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The following Army Department Notification, dated 26th June, 1908, publishing a despatch from Major-General Sir James Willcocks, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., regarding the recent operations on the Mohmand Border, in the Khyber, and in the country of the Mohmands, has been received from the Government of India:—

ARMY DEPARTMENT.

Simla, the 26th June, 1908.

No. 521-A. The Right Honourable the Governor-General in Council has much pleasure in directing the publication of the following letter from the Chief of the Staff in India, dated the 24th June, 1908, forwarding a despatch from Major-General Sir James Willcocks, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., describing the recent operations on the Mohmand border, in the Khyber, and the country of the Mohmands.

2. The Governor-General in Council concurs with the Commander-in-Chief in his opinion that the manner in which the operations were conducted under trying climatic conditions reflects very great credit on Major-General Sir James Willcocks and the Brigade Commanders and Staff working under his orders, and shares the Commander-in-Chief's appreciation of the devotion and soldierly spirit displayed by the troops on all occasions, and of the satisfactory results achieved.

No. 729-M., dated 24th June, 1908.

From Lieutenant-General Sir Beauchamp Duff, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., C.I.E., Chief of the Staff,
To the Secretary to the Government of India,
Army Department.

I am directed by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to submit for the information of the Government of India the accompanying despatch and enclosures for Major-General Sir

James Willcocks, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., describing the recent operations on the Mohmand border, in the Khyber and in the country of the Mohmands.

2. The operations had to be undertaken at a season of the year which involved great exposure to heat, difficulties in regard to water and even more fatigue and discomfort than are usually experienced during punitive expeditions on the Indian Frontier. A considerable amount of opposition was encountered and the tactics adopted by the enemy, which consisted largely of nightly attacks or threats of attack on the troops in their bivouacs, deprived the Force of much needed rest. All difficulties were, however, overcome by the ability of Major-General Sir James Willcocks and his Brigade Commanders and by the gallantry and endurance displayed by all ranks under their command.

3. The losses inflicted on the enemy have been heavy and their punishment severe, and the Commander-in-Chief believes that the Government of India will agree that the results achieved have been satisfactory in every respect.

4. His Excellency has much pleasure in again bringing to the notice of the Government of India the valuable services rendered by Major-General Sir James Willcocks. He trusts that the services of that officer and of all ranks who were engaged in these operations may be considered worthy of special commendation.

FIELD OPERATIONS.

Mohmand—Khyber.

Dated Peshawar, 19th June, 1908.

From Major-General Sir James Willcocks, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., Commanding Mohmand Field Force,

To the Chief of the Staff, Army Head Quarters,
Simla.

I have the honour to make the following report for the information of His Excellency the