Field Marshal Earl Kitchener

ORD Kitchener's loss was not merely national but international. He embodied in the eyes of our allies the militant forces of the Empire. Childless himself he yet had 5,000,000 sons. Omdurman, Khartoum, South Africa, what are they to that glorious record when from the expeditionary force of 150,000 and from military machinery fit for a petty state Kitchener envolved a fully equipped highly trained army of millions in twenty-two months? Is there any record to compare with it in any country?

In the words of Lord Roseberry, "He shrank from every invitation to popularity, he was satisfied in the shade of his office to do his duty without acclamation. There has not been a single day in his career in which Lord Kitchener did not labor with assiduity and patriotic self-devotion. In the black maw of the night, amidst the roar of many waters that engulphed the Hampshire, he died on duty."

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