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REPORT OF MESOPOTAMIA COMMISSION.Memorandum by Lord Curzon as to proposed disciplinary action.

With reference to the decision of the War Cabinet on 15th June 1917 (War Cabinet 164, Minute 11), I consulted to-day with Mr. Barnes, Lord Derby and Mr. Austen Chamberlain, and after further careful consideration of the Report of the Mesopotamia Commission, we were of opinion that the following disciplinary action should be taken:-

- (a) General Sir Beauchamp Duff, G.C.B., K.C.V.O., K.C.S.I., C.I.E., ex-Commander-in-Chief in India.

Called upon to retire from the Army under the provisions of Article 527 of the "Royal Warrant for the Pay, Appointment, Promotion, and Non-Effective Pay of the Army", retaining any pension that he may have earned.

- (b) Surgeon-General Sir William Babbie, V.C., K.C.M.G., C.B., late Director of Medical Services, India.

Called upon to retire from the Army under the provisions of Article 527 of the "Royal Warrant for the Pay, Appointment, Promotion, and non-Effective Pay of the Army", retaining any pension that he may have earned.

NOTE:- Lord Derby dissented from this recommendation.

- (c) Surgeon-General H.G. Hathaway, C.B., late Assistant Director of Medical Services, Force "D".

Called upon to resign his Commission in the Army under the Provisions of Article 527 of the "Royal Warrant for the Pay, Appointment, Promotion and non-effective Pay of the Army", forfeiting any Pension that he may have earned by long service.

- (d) Surgeon-General J.G. MacNeace, C.B., late Director of Medical Services in India.

Informed that he has incurred the severe displeasure of the Army Council.

- (e) General Sir J.E. Nixon, K.C.B., A.D.C., late General Officer Commanding Mesopotamian Expedition.

The Conference, -with the exception of Mr. Barnes, who considered that General Nixon should be called upon to retire, retaining any pension he may have earned - recommended no disciplinary action.

- (f) As regards:-

Lieutenant-General Sir F.J. Aylmer, V.C., K.C.B.,
Major-General K.S. Davison, C.B.,
Colonel P. Mehir, C.B., and
Captain Walter Lumsden, C.V.O., C.I.E.,

the Conference did not recommend any disciplinary action.

18th June 1917.

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