

specially to bring to notice the services of the following officers:—

Captain L. E. H. Maund, R.N. and Commander G. Hubback, R.N. were closely associated with the operations and planning side of my headquarters throughout the operations, and rendered invaluable assistance to me and my staff and to the troops, British and French.

Group Captain M. Moore, O.B.E., R.A.F., commanded the air component and it is due very largely to his energy, determination and tactical ability, first that it so quickly and decisively gained superiority over the enemy air forces.

I cannot speak too highly of this officer's services.

Brigadier C. McV. Gubbins, D.S.O. commanded the forces round Bodo in most difficult circumstances with the greatest skill and determination, and it was largely due to his devoted efforts that a premature withdrawal, which might have seriously compromised the whole campaign, did not occur in this area.

Brigadier J. A. H. Gammell, D.S.O., M.C. acted throughout as my Brigadier General Staff and Chief Staff Officer with marked success. His energy, determination and devotion to duty were remarkable, and the success of the operations was due in no small measure to his untiring efforts.

Brigadier R. M. Wootten, M.C. as my chief administrative staff officer, bore practically the entire burden of responsibility for coping with the many and varied problems to which the rapid changes of policy gave rise. The results of his work speak for themselves and, in my opinion, stamp him as an officer of outstanding ability and firmness of character.

112. I need not again mention the services of General Bethouart, commanding the Franco-Polish Expeditionary Force, as their outstanding nature should be evident from the accounts of the operations conducted by him. I would, however, like to bring to notice, the work of Major D. A. W. Watney, O.B.E., liaison officer with General Bethouart, whose fluent knowledge of French and sound tactical sense, added to his quick understanding and engaging personality, were largely responsible for the cordial and constant co-operation which obtained between my headquarters, French headquarters, and the Royal Navy.

113. I have to acknowledge the close and un-failing support I received, often in very difficult circumstances, from the following Norwegian officers:—

General Rugé. Commander-in-Chief, Norwegian Army.

General Fleischer. Commander, 6th Norwegian Division.

Colonel H. Finne. Liaison Officer at my Headquarters.

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C. J. E. AUCHINLECK.

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