platoon

well instructed, both officers & men

### Bayonet Exercise

They were very well instructed in this Exercise though not exercised in all its instructions, sufficient to satisfy me that the instruction was considerable.

### Battalion Exercise

showed the Commanders as well instructed, but then all fault in guide & conversions, marching was admissible, upon the whole the Command had a thorough knowledge of the drill.

### Regiment.

The Colonel sent his Regiment through a great many of the most difficult ~~manoeuvres~~ Evolutions of the Line, always with accuracy & skill, correctly with ease the least fault in others, and ending with perfect symmetry in all his movements, the men stepping off in good time & with measured tread, - This is a fine drilled tactician, -

### Discipline.

The discipline of this command is perfect, the Colonel well balanced, exercises his duties with firmness tempered with mercy, and knowing and watching its good order, has a command very creditable to himself & his officers. -

### Quarters.

Though not as well finished as some, yet they are kept in a admirable order, everything in its place, the arms well protected and arranged.

### Surgery.

Competent and attentive to their duties, few sick, the very sick always sent to the General Hospital. -

### Coast House

Well arranged and kept in order, few or no prisoners, those mostly for minor offences, some for overstaying leave.

### Review

Admirable, fair military appearance, the military bearing of the men good, Obedient & orderly in and out of the Colonne, - The Command marched right in front and looked well.

### Inspection of Arms.

The arms in the hands were ~~the~~ old French utterly useless for field service, looks weak & rickety, but as far as they can be kept in the finest possible condition, so with the Cartridge boxes & Knapsacks all old & worn, but kept together by proper careful use. The latter were as usual neatly arranged and packed, the Overcoat ~~packed~~ folded according to regulations, everything clean brushed and in good order. -

### Standard & Colours

Received & returned according to the best system.

### Inspections

The Inspections as usual were according to the manner I have all condemned, - The Officers do not appear to understand the proper manner of fault in in handling the gun, Cartridge boxes & Knapsacks, but anxious to do everything well.

As usual hospitable & courteous, breakfasted with the Colonel, at the Residence of Admiral

a retired officer who speaks English well & though a Turk is married to an English Lady & lives according to the English style - we had wine & a good breakfast, - The Mija Gul & the Navy Captain was there, the two Majors & the Colonel with Morgan -



Left Alexandria Friday 29<sup>th</sup> day of July for Rosetta  
by the way Dakuanhore, where we arrived at 10 AM  
was delayed until 5 PM for the want of the Governor  
whom we had a letter directing us to apply to him for  
transportation, and we to pay for it, which we thought  
extraordinary, was furnished with a small boat  
paying 7 francs to Fahmanaddeh when we reached  
canal at the lock - Here another Governor gave  
us a boat which we had for to Rosetta, paid 8  
francs, arriving at day light & pulled up with Gen Sibley  
board & Hunt - Called upon the Governor Khurassof  
the same day July 30<sup>th</sup>, he informed me that the  
troops would be ready for inspection on the 31<sup>st</sup> July  
Governor came to see me, & invited me  
to dine with him & Present of the Drums Sibley  
Ward & Hunt & the two Colonels, Comd<sup>g</sup> Regt of Dragoon  
& the Comd<sup>g</sup> Artillery - had music & a band playing  
had also Band. - Staid until eleven o'clock  
August Inspected the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment of the Line, Commanded  
by Zoccharia ~~by~~ Helmi Bey, Numbering  
Officers & men - Rank & File 1811

#### Inspection of Arms & accoutrements & dress

The arms of this Regiment are old pattern flint locks  
and bayonet in use, the same with the accoutrements,  
the guns a loosely held together & the Cartridge boxes  
are very old & worn, - The arms were kept in the best  
possible condition & fairly clean, the Cartridge  
boxes faultlessly clean, & powder in good condition, & with a neatly packed,  
& only the simple wants of the soldier in it - men  
neatly clad & clean - as usual awkward in their  
inspection, -

