

47. As soon as postal communication is established with General Townshend I have no doubt that he will have further names to bring to notice.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN NIXON, *General*,
Commanding Indian Expeditionary Force
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From the Commander-in-Chief, East Indies
Station, to the Secretary of the Admiralty.

"*Proserpine*,"
10th January, 1916.

Sir,

With reference to the operations on the Tigris comprising the attack on Ctesiphon and subsequent withdrawal, be pleased to acquaint the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty that I consider much credit is due to Captain Wilfrid Nunn, C.M.G., D.S.O., for having effected this retreat in the face of a much superior force with so little loss.

The abandonment of "Comet" and "Firefly" was unavoidable, and was accomplished in a highly seamanlike manner under heavy fire.

2. In connection with the above I have the honour to bring to Their Lordships' notice the names of the following Officers and men:—

Lieutenant George E. Harden, R.N.

Sub-Lieutenant Lionel C. P. Tudway, D.S.C.,
R.N.

Acting Sub-Lieutenant John G. Wood,
R.N.R.

Engineer Driver, 1st Class, Saidu Hoosein, of
"Comet."

Petty Officer, 1st Class, James Keay, O.N.
167367, of "Firefly."

Petty Officer, 1st Class, H. John Wheeler,
O.N. 179098, of "Sumana."

Seaman Ernest Guy, O.N. 7679 A., R.N.R.

Signalman Frederick J. Hanson, O.N. 313904,
of "Espiegle."

I have, etc.,

(Signed) R. H. PEIRSE,

Vice-Admiral, Commander-in-Chief.

The Secretary of the Admiralty.