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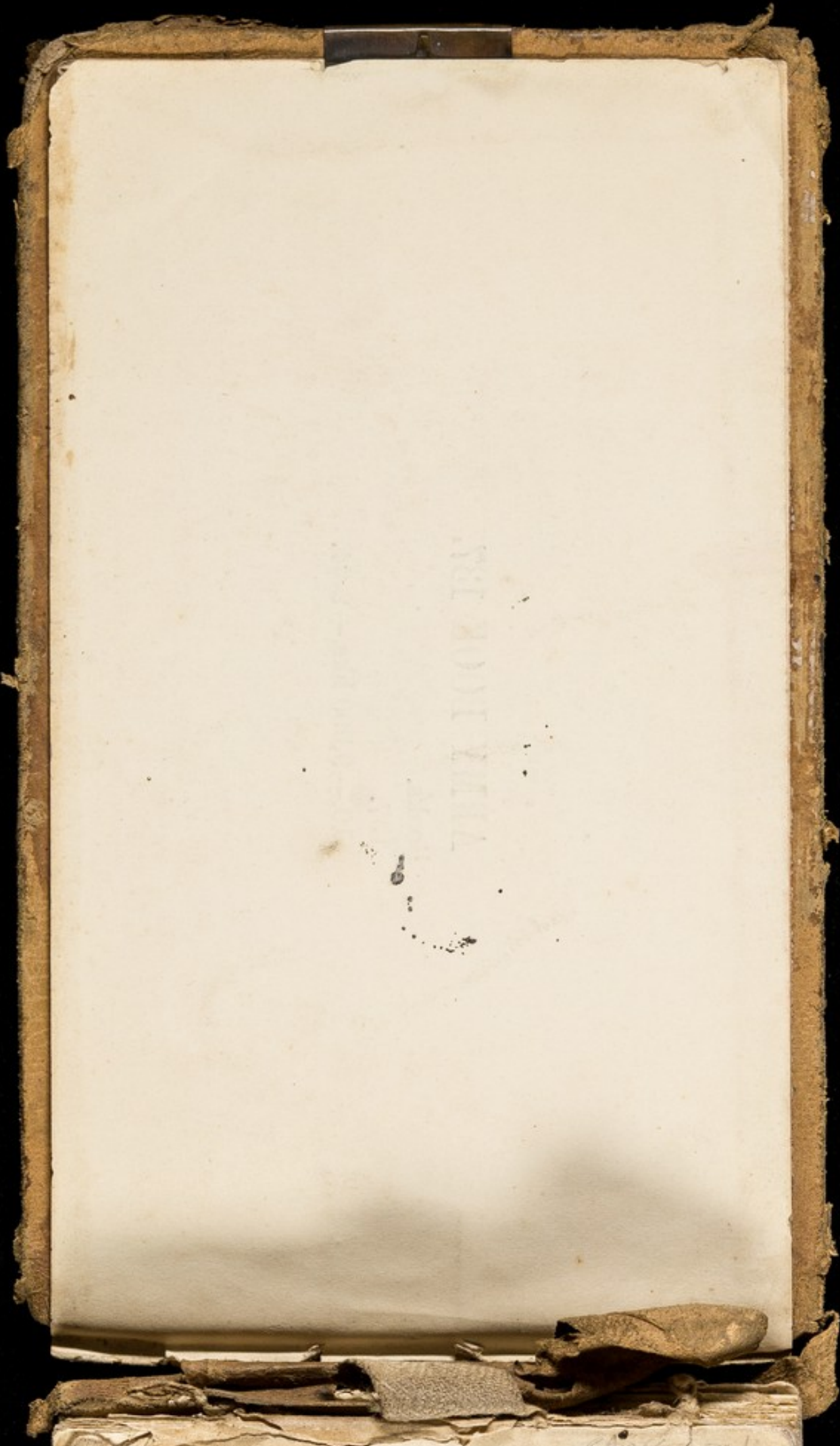
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June 23/11

Went to Laal.

Left at 10 AM for Laal

28th June 1906

Went in same direction

about 3 miles.

12.

Went about 10 AM in same
direction - issue of rum

Went to Laal

Monday, 29th June

Went there about noon. For 1 hour

Went to Laal state boundary. Showed total

load of 11 mules - 5 on the Laal side

Went to Laal River

Saturday, 30th June

Went about 8 AM in same

direction of Laal

Frankfort

Sunday. 1st July, 1900

March at 7 a.m. in direction of
Frankfort. Leave baggage behind
with Sild P. Arrive about 11 am
at Frankfort. Capt Porter arranged
for repair of ^{ambulance} wagon.

Commander 3 good horses to
replace mules.

Frankfort

Monday 2nd July, 1900

Brigade halts here today, but a large
reconnoitering party go out with
& get in touch with Gen. McDonald's
brigade coming from Belibron
Wagon being strongly repaired by 3
P.A. wheelwrights. Five mules ^{no good}
received from use. 2 to Sild P.

Frankfort.

Tuesday, 3rd July, 1900

Brigade still halting here.

The Barrage admitted to hospital
Gen. Macdonald's Bde arrives also
about 1,000 remnants.

3rd leave Bde bivouac.

Wednesday, 4th July 1900

Whole force with Highland Bde in centre
march from Frankfort at 8:30
a distance of 12 miles, meet no
Boers & bivouac.

(Cavalry) stringent orders re. looting

3rd leave Bde bivouac.

Thursday, 5th July '00

Bde halts till about 9 am, sudden
order to march as soon as possible.

March about 10 miles

Beitzy
Friday, 6th July, 1900
March at 7.30 am towards here
arrive about 2.30 PM.

Column deserted in morning by
Boers leaving a large number
of sick prisoners. Usual talk of
hardships, etc.

Wkly. Col. State rendered showing
a total of 11 sore backed ponies picked
up on veldt to replace large loss
of mules; - (52 mules remain)

(The Barney shown as left at Frankfurt
sick). Issue of rum!
Wagonette commandeered as ambulance

Saturday
Pivonaas, 7th July 1900
Squad marched at 7.30 am. in
direction of Bethlehem for about 10
miles & halt. Many signs of

recent Boer bivouacs near farms
Several (about a dozen) Boers come in
to surrender. 3 ponies picked up
for use in teams to replace
mules

Bethlehem, Sunday,

Sunday, 8th July, 1900

Brigade marched at 7 am. &
arrived here about noon. The place
in occupation by a force under
Lieu. Clements, who, after 2 days
fighting, drive the Boers out &
capture one gun. Our loss:-
60, ~~all~~ casualties;

3 more ponies commandeered
some of Boer meal, very coarse, in
lieu of biscuit.

Bethlehem

Monday, 9th July 1900

Brigade rested here today.

Mend harness, manures, & grease
wheels of wagons.

Transport of sick for base to
Bethlehem temporary hospital.

Mail left at 5 P.M.

Bethlehem

Tuesday, 10th July, 1900

Brigade still halted here.

Brigade ordered $\frac{3}{4}$ rations (except
meat). Five more sick transferred
to Field B in Bethlehem preparatory
to marching in morning

Another mail left ^(or done) at 3.30 P.M.

Issue of rum & cheese.

3rd Cav. Bde, Bivouac.

Wednesday, 11th July, '00

The Brigade left Bethlehem with large number of empty wagons, a sick convoy, & 40 Boer prisoners en route for Beilbron. at 8.30 am. Marched about 14 miles & bivouaced. Secure two more ponies for use in teams. (very cold)

Biteny.

Thursday 12th July, 1900

Brigade marched at 8 am, arrive here about 2 PM. Cast off one pony

Draw 4 days^{3/4} rations with jam & rice

3rd Cav. Bde. Prisoners

Friday 13th July 1900

Continued march towards Beilbrow
at 8.30 am.

All ambulances utilized to transport
additional number of sick from
Leithy. March slowly about 11 miles
arrive about 3.30 P.M. after halting
& making milk, etc. for patients
about 2 miles from camp!

Issue of rum & cheese.

Receivd of order to proceed north
by rail from Beilbrow.

3rd Bde Prisoners

Saturday 14th July '00.

Brigade with sick convoy etc con-
tinued march towards Beilbrow

halted at midday for food

Marched about 13 miles.

Native Driver Guiss joined
for duty this morning & posted to
wagonette with 4 horses.

Beilbrow
Sunday, 15th July '00
The Brigade marched at 5 am
arrived at Beilbrow about 3 PM
Immediately handed over sick
convoy to Stationary Hospital
here. Later handed & transferred
11 sick belonging to 3rd Cav. Bde
English mails arrive.
3rd Cav Bde Bivouac

Monday, 16th July '00,
The Brigade left Beilbrow this
morning at 9 am. & marched
about 15 miles towards Proximal
Left broken Mk. IV ambulance ^{with 10 span mule harness} at
Beilbrow to be sent by train
C. O. O. ~~to be sent by train~~

3rd Bde Bivouac

Tuesday, 17th July, 1900

Brigade marched at 8.30 am.
towards Kroonstad, a distance
of about 16 miles. Arrive at
Bivouac about 3.30 P.M.

(Rumours of new orders received
from Kroonstad directing the
Brigade to march towards Lindley.
In Brigade orders published last
night ~~the late Bde Gen Gordon~~, on
leaving the Brigade to take command
of the 1st Cav. Bde, thanks the troops
for the work performed by them
while under his command.

Issue of rum & preserved
vegetables.

Four mules handed over to Kidd #

3rd Cav. Base Bivouac

Wednesday, 18th July '00

The Brigade marched at 8 AM
in the direction of Lindley a
distance of about 14 miles
arrive, after a one hour halt,
about 3 PM.

(Brigade Order dated 14th inst
stated that Gen. Paget reports ~~that~~
De Wet having broken thro the
cordon ^{at Bethlehem,} is marching with about
1800 men towards Lindley.)

3rd Cav. Base Bivouac

Thursday, 19th July '00

Brigade continued march in
the direction of Lindley at 8 AM

Thursday, 19th July (contd)

after marching about 9 miles
got in touch with the enemy,
who were occupying a long
ridge about 5 miles north of
Lindley. Detailed for duty
with 14th Lancers, to act as
M.O., a vigorous shelling
from two Boer guns first disclosed
their position. These were silenced
by the accurate fire of our Pom
Pom gun, & ^{the four guns} took up another
position to the right & resumed
shelling. Two 12 pounders of "R"
Battery made excellent practice
Some 4 or 5 hundred Boers
now made an attempt to turn
our right flank; but prevented

by the two other guns of Rth Batt
a force of M. I., & 9th Lancers

A serious attack now took
place in our rear. A large Boer
force had worked round by
our left flank, & tried hard to
cut out our baggage column.

All dismounted men, Asst. cooks
servants, etc were hurried out to
meet the attack, & succeeded, after
an hour & a half's heavy firing, &
with the valuable assistance of
the Pom-Pom gun, to repel the
enemy with considerable loss to
them. Our casualties were fortunately
small, only about a dozen cases
of G.S. wounds occurred during the
whole day, & no very serious case
We bivouacked on this position for the
night

3rd Cav Bde Bivouac

Friday, 20th July, 1900

The Brigade "stand to" at day-break. Dismounted men sent out to occupying ~~positions~~ positions of ^{men} last night. Two more ^{men} wounded by Boer outposts. About noon the Brigade retires back to previous bivouac, a distance of about 9 miles, & bivouacs for the night. Convoy safely arrives from Kroonstad.

Killed state rendered, showing 47 mules & 18 horses.

3rd leave Bae Bivonas
Saturday, 21st July '00.

This morning occupied in drawing
rations (3 days) & dispatching
sick convoy of wounded & sick
to Kroonstad. About 8 a.m.
some Boer outposts came near
enough to cause the PomPom &
a Squadron to turn out. The
enemy were cleared off by a few
shell & some rifle firing - no
casualties. The Brigade marched
about 12:30 in a northerly direction
about 8 miles. Enemy supposed
to be in force at Paardekral on
the Heilbron-Kroonstad road.
{ Two native drivers "Jack" & "Jim" I
sent with convoy to Kroonstad for
discharge.

near Paardekraal

Sunday, 22nd July '00.

The 9th Lancers & Pom Pom gun
make a reconnaissance towards
here at 6 a.m. The Brigade
follow at noon. No signs of
enemy.

Issue trousers to the
following: Sgt Browne,
Ptes Pestell, Wilkinson, Medley
& Pooley. also ^{one} pair socks to
Sergeant Gibbons, Pte Wilkinson
Capt Snowden, Sgt Browne &
Pte Pooley.

Thermoster Kieer

Monday, 23rd July '00

after a severe storm of wind

& rain during most of last

+ rain during most of last
night, the Brigade moved off
at 7 a.m. (^{with} ~~out~~) in a northerly
direction towards the railway
line. Arrive at Boodeval
Station about 3 P.M.; cross ~~line~~
line to western side, cross
the Phenoster River, + bivouac
on hill north of that river.

The Brigade march about
16 miles during day. Learn
at Boodeval Station that De Wet
had captured another train of
containing medical comforts
+ about 40 men, had crossed
to western side of line, after
doing considerable damage, +
was in position among a
range of hills about 7 miles
away. Mules + ponies are

Knocked up with the severe weather overnight & tedious long march over heavy ~~ground~~ ground. ~~and~~ Lose two mules - cast off - done up.

D raw 3 days rations & forage at Fooderal Station.

Near Villikop

Tuesday, 24th July, 1900
Another long trying march to this place. Teams are very weak with the excessive marching & much in need of a rest!

Gen. Broadwood engaged the enemy today who occupied a range of kopjes to the west of railway line. Indecisive result, but ^{we} capture 5 wagons

containing forage etc. A force
of infantry arrive here tonight
Loose three ponies - left on
veldt done up.

Issue of rum & Gam

Near Tillikop

Wednesday, 25th July '00
The Brigade "stands to" at 8 a.m.
but baggage don't inspan.

No move today. Large reconnoitering
parties go out. Enemy still
in same strong position.

Another severe storm of wind
& rain from 5 P.M. till early
morning, causing much suffering
& discomfort to troops who are
without tents. Mules & ponies
suffer greatly. ~~Two mules for~~
Issue of rum.

3rd Cav Bde Rivonae

Near Vredersfort

Thursday, 26th July, 1900

(My Birthday)

The Brigade halts here today.
Two mules found dead this
morning, thro effects of storm.

Several others are also likely
to die. Go out for stray horses
or ponies to replace losses.

Find two very suitable ponies.

Taarakraal

Friday, 27th July, 1900

The Brigade moved suddenly at
9 a.m. to the left of Boer position

The 3rd Cav. Bde also moving in the
same direction. After taking up

position on a hill about noon

the Boers opened fire with two

was an artillery duel continued

guns. An artillery duel continued
till dusk, without any casualties
on our side. The 3rd Cav. Bde
moved off to the left of the hill &
bivouacked for the night.

Several good ponies caught on the
veldt to replace casualties amongst mules

3rd Cav Bde Bivouac (Near Vredersfort)

Saturday, 28th July, 1900

Brigade halted here today.

Weekly Zulu State rendered last night
showing 29 mules remaining, (a loss
during the week of 18). 31 ponies shown

A return called for showing number of
mules required to complete establishment
Thirty mules shown as required.

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(Sunday 29th July 1900) (Near
3rd Cav. Bde Bivouac (therefort))

The Brigade still halting here.
Telegrams published, ^{with} last night's orders
stating, ^{that} Piet De Wet had surrendered at
Aronstad with 600 men, that Major ^(?) Meyer
had fallen into our hands, & that General
Hunter had closely surrounded remainder
of Boer force in Bethulien, & taken
Ticksburg.

3rd Cav. Bde Bivouac.
Alienew Poppi.

Monday. 30th July. 1900

The Brigade marched at 2.30^{hrs}
six miles southwards towards
extreme right of the enemy's position
Camp carefully selected, in
anticipation of a few days' halt

3rd Cav. Bde Bivouac

Tuesday, 31st July, 1900

The brigade halted here today.

Enemy's position shelled by
naval guns with Lydite for some
hours. Great damage to Boer

laager reported. The 9th Lancers
with Pom Pom gun go out to reconnoitre
a small out post of the 9th L.
surprised & attacked, but
manage to escape with loss of
two horses

Wednesday 1st Augt. 1900

(Camps Bivouac)

Sudden order at 4. a.m. to march
towards a place called Paris
where Boer force expected (on
reliable information) to break
thro. March at 5.30 a.m. a
distance of about 10 miles past

The whole front of our position
towards our right & pass old
bivouac ground. No trace
of enemy, so after a short halt
the Brigade returned here,
arriving at dusk. In our
absence, a small force left here
were heavily engaged & had to
be reinforced by 2 battalions of
infantry & a battery of
guns by Gen. Hart's brigade
enemy driven back.

Thursday.

Allenby Camp

2nd Aug. 1900

The Brigade halted here today
Search for stray horses yielded 2
suitable animals to replace sick

mules.

Arzium Boppe, 3rd Augt 1900

- Friday:

The Brigade still halting here.

Same Ruwac

Saturday, 4th Augt. 1900

The Brigade suddenly called out at 10 am. Severe firing heard for a considerable time towards our left front; ~~and~~ ^{which} proved to be Genl. Ruoys' force advancing to occupy some kopjes on our left. The Brigade advanced to our front took up a position, halted about 3 hours and returned to camp.

With to night's orders is published for information the news of the assassination of the King of Italy & death of Duke of Cambridge.
Draw out days' rations & issue of rations

Sunday, 5th Aug 1900

The Brigade marched at 7.30 am.
to our first camp in this vicinity
a distance of about 13 miles

Receive 6 mules commandeered by
A.S.B. English mail arrives
No firing today. Enemy's strength
estimated at 5,600. Orders for
tomorrow: - "Stand to at 6 am".

~~Receive 6 good mules from A.S.B.
Lieut Chonghe left for Prostad this
morning near Weidfort at 7 am for
clothing & necessaries.~~

Monday, 6th Aug. 1900

The Brigade halt here today
Draw 4 days groceries & 2 days
forage with jam & rum.

Bake good bread.

English mail leaves tomorrow at
8:30 am

Near Paris
Tuesday. 4th Augt. 1900

Brigade halt here today

Wednesday 8th Augt. 1900
The Brigade marched at 2 P.M.
in the direction of the Vaal.

~~Wednesday 9th Augt 1900
Marched to Lindigul drift~~

Thursday. 10th Augt. 1900
Crossed the Vaal.

Friday, 10th Augt. 1900.
a long march to Walworth
Railway station
very hard times

Saturday, 11th Augt. 1900
Marched to Wiltonk.

Sunday 12th Augt. 1900
Marched to Slipkran

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Monday 13th Augt. 1900

Board on the truck
all day! after DeWet

Elephant's Neck

Tuesday, 14th Augt. '00,

After a trying time for the last few days we arrived here at daybreak close on the heels of De Wet, whom we have been closely following ever since he escaped from his critical position opposite Medunhet

We left camp at 7 am. in bright
moonlight last night to try to
catch up the baggage of De Wet.
We failed. A skirmish took
place between the Boer out posts &
our advanced pickets at dawn
among some brushwood close
to this position, resulting in the
wounding of 6 men & Col.
De Sisle, M.D.

