

and the officers of the mission under his orders. Throughout the whole period from his arrival in Salonika until his departure for Smyrna in May last, General Bridges has carried out, with unflinching tact and ability, the delicate work which has fallen to the lot of the British Military Mission with the headquarters of the allied armies in the Orient.

I also desire to bring to your notice the following officers and other ranks,* for their distinguished and gallant services:—

I cannot close this despatch without recording my deep appreciation of the support and co-operation which I have received from the Royal Navy during the whole period of my command, more especially in connection with the military occupation of Constantinople in March last, on the shores of the Ismid Peninsula, and at the time of the evacuation of Novorossisk.

The Royal Navy have invariably acted in the very closest co-operation with the Army of the Black Sea by supplying landing parties, by affording efficient support with gunfire from the sea, and by sparing themselves no pains, discomfort or danger in rendering assistance

* The names of these officers, etc., together with those of officers, etc., subsequently recommended, will be published in the London Gazette at a later date.

during the various evacuations in which this Army has had to take part.

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

GEO. F. MILNE,

General,

Commanding-in-Chief,
Army of the Black Sea.

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