

I am grateful to Rear-Admiral D. St. A. Wake, C.B., C.I.E., and the officers and ratings under his command for their ready co-operation.

21. Lastly I desire to record my most sincere thanks to my Staff and technical advisers who have so ably and loyally carried out my wishes.

Major-General W. Gillman, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., my Chief of the General Staff, has rendered me most loyal and invaluable assistance, whilst during his absence on an important mission his place was ably filled by Brig-General T. Fraser, C.B., C.M.G., to whose capable work I owe much both during that period and on previous occasions.

Major-General the Hon. A. R. M. Stuart-Wortley, C.B., D.S.O., my Deputy Quarter-master-General, has had an ever-increasing load of work and responsibility placed on his shoulders owing to the various new directorates which have come into being within the past six months, but his energy and ability have overcome all initial difficulties.

Major-General F. F. Ready, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., my Deputy Adjutant-General, has been a tower of strength to me, and I owe much to his painstaking work and sound advice.

The entire absence of friction or discord which has characterised the work of all branches of the Staff has been a source of great gratification to me, and, I feel sure, to the entire Force.

22. As a proof of the gallantry and devotion to duty displayed by regimental officers and men during the period covered by this despatch, I have, under the powers delegated to me as Commander-in-chief, made the following immediate awards for service in the field: Distinguished Service Order 15, Military Cross 109, Distinguished Conduct Medal 33, Military Medal 67, Indian Order of Merit 30, Indian Distinguished Conduct Medal 104.

23. I attach, in addition, a list giving the names of those officers, ladies, warrant and non-commissioned officers and men, whose services are deemed to be deserving of reward and special mention.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. R. Marshall,

Lieut.-General, Commanding-in-Chief,
Mesopotamian Expeditionary Force.

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