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Admiralty, 21st September, 1917.

The following despatch has been received from Vice-Admiral Sir Rosslyn E. Wemyss, K.C.B., C.M.G., M.V.O., late Commander-in-Chief, East Indies Station, covering a report by Captain Wilfrid Nunn, C.M.G., D.S.O., R.N., on the operations of H.M. Gunboats in Mesopotamia from December, 1916, to March, 1917:—

7th May, 1917.

SIR,—

Be pleased to submit to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty the enclosed report on the recent operations in Mesopotamia rendered to me by Captain Wilfrid Nunn, C.M.G., D.S.O., R.N.

2. I take this opportunity of specially bringing to Their Lordships' notice the excellent conduct of Captain Nunn during the whole period that he has commanded the Flotilla on the Tigris. Through force of circumstances this command devolved upon an officer of less standing than might have been otherwise expected, and he has shown himself under all circumstances not only to have been worthy of his responsible position, but to have carried out

his duties with a zeal and dash worthy of the best traditions and to have shown a very remarkable capacity for command.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

R. E. Wemyss,
Vice-Admiral,
Commander-in-Chief.

H.M.S. "Mantis,"
21st March, 1917.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit the following report on the operations on the Tigris during the months of December, 1916, and January, February, and March, 1917, which led to the capture and occupation of Baghdad by our forces on 11th March, 1917.

2. Our advance on the right bank of the Tigris began on 13th December, 1916, when our troops established themselves on the Shatt al Hai.

The general situation early in January was as follows:—

On the left bank our forces were held up by the Turks in the extremely strong Sannaiyat position, while on the right bank, we had ad-