One case, g.s. wound of knee
(^{soft nosed}~~explosive~~ bullet) had to have leg
amputated. This successfully
accomplished by Capt Porter
Two other serious cases, wound
of scrotum, urethra, & buttock
and two fractures of leg.

The troops bivouacked on this
ground for the night
made crutches for Capt Porter's bad leg

March columns for Capt. ...

3rd Bde Bivouac

Wednesday, 15th Aug, 1900

The Bde suddenly received orders last night to march at 1 am. to relieve Col Moore with a small force who are holding a position at Claude's River & in some straits. The Bde ordered to start at 5 am. March about 18 miles in a westerly direction & bivouac.

Claude's River Fort

Breakfasting.

Thursday, 16th Aug. 00.

The Bde marched at 6 am.

Arrive here about noon. Found all safe. The garrison having made a successful & gallant defence

Glands River Brakfontein

Friday, 17th Aug, 00

The force halted here today.

(Bake bread & wash etc.)

(Visit position held by Col. Koenig's force - interesting sights)

Glands River, Brakfontein

Friday, 17th Aug, 00

The 3rd Cav Bde & original force remain here. The remainder

proceed eastwards towards Pretoria. News reached here

today that De Wet has again escaped from his position at

Elephant's Nek.

Brakfontein

Saturday, 18th Aug, 1900

This Brigade awaits Lord Methuen's force to join here before marching

westwards. Expected to be at Malabian

most wants, Rumoured to Mafeking
Received $\text{£}1$ ^{advance of pay} from Capt Porter.

~~8 miles west of Frankfontein~~

Sunday, 19th Aug, 1900

The force under Methuen arrived
here ^{last} night. We march at 5 AM
towards Mafeking & halt at 11 AM.

8 miles west of Frankfontein
Wondfontein Monday, 20

The brigade halt here.

Punishment: - Native Driver Macpedan
fined 10/- for refusing to obey an
order. (ought to have been flogged)
Draw 3 days groceries & one day's forage.

~~8 miles west of Frankfontein~~

Tuesday, 21st Aug, 1900

The force marched at 5:15 AM
towards Geerust & reached this place
at noon (about 15 miles march)
Wickens' ambulance injured (axle bent)
but repaired en route.

Zeerust,

Wednesday, 22nd Augt. 1900

The Brigade marched at 5-30
a.m. and arrived here at noon
The Boers left here at 8 a.m.

One casualty occurred among
the out posts (a Regt of the 17th L.
being killed). Lost 2 animals
during today's long march; but
pick up 4 good drakeys.

Zeerust

Thursday, 23rd Augt. 1900

The Brigade halt here today
(wash clothes & bake bread)
another man killed by Boer
snipers, who are prowling
about within a couple of
miles off our front.

Zeerust, 24th Aug, 1900

Friday, ~~24~~

The Brigade halted here today
Drew 4 days groceries & 2 days' forage
Issue of rum.

Botha's Farm

^{5 miles S. east of Zeerust}
Saturday, 25th Aug, 00

The Brigade under orders to proceed
to Pretoria. All dismounted men
sick, & sick horses proceed to
Mafeking with Botha's force
The Brigade marched to here
at 2 P.M. & encountered the
enemy among the thick bush
in front ~~of~~. Brigadier General
Littie wounded, also one man
of 14th ^{Line}. The Brigade after some
severe skirmishing amongst the
bush bivouacked close by
Botha's Farm

Dorchester

Sunday, 26th Aug 00.

The Brigade marched at 7 am⁰⁰ in the direction of Pretoria.

halted at 10 am for 2 hours.

One ambulance complete with ten
mules & harness ordered to proceed with Methuens force to Mafeking by order of Col. Gorse and R. G. S.

The Brigade continued march at 12 noon, and immediately encountering a large force of Boers. After heavy rifle fire on both sides, the enemy were driven off with the loss of 12 pounders & 2 m m gun.

Our casualties were slight, only 4 wounded in 3rd Co of Bde & 2 in Colonial Div. The Bde continued march to here & ~~was~~

The Sargstaff Bahls
accompanied the ambulance
detailed to proceed to Kafeking
Issue of rum.

Two ~~log~~ native drivers
+ also accompanied the
above.

Grootfontein.

Monday, 24th Augt, 08

The Brigade marched at 5-30 am
halted about 10 am. for about 3
hours, and arrived here about
4 P.M. Forage plentiful, & horses
mules, etc. of ambulances going
strong.

Mablestad.

Tuesday, 28th Augt, '00,
The force marched at 6 am on
Colonial Divⁿ loading. No halt
today, arrived here at noon
after a march of about 13 miles
Lost one donkey, left sick on
veldt, others well.

There is a daily issue of rum
at present.

Bloufontein.

Wednesday, 29th Augt '00,
The Brigade marched at 6 am.
halted at 10 am till 12 noon
and arrived at this old bivouac at
3 P.M. We are now about 60
miles west of Pretoria.

No rum - all issued

No coffee only raw beans, + only

No coffee only raw beans, & only
20% of sugar per ration.

Thursday 30th Aug. '00.
a very severe storm raged all night
wind, rain, thunder & lightning
great discomfort to troops, who are
without tents. The brigade moved
off at 4.30 am. & marched about
9 miles to this bivouac in a steady
downpour ^{of} rain. Luckily the
weather cleared up this afternoon
& enabled troops to dry clothing
About 300 Boers & 3 guns are
reported to have gone thro' this
part yesterday in the direction of
Pootchabstrom.

Draw 3 days groceries (raw coffee beans
& 20% of sugar)

Some Boer snipers fired on our mules out
grazing. Two of our men went out, but they cleared
off.

Frugersdorp

Monday, 5th Sept. 1900

On the morning of the 21st during the
Zorel marched at 5-30 am. towards
this place. We had not ~~marched~~^{gone} more
than 5 miles when firing was heard on
the left of the road among the out posts.
This was at 7 am. & a misty haze
was hanging over theveldt. This
presently cleared & disclosed the fact
that the Boers were holding a range
of loose rocks on the left of the road.

The out posts were quickly supported
by the whole of the Colonial Division
& a serious engagement ~~quickly~~
developed which lasted till dark.
Ambulances & medical aid was
soon required. At about 8 am ^{Dr.} ~~Dr.~~ ^{Wilkinson}
with Mr. Wilkinson & his ambulance brought

the first two cases in from the Left of

the first two cases in from the Left of
the firing line; but during the
remainder of the day it was impossible
to reach the very front of the firing line
as the range was only about 200 yards
or less at some places. About noon an
attempt was made ~~with~~ by Capt Porter
with ~~Shibbo~~ Capt Snowden & an ambulance
to reach some cases. About 150 yards were
covered under a heavy fire, when a perfect
volley was fired at short range from the
Irish position. Luckily no one was hit,
but one of the animals in the wagon was
shot at the back, compelling ~~it~~ return
down the hill; it being evident that the
Irish would not allow the wounded to
be removed. Several cases managed
to crawl back out of the firing line
& were promptly dressed. Just as
it

was getting dark the order was sent
for the whole force to retire. The
baggage, ammunition & Field B had gone
off the road away to the right early in
the day after being shelled by the Boero
& some long range rifle fire killing some
animals. Our 4 guns in action during
the day seemed to do very little good as
the Boero were very strongly placed
among some loose rocks.

It being impossible for Bearer boy
to retire with the troops at dusk owing
to so many of the wounded being still
on the ground, as soon as the firing
ceased & our troops had safely re-
treated after the ^{baggage} column lamps were
lit & ~~we~~ the few of us with the wagons
proceeded up the hill once more in

search of our wounded. We soon
collected about 15, but while so
engaged the Boers surrounded us
making us prisoners. This somewhat
hampered us in our work, and after
considerable delay we managed to
render first aid to all the cases. Major

Thompson with his orderly having joined
in the work. The Boer Commandant
ordered us ^{now} to bring up all our wagons
from the foot of the hill & under an
escort we were conducted to the Boer
laager behind their position, altho Major
Thompson & Capt Porter bravely protected
against this proceeding. We arrived
in the Boer laager about 2:30 am. &
about 3:30 after the patients had been
given bouillie, milk & stimulants.
Once more then to, we managed to lie
down for about an hour's rest.

The Boer Commandant made considerable
loss over arms being found in the
ambulances the only used as the
splints; We were told that the
Boer General De la Ruy had been com-
municated with & had to wait till
his arrival in the laager about
9 a.m. before it was settled how we
were to be disposed of.

After Genl Porter had had a lengthy
interview with De la Ruy it was
was decided that we should be
allowed to proceed to a farm about
2 miles in rear of the laager, redress
our wounded & perform several urgent
operations, bury our dead, & then be
allowed to proceed towards
Brugworsiep. One of our wounded
had died in the early morning.

This made 9 killed left on the field +
13 most seriously wounded cases.

(5 fractures of femur + 2 abdominal wounds, with
one amput. of thigh one arm.)

Counting other casualties sent to the
rear earlier the day - a total of 43.

By nightfall on the 1st we were
ready to move off towards our own
camp. It had been a most trying
& fatiguing day for all of us; but with
a good moon light we started off
about 6-30 ^{9th} towards Brugerodorp
marching about 8 miles. We
halted about midnight very tired.
The wounded having borne the journey
fairly well.

At dawn on the morning of the
2nd after a good breakfast we pro-
ceeded towards our camp. It halted
about noon to water mules & make
a fire & refreshment for wounded.

Fired on by a party of Boers while
preparing to continue our march.
No one hit. Continued march
till 8 P.M. after a halt of 2 hours
we continued our march & arrived
at Prugersdorp about 7.30^{319 P.M.} a.m.
having completed a march of
about 50 miles in 32 hours
with two amputation cases &
6 other serious cases amongst our
wounded needing frequent halts &
attention. The Brigade left here
early this morning to march
for Johannesburg; leaving
the Dr. Coy. to hand over the
wounded to the hospital.

(3 miles from
Johannesburg)
3 400

We arrived here this evening
leaving ~~Brugersdorp~~ at 1 P.M.

All of us being very done up
with the work of the last few
days the effort to reach Bde Camp
abandoned till tomorrow.

Johannesburg
Tuesday, 4th Sept. 1900

Arrived here this morning
about 9 a.m. & halt for the
day. The Brigade under orders
to proceed to Claudfontein
there to entrain for Kroonstad

Claudfontein
Wednesday, 5th Sept 1900
The Brigade marched at 9 a.m.
to this place to entrain.

Clanassfontein

Thursday, 6th Sept '00

The brigade halted here today
No trains yet available.

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Clanassfontein

Saturday, 8th Sept '00

The most of Brigade have now
subtrains. Ed P & Dr. boy
proceed by the 5th train.

Capt Porter 2 men & 4 boys
proceeded today to Droonstad
to arrange drawing of stores
& mules.

Clanassfontein

Sunday 9th Sept. '00

The Dr., H. & Dr. by proceed to
entrain at 10 am tomorrow

Monday 10th Sept '00.

^ Viljevs Drift Station
Left Glauasfritens at 1 P.M. today
arrived here at 5 P.M. & halted
till 5 am tomorrow morning

Roppe Station

Tuesday, 11th Sept 1900

Arrived & halted here at 5 P.M.

Rhospstad

Wednesday, 12th Sept. '00.

Arrived here at noon & disentrained
at 4-30 P.M.:

L^c Serg' Browne rejoined.

29 mules drawn from Temont
établissement.

Proomstad.

13th Sept. 1900.

Issue clothing: as under to the following:

S. Sverf-Gibbons

L. Sverf-Gibbons

L. Sverf-Gibbons

P. Sverf-Gibbons

L. Sverf-Gibbons

P. Sverf-Gibbons

M. Sverf-Gibbons

F. Sverf-Gibbons

P. Sverf-Gibbons

a.s.b. (attached)

To each, the

Shoek K. 1 ~~1~~

Trousers 1

Winter Jacket 1

Putrus M. 1

Haversack 1

Shirt wollen 1

Shoes pair 2

Boots ankle 1

Orgau proceeded to B'ontem for stores

Proomstad.

14th Sept. 1900

Regade still halted here

Receive one 10 span & six span harness

dep^{ts} of animals by P. Vet Officer

of mules sent to Sick Lines

Capt Porter's horse dilt. ~~+~~

Pay issued as under ^{Natives £55}
2d. M.B. ^{1/6}
£41

Bromstad

Saturday 15th Sept. 1900

Inspection of Brigade by
Gen Knox at 9.30 am.

4 mules from O.S. for
4 wheeled base cart. Total of
mules:- 52.

Draw from Med. Stores in exchange
3 Surg. haversacks, 4 water bottles
1 2d. Companion. Lig. Strypelin 3/4
Ex. Saw for Surg. Case. Carbolic acid
1 lb

From O. Store:- Water proof cover for bucket
cart.

Bromstad.

Sunday, 16th Sept. 1900.

Returned to O.S. Transport. 3rd base cart.

10 span harness - one 6 span harness one,
^{both} unusable. Change camp at 5 P.M.

Broomstad.

Monday 17th Sept. 1900

Le Cpl. Organ rejoined from K'forten
with stores.

The following taken on charge from
Co. transport - 3rd barade. -

4 wheeled Cape cart

6 mules with harness complete

Broomstad

Tuesday. 18th Sept. 1900

Received today 6 water bottles with straps
complete. also brassards. 24.

~~19th~~ Broomstad.

Wednesday 19th Sept. 1900

Saw 3 helmets & gave to R. Libbrens
D^r Linderson (26) & H. Wilkerson

Kroonstad

Thursday, 20th Sept. 1900

The brigade under orders to march on Monday.

Kroonstad

Friday, 21st Sept 1900.

Received from Oranance, 5 dirty flags.
6 lanterns candles & 12 picketing lines with
12 pegs. All surplus kit ordered to be
collected & stored in Kroonstad.

Kroonstad.

Saturday, 22nd Sept. 1900

Brigade receive sudden orders to
march at 6³⁰ a.m. tomorrow. Parade
at 6.30 a.m. front of camp.

3rd Cav. Bde. Divorce

Sunday 23rd Sept. 1900

The Brigade marched at 6³⁰ am
in a north easterly direction
~~about~~ a distance of about 16
miles & bivouacked for the
night. One mule cast during
halt at noon

3rd Cav. Bde. Divorce.

Monday, 24th Sept. 1900

The Brigade marched at 6 am.
to this bivouac, a distance of
10 miles & bivouacked at noon

No signs of Boers during the morning
One mule lost while grazing from
Pt. Wilkerson's wagon.

"Genoy" native driver fined
£ 1. for negligence in consequence.
The Boers wounded one of our
report during the afternoon.

3rd Cav Regt, Kivouac.

Sunday, 25th Sept 1900

The brigade marched in same direction as yesterday at 6 am. Our advance party got in touch with party of enemy about 10 am. We halted + bivouac close to a farm at 1 P.M. At 3-30 P.M. the Brigade surprised by big gun shelling our camp. The whole of brigade immediately turned out. The enemy clear off towards the east, after being shelled by our guns.

Casualties - 2 wounded in bivouac by shell fire; but no casualties with rifle fire.

The brigade moved forward about 1/2 mile to a better position + bivouac for night.

Great Hill

Wednesday, 26th Sept. 1900

The Brigade marched at 5-15 am
towards Hillbrow & soon became
engaged with the enemy who was
driven off towards the east.

We halted about 2 hours at Hillbrow
where we met the Colonial Division
under Genl. Dalgetty. continued
march in northerly direction
towards this place a distance
about 15 miles from Hillbrow

The Brigade under orders to halt
here tomorrow.

Great Hill

Thursday, 27th Sept. 1900

The Brigade halted here today

One ambulance & two buck wagons
conveyed sick & wounded by convey
to Bredfort today en route for Khonstad

One mule showing symptoms of
"Claudens" shot by order of vet. officer.

Khonstad.

Friday, 28th Sept. 1900

The Brigade halted here today.

Pt. Wickinson with ambulance returned
this afternoon from Bredfort.

Weekly field state rendered today
showing loss of 3 mules during the week
English mail arrives (dated 31st 80).

Vitkift
Saturday, 29th Sept. 1900

The Brigade marched at 6 a.m.
towards this place. Paused at noon
for 1 1/2 hours.

(Pick up pony.)

9
Sunday 30th Sept. 1900

The Brigade marched at 9 a.m. towards
this place. a distance of 6 miles.
a convoy of empty wagons left at
1-30 P.M. from here to Rhenoster River
for supplies, taking 7 carts.
Monthly Casualty Report rendered:-
- nil.

Monday, 1st October, 1900

The Brigade halted here today.
Several parties went out this morning in different directions to collect or destroy or forage & food stuffs in the various houses & farms.

The convoy arrived this evening with forage & rations from the Roster River.

4 miles S.W. of Belbrow

Tuesday 2nd Oct, 1900

The Brigade ^{Marched} ~~halted~~ here today.

Patrols starting at 6 am. & after a trying march, without a halt of more than a few minutes, arrived at this bivouac about noon, a distance of about 16 miles. We are now about 4 miles South west of ~~Belbrow~~ ^{Belbrow}
(Dense of rain & sun)

4 miles SW of Beilbron

Wednesday 3rd Oct. 1900

The brigade halted here today.

Patrols go out in different directions and destroy farms, several reports of farms being blown up heard during forenoon. A milk cow served out to 2d. H. + Br. Coy by A.S.

Roppo station

Thursday 4th Oct. 1900

The Brigade marched to this place today. Leaving bivouac at 6 am march about 16 miles & halt at noon till 7:30 P.M. Continue march & arrive here at 6 P.M. A distance of about 30 miles

Poppo Station

Friday 5th Oct. 1900

The brigade halt here today
English mail arrives, dated 4th 1900
Weekly Field State rendered

Shaving 10^h. 12^h. 8^{min}. 14^h Dr. 1^h 30^{min} 7
55 minutes

Boppo Station

6-10-00

A. Zorn rendered as under:-

a. Z. 1531 :- account to Dist Paymaster's
current account:

Dr.

Date	From whom received	Amount received
		£ 0 0
18 ⁶ / ₀₀	Dist P. M. Victoria	£ 20 0 0
11 ⁹ / ₀₀	Dist P. M. Bombyn	71 0 0
	Total	£ 91 0 0

Cr.

