

obey orders, and asked us to reoccupy Deir-ez-Zor. G.O.C. refused, and fixed new provisional frontier.

24th December, 1919.—G.O.C.-in-Chief's terms dropped in Deir-ez-Zor for Ramadhan, rehearsing outrage committed, repeating Emir Faisul's message, and demanding release of prisoners, and informing him that if they are released the fate of Deir-ez-Zor will await orders of Allies, and that G.O.C. would not attack him.

25th December, 1919.—Ramadhan agreed to proposals.

26th December, 1919.—Chamier and released party reached Albu Kemal.

30th December, 1919.—Colonel Young established frontier post of 60 rifles and four light armoured motor-cars. Colonel Young's Headquarters withdrawn, and Major Kemmis resumed normal command on Middle Euphrates.

7th January, 1920.—Insulting letter from Ramadhan received by Political Officer Albu Kemal, calling on him to withdraw, or have his throat cut.

Ramadhan sent appeal to tribes far within our area to rise and eject British from Mesopotamia.

News received of 500 Arabs moving down Euphrates from Deir-ez-Zor.

9th January, 1920.—G.O.C.-in-Chief sent message to Ramadhan that unless the advance cease he would consider his promise not to attack Deir-ez-Zor void.

10th January, 1920.—O.C. Albu Kemal reported Ramadhan is levying contributions from tribes in our area, and generally oppressing them.

11th January, 1920.—Albu Kemal was attacked by from 300-500 Arabs. A convoy coming in is only rescued after a sharp fight. Aeroplanes sent to relieve. Our Cavalry again move up Euphrates.

11th, 12th January, 1920.—Garrison beleaguered in Serai. Enemy heavily bombed and withdrew, after sustaining several casualties. Decided permanently to strengthen Albu Kemal as the only method of preventing spread of trouble down Euphrates.

7. The tribes in our own area south of Albu Kemal, encouraged by our action and by the advance of our troops, have taken up arms and are pursuing retreating enemy. For the moment the situation is quiet. Ramadhan's call to the tribes to rise has produced no further effect, but it is impossible to say yet what the general unrest may bring forth.

8. I am especially indebted to Lieutenant-Colonel (now Brigadier-General) Young, D.S.O., for his conduct of the negotiations with Ramadhan, and of Captain Mvles, the Political Officer, attached to his Headquarters at Albu Kemal.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

G. F. MACMUNN,
Major-General,
Commander-in-Chief,

Mesopotamian Expeditionary Force.

APPENDIX.

(A) List of Troops. Zibari Operations.

Stap. Column.

- 1 Troop 11th Lancers.
- 26th Indian Mountain Battery.

45th Sikhs.

1/3rd Gurkha Rifles.

1/10th Gurkha Rifles.

1 Section 238th Machine Gun Company.

No. 13 Wireless Telegraph Pack Station.

2 Sections 38th Combined Field Ambulance.

1 Signal Section.

Lum. Column.

1 Squadron 11th Lancers.

1 Section C/336th Brigade, R.F.A.

1 Company 1/39th Garhwal Rifles.

Detachment Combined Field Ambulance.

Wyn. Column.

52nd Sikhs (less 1 Company).

Assyrian Battalion (less 2 Companies).

1 Sub-Section 238th Machine Gun Company.

1 Section 34th Indian Mountain Battery.

1 Section No. 8 Company, Sappers and Miners.

Detachment 40th Combined Field Ambulance.

Line of Communication.

2 Squadrons 11th Lancers (less 1 Troop).

1 Section D/336th Brigade, R.F.A.

1 Company 1/39th Garhwal Rifles.

Detachment 14th Light Armoured Motor Battery (Fords).

Detachment 119th Casualty Clearing Station.

(B) List of Troops, Euphrates Operations.

Young Column.

6th Light Armoured Motor Battery.

8th Light Armoured Motor Battery (less 1 Section).

Detachment 126th Baluchistan Infantry.

629 M.T. Company (less Detachments).

1016 M.T. Detachment.

118 Transport Company, Detachment.

31st Wing, R.A.F.

Line of Communication Troops.

2 Squadrons 22nd Cavalry.

10th Lancers.

126th Baluchistan Infantry, less detachment in Young Column.

DESPATCH No. 2 (WITH APPENDICES)

From Lieutenant-General Sir J. A. L. Hal-dane, K.C.B., D.S.O., Commanding-in-Chief, Mesopotamian Expeditionary Force, covering the period 18th January, 1920, to 30th June, 1920.

General Headquarters,
Mesopotamian Expeditionary Force.

Baghdad,
23rd August, 1920.

SIR,—

The despatch submitted by Major-General Sir George MacMunn, K.C.B., K.C.S.I., D.S.O., dated the 17th January, recorded events up to time of his vacating the command of the Forces in Mesopotamia during that month. Major-General G. A. J. Leslie, C.B., C.M.G., replaced him from that time until my arrival from England on the 21st March, 1920, when I assumed command.

2. I now have the honour to forward a report on the military events which took place between the middle of January and the end of June in Mesopotamia and N.W. Persia.