

paid, and the effect of the operation has been most favourable.

(14) Thereafter on the 3rd February a column was despatched from Nasiriyah to visit Suq-ash-Shiyukh, whence early in the insurrection the Political Officer had been obliged to withdraw owing to a threatened outbreak.

(15) This brought to a conclusion the operations which had been in constant progress for seven months. Besides the visitation of the areas to which reference has already been made, fines as follows were collected:—

Rifles, 63,046.

Small Arm Ammunition, 2,904,513.

Cash, Rs. 767,763. (See Appendix.)

(16) Prior to the insurrection, according to a careful but necessarily rough estimate, it was computed that the actual tribes involved were in possession of 59,805 rifles, an estimate which was regarded by the Political Officers in some areas as excessive. That the tribes should have paid in rifles or money in lieu thereof, amounting in all to figures exceeding those attributed to them, may be accepted as a measure of their defeat and the realisation of their inability to withstand our arms.

(17) The process of extracting the fines has been long, tedious and difficult, but I am satisfied that it has been carried out with the utmost expedition possible. In this connection I desire to express my appreciation of the manner in which Brevet Colonel (Temporary Major-General) G. A. F. Sanders, C.M.G., Commanding the 17th Division, has carried out his share of the difficult task. The energy, tact, and firmness with which he has applied, in his extensive area of operations, the policy laid down have had results which exceed my anticipations and surpass my hopes.

(18) In conclusion, I wish to thank the Staff at General Headquarters, the Staff at the Base, and that of Formations, the Royal Air Force, and the troops who by their combined efforts have brought about so satisfactory a result.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. HALDANE,

Lieut.-General,

Commanding-in-Chief,

Mesopotamian Expeditionary Force.

#### APPENDIX.

##### RIFLE AND SMALL ARM AMMUNITION FINES.

Original estimate of rifles in hands of insurgent tribes as given in Appendix II. of despatch of 8th November, 1920, 59,805.

Surrenders up to 4th February, 1921:—

	Modern Serviceable Rifles.	Other Serviceable Rifles.	Unserviceable Rifles.	Unclassified Rifles.
Lower Euphrates ... ..	967	1,103	217	375
Middle Euphrates ... ..	16,289	31,106	6,134	1,371
North and North-west of Baghdad	2,543	2,625	316	—
<b>TOTAL ... ..</b>	<b>19,799</b>	<b>34,834</b>	<b>6,667</b>	<b>1,746</b>

GRAND TOTAL ... .. 63,046

Total Small Arm Ammunition surrendered ... .. 2,904,513

Money received as substitute for deficiency in rifle and ammunition surrenders... .. Rs. 767,763

Modern rifles are defined as breech loading magazine small bore rifles, .315 calibre or less made for firing nitro-propellants.

Serviceable rifles are those which, though not necessarily attaining Ordnance standard, are fit for effective use by tribesmen.

Unserviceable rifles are those which, though used by tribesmen, are dangerous to the firer or ineffective.

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