Date	To whom paid	Particulars	Amount
18 ⁶ / ₀₀	Paid	Particulars	£ 0 0
18 ⁶ / ₀₀	Natives Poyan	Discharged sick	16-4-0
14 ⁹ / ₀₀	Natives Others	on account	55 0 0
11 ⁹ / ₀₀	Mag. by Mr. by Rachob	on account	16 0 0
			<u>£ 87-4 0</u>

Natives due to P. M. £ 3 16 0

£ 91 0 0

A. Z. 1535 Pay List of Natives rendered as
under

	Date of Payment	Amount
Dinner Boyan	18 ⁶ / ₁₀₀	16. 11. 0
" Naphe	14 ⁹ / ₁₀₀	5. 0. 0
" James	"	5. 0. 0
" Gulby	"	5. 0. 0
" Jeloy	"	5. 0. 0
" Keni	"	5. 0. 0
" Lawen	"	5. 0. 0
" Andrick	"	5. 0. 0
" Louis	"	5. 0. 0
" April	"	5. 0. 0
" Jim No 2	"	5. 0. 0
" <u>Diamonds</u>	"	5. 0. 0
		<u>£ 114. 0</u>

The Brigade halt here today.

iring of heavy guns heard away to our right

Near ~~American~~ Kopje Aileen

Sunday, 4th Oct. 1900

The Brigade suddenly ordered to march towards this place about 2.30 PM

Arrive at dusk: Orders for tomorrow

march at 8. am: Evening supposed

to ~~have~~ be in position on Aileen Kopje near our old camp 2 months ago.

Reveille at 6 am tomorrow -

Three good mules picked up on road today

Ailleens Bopp

Monday, 8th Oct 1900

The Brigade marched at 5 am
to this place (about 8 miles)

Shortly after arrival the whole Brigade
with one ambulance went out in
search of a body of the enemy reported
in laager some miles to our right

Returned at 4 P.M. after a fruitless
search.

~~Ailleens~~

Bopp Ailleens

Tuesday, 9th Oct. 1900

The Brigade halts here today.

Nothing unusual occurred.

A cart left for English mail to
railway line at 6 am.

Poppo Aillen

Wednesday, 10th Oct. 1900

The Brigade still halting here today
a foraging party consisting one squadron
& a number of truck wagons go out
at 8 am. Get little but meals.

Ob. units ordered to telegraph to D.A.G.
Pretoria numbers of men of Classes "A",
"B" Reserve & men in 8th year of service
in event of demobilization

Mail closes at 7 am tomorrow.

St. Mellan proceeds with convoy
tomorrow to railway line for passage
to Cape Town en route for home to
a. Reserve. (M.A.O. No 1 22 Aug. 1900)

Roppe Allen

Thursday, 11th October, 1900

The Brigade still halting here
The mail closed at 4 am this morning
Pte Medlar left here this morning
at 8.30 am with convoy for Cape
Town for passage home to A. Secord
in accord. with A.O. No 122⁸/₀₀

²¹⁴⁴ Pte J. Rowles, 14th Lancers joins
this Marine Coy. for duty in relief
of Pte Medlar.

Proonstad.

Friday, 12th Oct. 1900

About 10.30 am. the brigade received
sudden order to proceed to here at
once. Left Allen Roppe about noon
& arrived here at 5 PM after a
trying long march of about 24

miles. (ss. below & Pte Pettill were

miles. (ss. bibbons & Pt. Scitall were
about 5 miles
out, foraging for wood when order
arrived; but managed to gain camp
in time to move off.)

One mule left exhausted on field.

Proomstad

Saturday, 13th Oct. 1900

Draw 8 mules from Remount Depot
and return 4 to Vet. Sula Hoop.

The brigade halted here today; but march
south at 8 am, tomorrow.

Receive 6 padlocks & keys for wagon lockers
1 screw driver, ~~2~~ 2 dusting flags, & 4 directing
flags from Ordnance Stores.

Roschrand

Sunday, 14th Oct. 1900.

The brigade marched at 8.30 am
~~after~~ leaving all sick; & arrive
here at noon after a dusty march
of about 9 miles south of Prossnau.

No orders tonight.

The brigade halts here.

Roschrand

Monday, 15th Oct. 1900

Halt here today. Parties go
out and destroy all farms within
~~with~~ a radius of 10 miles; this
is in consequence of attacks on
this part of the railway line.
English mail arrives tonight

a sad accident occurred early
this morning to a man of the
16th Lancers - He got
thrown from his horse & dragged
by stirrup about 500 yds.

Died soon after admission
to Field Hospital.

Beitgat.

Tuesday, 16th Oct, 1900

Marched from Boschrand at
8 am. in a north westerly
direction. Destroyed all farms
en route. Our advanced guards
got in touch with the enemy
about 9 P.M. The Boers occupied
a kopje on our left but were
driven off with 2 wounded on
our side.

Richmond ^{near Sull's Farm}
Wednesday, 14th Oct, 1900

Continued march in the same direction as yesterday. Got in touch with the 21st Inf. Bde & a force of 600 Cavalry under Gen. Hunter on our right flank. The Boers again discovered in considerable numbers on our left. They surprised & captured & wounded a patrol of the 16th Lancers in advance. Heavy firing continued for about one hour & the Boers driven off with 4 casualties on our side one man dying on reaching the Id. B. having 4 bullet wounds. Divonacked ^{here} near the scene of action with the 21st Brigade & Cavalry close by.

Richmond Snell's Farm

Thursday, 18th Oct. 1900

The brigade moved out leaving bivouacs standing, also leaving baggage at 8 am.

Destroyed several farms within a radius of 9 miles from this place, & returned about 4 P.M. having only encountered a few stray Bears early in the day.

Friday, 19th Oct. 1900

The whole force under Gen. Hunter marched at 6 am. baggage at 6-15 am in a northwesterly direction for about 8 miles, covering much the same ground as yesterday, then the direction

direction

changed towards the north.
at midday the whole force halted
here. Good water supply. Our
scouts report only small parties of
Hovers. We are now about 8 miles
from a village called Bothaville
to which place the 16th L. with the
Tom Tom proceed at 6 am. to reconnoitre.
The Brigade proceeds at 9 am. on
receiving their report.

No casualties today, except two
slight cases of falls from horses.
Weekly Id. State rendered today showing
61 mules remaining, 4 left sick & 8
received at Proovstad; otherwise
same as last return.

Rotha's Hill

Saturday, 20th Oct, 1900

The whole force under Gen. Buller
left the bivouac at 10 am. after heliographic
message from advance force was
received. Arrived here about 2 PM.
Found 47 Boers, loyal, who had been left
in prison by the Boers. also a ^{British} medical
officer, nursing sister & orderly who have
been here some months; having been left
by Lord Methuen's force with sick & wounded.
The Brigade minus baggage & 2d B
leave at 5 am. for Commando Drift
on Vaal, where we are supposed to
encounter a Boer force. Two days' rations
taken.

Commando Drift.

Sunday 21st Oct. 1900

The Brigade left at 4-45 am.
crossed the Walach River at Bethaville
& marched in a north westerly direction
to here. Halted at midday for about
one hour to water mules, &c.

No signs of Boers until reaching the
Vaal River here, when a little sniping
occurred amongst the outposts of 17th
Lancers. Arrived here about 11 PM
after a hot march over heavy sandy
soil for 30 miles

Rumour tonight that the object of
this move today was for the purpose
of relieving a small force hemmed in
somewhere near here; but found it
relieved & safe. Got in touch with
force from Kimberley, (Diamonds & Horse)

One patient, Pte Ring, 16th L. admitted
to hospital this evening. Temp. 102.6

3rd Bde, Kivouae.

Monday, 22nd Oct '00

Left the Laal at 8 am this
morning and travelled about 15
miles, retracing our steps towards
Bothaville. The brigade bivouacked
on a spot where little or any
water was obtainable; the horses
even refusing to drink of the black
mud solution which was all the
watering available. Fortunately
for the bearer Coy. a sufficient
supply was still left in our water
cart. Two more sick: - one
Officer & one man; slight cases
of heat stroke. A hot day!

Near. Bothaville

Tuesday, 23rd Oct. 1900

We marched at 5 am. towards Bothaville by the same route as Sunday. Arrived at Bothaville about 9.30 am. Long before nearing the town clouds of smoke denoted that the houses were being blown up & burnt, & on our arrival we found it in smoking ruins. every house being destroyed except the hospital buildings & parsonage.

Women, children & natives were surreying about in all directions with household chattels & furniture. The brigade at once proceeded to this camp

but the 3rd Cav. joined the 7th Regt
on the old ground near the town
from where we conveyed the sick
at 1 P.M. to join our brigade.

The M.O. & sick found
at Rothsville are now attached
to this 7th Regt en route for
Broomstad.

Storm of wind & rain tonight
Reville at 4:30 am tomorrow.

3rd Cav. 8th Division

Wednesday, 24th Oct: 1900

The whole force marched at dawn
towards Broomstad a distance of
about 12 miles & bivouacked
for the night. Lost one mule
during the march. No rain
& wind. Reville tomorrow morning
at 4 am march at 5 am.

3rd Cav. Bde. Bivouac

Thursday, 25th Oct. 1900

Marched at 5 am. after considerable hurry owing to so many tents + sick to attend to. Marched off with brigade with one ambulance + one 4 wheeled cart. - One accident (a horse kick on head) + one slight case of sun stroke occurred during the march. We marched 29 miles today, leaving 10 to complete the march to Grootstad. Lost one more mule today. . . all very done up with trying march over heavy ground. 2nd Brigade halted at sprint about 5 miles back. No fighting today except a few shots exchanged with outposts on our left flank.

Krossstad
Friday 26th Oct 1900

Arrived here about 10 am & handed
over all our sick & wounded to the
Scottish Hospital. English mail
arrived here the other day (date
28th 900) Hand in 4 sick mules &
one horse & receive ditto from
Remount Depot. Orders received to
proceed towards Bloemfontein.

Little news re war progress

Draw 4 days groceries

Weekly Pa. rate rendered showing 59.
Remaining

Disebrand

Saturday 27th Oct, 1900

Marched at 4³⁰ am. from
Krossstad & arrived here about
10 am. Severe storm tonight of
wind & rain. Orders tonight to
march to Beaufort Road tomorrow.

Geneva siding

Sunday, 25th Oct. 1900

This morning at daybreak firing of big guns & musketry heard down the line for about 1/2 hour at 5-30 am the brigade proceed in this direction. We find that a party of Boers had held up an out post close to the line of 88 men, taken all their arms & accoutrements, & generally mistreated them. This party were volunteers (Berkshire Regt). There appears to have ^{been} ~~not~~ gross neglect of duty, & a tameness in this surrender that savours like a disgrace. A train coming up the line containing refugees & passengers was also held up for a short time. The armoured train

now put in an appearance & the
Boers cleared off.

Venterburg Road Station

Monday, 29th Oct. 1900

The Brigade marched here this
morning only a few miles

At 6 P.M. we receive sudden orders
for a night march at 8 P.M.
All baggage & 2d. B left in camp
No ambulances to be taken.

Stretchers & panniers & surgical
haversacks only taken & 2 mules
& one Cape cart. All 2d. B
mounted.

Ventersburg

Tuesday, 30th Oct. 1900

The Brigade marched at 8 P.M. ^{last night} in a semicircle a distance of about 75 miles. No lights or smoking allowed. At daybreak we found ourselves behind Ventersburg. A firing commenced by another brigade attacking the town on the side nearest the railway. A 5 inch gun opened on the Boers, followed by heavy volley firing. A much larger Boer force was expected here. But thro' some mistake they managed to escape in small parties to our right & left.

Our casualties were 3 killed & 7 wounded, all except one

belonging to the 21st Regiment

belonging to the 21st Brigade
About 30 prisoners were taken
in the town & sent to Venterburg
railway station. Our baggage
& 2d Π arrived during the morning
& camped here.

Venterburg

Wednesday, 31st Oct. 1900

The brigade marched out at
6 am. to destroy several farms
to the west of the town, & returned
at noon. The town here was
looted & houses destroyed &
burned during the day.

Secure a good cape cart &
harness.

Sintersburg

Thursday 1st Nov. 1900

The Brigade halted here today
& continue the destruction of
the town. English mail arrives

Casualty Report for October
telegraphed to HQ by Br Coy.

The Madan who left for Capetown
on 10th kills the only casualty.

Mail left this evening by conveyance
Heavy rain tonight.

Sintersburg,

Friday, 2nd Nov. 1900

Rain continued right thro' out
the whole of today, & prevented
the Brigade from marching
foss one mile. Much
discomfort in camp.

Venterburg

Saturday, 3rd Nov. '00

The rain continued during all last night; but somewhat fair towards morning.

Everyone in great discomfort. The Brigade marched towards the railway line at Sand River Virginia siding. Loads very heavy & trying for animals. After a few showers the weather cleared up to fine. Returns called for by D.C. Transport showing details of Transport in each unit for information of Ch. of Staff. Pretoria

6 miles north of Amalau

Sunday 4th Nov. 1900

The Brigade baggage had much difficulty in crossing the Zand River drift owing to recent rain but by 9 am all wagons etc had safely reached the south side & continued the march towards Bfontein, reaching this bivouac about 3 P.M. having march about 10 miles

Wintburg

5th Nov. 1900

The Brigade marched at 6 am, towards Bfontein; but shortly after starting receive sudden orders to turn to the left towards Wintburg, which place was reached at 4 P.M.

The railway communication between
here & the main line has been
broken for the past 2 weeks.
Boers reported in small parties
in vicinity.

The Brigade marched about
26 miles today.

Wimburg

6th Nov. 1900

The Brigade halted here today
English mail arrives with first
train, the line being repaired

3rd Cav. Bde. Rivonia, 1 1/2 miles
South East of Wimburg

7th Nov. 1900

It was intended that the Brigade
should halt again here today &
march tomorrow to Smallden but

but at noon sudden order to
proceed to Fontaine at once
to rest. The brigade marched
about 1 P.M. a distance of about
14 miles & bivouacked.

Orders for tomorrow:

Leveille at 4:30 am.

March at 6 P.M. a distance
of about 26 miles.

Exchange 3 sickly mules
today by D. B. Transport
3rd Brigade

Fontaine

8th Nov. 1900

The Brigade marched at
6 am a distance of about
15 miles & bivouacked here for
the night

Beauty Peak

9th Nov. 1900

The Brigade is now about
12 miles from Bfontein
having marched about 20
miles today. Expect to
reach Bfontein early tomorrow
forenoon. March at 9 am

Bfontein

10th Nov. 1900

The Brigade arrived here
about 11 am. Marched thro
~~the town~~ to camp on west
side of town. Pay natives &
~~and~~ Raffle.

Bfontein

Sunday, 11. 11. 00

Tramways re. Brigade broken up
Discharge of & receive of native drivers
from No 6 Transport Depot. Bfu.

Bfontein

Monday, 12. 11. 00

All encamped here.

Ambulances sent to O Wk shops for
repair.

Bfontein

Tuesday, 13. 11. 00

16th Lancers left brigade today
marched towards Abraham's
Springs

Bfontein

Wednesday, 14. 11. 00

Two ambulances returned from O Wk shops

~~Done~~

B'fontein

15th Nov. 00

Brigade broken up: - regiments
march in 3 different directions.

B'fontein, 16. 11. 00

Friday

Shift camp to north west of town,
behind kopjes. excellent camp.

Saturday 17. 11. 00

Dismontiers

19th Nov. 1900

In accordance with orders
received from L.O.C. 3rd Cav Bde
yesterday, today handed in all
transport of Coy. (except water
cart, 6 mules & 2 native drivers
to No 6 Transport Depot Bfonia
Vouchers passed as follows:

Ambulances \ No III 1 } 3.
 " " V 2 }
(complete except 2 seat cushions + 4 lamps)

Cape carts or wheeled. 2
Wagon, Buck. L.P. incomplete 1
Lanterns, No L.P. 4
Sivignettes (sets of 3). 2
~~Baskets, batteries, 5~~
Harnes, m-10 span L.P. 4

" m to span Oct. 9. 2

Mules. No 56

Native Drivers 12

Get. Coats 7 ~~Coats~~

Blankets 7

Boats 4

Belt's waist 7

Tammaks 7

Suits, Tuskaw, 4

Hats 1

Truggarees

B'fontein

70-11-00

~~Geo. W. Hayward~~

B'fn. 2nd Dec '00

Receive sudden orders to draw 3 amb^{lances}
1 buck wagon & 1 cart entrain at 4 PM
& proceed to Springfield. I

This bearer corp. to form as 3d B &
Bearer Coy to C. in C. Body Guard, a
newly organized force of colonials.

Draw from Med. Stores B'fn. Med Packs
(No 1) one. Wool. Bandages & a stock
of tablets & pills.

Band in surplus kit to stores here today

Springfontein

Monday 3rd Dec. '00

Left Bfn at day break for here. arrived
at 4 P.M. dismounted & march to camp
of 6 m to Body Guard. Draw truck
wagon complete with mules & boys
Storm of rain & wind.

6 m to B's Rivonae

Tuesday 4th Dec. '00

Tracked at 7 a.m. halted at 11 am. formed laager
in a torrent of rain. Later removed camp
to higher ground at range of kopjes, most of
wagons being left behind in heavy ground.

Same Camp

Wednesday, 5th Dec 1900

Admitted first sick to hosp. today. Still
halting here ~~today~~.

to in to Bld. Bwona.

Thursday, 6th Dec. '08.

Rain cleared off. Receive order to return to Springfontein, after starting about 8 am, the order was suddenly altered by dispatch from S'fontein. He proceed in haste to Bethulie halted at midday for 2 hours. Ground making heavy travelling. Halted near railway line about 6 P.M.

Near Bethulie

Friday 7th Dec. '08

Levalli at 3.30. Arrived at Bethulie 7.5 am. Proceed over to south side of Orange river after transferring 4 sick.

Draw rations. Issue of rum.

One officer sent sick to Springfontein.

Retrace our steps over bridge, pass thro' Bethulie & camp for the night

on north east side of town -

Bls. Rivonae.

Saturday 8th Dec. 00

Reveille at 3:45 am; marched at 4 am.

halted at 9^{am} until 1 P.M. continued march
until 5 P.M. Orders received to march
again at midnight, then cancelled till
5 am. Marching towards Smithfield.

Smithfield.

Sunday 9th Dec. 00

On the march at 5 am a column marched
thru our camp at daybreak towards
Smithfield. halted at 9 am for breakfast
for 2 hours. Marched at 11 am Arrived
at 4 P.M. at Smithfield. Here we have
transferred 3 sick to subd P

Bivouac

Monday 10th Dec: 00

Marched at 5:45 am. in a northerly direction in which direction the enemy are supposed to be taking. Baggage halted at a farm about 9 am. while column. Joined ~~forces~~ with Col: White's ~~column~~ force. We are following hard on the track of the Pers

Bivouac

Tuesday, 11th Dec: 00

Marched at 5:30 am. and soon came in touch with the rear guard of the enemy. Heavy artillery by Gen Rust's force. no casualties. Halted about dusk; after a trying long march (about 26 miles)

Bivouac

Wednesday 12th Dec 00.

Left camp at 4 am. Baited from 1
to 2 P.M. Passed thro Beluetia about
3 P.M. Baited at 7 P.M. for the night
Convoys has not arrived, ~~no~~ No
forage for animals.

Bivouac

Thursday 13th Dec 00.

Reveille at 3 am. March at 5-30 am
in the direction of Duvetsdorp.

