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## NOTE

*Mesopotamia* is treated in four volumes. The first volume contains matter of a general nature. The other volumes are devoted to the detailed description of the river and land routes. The second volume covers the regions of the Shatt el-'Arab, Kārūn, and Luristan, and of the Tigris and Euphrates up to Baghdad and Fellūjeh. To the third volume are assigned the Tigris and Euphrates from Baghdad and Fellūjeh to Mosul and Meskeneh, the Lesser Zab, the country East of the Tigris towards the Persian frontier, and the routes running westward from the Euphrates valley across the Syrian Desert. The fourth volume treats of the country North of the line joining Rowanduz, Mosul, Meskeneh, and Aleppo up to Van, Bitlis, Diarbekr, and Mar'ash.

All estimates of mileage must be considered as approximate only. In most cases they are based on the rough calculations of travellers, or on the times given by travellers, or on sketch-maps or incomplete surveys. The question-marks placed beside some of the figures indicate that these are peculiarly doubtful: it is not implied that other figures may be regarded as exact.

It is necessary to emphasize the fact that in the circumstances the information given cannot be complete, and that conditions are constantly undergoing change. The Admiralty will be glad to receive corrections and additions.

*Maps to accompany these volumes will be issued separately.*

## ABBREVIATIONS

In the itineraries the following abbreviations and conventional signs may be noted :—

r. = right. l. = left.

h.w. = high water. l.w. = low water.

I. = Island.

T.L. = telegraph line.

T.O. = telegraph office.

P.O. = post office.

m. = miles.

The following signs are used to distinguish distance :—\* by river ;  
† by road or track ; † crow-fly.

Distances are given throughout in statute miles.

Alt. = altitude, which is given in feet above sea-level unless otherwise stated.





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