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War Office,  
4th July, 1916.

The Government of India has forwarded for publication the following despatch from General Sir Beauchamp Duff, G.C.B., Commander-in-Chief, India, on military operations in the Indian Empire since the outbreak of war:—

Army Headquarters, India,  
Delhi, 9th March, 1916.

From the Commander-in-Chief, India,  
To the Secretary to the Government of India, Army Department.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit the following despatch, which deals with the minor military operations, undertaken since the outbreak of the present war, on the North-West Frontier and elsewhere in the Indian Empire, including Aden.

They are described in the following order:—

- Aden.
- Gulf of 'Oman.
- Sistan.
- Baluchistan.
- North-West Frontier—

- (a) The Tochi Valley and Derajat,
- (b) Mohmands, Swat and Buner,
- (c) Black Mountain.

Burma.  
Madras.  
Preventive measures.

OPERATIONS IN THE VICINITY OF ADEN.

2. On the outbreak of war with Turkey, on 31st October, 1914, reports indicated that the Turks were in some strength in the Shaikh Sa'id peninsula, and that they were preparing to despatch troops to act against the Aden Protectorate. Consequently on November 3rd orders were issued to Brigadier-General H. V. Cox, C.B., C.S.I., Commanding 29th Indian Infantry Brigade, then on the voyage to Suez, to capture Shaikh Sa'id and destroy the Turkish works, armaments and wells at that place. Three battalions from the 29th Indian Infantry Brigade and the 23rd Sikh Pioneers were detailed for this operation, in which H.M.S. "Duke of Edinburgh" co-operated.

On November 10th the transports conveying the force arrived off the coast of the Shaikh Sa'id peninsula, but adverse weather conditions prevented a landing at the point first selected. While the transports were moving to an alternative landing place, H.M.S. "Duke of Edinburgh" engaged the Turkish defences with satisfactory results.

Covered by the fire of the naval guns, a landing was effected, all opposition encountered was overcome and the enemy were driven in-