Forage for animals commandeered
en route. Baited at 8 P.M.
Convoys not yet arrived; but have
managed to secure sufficient oat hay
for animals. Marched about 30
miles today. All very tired.
Captured 3 Boers & one wagon with 12 span
Team of oxen

Pivouge.

Friday, 14th Dec. 00

Marched at 5:30 am. still in general
northerly direction. Engage enemy
today. 5 captured & 2 killed.
Capture 11 miles for ourselves & cast
5 weakly animals.

~~Monday~~ Saturday Near Naba Nchu

15th Dec. 1900

Brigade marches at 6 am today.
Halts after clearing a range of hills.
Capture 3 Boers One dressed in British
uniform - tried by summary court martial
& shot about 2 P.M. along side the
baggage column. ^(a painful sight) Our force engaged
the enemy heavily today in this
vicinity - capture about 80 prisoners
& rumours of two guns captured.

Alexandria.

Sunday 16th Dec. 00.

Shifted camp about 5 miles to this place on the main road to Thaba Nelu (8 miles distant) transferred sick to Thaba Nelu & in number by convoy wagons.

Post letters. (Just miss English mail).

Reqs for milk case (1) & Berkeley filter

Draw. 6 days groceries & 2 days forage

Three Popples

Monday

17th Dec^{br} 00

This force still attached with Col. White's column march at 4:30 am & after several halts arrive at this drift about 5 PM

Three Popples.

Tuesday, 18th Dec 00.

Alert here today. Enemy supposed to be occupying a nek about 4 miles in our front.

Three Ropes.

Wednesday, 19th Dec^r 00.

Raining all night, & still raining.

The B's. ordered out suddenly at 8 am.

One ^{Cass} cart & one ambulance with Lieut Webb
& one orderly accompany the force.

The R. A ^{2d P & baggage} ~~remain~~ remain in bivouac

Mount Pleasant,

Thursday, 20 Dec^r 1900

Marched here today from Three Ropes.
No signs of enemy. Secure plenty of
forage from various farms en route.

Bivouac with Col. White's column
3 miles in front of C. B. B's.

(20 miles south east of Winburg)

C. B. B's. Bivouac.

Friday 21st Dec^r 00

Marched at 7 am. Lieut Webb with
ambulance & Cape cart repairs.

after numerous hacts arrive here
about 5 P.M. The enemy reported in
front in considerable strength.

Preparations made to resist expected
attack during night or early
morning. At dusk a few
shots were fired at us on our
right flank. no casualties.

Templemore

Saturday 22nd Dec 00

The Brigade halt here today.

A strong reconnoitring party go out
& locate Boer force to our right amongst
kopjes - casualties one officer killed
6.6 B's (Lieut Anderson).

Sunday 23rd Dec '00.

Brigade halt here today. Divine
Service. Funeral. Lieut Anderson

Louwkop

Monday 24th Dec. 1900

The Force marched from Teyateyanane today. Executed natives before leaving camp for rape on Dutch girl.

No signs of Boers today; but force reported on our right. Gen. Boye's column in sight in front from Winburg.

Louwkop

Tuesday 25th Dec '00.

Xmas day: 4 short rations in camp
Convoy arrives during forenoon
Five days rations issued.

Attempt send sick to Winburg, but
postponed till 27th inst.

Smoking concert in evening.
Issue of rum

Vettersberg.

76. 12-00

Force march here today, over high kopje
Water scarce. No Boers seen today, but
pass site of recent laager. Find large
store of wheat here; destroyed by throwing
the sacks into dam.

Barnesia

77. 12-00

Sick convoy sent in to Gen. Doro's column
this morning, before marching. Eight sick
One corporal ^(Capt Snowden) & 2 native drivers. 1 Cape cart
& one ambulance with 12 mules.

A skirmish took place with advance
guard. Casualties: one killed & 2 wounded
of Mennaway. Get good water supply
today. Salt licks here at 5 PM.
Find 92 Boers who had been prisoners
for refusing to fight & left by the Boers
Gen. De la Rive's force arrived at this place

28th Dec. 00.

The force marched at 5-30.
Towards Reilly, a lot of small

?

29th Dec. 00.

March towards Sinaloy.

Sinaloy 31st Dec. 00

Arrive at Sinaloy after a march of
about 12 miles from last bivouac arrive
here about 6-30 P.M.

2nd Jan 00.

Rest here three two days & send all rick
to 10th Fa II here in town.

to the 1st FA II here in town

Kroonspunt

3rd Jan^y 1901

The force under Col White marched at
6 am towards the east of Sinaloa
after a march of about 15 miles halt
about noon. Co in 6 B's ordered out
at 2-30 to reconnoitre

~~A. S. S.~~

Same camp 9 am.

4th Jan. 01

A disaster occurred yesterday to
the Co in 6 B's. About 120 of the
B's under Col Laing ordered out
at 2-30 P.M. were surrounded &
captured by a force of 2000
at 800. in a sprint about 5 miles
from camp. Col Laing & one
Officer ~~killed~~ & 15 ~~W.C.S.~~ ~~men~~
very busy up till 1 am ^{+ killed} ~~to~~ wounded

with wounded. Two more cases
one officer & one man have died this
morning.

~~On the way to Heilbronn~~

5th Jan 01

After ^{the} dressing & performing minor
operations on wounded ^{yesterday} we were ordered
to take direct to Heilbronn under protection
of the Red Cross. Left Kronprinz about
10 P.M. We were soon ordered to halt by
the first Boer picket & after considerable
delay were allowed to proceed. This
occurred several times during yesterday
evening & today. The wounded
doing fairly well. As we neared
Heilbronn we were fired on by a Boer
picket on our right within 3 miles

of the town. but managed to stop the
practice by riding out to them & explain-
ing who we were. Arrived at Heilbronn
about 5 P.M. no room in the H here.

occupy Court house for the night
Capt Putters & Mr. Ramsay dying.
Expect to go by train with convoy tomorrow
Two cases die during night

6th - Kroonstad.

Leave Heilbronn with wounded at 9 am
Special train. also take 30 sick from
H here. Two dying cases left at Court
house. All wagons & mules left under
care of Capt. Chavone & Pooley at Heilbronn
Arrive at K'stad at 2-30 P.M. after
a quick run. hand over wounded cases
& arrange to proceed to B.P.M. with Capt
Porter & Mr. Wilkinson for stores etc.

3rd Jan
1891

Arrive here about 1 P.M. having
left Katak at 4 am. This morning
arrange to stay at Gung College after some
delay.

B.M.
8th Jan 91

Draw stores at Advance Depot &
M.A. Stores. Get mail.
Left Porter, Opus Dupont account, draw
£121-10-0 for payment of 20 lbs & natives

9th Jan 91

Take stores to station at 7 P.M. Great
difficulty experienced in arranging the
entrainment of stores owing to mistakes
in railway warrant.

K'itad

10th Jan. '01

Arrive at this place at 1. P.M.
attached to No 3 Gen H for ~~the~~ ration
Capt Snowden with ambulance & slope
Cart turns up ^{with Col. White's column} with 2 natives
having come in from Sinaly with
Col. White's column.

K'itad

11th Jan '01.

~~Hastingford~~

Expect company from Heibron with
transport ~~from~~ by rail tomorrow.

12th Jan '01.

Left's with St. Wells not yet arrived.
Capt Porter doing duty in surgical sect
No 3 Gen H

Kotad, 13-1-01

Sent Bell with 2 boy; arrived this morning
from Bellbron bring 10 men of Dup:
Bearch boy who joined at Bellbron on
the 12th. Receive orders to form Col:
Whites column for duty with the whole
unit. Take over our ambulance & one
truck & again from ~~from~~ Major Day
Ralph leaving with him our postch-
cart at Kotad. The 10 men of Dup:
Bearch boy (Cape Town) are sent to duty
at N^o 3 ^{with Sgt. Chorus Ralph.} & 6 men of Natal Dup: B.
boy are sent to replace them - as under
The Pritchett w The Moore J.W.
" Glenn w J.J. Williamson.
" Constantine N " J. Raw

Pay Rolls as under:

P. S. Gibbons £12-12-0

Leport Brown 20-0-0

Wm. Snowden 8-0-0

Wm. Wilkinson 13-0-0

Wm. Orger 8-0-0

Wm. Pooley 8-0-0

" Pestell 5-0-0

Wm. Henderson asst. 6-0-0

(on 16th Jan. or)

Wm. Snowden 1-0-0

Wm. Wilkinson 1-0-0

Total £82-12-0

Native Drivers

paid as under

Shinn Kluck w 4-10-0

" Unilikyan f. *11-19-0

" John No 4-10-0

" Ramagast alex *10-19-0

" Nochalay ab 4-10-0

Jacobus George 4-10-0

£124-10-0

Native Drivers engaged as under:-

George Washington 13¹/₂ 01

April Quark boy, Michael Carey } 14¹/₂ 01
Dye Jacob Stephane Jacob - 5

Sindley Road

Tuesday 15-1-01

Marched about 15 miles towards
Sindley. Got sets of swingletrees (3 in each)
obtained this morning from B.O.D.

Kstad Bivouac at 2 PM

Sent back by Cape Cart a major of
Imp. No. to Kstad

Striping in rear: 2 Yeoman slightly
wounded. 16-1-01

5 miles from Sindley

Continue march to this bivouac

Sent in 2 wounded + 2 sick to Str II
at Sindley with Lt Col Pope

Thursday 17-1-01.

The force retraces steps towards
Ristad for about 11 miles
Shipping on both flanks.

Friday 18-1-01.

Continue march towards Ristad

Saturday 19-1-01

The force halts here today
foraging parties go out also one
ambulance & Cape boat.

Sunday 20-1-01

Force still halting here today
foraging parties go out as yesterday
~~Force~~

Monday 21st 01

March towards Kotad about
20 miles. Halt at midday for
2 hours

Tuesday, 22nd 01

Arrive at America siding at 2 P.M.

Transfer 22 sick by rail to No 3
Gen F Kotad. English mails

arrive. Send for bandages etc to
Kotad.

Wednesday

23rd Jan. 01.

Left America siding at 3 P.M. &

March across the railway line in
westerly direction towards Alivem
Ropje 15 miles. Halt at 9 P.M.

Trying march in the dark

24th Jan. 01

Orders to move at 5 am cancelled during the night. Marched at 7:30 P.M. toward Pheoster Kop Farm & arrived here at 4 P.M.

25th Jan. 01

Rosstrand.

March from last bivouac at 5:30 am to Rosstad where we arrived at noon & march again to this place at 6:30 P.M.

Transfer 8 sick to No. 3 Gen P. Kstad.
Obtain bandages, wool, w. bottle from Med. stores Kstad.

Ventersburg Rd. Station
Saturday, 26th Jan 01
Left Roschward at 5-30 am &
marched to here along railway
line

Sent 2 sick & one Native driver
sick by rail to Lt 3 Gen H from Rosch-
ward
"Mahoney" Native driver sick.

Sunday, 27th Jan 01
The force left Ventersburg Road
Station at 5 am & marched thro
Ventersburg in an easterly direction
for 16 miles. Halt about 6 PM
Just received sudden orders for
night march.

Monday 28th 81

Last night this force left camp at 8:30 P.M. & marched only about 6 miles when a severe storm came on. The column halted & bivouacked near Alliman's Braal. This morning continued march over very heavy ground. Commanded a new buck wagon. The Brigade halted near a very bad drift for the night.

Winburg
Tuesday, 29th 81

The column under orders to march into Winburg there to entrain for the South. Arrived at Winburg this afternoon & transferred 4 pieces to Det. B here.

Winnburg 2
Wednesday 30. 1-01

26 all here waiting for trains.
Part of column entrained last night
New wheel bushed for Buck wagon

Winnburg 31. 1-01
Laid in 2 ricks to IP here
entrain this afternoon after con-
siderable difficulty
Make up native books
Reengagement certificates etc.

~~Winnburg~~

1st Feb. 01

Travelling all night.
Arrived near Bethune about
4 P.M. when our train ran into
the rear of a train in front

smashing 3 wagons & killing one
officer & 2 men 5 being injured
After some delay removing the
wreckage we got into Bethulia
Station at 8 P.M.

Bethulia

2nd Feb. 01.

Balt here today on rejoining
the column. We detrained last
night about 10 P.M.

Hand over one truck wagon
complete, 2 boys & 10 mules.
to O.C. Supply Depot Bethulia

Bethulia

3rd Feb 01

The column hails here today
but shift camp

Draw 6 pairs of boots from O.C.
14 Pat. 160000 Regt for 3 B Co.

Lieut. Webb, Lt. Col. Ogden & Pte
Williamson (I.S.B.) with 3 Native
Drivers, 10 mules, 1 ambulance & 1
Cape cart are left behind
for duty at ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{the}
along with part of the stores, which
we are unable to carry.

Monday 4th Feb 01
March at 5³⁰ am. along the
Smithfield road & Bismarck
at 10 am.

Tuesday 5th Feb 01
Halt today.

Wednesday 6th Feb 01

At 3³⁰ am this morning one
Ambulance & Cape cart join

Large reconnoitring force along
the Smith field road

Capt Porter Pto Postel, Wickerson
& D. H. Henderson.

Thursday 7th '81

Not all here today, but ordered to
join Capt Porter at Willowby Farm
with advance force

Retired to this drift this after-
noon. 7 bivouacs near old camp
on 6th inst

Beth

Sunday 10th Feb '81

The column march to Bethulia
& arrive about 11 am. One ambulance
with 3 sick for transport go on
ahead to H at Bethulia The column

Lieut. Webb, Lt. Col. Ogden & Pte
Williamson (I.S.B.) with 3 Native
Drivers, 10 mules, 1 ambulance (M.H.V.)
& one Cape cart are left behind
for duty at ~~the~~ Bethulia
along with part of the stores, which
we are unable to carry.

Monday 4th Feb 01

March at 5:30 am. along the
Willowby Farm Camp
7th Feb 01

Arrive here about 6:30 ~~pm~~
this evening.

Driver Gunderson is
a Prisoner for refusing to
obey an order.

Send 2 sick by convey to Bethulia.

Friday 8th Feb 01
The force huts here today
Driver Lunderson was tried by
Field Gen. C.M. for refusing to
obey an order.

Engage Native Driver Solomon
to replace Ruby chosen for discharge

Saturday 9th Feb 01
The force advanced to near
Smithfield this morning &
retired to this drift this after-
noon. & bivouac near old camp
on ~~6th~~ west

Beth

Sunday 10th Feb '01

The column march to Bethulia
& arrive about 11 am. One ambulance
with 3 sick for transport go on
ahead to H at Bethulia The column

halt & draw rations.
March towards Prior Siding
at 1 P.M. Ribmas about 4 P.M.
6 miles from Prior Siding.

Cpl. Organ & one native Driver
(John No 2) repair with ^{+ 2 mules} caps cart
& some stores from IP at Bethulia
Sient Webb gone for duty yesterday
to Springfontein. The Williamson
I.D. left at Bethulia in charge of
Arab. Wagon. Trunkles & surplus
stores. Native Driver Rubey
chosen ~~discharged~~ this forenoon
sent for discharge to L. Transport
Depot at Bethulia.

Prior Siding

Monday Feb 11. 1901

We marched to this place this

morning, & have halted all day
for rations. Sent 4 sick to H
at Springfontein also two to
Nwale Port, Gen H. Sent
for Discharge Native Driver Jacobus
George to Transport Depot at Springfontein
also Rubey Chosen who returned
having failed to obtain discharge at
Bertouille. English mails arrive
also Official letters from night 2
1897 Br Coy. Under orders to
march at 11 PM tonight.

Near Philippolis, 12²/₈₁

We marched all night towards the
town of Philippolis thro a difficult
nek. Very hard trekking. Halted at
daybreak for 2 hours. March
thro the town & continue march
behind a column of Bruce Barrellton
towards

the Orange River. Do not supposed
to have crossed the river into Colony

13²/₀₁

Marched to here today. And the
enemy have crossed two days ago

The drift blocked with Bruce Hamilton
column. No chance of crossing
today.

14²/₀₁

Had considerable difficulty in
crossing the swollen Orange River
Get all safely over by noon & trek
8 miles into Colony. Repair
fore carriage of Mtk III amb,
Join Bruce Hamilton's force
Two weeks after

Phillipstown 15^{3/4} 81

Marched a very long way today
No signs of Boers. We are en route
to De Aar. This column is
still with Bruce Hamilton's force

De Aar. 16^{3/4} 81

Marched to here today from
Phillipstown a distance of 38
miles. Mules almost done up
The column halted at midday
for 2 hours, arrived here at dusk
6.45 P.M. Draw extra forage.

De Aar. 17^{3/4} 81

Lunderson's C.M. promulgated today
sentenced to 11 months imprisonment with
H.L. Handed over to escort of 16th L.
for conveyance to Cape Town. Draw

Ordnance & med. stores here

As follows :-

From Stn B de aar,

Thermometer clinical one

Raw wool 6 lb

Balsam 1/2

From, O. stores:-

Iron wire 56

Nails lb 4

Rope 56 yds

Rivings trees 3

Saws frying 2

Poles B.W. 2

Spun yarn yds 56

Blocks brake B.W. 2

Pad lock for aub 4

Bolts for do. 12

Reins No 20

Mangers feeding 1

Saw " 1

Collars head 12

chains for ditto 12

Sudden order to march at 3 P.M.
Send in sick to H here this morning

Bivouac 8 miles north west
of de aar py. 201

March 8 miles & bivouac for night

Bivouac Monday 18³/₈₁

Marched at 6 am towards Britstown
halt at noon for two hours.

Britstown, 19³/₈₁

Arrive here this evening
Very wet night.

20³/₈₁

Marched out of Britstown by
wrong road. awful hard
tramping & wet weather

Friday 22nd 81

Had a very severe time of
it these few days. continual
treking. Marched about
20 miles today. No Boers
14 sick

Sunday 24th 81

Marched into Strandburg
this forenoon. Buck wagon
wheel breaks down: find new
one here in blacksmiths shop
Ordered to transfer sick to
De Moulins column at 4:30 am
tomorrow morning &
March at 6 am.

Fort Lourens O.R.L.

Wednesday 24² of 81

Arrive here today after a very tiring march from Strandenburg. English mails suddenly march at 2 P.M. in an easterly direction about 9 miles. Wet night

Thursday 25² of 81
last wet night. Marched today in ~~an~~ a south easterly direction. Heavy rain prevents us marching at 5.30 P.M. tonight.

Friday 1st March of 81
arrive at Philippstown today after marching 9 miles at 10.30 am. Bait & ~~feed~~ feed till 2 P.M. March about 10 miles

towards Colchester district.

Buxton

Saturday March 2nd

March 22 miles towards
Colchester.

Sunday 3rd 01

Arrive at Colchester today
& continue march to Colchester
junction to entrain for
Alwal North. Transfer
back to P train for N. port
Issue sea comforts to P train

Monday 4th 01

Entrain this evening to proceed
by South route via Malport to Alwal N.

