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India Office,
30th October, 1925.

FROM HIS EXCELLENCY GENERAL SIR CLAUD JACOB, K.C.B., K.C.S.I., K.C.M.G., COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN INDIA, DATED SIMLA, THE 29TH JUNE 1925, TO THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, ARMY DEPARTMENT.

I have the honour to submit herewith for the information of the Government of India an account of the recent operations by the Royal Air Force against certain recalcitrant sections of the Mahsuds in March, April and May, 1925.

2. In submitting the report, I wish to bring to notice the excellent work performed by all ranks engaged in these operations. This is the first occasion on which the Royal Air Force in India has carried out an operation of this magnitude, and in view of the great difficulty of terrain and the unsuitability of the targets engaged, both of which are clearly set forth in Sir Edward Ellington's report, it is obvious that the results obtained were most satisfactory.

3. While, as the Air Officer Commanding points out, it is too early to judge what the permanent effect of the operations will be, we can say with confidence that threats of air action will be more effective in the future than they have been up to the present:

4. Satisfactory though the results of these operations have been, I am of opinion that a combination of land and air action would have brought about the desired result in a shorter space of time, and next time action has to be taken, I trust that it will be possible to employ the two forces in combination. That they were not so employed this time was due to our desire to give the Royal Air Force the opportunity they have long wished for of testing the effectiveness of their unsupported action.

FROM AIR VICE-MARSHAL SIR EDWARD ELLINGTON, K.C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., COMMANDING ROYAL AIR FORCE IN INDIA, TO HIS EXCELLENCY GENERAL SIR CLAUD WILLIAM JACOB, K.C.B., K.C.S.I., K.C.M.G., COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN INDIA, DATED THE 23RD JUNE 1925.

I have the honour to submit herewith a report on the Royal Air Force operations in WAZIRISTAN for the period 9th March 1925 to 1st May 1925.

1. *Events Prior to the Operations.*—The MAHSUDS have always been a source of trouble to the Government of India, mainly by reason of the inaccessibility of their country. Prior to 1919, this country had not been visited