#### School of the Soldier.

The men well grounded & the Non-Commissioned  
well instructed, fine looking & seemed intelligently  
to impart their instruction, in this did well,

#### Platoon

The officers & men were well instructed, were  
and then at fault in guide, & conversant  
but as a rule well done

#### Battalion Exercise

The Commanders were all skilled in this Exercise,  
whenever, their men were at fault, rapidly corrected, and  
though now their guides were not instructed, arising  
no doubt from the fact that they were but shortly  
from very hard work upon the fortifications and  
in consequence the conversions were not always so good,  
yet there was ample evidence, that great care  
had been exercised in the instruction & grounding  
of officers & men in their duties, and that the Commanders  
knowing their duty were not responsible -

#### Manoeuvres of Arms.

In this drill, the exercise was perfect, the time  
accurate, showing the very highest instruction.

#### Bayonet Exercise

was good, improving, the officers seemed well  
instructed & imparted it to their men. -

#### Discipline

very good,

#### quarters

In fair condition

#### Regimental Exercise

The Colonel in Command, drilled his Regiment  
in a contracted space, studying both the ground  
& Exercise, with a admirable skill put his Regiment  
through several of the most difficult evolutions  
of the time, all always with precision & accuracy,  
showing himself a tactician of the highest order,  
imparted his orders and instruction with ease  
& moving his Regiment gracefully, in a way  
thoroughly understood his duties, left the drill, with  
the impression that he was acquainted with the  
whole system of drill & capable to turn in every  
respect. -

His grand manoeuvre was after  
their usual system & extending by well  
conduct - Dined with him in company  
with the Governor, Sibley, Hunt, Ward, Morgan  
& the Colonels & other officers of the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>.  
Retired about 9 P.M. -

Major John Effendi - Comd<sup>g</sup> Battalion  
Major Effendi - Comd<sup>g</sup> Battalion  
The other Major absent -



Inspection of the 8th Regiment of the Line  
Commanded by Colonel Kochmil Deen Bey  
Mumukshu 1697 Rank & File —  
Arms & accoutrements

Commenced the inspection of the Regiment at sunrise on the  
2<sup>d</sup> August.

Inspection of Arms & accoutrements of  
arms old & new & the accoutrements in the same  
condition, — though old & mostly built together, they  
were all in admirable condition, the cartridge  
boxes, clean, the ammunition in good order, the  
knapsacks neatly packed & clean, their dress was  
as usual faultless, clean, the men & officers presented  
a fair appearance, & though but recently from work,  
were in the best possible condition.

#### School of the Soldier.

The men & even some inferior officers  
were well instructed, & showed great attention  
in sitting them up, the men were robust and  
militant. —

#### Platoon.

The Captain & some officers were well in-  
structed, like the 7<sup>th</sup> now & then at fault in  
the guide, & confusion at times in consequence  
not so good, but this I attributed in a great  
measure to the fact, that they had done  
of them just returned from the hardest possible  
work upon fortifications —

#### Battalion.

The Major was ~~very~~ highly acquainted with  
their drill, all did well, one ~~Ensign~~ Effendi  
struck me as vigorous & skilful, bold  
& active in his movements, putting his Battalion  
through many of the difficult evolutions, always  
to exhibit the highest talent, & command of his  
men —

#### Regiment.

The Lt Colonel Commanded the Regiment

Major & some of the 8th

Colonel  
The complaining of having been unwell for several days  
with fever, — as far as the contract from London  
would him, this officer drilled, two Battalions, the  
officers & men seemed well instructed, but owing  
to the want of sufficient ground, this officer was  
unable to extend his exercises — it resorted itself  
again into Battalion Exercise which was well  
conducted. —

#### Manual of Arms.

This Regiment is admirably skilled, nothing could  
be better, time well vacated —

#### Bayonet Exercise

The same as the 7<sup>th</sup> undergoing instruction  
but very good.