On Train

Tuesday 5³/₀₁

Arrive at N'port about noon
Draw 2 day's rations & forage also
some bandages, quinine tablets, etc,
from Stu. H. Leave N'port at
5 P.M. Travel slowly thro mountain
country towards Stormberg Junction ^{over}
numerous stoppages.

(On Train)

Wednesday 6³/₀₁

Travel slowly all day
water & feed mules with difficulty
arrive at Stormberg Junction at
8 P.M.

Arrival North
Thursday 7³/₀₁

Arrive at last at this place about
9 am. Detrain ~~about~~ during
forenoon & cross to north side of
river & camp with Col. White's Col.

Aluval Norte

8th / 01

Draw stores as under from O. Stores
& Transport Depot:-

From G.O.O. Aluval N:-

Puttees pairs 12	Shirts 100 6
Pants riding w. 1	Boots " 12
Shoes serge 5	Collars head. 12
Boots felt no 13	(low 9 th)
Boots pairs " 14	Wheels complete 1
Trowsers serge 5	Linens hino no 14
	Lamps small L.P. 3,

From Transport Depot Aluval N:-

Poles d. ambulance. 2

(Exchange wheels of water cart)

Send 5 mules to bet H Aluval N.

~~Be~~

Telegraph for cash to P.M. B. Fonten
to pay boy & natives.

Issue clothing to boy.

Send to H at Aluval N. 7 sick.

Alival N.

9³/₀₁

Send to H at Alival N., Constantine
I.P.B., with 9 other rick of Column

I.P.B. as under		
S.P. Gibbons	1-0-0	carried forward 11-14-0
Le Cpl. Organ	2-14-0	Moore 5-0-0
Pte Wilkinson	2-0-0	" Sutcliffe 5-0-0
" Pestell	4-0-0	" Glesna 4-0-0
" Pooley	2-0-0	" Raw 5-0-0
	<u>£ 11-14-0</u>	<u>£ 34-14-0</u>

Balance due from P.M. to Capt Porter 1-0-0

Natives paid as under:-

James Dealoff	4-16-0	
Steenlok	10-4-0	
Sealk Mars	14-18-0	
Sam Reld	14-18-0	
Abram Mochaloy	12-10-0	
John No 2	21-4-0	
Space	3-13-6	
April Rwartboy	1-16	
Piet No 2	13-6-6	
		<u>£ 106-6-0</u>
		+ <u>£ 142-0-0</u>

9-3-01

Discharge & pay the following ^{Continued} Natives:-
John (No 2). (Abraham Mochaley)
Sam Rola Piet No 2, Israel.
Sealk Mars.

Engage 7 natives as under:-

Andriek ^{Native} ^{pay list}
Rendu, In Act. to ^{Native} ^{pay list} ^{for period}
of Jan to 9th March '01

10-3-01

Receive & forward documents of RBC
to O.C. No 9 Coy B.N. Coy.

English Mails

March at 9 am 12 miles north,

11-3-01

St. Fouels sick

March at 7 am 12 miles
in northerly direction

12-3-01

Still marching north clearing
country of food stuff & stock
Wet forenoon. Buck wagon breaks
down in drift. Wheel broken
sent wheel from farm but too big.
Wheel sent from camp by order of
Col. White. Reach camp safely at
dusk.

13-3-01

March over very bad road
about 12 miles in same direction
& bivouac about 5 P.M.

Thursday, 14-3-01
Roads very bad & treacherous
March 20 miles

Friday 15-3-01

Mattew andrick absent,
tonight. March about 14
miles

Near Devilsdorp

Sunday 1st Co 1

Took 4 sick into Devilsdorp today
a distance of 10 miles & handed them
over to Conroy from B'fu. Returned to
camp at 9-45 P.M. the camp having
remained 6 miles north to Bradford's
farm.

Monday 18³/₀₁

March at bark in northerly ^{eastward}
direction towards Ladybrand
about 12 miles

Bulls discharged from hospital

Tuesday 19³/₀₁

Arrive at Dundee on the B'w-Ladybrand
Road after marching about 6 miles
& camp for the day

Worringham

Wednesday 20³/₀₁

During the night the 4th Battery
ordered suddenly to march west
to Alexandra Farm to meet near

Shabauchen. March at 2 1/2 M
to this camp on the same road

Heavy rain

Thursday

21-3-01

Marched from Warringham camp
at 7 am. Sent in 4 sick to
H for transfer to B'n

Marched in threatening wet
weather only 5 miles. Troops

employed during ~~afternoon~~ day
destroying maize fields. (Ruffs
also employed).

Friday 22-3-01

Same as yesterday: - march short
distance & bivouac.

Fatigue party sent out to destroy
corn. English mail arrives
at night dated 22nd 01.

Saturday, 23rd 81.

Marched Dewetadrop. Marched at
7 am. today about 8 miles only.
A night's attack on ^{last night} some small
party of Boers resulted in 6
being captured, 1 mortally wounded
4 mares, 30 head horses & numerous
cattle & sheep being captured.

Sunday 24th 81

Marched 5 miles at 8 am.

Major Thompson & orderly sniped at white
attending wounded Boer of yesterday's
skirmish, resulting in 3 horses
being ~~run~~ killed, & one Smith
of Tom Tom being slightly wounded
in arm. Boer brought to camp
Raining night

Sunday 25th 81.

Heavy rain all night.

Force march a short distance, to
near Bradfield's farm & halted for
the day at 11 am. Bradfield's Farm

~~March~~ Tuesday 26th 81
Halt here today
Wednesday 27th 81

March into Dewetsdorp, a distance
of about 13 miles & camp on
heights west of the town.

Col. Hickman's column in town
Pick up an entire case of B. M. I.
also wounded Boer

We brought large convoy of
refugees, horses, sheep & cattle to
this place from Repner district.

Thursday, 28th 91

March from Duncton in a westerly direction on the Reddibury road for about 6 miles, then have road to clear farms to south.

Expect to reach Reddibury in 4 days, being employed in direction of farmers still,

Friday, 29th 91

Rendered weekly Guelph & animal return show 52 mules & 2 horses remaining

Marching towards Springfontein still collecting stock etc.

Saturday, 30th 91

March in a southerly direction about 20 miles - get new horse from Kraal.

Springfontein 3
Sunday, 30th 01

March at ~~5.30~~ 6-30 am towards
Sp. fontein. Halt at mid day for
2 hours. Considerable difficulty with
new horse. Arrive at Sp. fontein
about 4.30 P.M. Hand over sick
& wounded to No 12 Gen FP
No mails opt.

Springfontein
Monday, 1st 01

Send in 10 more sick to No 12 Gen
FP this morning.

Forward vouchers to Major Murray
at Bethulie of Amblance, Ambls, stores
etc Also Pass vouchers for Scotch cart
6 mules & Harness. Clothing of Boys to
Major Day & Provost.

Forward application for extra duty pay
for P. Lubben as a P.M.

16

Draw Med comforts for O'Connell's
Spring :- One bottle whiskey
found empty in case supplied
O'Connell notified of this fact.
Forward vouchers of stores issued at
D'Addi by G.O.O.

Draw Surg & med stores from Gen
H here. :- One thermometer, Bandages
100. Bone wool 6 lb. (2 condemned candle
lamps) Calomel 3/4 Quinine 200.

Drunkie Riding

Tuesday 2nd 4/01

My arched to this place today, leaving
Spring at 8 am. Batted at Irish
riding at noon for 1 1/2 hours.

Banded in pony with sore back &
swollen tendons, to Remount Depot
at O'Connell this morning

at 10 o'clock this morning

Mail arrived this evening

Drumkil Landing

Wednesday 3rd 81

~~As yet~~ The force is now distributed among the various drifts on the river to prevent a crossing of Boer force expected in this direction

Bearer Coy. halt here with head quarters
2 sick in P. Capt Porter
sick.

Drumkil Landing

Friday, 5th 81

Capt Porter sent in sick to
Sp'fontein this morning.

Major Thompson telegraphed for
Officer to take over Bearer Coy.

Force still in camp here. 16th
Lancers out on patrol since 6 am.

Druckmull Station
Saturday 6th / 81

Major Moffat Richards took over
command of Search Coy. today.

Mr Pestell detailed as servant.

Orders: March at 6 am towards
Sfonten.

Easter
Sunday 7th / 81

The force marched at 6 am.
Towards Sfonten but turned off
towards the east & bivouacked at
a place called Kethlofonten.

S. S. Barney joined for duty from
B. Co. in the evening

Easter Monday, 8th / 81

English mails received today
March towards Demetobry today
a distance of about 15 miles

to traces of a hut 15 miles

Tuesday 9th 01

The column still marching on
Dwetsdorp. Commander a 4
wheeled cape cart. March about
124 miles

Wednesday 10th 01

The column marched to a camp
on the South side of Dwetsdorp
today. Patrols sniped at in front
& rear. Munnro's column ~~at~~
surprise & capture a Boer laager
& 91 prisoners.

Thursday 11th 01

The force halt here with ox
convoy. Visit Dwetsdorp

Esance point,
Friday 12/4/01

The Column left Demetsdoro
& marched in a westerly
direction. A force was sent
out during night to surprise
some farms. This resulted
a capture of 4 Beers & 3 of
our side being killed & 5 wounded
ambulance with C.P. Harvey
in charge sent in wrong
direction & unable to ~~find~~
locate wounded, which being
slight cases, rode in on
horse back

Sanchoport
13⁴/₈₁

Force out collecting large
numbers of Dutch ~~families~~
families. Still halting in
this camp

Sanchoport

Sunday 14⁴/₈₁

Still collecting families in vicinity
& force halting here.

Monday 15th 01

The column marched at 10 am
from Hanceport, surprised at
by Boers, casualties; 3 horses
killed. Marched about 10 miles
towards railway line
commander captured.

Tuesday 16th 01

March at Gaml. towards railway
line, Rear guard surprised.

Wednesday 17th 01

Yeomans leave Col White's
command to join Col. Maxwells
column. This has been a

Pompey Riding

Thursday, 18th 41

Arrive at Pompey Riding south
of Edinburg. Major Moffet sick
~~to~~ Rearguard action today 2
men wounded slightly.

Prepare to send sick to line
tomorrow morning.

Pompey Riding

Friday, 19th 41

Transfer all sick & wounded today
by rail from Edinburg to ^{Springer}
Major Moffet leaves sick with
convoy. C. S. Harvey takes over
charge of 1/2 unit

Bloomington
Saturday 20th 01
Left Pompey riding for here
to draw clothing & stores from
O stores.

~~Pompey riding~~
Sunday 21st 01
Recd Capt Porter this morning
re extra duty pay
Drew all stores yesterday & left
Bip at midday. arrive at
Pompey riding at 5 PM

Monday 22nd 01
Column marched at 4 am today
Still clearing country

Near Smithfield

24 ⁴/₀₁

The force near above place
clearing stock & country

Ractard's Drift, 25 ⁴/₀₁,

A very difficult drift in front

Ractard's Drift

26 ⁴/₀₁

The column halt here today
Patrols out reconnoitering all today
Boer force in front.

27 ⁴/₀₁

The column marched thro drift
& a distance of 12 miles.

Sunday, 28th 01
Near Baerthland border
collecting women & children

Trafalgar Farm
Monday 29th 01
force marched with refugees at
4:30 am. for a farm called
Trafalgar - Ranu last night
& this morning.

Trafalgar Farm
Tuesday 30th 01
The force with refugees halted here
today. C. S. Harvey called out
during last night to confinement
of Dutch woman. Issue
med. comforts to Dutch sick

Tafalan 1⁵ 01

The force halted here today.

Patrols out collecting woman
children & stock.

Near Zastron -
Mursday 2⁵ 01.

A short march today towards
Zastron of about 6 miles -

Near Zastron
Friday 3⁵ 01.

The force only moved about 5
miles today with large convoys of
woman children & sick.

Troops suddenly ordered out to
engage large force of Boeros
to south of Zastron, supposed to
be Rutyang's command.

Severe skirmishing among hills
One officer & 3 men slightly wounded

55/81

All fighting troops proceed at
8 am. to hills around Zastron
Engage rear guard of yesterday's
Boer force to north of Zastron
Capture one Boer & many horses

After long march reach new
camp ~~at~~ to which convoy had
moved during the day.

Genl Maxwell's force & convoy
from Alibwaal N. had also
arrived. Maxwell's force
had cooperated with us in
the operations during the
day. Casualties today; - One
man shot thro' head of tibia, severe

Our buck wagon in a bad
state, two hind wheels with bushes

made 1 two and miles with guano
to make

Ark. court. 6⁵/₀₁,

column with large ~~to~~ ^{convoy}
of women & children
handed over to Maxwell's force
which proceeds in front at 11
am. towards Alival N.

This force moves at 2 P.M.
in same direction. Lose one
pony today, also one mule.

Alival North
Sunday, 7⁵/₀₁

Arrive here today after trying
march of about 22 miles
hand over to sick & wounded.

Alival N.
Wednesday, 8⁶/₀₁

The Brigade halts here today.
Prepare requisitions for stores from
O. Dept & A.M.S. B.P. by telegraph
Also Medical comforts from Supply
Dept

Alivai N.

Thursday, 9⁵ 01

Draw stores, clothing, etc from
D.D., endeavour to get wheels
for buck wagon; only get one
exchanged. Telegram re 2 D.D.
men for discharge to P.M.O.
White's column. Sutcliffe
Moore Glenn, Raw left here
at Detail camp en route for
Maritzburg. Telegram sent
to P.M.O. Edinburgh in answer
showing that only 3 men D.D.s.
remain not 6 (six) as stated by
Telegraph to D.D. HQ by him
Rearer boy to forward
documents of D.D. men to Maritzburg
Wire for stores to D.D. Med. stores
also to Stationery Dept, to Town.
Lose native off buck wagon.

near Beesters Kraal 10⁵ 01
column moved out of Aluwé
mouth this morning, marched
to here under orders to proceed
to P'fontein. Ruona at 19⁴
marched 10 miles -

Obtain new buck wagon from
supply officer by order of Be Gen,

Mayfield Stud Farm,
11² 01.

Our force marched a distance
of about 20 miles today over
a difficult pass & rough
ground. Lighted Boers today
Arrived at Mayfield Stud Farm
very windy, signs of storm
cold.

Mazda Stud Farm
12⁵ 01

Severe storm last night, tents ruined by wind & rain. Move down to shelter of farm house. Force paraded to reconnoitre at 8 am. (Lt Barney & self to accompany) but parade cancelled. Patients very comfortable in good rooms.

Mazda Stud Farm
16⁵ 01

The force still in camp here. All troops have been reconnoitring (Lt Barney & self go out with one ambulance) district, in vicinity of Gabor & Gusot land border.

12 sick now in hospital
Under orders to move tomorrow morning at 9 am

14⁵/₆

Our column marched at
9 am: over our old camping
grounds leaving Gastrow on
our left at distance of 15
miles. Occupied farm for
sick.

18⁵/₀₁

Diets at this farm today
Two suspected Enteric fever amongst
sick

Mayfield Stud Farm

19⁵/₀₁

This force marched back here
today. Ambulances with sick
leading the way. Three Boers
seen in front. Arrive at 3 PM
Put sick in rooms in farm

Alivai N. 20 ⁵/₈₁

13. Sick with 2 ambulances & one
buck wagon Cape cart, with
med. comforts proceed at 8 am
towards Alivai N. Boat at
11. Arrive till 12-15. I arrive at
Alivai N. at 5-30 P.M. a
distance of 31 miles. Mules
somewhat done up. After
handing over sick, bivouac
near hospital: to await
arrival of column now about
10 miles from here.

Reester Kraal, 21⁵ 01

Drew stores (2 tents, double, & some clothing today, & drew FF surgical material). Column not coming in to Alival N. as at first arranged. Proceed to this camp at 4⁰⁰ P.M. Arrive at Reester kraal about 8 P.M.

Reester Kraal.

22⁵ 01

Column likely to remain here inactive for some days.

Beeters Praal. 28⁵/₀₁.

New force of Youmaw has
joined this force. 35 of old
Youmaw leaving for discharge

Alival N. 29⁵/₀₁

Force ordered to return to Alival
N. - arrive on old camping ground
about 3 PM today.

Alival 30⁵/₀₁

Secure new harness for
water cart. Telegraph for
£60 from P.M. P. to pay
P.M. & natives.

Aliwal N. 31⁵/₉₁

Send in 4 sick today.

Exchange two ambulances Mk III
+ Mk V for two new Mk V
Receive wire re: Pte Williams
& Pls. from P.M.O. Edenburg.

S.M.O. White's Col. also receives
wire last night re. Left's 109 Coy
Rearer Coy purport: - this's unit
to proceed to Edenburg.

Apparently some error. Col.
White's wires reply.

Wire received from P.M.O. Pfu
money sent to Standard Bank
Aliwal N. for pay.

Aliwal, N. 1⁶/₀₁

Pay out Natives one months pay
& detachment Table, as under

S. Strickson	8-00	Nature Dhuar	3-00
Cpl Snowden	5-00	Andries	3-00
Lt Cpl Organs	5-00	J Deafoff	3-00
St Wilkerson	5-00	a Swart boy	3-00
" Pooley	5-00	Steenbok	3-00
" Pestub	5-00	Schuyler	1-10-8
	<u>33-00</u>	John	2-6-0
		Jim	1-10-8
		Man	2-6-0
		Mores	1-0-0
		J Solomon	3-00

23-13-4

33-00

56-13-4

Blue Deb. to P. M. to 3p 3-6-8

Zuprolaayte

Monday June 2, 1901,

sudden orders this morning while
camp being removed to south of
river to proceed to relief of
Janustown with all haste.

March about 23 miles at
rapid rate, & encamp here

Boers reported in front.

Two guns of 68th Battery join this

morning

McLachlan's Nek

Monday ~~2~~ 3rd June, 1901,

Bolivar marches at 4 30 am.

When near this place Boers

sighted. Sharp engagement today
extending over several kopjes
towards Janustown.

Casualties. 2 severely & 2 slightly
wounded. 2 fractures (one leg &
one arm) accidents.

McClellan Nek

4th June, 1901,

Force suddenly ordered out for
night attack ^{last night} 1 One wagon &
4 wheel ~~ed~~ cape cart, with Lebel organ
& P. Nelsonson. Force returned
at 3 P.M. today.
After trying night engagement
resulting in one officer dangerously
wounded (left in Jamestown in
charge of Lebel organ) & one
officer slightly wounded & one
man ditto.

Alival N. 5-6-01

Columin returned here today
7a, 00p. with sick & wounded
leading. After dusty journey of
29 miles (with 1 hour's halt) arrived
here at 4:30. Banded over sick
& wounded to the hosp. here.

Sorted vouchers to O. 9 by 24 km
also casualty report May & Roll
of R. A. 1. 6. (Pay.)

Lemionfontin, 6-6-01

Arrived here at 5 PM with
large ox convoy towards Lady
Braz.

near Lady Grey 7-6-01.

