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multiple of truth in this conflicting evidence. Dujaila, Sannaiyat, and Mahomed Abdul Hassan are themes of eternal controversy, and there is probably not an action described in this book which will not call forth a contradiction from somebody. Very different sometimes is the verdict of regiments which have gone into action side by side—more especially in the case of failure; and spectators watching a battle from the same point will carry away a different story.

Owing to ill-health I missed the operations on the Tigris and the Shatt-el-Adhaim immediately after the capture of Baghdad. My account of this fighting has been written after consultation with regimental officers and brigade, divisional, and corps Staff officers. The local perspective of the battalion is concentrated too much on a single point; and the wider perspective of the Staff is too general and comprehensive for the detailed picture. One perspective is the complement of the other. But descriptions of battles compiled at second hand must always be wanting in life. The non-military reader may find the narrative of these operations a little tedious after the dramatic events that preceded them.

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