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WEDNESDAY, 31 OCTOBER, 1917.

War Office,  
31st October, 1917.

The Government of India has forwarded for publication the following Despatch from General Sir Charles Monro, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., Commander-in-Chief, India, on military operations in the Indian Empire from 10th March, 1916, to 31st March, 1917:—

Army Headquarters, India,  
Simla, 23rd July, 1917.

From the Commander-in-Chief in India to the Secretary to the Government of India,

ARMY DEPARTMENT.

SIR,  
In continuation of my predecessor's despatch dated 9th March, 1916, on the minor military operations undertaken, since the outbreak of the present war, on the North-West Frontier of India and elsewhere in the Indian Empire, including Aden, I have the honour to submit the following despatch, which deals with operations subsequent to the above date up to 31st March, 1917. They are described in the following order:—

- Aden.
- South Persia.
- South-East Persia.
- Mekran Mission.
- Jhalawan.
- North-West Frontier.
- Protection of the Indian coasts.

2.—ADEN.

During the period under review our forces have been in occupation of the Shaikh Othman—Imad line covering Aden, and facing the Turkish forces in Lahej and south-east of that place.

Throughout the year our troops have been in constant contact with the enemy, engaging in numerous outpost and patrol skirmishes:

The Turks made only one attempt to assume the offensive. On 16th March, 1916, they attacked Imad in force. The enemy was beaten off without difficulty and withdrew, followed up by the garrison and by the movable column from Shaikh Othman.

An attack was made on the Turkish posts at Jabir and Mahat on 7th December, 1916, in which the enemy casualties were estimated at 200. The action is reported to have had a