Marched at 7-30 am. towards
this place, and arrived at this
camp at noon. 16th L with
9 m 9 m, & ox convoy proceed
into Lady Grey & leave J. Y. with
baggage & 2 guns &c. in camp
here.

Limonfontein 8-6-01.

Marched at 10-30 am today
~~back~~ to this camp, arriving
at dusk. During night a
large ox convoy with 12 sck
from Lady Grey also arrives
escorted by Det. 3 N. Lane Regt.

Dosjilaqte, 9th of
This morning treat & forward
to Alwai N. 13 sick belonging
to OX convoy. - Leave Camp
Interim camp at 10-30 & march
to rejoin main force here.
Arrive at 5 P.M. Hear news
of 16th L having been engaged
heavily yesterday, altho' casualties
except 4 horses, 14 Boer
supposed to have been killed

9 miles S.E. of Alwai N.
10th of 91.

March at 9 am today
towards Alwai N. Rumors
of one more crossing O. River
towards Rouxville. 17 sick
Make out vouchers for tent handed in
by Major Thompson. Ravel

Allival N. 11th June 1901
Arrived here today
exchange 10 span harness &
exchange wheel for truck wagon
at L. Transport Depot.

10 miles SW of Alival N.
12th June, 1901.
M^r Barney, sprained his ^{right} wrist
~~on~~ & injured the other. Left
sick at Alival, while column
moves out 10 miles down O River
to guard a drift. Take only
one ambulance, 4 wheeled case cart
Lieut. Orger & Pte Pustell & myself.

Allival N. 13th June, 1901.
Telegraph answer to wire received
re. men. I. B. to be discharged on 9⁵ 01
purpose: - query asking if any payment

purpose :- query askers if any payment

made to them since March.

Answer :- None made since 9³/₀₁.

Column marches back here starting at 1 P.M. One native sick only.

Deestis Kraal -

14th June, 1901.

The column marched from Uluval today at 1 P.M. leaving 6 sick & one native, ~~including~~ C.S. Barney also sent in sick to Sta II Uluval N.

Went in this forenoon to Remount Depot 3 sick ponies. Obtain Receipt for two & exchange other for strongly built mount C.S. Barney took two ponies & was accompanied by his servant Pt Morgan. 3rd York Regt Arrived here at dusk. Wheel truck wagon broken en route.

Roxbury

Saturday, 15th June, 1901.

Arrive here at noon today
~~take~~ The whole column occupy
houses in town. Expect to
stay here some few days.

Small chapel occupied for hospital
7

Roxbury

Sunday 16th June, 1901.

The column halts here today -

Two small forces oflanders
& yeomanry sent in different
directions to locate enemy.

Impromptu Musical service
in chapel tonight.

Sudden orders received for
column to march tomorrow
at 7 am. Two sick in R

at / ... two sick in 11

Sadoma. 14⁶/₈₁.

Column marched at 4³⁰ this morning from Bourville in a northerly direction. Joined during the forenoon by the small forces sent out yesterday.

One more case admitted, & numerous cases attending hospital.

Evening sighted in small parties trekking north - March about 12 miles.

Ollendaal. 18⁶/₈₁.

The column marches in ~~the~~ same direction as yesterday, at 9:30 am. Arrive here about 4:30 after a halt at midday of 1 1/2 hours.

2 admitted & 2 discharges from hospital. One man slightly wounded.

in a skirmish with out
host of enemy. Large Boer
force sighted taking in a
north westerly direction.
~~the~~ ^{One man slightly wounded.} This case not admitted
to hospital -

Workshop.

19th June, 1901.

The column, marched at
9. am. this morning after the
awaiting
arrival of several wagons from
a farm collecting mealies, etc.

March about 9 miles & halt at
1 P.M. till 3 P.M. when march
continued till 4.30 P.M.

We were said to ^{be} only 10 miles
from here, & held by a Boer
force with 120 families.

force. now 120 prisoners.

2 admissions to H

Weperua,

20th June. 01.

March at 7-30 am, this morning
for this place. The 16th L. with
one gun & Pom Pom go ahead, &
make for bridge over Caledon
River. Just too late: - fifty
Boers slept here last night.

about 150 inhabitants occupy the
town. A ^{few} cases of Enteric
fever ^{among the family}. Three more men admitted
to hospital of 16th L. & one Yeoman
No casualties with today's
skirmishing.

Wednesday

Friday, 21⁶/₀₁

Column halts here today.

Opportunity taken to bath & change shirts of patients.

Two admissions with wet sores. & Two discharged to duty. Yelmarf go out this afternoon after some horses sighted in the vicinity.

Balls of wool with other dressings left with sick in town.

Also the following medical comforts by order of M.O: Brandy 1 bottle. Port Wine 2 bottles.

Orders received to march at 8 am. tomorrow.

Field Plate rendered this morning. Chew, B.O., & army & servant left at Alupal Peak. (4 horses & 50 mules)

at Aloual Peak. (4 horses & 50 mules)

on charge)

Wednesday 22nd 01.

Sniping on hills near camp here today - no casualties. Much enteric still developing among Dutch families.

Major Thompson operated on girl's leg today: - amputate foot & lower 1/3 of leg. Under orders this morning to ^{be ready to} move at 8 am. but subsequently cancelled.

Sunday Wednesday, 23rd 01.

Still halting here today.

One ambulance with Pte Wickham goes out at 8:30 am. with 120 16th Lers & Tom Tom towards Bastard's Drift. Right many Boers on skyline here.

Swanpool's Farm
Monday, September 24th 31.
The force moves today at
8:30 am. towards Devils den
& ~~maick~~ a distance of
about 12 miles.

The force of 16th L. &
Tom Tom regiments from Bastards
drift on the Calash River.

One serious case in hospital,
temperature 104. m. 105. evening
later after phenacetin gr 15 - 102.

Discharge 3 cases of hup feb.
to attend.

4 miles west of Dewetsdorp
Tuesday, 25th 6/01.

The Column marched thro
Dewetsdorp at noon today.
Halt about 2 miles west of town
for 2 hours, resumed march to
this place at 2 P.M.

The bushfire temp. 105° 2.

Several bad cases in hospital
Total 12. The native scout
brought in wounded in both hands
& leg; having been in hiding since
Sunday. Reports two other
native scouts killed, all belonging to
Col. Rocheford's column, (carrying
dispatches). Two squadrons Lancers
with one gun & Tom Tom. A two troops
Yeomanry. The ambulance & care
cart to accompany the above force
which moves out to meet some party of
Boers at 4:15 - am tomorrow,

Near Reddisbury.

26th June 1901.

The force marched at 7-15 am
with one ambulance & cake cart
leaving the sd. H. one gun, one
squadron 16th Lc with ox. convoy
to continue journey along the
Reddisbury Road.

Balied at 11 am til 1.30 PM
& continued journey til 4 PM

Expect to reach the line on
the 28th inst.

27th June 1901

Continued march to
towards the railway line
Edenbury. March thro
Reddisbury.

Kaenbury 28th 01.

Arrive here today with sick
from Col. Whitt's Col. which
is expected. ^{Tomorrow} Sup. Yeo, left with
all hands to join Col. Rochefort's
Force. The 16th L on arrival
here tomorrow entrain for
Rosemead Junction Col. to
Brn. Gen. French's Command.
Our column broken up.

Receive communication from
the right half re. order from P.H.
Army to open separate Ordnance &
Pay accounts. Receive 3 mails
from home.

Edinburgh, 29th 01.

Receive further instructions re.
opening account with Q. 1812.
for men of 16th L.

16th L. leave today. The Bunt
& Mr. Watson of 16th Lancs leave with their regt.
Edinburgh 30 01

Still resting here.

Busy with clerical work

Edinburgh. 1 01.

Letter with A.S. 1236 re. a Rgt Major
resubmitted thro' Col Carter by
Major Thompson to P.M.O. army

Mr. Graham assumes charge
of this 1/2 unit from yesterday
in relief of Mr. Harvey

Authority obtained from P.M.O. B.M.S. Divn
for employment of The Bunt & Mr. Watson as
hospital attendants & forward to Col. 16th L.

29th by J. Y. Ste ~~Atter~~ Mable, W.
joined with S. Graham. for duty.

Edenburg 2nd 81.

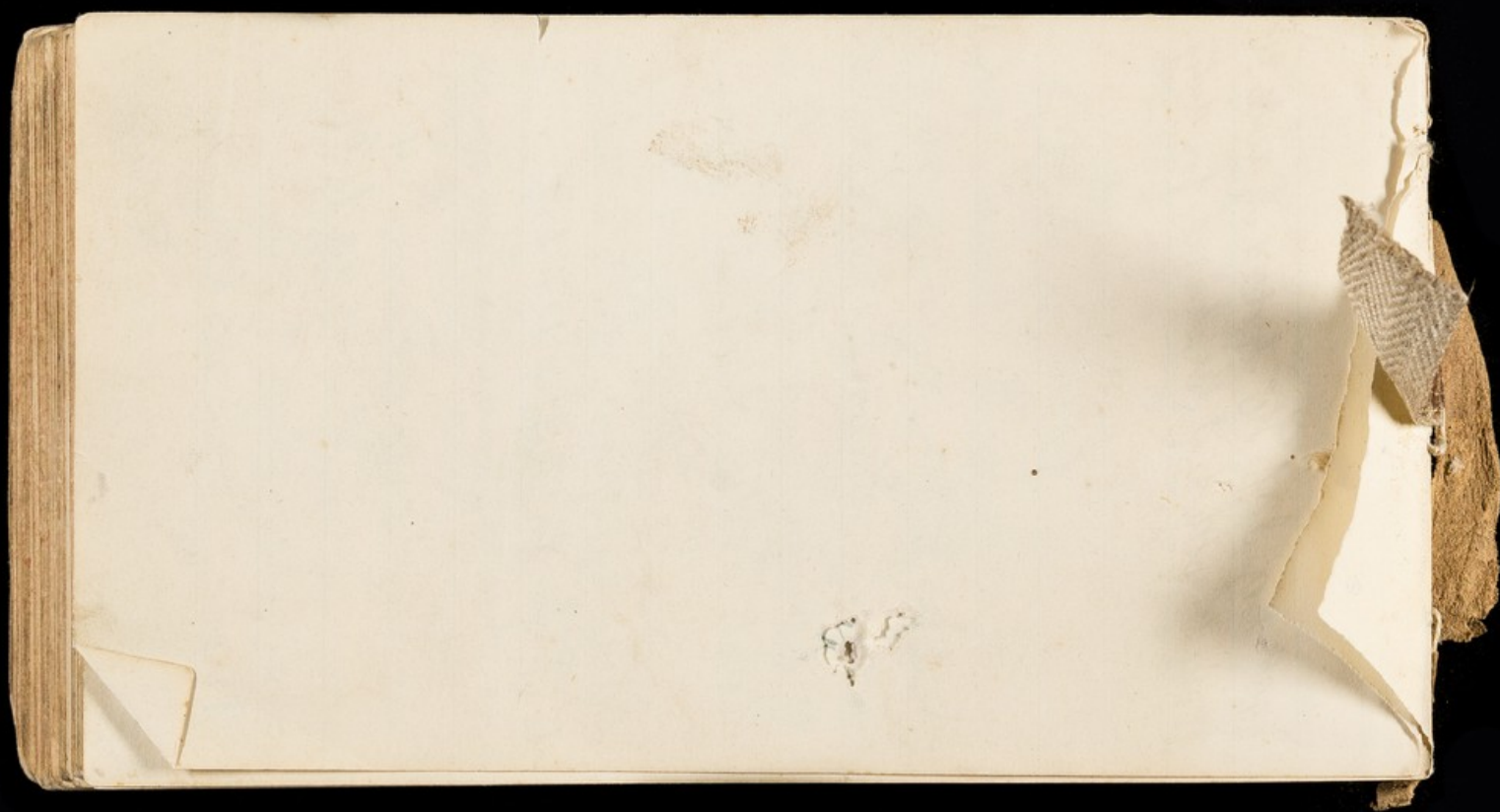
Still busy with clerical work
Expect to join a convoy column
soon. Forwarded Medal Rolls
of this half unit this day to
Capt Porter b/c P. M. D. B'fn.

Edenburg 4th 81

Sent Cpl Organ & Pte Wilkinson
to B'fn for kits & blankets.

Edenburg 6th 81.

Receive orders to day to join
Major Bershaw's column
on its arrival here to day.



30/12/01.

Left $\frac{1}{2}$ no 11 Bearer Company

Tapel Kop

Frankfort

ORC

S. Africa

Dear Madam

I have been endeavouring to find out particulars for you regarding Staff Sgt Gibbons death but as so many of those present were either killed or wounded it is very difficult to get the exact facts. There is no doubt that your husband died soon after he was shot & could not have suffered much pain as he was

unconscious - We all miss
him much more than we can say
& the only consolation is that he
was at his post beside the guns
& doing his duty like a soldier.
We are erecting a cross on his
grave at Dundas Post & will
send you a photograph as soon
as possible. Allow me to offer
you my sincere sympathy
with your sore trial in the
loss of your gallant husband

Sincerely yours

Walter Somerville

Civ. Surgeon

No. 10 Left $\frac{1}{2}$ row B.C.



Blomfontein from the West

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A Boer camp

RAMC 438
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The Raa dy dal ...
... now du hospital -
... occupied at ...
... Senior ...

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Love relation of Joubert



RAMC 438

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A Curious Kogge
with farm in distance



Two villains!

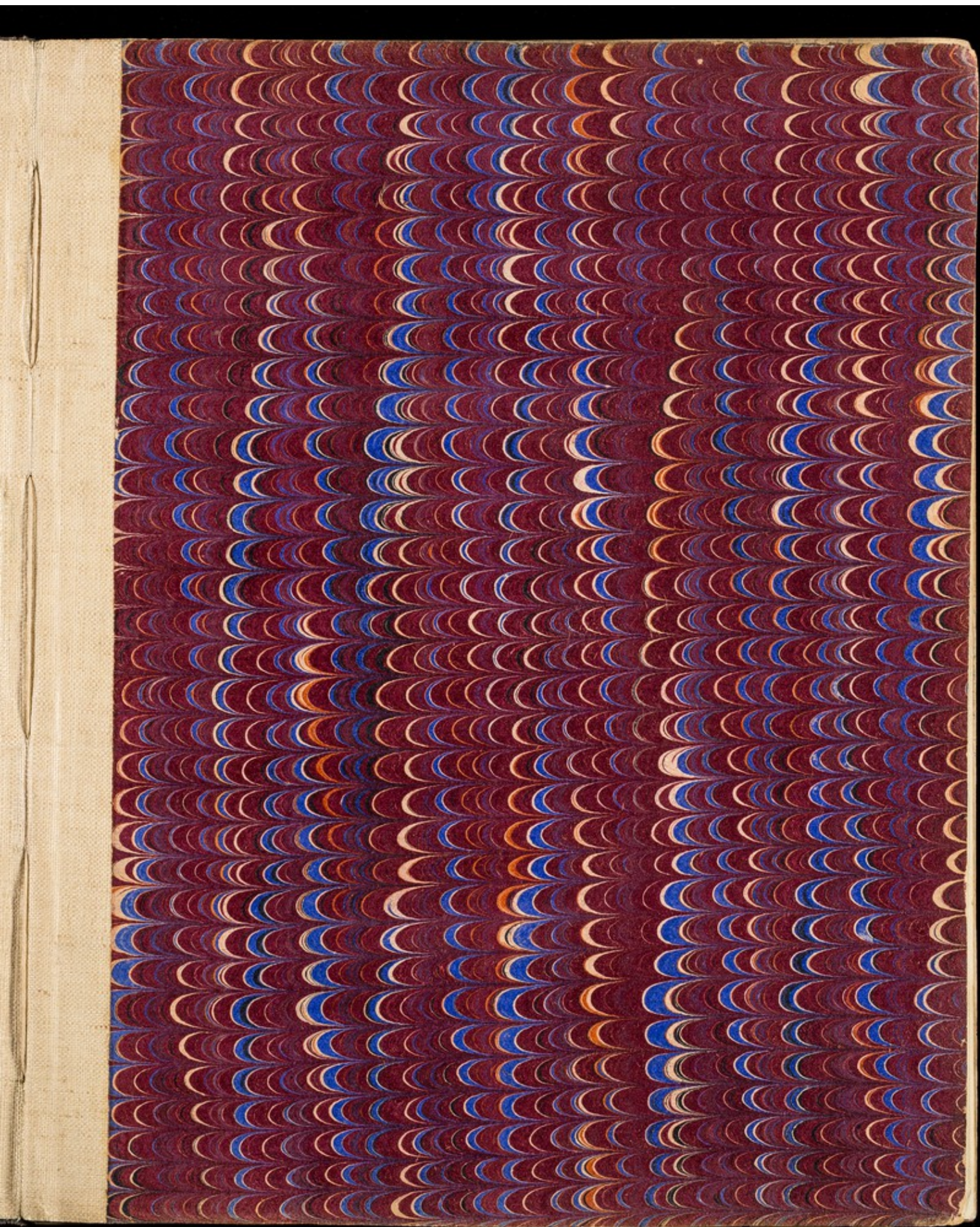
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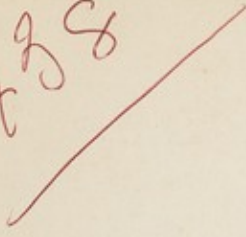
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THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918.

P T A R Y of the late Staff-Sergeant
J. H. Gibbons, Army Medical Corps,
From 20th June 1900
To 25th July 1901.

Kolan's Kraal,

3rd Cav. Bde. Division,

20th June 1900.

March at 7.30 in same direction as yesterday. Loss 3 miles.

x

x

x

March about 12 Miles in south direction. Trace of rain.

Villiersdorp,

Today, 25th June 1900.

Arrived here about noon. Loss 1 mile. Weekly field state

improved. More total loss of 41 miles. Cross the Vaal to-day.

3rd Cav. Bde. Division,

Yesterday, 25th June 1900.

March about 5 miles in the direction of Frankfort.

THE BOER WAR 1899-1902.

Frankfort,
Sunday 1st July 1900.
D I A R Y of the late Staff-Sergeant
March at 7 a.m. in direction of Frankfort.
J. R. Gibbons, Army Medical Corps,
behind with Field H.P. Arrive Frankfort.
From 28th June 1900
Captain Porter arranged for replacement of mules. Com-
mander three good ponies to replace mules.
To 6th July 1901.

Frankfort,
Monday 2nd July 1900.
Malan's Kraal,
3rd Cav. Bde. Bivouac,
28th June 1900.

Brigade halts here to-day but a large reconnoitring party
go out with maxims and get in touch with MacDonald's Brigade,
coming from Nalibon. Maxims being steadily repaired by H.P.
March at 7.30 in same direction as yesterday. Lose 3 mules.

x x x

March about 13 Miles in south direction. Issue of rum.

Villiersdorp,
Friday, 29th June 1900.