#### Discipline

Very good

#### Medical Department

Few sick, the Medical officers great  
attention to the sick, but few in  
the report, The Hospital was in good  
condition as it was possible to be, under  
the circumstances. —

Closed the proceedings of the day with  
a handsome game of military, according their  
system —

I forgot to mention that both of these  
Regiments gave me very handsome Reviews,  
Dined with the Colonel — Present the Governor  
Coto of the 7<sup>th</sup> Siblay, Ward, Hunt, Morgan, & the  
same Colonel of the Battalion who had been present  
on a former occasion, remained until 10  
P.M. when we returned home, —

2<sup>d</sup> August 1870 Went to see the Governor to get from him a boat  
this we included in doing, for the next day, 3<sup>d</sup> August  
3<sup>d</sup> August 70. Left Repetta on board of a ~~boat~~ <sup>canoe</sup> ~~for~~  
for the ~~canoe~~ <sup>canoe</sup> ~~en route~~ <sup>en route</sup> for Damankhour, leaving at  
1 P.M. reached the dock at night, soon after procured a  
Dichecher & started for Damankhour which we reached  
at day light, paid for this trip about \$10.00

Colonel's Staff Effendi  
Ensign Effendi  
Colonel's Assistant Effendi



about 1/2 mile from the landing, through the village  
to the Depot, where I saw again the two Capt in charge of  
the Depot, who had been polite to me before. —  
Wait here until 9.10 o'clock, when the train came  
to find Stone was on board & was told the  
Minister of war was also there, they and all the  
Pachas and high officials were returning from the  
reception of the Khedive, who had arrived from  
Constantinople, reached Cairo about 1 P.M.  
& was glad to get back home —  
August 5<sup>th</sup> Genl Stone & Colo Dunlap spent the  
morning with me.

2 August Inspected the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regt of the Line  
Commanded by Lt Colo Henschel Birham Bey. —  
The Regiment drilled, in a number of the Evolutions  
of the Line, & executed very well, — Present with me  
Colo Reynolds, Capt. Magun, Mokhammad Effendi, Sons Lieutenant.  
Colo Skinner of New York. — near the Citadel  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1870 Inspected the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment  
of the Guard Commanded by Colo Abdo Kader  
Bey. — Inspected the Arms found them (Roumington)  
in fine condition, Knapsacks <sup>well bound &</sup> Cartridges boxes,  
old & worn, but all in good order —

The Soldiers faultlessly clean, shoes & blacked, buttons  
& bright, — — —

The <sup>maneuver</sup> ~~exercise~~ of arms was extremely good.  
~~Drillings & position with the arms~~ <sup>was</sup> good  
Bayonet Exercise was admirable. —

The Drill of the Regiment three battalions  
under the eye of the Colonel & under the  
immediate <sup>order</sup> of the Lt Colo Woods was exceedingly  
well executed. — Altogether the Exercise  
& in appearance, & drill was creditable  
to the able & accomplished Colonel, his  
officers & men. — I think I can  
observe a great improvement since  
I saw the same Regiment on the 15<sup>th</sup> June last

I neglected to write that I inspected the Infantry School on  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1870.

Oct 1<sup>st</sup> Inspected  
Inspected the 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Line 1080 under arms  
Commanded by Abdel Aziz Bey.

During inspection the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Captain Abdel Aziz, Commanded  
2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion & for a time Lieutenant Abdel Rahman Effendi Commanded  
3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion — Both remarkably well.

Capt Mokhammad Effendi Hassan Commanded 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion formerly Soldier  
Armed Mokhammad Effendi Captain Commanded the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion  
formerly Military School — Was not so well pleased. —

3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 1870.

Inspected the 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Infantry, Commanded by  
Lt Colo Mokhammad Aziz Bey of the 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment —

One of the Commandants was Ismael Effendi Pasha formerly  
a Soldier, a very fine officer, active & intelligent  
Captain Abdel Rahman Effendi Aboo also promoted from the  
ranks, drilled the Battalion with skill & energy —

Altogether this inspection was highly creditable for  
a Regiment but fifteen days from 7 months leave of absence,  
& I came away pleased, —