Arrived here about noon. Lose 1 mule. Weekly field state
rendered. Show total loss of 11 mules. Cross the Vaal to-day.

3rd Cav. Bde. Bivouac,
Saturday, 30th June 1900.

Whole force with Highland Bde. march to Frankfort.
March about 8 miles in the direction of Frankfort.

2.

Frankfort,

Sunday, 1st July 1900.

March at 7 a.m. in direction of Frankfort. Leave baggage behind with Field H.P. Arrive about 11 a.m. at Frankfort. Captain Porter arranged for repair of ambulance waggon. Commandeer three good ponies to replace mules.

Frankfort,

Monday 2nd July 1900.

Brigade halts here to-day, but a large reconnoitring party go out with maxim and get in touch with Gen. Macdonald's Brigade, coming from Heilbron. Waggon being strongly repaired by 3 R.A.A. wheelwrights. Five mules (no good) received from A.S.C. 2 to Field H.P.

Frankfort,

Tuesday 3rd July 1900.

Brigade still halting here. Pte. Harvey admitted to hospital. General Macdonald's Bde. arrive. Also about 1000 remounts.

3rd Cav. Bde. Bivouac,

Wednesday 4th July 1900.

Whole force with Highland Brigade in centre march from Frankfort/

3.

Frankfort at 8.30 a distance of 12 miles. Meet no Boers and bivouac.
(Hard lines) Stringent orders re looting.

3rd Cav. Bde. Bivouac,

Thursday, 5th July 1900.

Bde. halts till about 9 a.m. Sudden order to march as soon as possible. March about 10 miles and bivouac.

Reitz,

Friday, 6th July 1900.

March at 7.30 a.m. towards here. Arrive about 2.30 p.m.

Town deserted in morning by Boers, leaving a large number of sick prisoners. Usual tales of hardships etc.

Weekly state rendered showing a total of 11 sore backed ponies picked up on veldt to replace large loss of mules (52 mules remain).

Private Harvey shewn as left at Frankfort sick. Issue of rum. Waggonette commandeered as ambulance.

Bivouac,

Saturday, 7th July 1900.

Brigade marched at 7.30 a.m. in direction of Bethlehem for about 10 miles and halt. Many signs of recent Boer bivouacs near farms. Several (about a dozen) Boers come in to surrender. 3 ponies picked up for use in teams to replace mules,.

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Bethlehem,

Sunday, 8th July 1900.

Brigade marched at 7 a.m. and arrived here about noon.

The place in occupation by a force under Gen. Clements, who, after 2 days' fighting, drive the Boers out and captures one gun. Our loss:-60 casualties.

Three more ponies commandeered. Issue of Boer meal, very coarse, in lieu of biscuit.

Reits,

Thursday, 12th July 1900.

Bethlehem,

Monday, 9th July 1900.

Brigade rested hereto-day. Mend harness, mangers, and grease wheels of waggons.

Transport 22 sick for base to Bethlehem temporary hospital.

Mail left at 5 p.m.

Bethlehem,

Tuesday, 10th July 1900.

Brigade still halted here. Brigade ordered $\frac{3}{4}$ rations (except meat). Five more sick transferred to Field H.P. in Bethlehem preparatory to marching in morning.

Another mail left (or closed) at 3.30 p.m.

Issue of rum and cheese.

Halted/

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3rd Cav. Bde. Bivouac,

Wednesday, 11th July 1900.

The Brigade left Bethlehem with large number of empty wagons a sick convoy and 40 Boer prisoners en route for Heilbron at 8.30 a.m. Marched about 14 miles and bivouaced. Secure two more ponies for use in teams. (Very cold).

Reitz,

Thursday, 12th July 1900.

Brigade marched at 8. am. arrive here about 2 p.m. Cast off one pony. Draw 4 days' $\frac{3}{4}$ rations with Jam and rice.

3rd Cav. Bde. Bivouac,

Friday 13th July 1900.

Continued march towards Heilbron at 8.30 a.m. All ambulances utilised to transport additional number of sick from Reitz. March slowly about 11 miles. Arrive about 3.30 p.m. after halting and making milk etc. for patients about 2 miles from camp! Issue of rum and cheese.

Rumour of order to proceed north by rail from Heilbron.

3rd Bde. Bivouac,

Saturday, 14th July 1900.

Brigade with sick convoy etc. continued march towards Heilbron.

Halted/

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Halted at midday for food. Marched about 13 miles. Native Driver Guiss joined for duty this morning and posted to wagonette with 4 horses.

Heilbron,

Sunday 15th July 1900.

The Brigade marched at 8 a.m. Arrived at Heilbron about 3 p.m. Immediately handed over sick convoy to stationary hospital here. Later transferred 11 sick belonging to 3rd Cav. Bde. English mails arrive.

3rd Bde. Bivouac,

Monday 16th July 1900.

The Brigade left Heilbron this morning at 9 a.m. and marched about 15 miles towards Kroonstadt. Left broken Mk. IV. Ambulance with 10 span mule harness at Heilbron to be sent by train to C.O.O. Bloemfontein for repair.

3rd Bde. Bivouac,

Tuesday 17th July 1900.

Brigade marched at 8.30 a.m. towards Kroonstad a distance of about 16 miles. Arrive at Bivouac about 3.30 p.m.

Rumours of new orders received from Kroonstad directing the Brigade/

Brigade to march towards Lindley. In Brigade orders published last night Gen. Gordon, on leaving the Brigade to take command of the 1st Cav. Bde., thanks the troops for the work performed by them while under his command.

Issue of rum and preserved vegetables.

Four mules handed over to Field H.P.

3rd Cav. Bde. Bivouac.

Wednesday, 18th July '00.

The Brigade marched at 8 a.m. in the direction of Lindley a distance of about 14 miles. Arrive, after a one hour halt, about 3 p.m.

Brigade Order dated 17th inst. stated that Gen. Paget reports De Wet having broken through the cordon at Bethlehem is marching with about 1800 men towards Lindley.

3rd Cav. Bde. Bivouac,

Thursday, 19th July '00.

Brigade continued march in direction of Lindley at 8 a.m. After marching about 9 miles got in touch with the enemy, who were occupying a ~~xxxxx~~^{long} ridge about 5 miles north of Lindley. Detailed for duty with 17th Lancers to act as M.O. A vigorous shelling from two Boer guns first disclosed their position. These were silenced/

silenced by the accurate fire of our Pom Pom gun, and the Boer guns took up another position to the right and resumed shelling. Two 12-pounders of "R" Battery made excellent practice. Some 4 or 5 hundred Boers now made an attempt to turn our right flank, but were prevented by the two other guns of "R" Battery, a force of M. I., and 9th Lancers. A serious attack now took place in our rear. A large Boer force had worked round by our left flank and tried hard to cut our baggage column. All dismounted men, A.S.C., Cooks, Servants etc., were hurried out to meet the attack and succeeded after an hour and a half's heavy fighting and with the valuable assistance of the Pom Pom gun, to repel the enemy with considerable loss to them. Our casualties were fortunately small, only about a dozen cases of G.S. wounds occurred during the whole day, and no serious case. We bivouacked on this position for the night.

3rd Cav. Bde. Bivouac,

Friday, 20th July 1900.

The Brigade "Stand to" at day break. Dismounted men sent out to occupy positions of last night. Two more men wounded by Boer outposts. About noon the Brigade retires back to previous bivouac a distance of about 9 miles, and bivouac for the night. Convoy safely arrives from Kroonstad. Field state rendered, shewing 47 mules and 18 horses.

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3rd Cav. Bde. Bivouac,

Saturday 21st July '00.

This morning occupied in drawing rations (3 days'), and dispatching convoy of wounded and sick to Kroonstad. About 8 a.m. some Boer outposts came near enough to cause the Pom Pom and a squadron to turn out. The enemy were cleared off by a few shell and some rifle firing - no casualties. The Brigade marched about 12.30 in a northerly direction about 8 miles. Enemy supposed to be in force at Paardekraal on the Heilbron-Kroonstad road. Two native drivers, "Jack" and "Jim II" sent to Kroonstad with Convoy for discharge.

Near Paardekraal,

Sunday, 22nd July '00.

The 9th Lancers and Pom Pom gun make a reconnaissance towards here at 6 a.m. The Brigade follow at noon. No signs of enemy.

Issue trousers to the following:-S. Sergt. Chowne, Ptes. Pestell, Wilkinson, Medlar, and Pooley. Also one pair of socks to S. Sergt. Gibbons, Pte. Wilkinson, Cpl. Snowden, S. Sergt. Chowne, and Pte. Pooley.

Rhenoster River,

Monday, 23rd July '00.

After a severe storm of wind and rain during most of last night
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the Brigade moved off at 7 a.m. (very wet) in a northerly direction towards the railway line. Arrive at Roodeval Station about 3 p.m. cross line to western side, cross the Rhenoster River, and bivouac on hill north of that river. The Brigade march about 16 miles during day. Learn at Roodeval Station that De Wet had captured another train containing medical comforts and about 70 men, had crossed to western side of line, after doing considerable damage, and was in position among a range of hills about 7 miles away. Mules and ponies are knocked up with the severe weather overnight and tedious long march over heavy ground. Lose two mules cast off - done up.

Draw 3 days' rations and forage at Roodeval Station.

Near Villikop,

Tuesday 24th July 1900.

Another long trying march to this place. Teams very weak with the excessive marching and much in need of a rest. Gen. Broadwood engaged the enemy to-day, who occupied a range of kopjes to the west of railway line. Indecisive result, but we capture 5 wagons containing forage etc. A force of infantry arrive here to-night. Lose three ponies - left on veldt, done up.

Issue of rum and jam.

Near/

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Near Villikop,

Wednesday 25th July 1900.

The Brigade "Stands to" at 8 a.m., but baggage don't inspan. No move to-day. Large reconnoitring parties go out. Enemy still in same strong position. Another severe storm of wind and rain from 5 p.m. till early morning, causing much suffering and discomfort to troops, who are without tents. Mules and ponies suffer greatly. Issue of rum.

3rd Cav. Bde. Bivouac,

Near Vredefort,

Thursday, 26th July 1900.

(My Birthday).

The Brigade halts here to-day. Two mules found dead this morning through effects of storm. Several others are also likely to die. Go out for stray horses or ponies to replace losses. Find two very suitable ponies.

Pardekraal,

Friday 27th July 1900.

The Brigade moved suddenly at 9 a.m. to the left of Boer position. The 2nd Cav. Bde. also moving in the same direction. After taking up position on a hill about noon the Boers opened fire with/

with two guns. An Artillery duel continued till dusk, without any casualties on our side. The 3rd Cav. Bde. moved off to the left of the hill and bivouacked for the night.

Several good ponies caught on the veldt to replace casualties amongst mules.

3rd Cav. Bde. Bivouac,

Tuesday, 31st July 1900.

The Brigade halted here

3rd Cav. Bde. Bivouac (Near Vredersfort)

Saturday 28th July 1900.

Brigade halted here to-day. Weekly field state rendered last night shewing 29 mules remaining (a loss during the week of 18), 31 ponies shown. A return called for showing number of mules required to complete establishment. Thirty mules shown as required.

Wednesday, 1st August 1900.

3rd Cav. Bde. Bivouac (Near Vredefort),

Sunday 29th July 1900.

The Brigade still halting here. Telegrams published with last night's orders stating that Piet De Wet had surrendered at Kroonstad with 600 men, that Mrs (?) Steyn had fallen into our hands, and that General Hunter had closely surrounded remainder of Boer force in Bethlehem and taken Ficksburg.

3rd Cav. Bde. Bivouac,

Aliewen Kopje,

Monday 30th July 1900.

The Brigade marched at 2.30 p.m. six miles southward towards extreme right of enemy's position. Camp carefully selected in anticipation of a few days' halt.

3rd Cav. Bde. Bivouac,

Arleik Tuesday, 31st July 1900.

The Brigade halted here to-day. Enemy's position shelled by naval guns with Lyddite for some hours. Great damage to Boer laager reported. The 9th Lancers with Pom Pom gun go out to reconnoitre. A small outpost of the 9th L. surprised and attacked, but manage to escape with loss of two horses.

Wednesday, 1st August 1900.

(Same Bivouac).

Sudden order at 4 a.m. to march towards a place called Paris, where Boer force expected (on reliable information) to break thro'. March at 5.30 a.m. distance of about 10 miles past the whole front of our position towards our right and pass old bivouacking ground. No trace of enemy, so after a short halt the Brigade returned here, arriving at dusk. In our absence a small force left here were heavily engaged and had to be reinforced by 2 battalions of infantry and a battery of guns of Gen. Hart's brigade. Enemy driven back

Thursday/

vicinity a distance of Thursday, 1st. Receive 5 mules com-
mandeered by A.S.C. English Arleim Kopje, 2nd August 1900. day.

The Brigade halted here to-day. Search for stray horses
yielded 2 suitable animals to replace sick mules.

Sergt. Chowne left for Kroonstad this morning at 7 a.m. for
clothing and necessaries. Arleim Kopje,

Friday, 3rd August 1900.

The Brigade still halting here. fort,

Monday 5th August 1900.

The Brigade halt here Same Bivouac, saw 4 days' Groceries and 2
days' forage, with jam and Saturday 4th August 1900. English mail

leave The Brigade suddenly called out at 10 a.m. Severe firing
heard for a considerable time towards our left front, which proved
to be Genl. Knox's force advancing to occupy some kopjes on our
left. The Brigade advanced to our front, took up a position,
halted about 3 hours and returned to camp.

With to-night's orders is published for information the news
of the assassination of the King of Italy and death of the Duke
of Edinburgh. We marched at 2 p.m. in the direction of the Vaal.

Draw one day's rations and issue of rum.

Thursday 9th Augt. 1900.

Crossed the Vaal. Sunday, 5th August 1900.

The Brigade marched at 7. 30 a.m. to our first camp in this
vicinity/ Friday/

vicinity a distance of about 13 miles. Receive 6 mules commandeered by A.S.C. English mail arrives. No firing to-day. Enemy's strength estimated at 3,600. Orders for to-morrow:-

"Stand to at 6 a.m."

Sergt. Chowne left for Kroonstad this morning at 7 a.m. for clothing and necessaries.

Near Vredefort, 10. 1900.

Marched to Klipkrans. Monday 6th August 1900.

The Brigade halt here to-day. Draw 4 days' Groceries and 2 days' forage, with jam and rum. Bake good bread. English mail leaves to-morrow at 8.30 a.m.

Monday 13th Augt. 1900.

Hard on the trek. Near Paris, De Wet.

Tuesday 7th August 1900.

Brigade halt here to-day. De Wet's Nek,

Thursday, 14th Augt. 1900.

After a trying time Wednesday, 8th August 1900. Arrived here at

day. The Brigade marched at 2 p.m. in the direction of the Vaal.

Following ever since he escaped from his original position opposite Vredefort. We left at Thursday 9th Augt. 1900. Light last night

to Crossed the Vaal. Inger of De Wet. We failed. A skirmish took place between the Boer outposts and our advanced pickets at

day. Friday/

Friday, 10th Augt. 1900.

A long march to Walverheind Railway Station.

Very hard times.

Saturday, 11th Augt. 1900.

Marched to Uitkyk.

Sunday, 12th Augt. 1900.

Marched to Klipkraus.

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Monday 13th Augt. 1900.

Hard on the trek all day! After De Wet.

Oliphant's Nek,

Tuesday, 14th Augt. 1900.

After a trying time for the last few days we arrived here at daybreak close on the heels of De Wet, whom we have been closely following ever since he escaped from his critical position opposite Vredefort. We left camp at 2 a.m. in bright moonlight last night to try to catch up the laager of De Wet. We failed. A skirmish took place between the Boer outposts and our advanced pickets at dayd.

dawn among some brushwood close to this position resulting in the wounding of 6 men and Col. De Lisle, M.I.

One case of g.s. wound of knee (soft-nosed bullet) had to have leg amputated. This successfully accomplished by Capt. Porter. Two other serious cases, wound of scrotum, urethra and buttock and two fractures of leg.

The troope bivouacked on this ground for the night.

Made crutches for Capt. Porter's bad leg.

3rd Cav. Bde. Bivouac,

Wednesday, 15th August 1900.

The Brigade suddenly received orders last night to march at 1 a.m. to relieve Col. Hoare with a small force who are holding a position at Eland's River and in sore straits. The Brigade ordered to start at 8 a.m. March about 18 miles in a westerly direction and bivouac.

Eland's River Fort,

Brakfontein,

Thursday 16th Augt. 1900.

The Brigade marched at 6 a.m. Arrive here about noon. Found all safe, the garrison having made a successful and gallant defence.

Eland's/

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Eland's River, Brakfontein,

Friday, 17th Augt. 1900.

The Force halted here to-day. (Bake bread and wash etc.)

Visit position held by Col. Hoare's force. Interesting sights.

Punishment:- Native Driver MacJordan fined 10/- for refusing

to obey an order. (ought Eland's River, Brakfontein,

Draw 3 days' groceries Friday, 17th Augt. 1900.

The 3rd Cav. Bde. and original force remain here. The remainder proceed eastwards towards Pretoria. News reached here to-day that De Wet has again escaped from his position at Oliphant's Nek. The force marched at 5.15 a.m. towards Zeerust and reached

this place at noon (about 15 miles march).

Wilkinson's ambulance Brakfontein, (be bent) but repaired en route.

Saturday, 18th Augt. 1900.

This Brigade awaits Lord Methuen's force to join here before marching westwards, rumoured to Mafeking.

Received £1 advance of pay from Capt. Porter. 1900.

The Brigade marched at 5.30 a.m. and arrived here at noon.

The Boers left here at 8 Brakfontein, quality occurred among the

outposts, (a Sergeant of the Sunday 19th Augt. 1900. Lost 2

animals) The force under Methuen arrived here last night. We march

at 5 a.m. towards Mafeking and halt at 11 a.m.

Zeerust/

Wonderfontein/

Wonderfontein, 19th Aug. 1900.

The Brigade halt here 8 miles west of Brakfontein, (Breed).

Another man killed by Boer snipe Monday 20th Augt. 1900. sent with in

a coy. The Brigade halt here. sent.

Punishment:- Native Driver MacJordan fined 10/- for refusing to obey an order. (ought to have been flogged).

Draw 3 days' groceries and one day's forage. 1900.

The Brigade halted here to-day. Draw 4 days' groceries and

2 days' forage. Issue Roodesfontein,

Tuesday 21st Augt. 1900.

The force marched at 5.15 a.m. towards Zeerust and reached this place at noon (about 15 miles march). sent of Zeerust,

Wilkinson's ambulance injured (axle bent) but repaired en route. Brigade under orders to proceed to Pretoria. All dismounted

men sick and sick horses proceed to Mafeking with Mahu's horses.

The Brigade marched to Zeerust, 2 p.m. and encountered the enemy among the thick bush. Wednesday, 22nd August 1900. little

wound. The Brigade marched at 5.30 a.m. and arrived here at noon.

The Boers left here at 8 a.m. One casualty occurred among the outposts, (a Sergeant of the 17th L. being killed). Lost 2 animals during to-day's long march, but pickup 4 good donkeys.

Sunday 26th Augt. 1900.

The Brigade marched Zeerust/ in the direction of Pretoria.

Halted/

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Zeerust, 23rd Augt. 1900.

The Brigade halt here to-day (wash clothes and bake bread).

Another man killed by Boer snipers, who are prowling about within a couple of miles off our front.

Zeerust,

Friday, 24th August, 1900.

The Brigade halted here to-day. Draw 4 days' groceries and 2 days' forage. Issue of rum.

Botha's Farm,

5 miles s. east of Zeerust,

Saturday, 25th August 1900.

The Brigade under orders to proceed to Pretoria. All dismounted men sick and sick horses proceed to Mafeking with Melhuen's force.

The Brigade marched to here about 2 p.m. and encountered the enemy among the thick bush in front. Brigadier General Little wounded, also one man of 17th L. The Brigade after some severe skirmishing amongst the bush bivouacked close by Botha's Farm.

Doornhoek,

Sunday 26th Augt. 1900.

The Brigade marched at 7 a.m. in the direction of Pretoria.

Halted/

Halted at 10 a.m. for 2 hours. One ambulance complete with ten mules and harness ordered to proceed with Methuen's force to Mafeking by order of Col. Townsend, R.A.M.C. The Brigade continued march at 10 ~~xxx~~ noon and immediately encountered a large force of Boers. After heavy rifle fire on both sides the enemy were driven off with the R.H.A. 12 pounders and Pom Pom gun. Our casualties were slight, only 4 men wounded in 3rd Cav. Bde. and 2 in Colonial Divn. The Brigade continued march to here and bivouacked. Pte. Longstaff, R.A.M.C. accompanied the ambulance detailed to proceed to Mafeking. Issue of rum. Two native drivers and (?) also accompanied the above.

Grootfontein,

Monday, 27th August 1900.

The Brigade marched at 5.30 a.m. Halted about 10 a.m. for about 3 hours, and arrived here about 4 p.m. Forage plentiful and horses, mules etc. of ambulances going strong.

Mablestad,

Tuesday, 28th August 1900.

The force marched at 6 a.m. Colonial Division leading. No halt to-day. Arrived here at noon after a march of about 13 miles. Lost one donkey, left sick on veldt. Others well. There is a daily issue of rum at present.

Bleufontein/

Bleufontein,

Wednesday, 29th Augt. 1900.

The Brigade marched at 6 a.m. Halted at 10 a.m. till 12 noon and arrived at this old Bivouac at 3 p.m. We are now about 60 miles west of Pretoria.

No rum. All issued.

No coffee. Only raw beans and only 2 ozs. of sugar per ration.

Thursday 30th Augt. 1900.

A very severe storm raged all night, wind rain, thunder and lightning. Great discomfort to troops, who are without tents. The Brigade moved off at 7.30 a.m. and marched about nine miles to this bivouac in a steady downpour of rain. Luckily the weather cleared up this afternoon and enabled troops to dry clothing. About 300 Boers and 3 guns are reported to have gone through this part yesterday in the direction of Pochestroom.

Draw 3 days' groceries (raw coffee and Beans and 2 ozs. of sugar.

Some Boer snipers fired on our mules our grazing. Pom Pom gun went out, but they cleared off.

Krugersdorp,

On the morning of the 31st ultimo the force marched at 5.30 a.m. towards this place. We had not gone more than/

than 5 miles when firing was heard on the left of the road among the outposts. This was at 7 a.m. and a misty haze was hanging over the veldt. This presently cleared and disclosed the fact that the Boers were holding a range of loose rocks on the left of the road. The outposts were quickly supported by the whole of the Colonial Division, and a serious engagement developed, which lasted till dark. Ambulances and medical aid were soon required. At about 8 a.m. S.S. Gibbons with Pte. Wilkinson and his ambulance brought the first two cases in from the left of the firing line; but during the remainder of the day it was impossible to reach the very front of the firing line as the range was only about 200 yards or less at some places. About noon an attempt was made by Capt. Porter with S.S. Gibbons, Cpl. Snowden and an ambulance to reach some cases. About 150 yards were covered under a heavy fire, when a perfect volley was fired at short range from the Boer position. Luckily no one was hit, but one of the animals in the wagon was shot through the back, compelling return down the hill, it being evident that the Boers would not allow the wounded to be removed. Several cases managed to crawl back out of the firing line and were promptly dressed. Just as it was getting dark the order was sent for the whole force to retire. The baggage, ammunition and Field H.P. had gone off the roadway to the right early in the day after being shelled by the Boers and some long range rifle fire, killing some animals. Our 4 guns in action during the day seemed to do very little good, as the Boers were strongly placed among some loose rocks.

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It being impossible for Bearer Coy. to retire with the troops at dusk owing to so many of the wounded being still on the ground, as soon as the firing ceased and our troops had safely retreated after the baggage column, lamps were lit and the few of us with the wagons proceeded up the hill once more in search of our wounded. We soon collected about 15, but while so engaged the Boers surrounded us making us prisoners. This somewhat hampered us in our work. After considerable delay we managed to render first aid to all the cases. Major Thompson with his orderly having joined in the work. The Boer Commandant ordered us now to bring up all our wagons from the foot of the hill, and under an escort we were conducted to the Boer laager behind their position, although Major Thompson and Captain PPorter strongly protested against this proceeding. We arrived in the Boer Laager about 2.30 a.m. and about 3.30 after the patients had been given Bovril, milk and stimulants we managed to be down for about an hour's rest.

The Boer Commandant made considerable fuss over arms being found in the ambulances, though only used as thigh splints. We were told that the Boer General De la Ray had been communicated with and had to wait till his arrival in the laager about 9 a.m. before it was settled how we were to be disposed of.

After Capt. Porter had had a lengthy interview with De la Ray it was decided that we should be allowed to proceed to a farm about 2 miles/

miles in rear of the laager, redress our wounded, and perform several urgent operations, bury our dead, and then be allowed to proceed towards Krugersdorp. One of our wounded had died in the early morning. This made 9 killed and 13 most seriously wounded cases. Counting other casualties sent to the rear earlier in the day a total of 43.

By night fall on the 1st we were ready to move off towards our own camp. It had been a most trying and fatiguing day for all of us. but in a good moonlight we started off about 6.30 p.m. towards Krugersdorp, marching about 8 miles. We halted about midnight very tired, the wounded having borne the journey fairly well.

At dawn on the morning of the 2nd after a good breakfast, we proceeded towards our camp. Halted about noon to water mules and make bovril and refreshments for the wounded. Fired on by a party of Boers while preparing to continue march.. No one hit. Continued march till 8 p.m.. After a halt of two hours we continued our march, and arrived at Krugersdorp about 2.30 p.m., having completed a march of about 50 miles in 32 hours., with two amputation cases and 6 other serious cases amongst our wounded needing frequent halts and attention. The Brigade left here early this morning to march for Johannesburg, leaving the Br. Coy to hand over the wounded to the hospital.

The most of Brigade have now entrained. Field H.P. and Br. Coy. proceed by the 5th train. 3/ Lt. Porter, 2 men and 4 boys proceeded

to-day/

26.

to-day to Kroonstad to 3 miles from Johannesburg, and miles

3/9/00.

We arrived here this evening, leaving Krugersdorp at 1 p.m. ,
all of us being very done up with the work of the last few days.
The effort to reach Bde. Camp abandoned till tomorrow. 10 a.m.

to-morrow.

Johannesburg,

Tuesday 4th Sept. 1900.

Arrived here this morning about 9 a.m. and halt for the day.
The Brigade under orders to proceed to Elandsfontein there to entrain
for Kroonstad. 8 a.m. to-morrow morning.

Elandsfontein,

Wednesday, 5th September 1900.

The Brigade marched at 9 a.m. to this place to entrain.

Elandsfontein,

Thursday, 6th September 1900.

The Brigade halted heretoday. No trains yet available. Sergt.

Chewne rejoined. 39 miles drawn from Remount Establishment.

Elandsfontein,

Saturday, 8th Sept. 1900.

The most of Brigade have now entrained. Field H.P. and Br. Coy,
proceed by the 5th train. Capt. Porter, 2 men and 4 boys proceeded
to-day/

27.

to-day to Kroonstad to arrange drawing of stores and mules

Issue clothing to the men

Elandsfontein,

Sunday 9th Sept. 1900.

The Field H.P. and Br. Coy. proceed to entrain at 10 a.m. to-morrow.

Viljoen's Drift Station,

Monday, 10th Sept. 1900.

Left Elandsfontein at 1 p.m. to-day. arrived here at 5 p.m. and halt till 5 a.m. to-morrow morning.

to sick lines. Capt. Perle's horse died. Day passed as usual.

Kopje Station,

Tuesday, 11th Sept. 1900.

Arrived and halted here at 5 p.m.

Kroonstad,

Wednesday, 12th Sept. 1900.

Arrived here at noon and disentrained at 4.30 p.m. Lce. Sergt. Chowne rejoined. 39 mules drawn from Remount Establishment.

from A.S.C. for 4 wheeled carts. Total of mules 52.

Kroonstad/

Kroonstad, 13th Sept. 1900.

Issue clothing to the following:-

S. Sergt. Gibbons, Lce. Sergt. Chowne, Cpl. Snowden,
Lce. Corpl. Orgar, Ptes. Wilkinson, Medlar, Pooley, Pöstel. also
to Pte. Gunderson, A.S.C., (attached). Corpl. Orgar proceeded to
B'fontein for Stores.

Monday, 17th Sept. 1900.

Lce. Corpl. Orgar re Kroonstad, B'fontein with stores.

The following taken on 14th Sept. 1900.

Brigade still halted here. Receive one 10 span 2 six span
harness. Inspection of animals by P. Vet. Officer. 7 mules sent
to sick lines. Capt Porter's horse ditto. Pay issued as under:-

Natives £55

R.A.M.C. 16

£71 18th Sept. 1900.

Received to-day 6 water bottles with straps complete, also

Brassards 34.

Kroonstad,

Saturday, 15th Sept. 1900.

Inspection of Brigade by Gen. Knox at 9.30 a.m. 4 Mules
from A.S.C. for 4 wheeled Cape Cart. Total of mules 52.

Draw 3 helmets and issue to S. Sergt. Gibbons, Drv. Gunderson

(A.S.C.) and Pte. Wilkinson.

Kroonstad/

Kroonstad/

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Kroonstad,

Sunday, 16th Sept. 1900.

Returned to O.C. Transport 3rd Cav. Bde. 10 span harness - one
6 span harness - one. both unserviceable. Change camp at 5 p.m.

Kroonstad,

Kroonstad, 21st Sept. 1900.

Received from Ordnance 5 Monday, 17th Sept. 1900. candles, and
12 pi Lce. Corpl Orgar rejoined from B'fontein with stores. to be
colle The following taken on charge from O.C. Transport, 3rd Cav.
Bde.:-

4 wheeled Cape Cart.

6 mules with harness complete. 3 Sept. 1900.

Brigade receive sudden orders to march at 6.30 a.m. to-morrow.
Prade at 6.30 in front of Kroonstad,

Tuesday 18th Sept. 1900.

Received to-day 6 water bottlēs with straps complete, also
brassards 24. Sunday, 23rd Sept. 1900.

The Brigade marched at 6.30 a.m. in a north-easterly direction
a distance of about 16 mi Kroonstad, quacked for the night. One mule
rest during halt at noon. Wednesday 19th Sept. 1900.

Draw 3 helmets and issue to S.Sergt. Gibbons. Drv. Gunderson
(A.S.C.) and Pte. Wilkinson. Cav. Bds. Bivouac,

Monday, 24th Sept. 1900.
Kroonstad/

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Kroonstad,

Thursday, 20th Sept. 1900.

The Brigade under orders to march on Monday.

Kroonstad,

Friday, 21st Sept. 1900.

Received from Ordnance 5 dist'g flags, 6 lantern candles, and 12 picketing lines with 12 pegs. All surplus kit ordered to be collected and stored in Kroonstad.

Kroonstad,

Saturday, 22nd Sept. 1900.

Brigade receive sudden orders to march at 6.30 a.m. to-morrow. Prade at 6.30 in front of camp.

3rd Cav. Bde. Bivouac,

Sunday, 23rd Sept. 1900.

The Brigade marched at 6.30 a.m. in a north-easterly direction a distance of about 16 miles and bivouacked for the night. One mule cast during halt at noon.

3rd Cav. Bde. Bivouac,

Monday, 24th Sept. 1900.

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The Brigade marched at 6 a.m. to this Bivouac, a distance of 10 miles and bivouacked at noon. No signs of Boers during the morning. One mule lost while grazing from Pte. Wilkinson's wagon. "Jenoz", native driver, fined £1 for negligence in consequence. The Boers wounded one of our outposts during the afternoon.

Thursday 27th Sept. 1900.
3rd Cav. Bde. Bivouac,

Tuesday, 25th Sept. 1900.

The Brigade marched in same direction as yesterday at 6 a.m. Our advance party get in touch with party of enemy about 10 a.m.

We halt and bivouac close to a farm at 1 p.m. At 3.30 p.m. the Brigade surprised by big gun shelling our camp. The whole of Brigade immediately turned out. The enemy clear off towards the east, after being shelled by our guns.

Casualties:- 2 wounded in bivouac by shell fire, but no casualties with rifle fire.

The Brigade moved forward about $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile to a better position and bivouac for night.

Grootvélle,

Wednesday 26th Sept. 1900.

The Brigade marched at 5.15 a.m. towards Heilbron and soon became engaged with the enemy, who was driven off towards the east. We halted about two hours at Heilbron, where we met the Colonial Division/

Division under General Dalgetty. Continued march in northerly direction towards this place a distance of about 15 miles from Heilbron. The Brigade under orders to halt here to-morrow.

Grootville,

Thursday 27th Sept. 1900.

The Brigade halted here to-day. One ambulance and twobuck wagons conveyed sick and wounded by convoy to Vredefort to-day en route for Kroonstad. One mule showing signs of "glanders" shot by order of vet. officer.

Grootvlei,

Friday, 28th Sept. 1900.

The Brigade halted here to-day. Pte. Wilkinson with ambulance returned this afternoon from Vredefort. Weekly field state rendered to-day showing loss of three mules during the week. English mail arrives (dated 31/8/00.)

Uitkijk,

Saturday 29th Sept. 1900.

The Brigade marched at 6 a.m. towards this place. Halted at noon for 1½ hours. Pick up pony.

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30th September 1900.

The Brigade marched at 9 a.m. towards this place a distance of 6 miles. A convoy of empty wagons left at 1.30 p.m. from here to Rhenoster River for supplies, taking 2 sick. Monthly Casualty Report rendered.

Monday, 1st October , 1900.

The Brigade halted here to-day. Several parties went out this morning in different directions to collect or destroy forage and food stuffs in the various houses and farms. The convoy arrived this evening with forage and rations from Rhenoster River.

4 miles S.W. of Heilbron,

Tuesday 2nd October 1900.

The Brigade marched here to-day, starting at 6 a.m., and after a trying march without a halt of more than a few minutes arrived at this bivouac about noon, a distance of about 16 miles. We are now about 4 miles south west of Heilbron. (Issue of rum and jam).

4 miles S.W. of Heilbron,

Wednesday 3rd Oct. 1900.

The Brigade halted here to-day. Patrols go out in different directions and destroy farms. Several reports of farms being blown

up/

up heard during forenoon. A milch cow served out to Fd. H.P. and Br. Coy. A.S.C.

Kopjes Station,

Thursday, 4th Oct. 1900.

The Brigade marched to this place today. Leaving Bivouac at 6 a.m. march about 16 miles and halt at noon till 2.30 p.m. Continue march and arrive here at 6 p.m. a distance of about 30 miles.

Kopjes Station,

Friday, 5th Oct. 1900.

The Brigade halt here to-day. English mail arrives dated 7/9/00. Weekly field state rendered showing 1 off. 1 s.s.8 men, 14 Drv. and 55 mules.

Kopjes Station,

6 - 10 - 00.

Pay Lists of R.A.M.C. and Natives issued. The Brigade halt here to-day. Firing of heavy guns heard away to our right.

Near Kopje Aileen,

Sunday 7th Oct. 1900.

The Brigade suddenly ordered to march towards this place about 2.30 p.m. Arrive at dusk. Orders for to-morrow march at 8 a.m. Enemy/

Enemy supposed to be in position on Aliween Kopje near our old camp 2 months ago. Reveille at 6 a.m. tomorrow. Three good mules picked up on veldt to-day.

Aileen Kopje,

Monday 8th October 1900.

The Brigade marched at 8 a.m. to this place (about 8 miles). Shortly after arrival the whole Brigade with one ambulance went out in search of a body of the enemy reported in laager some miles to our right. Returned at 4 p.m. after a fruitless search.

Kopje Aileen,

Tuesday 9th Oct. 1900.

The Brigade halt here to-day. Nothing unusual occurred. A cart left for English mail to railway line at 6 a.m.

Kopje Aileen,

Wednesday 10th Oct. 1900.

The Brigade still halting here to-day. A foraging party consisting of one squadron and a number of buck wagons go out at 8 a.m. Get little but mealies. O.C. commanding units ordered to telegraph to Pretoria to D.A.G. numbers of men of Clauses "A" and "B" Reserve and men in 8th year of service in event of demobilization.

Mail closes at 7 a.m. to-morrow. Pte. Medlar proceeds with
convoy/

convoy to-morrow to railway line for passage to Cape Town en route for home to A Reserve. (re A. O. No 1 22 Augt 1900).

Kopje Aileen,

Thursday, 11th October 1900.

The Brigade still halting here. The mail closed at 7 a.m. this morning. Pte. Medlar left here this morning at 8.30 a.m. with convoy for Cape Town for passage home to A Reserve in accord. with A. O. No 1 22/8/00. 5147 Pte. T. Powles, 17th Lancers, joins the Bearer Coy. for duty in relief of Pte. Medlar.

Monday, 12th October 1900.

Halt here to-day. Kroonstad, destroyed all farms within a radius of 10 miles. This Friday, 12th Oct. 1900. About 10.30 a.m. the Brigade received sudden order to proceed to here at once. Left Aileen Kopje about noon and arrived here at 8 p.m. after a trying long march of about 24 miles. (S.S. Gibbons and Pte. Pestell were out about 5 miles foraging for wood when order arrived but managed to join camp in time to move off). One mule left exhausted on veldt.

Tuesday, 16th Oct. 1900.

Marched from Kroonstad, in a north-westerly direction. Destroyed all farms en route. Saturday, 13th Oct. 1900. Draw 8 mules from Remount Department and return 4 to Vet. Field Hospital. The Brigade halted here to-day, but march south at 8 a.m. to-morrow. Receive 6 padlocks and keys for wagon lockers, 1 screw driver/

driver, 2 disting flags, and 4 directing flags from Ordnance Stores.

Richmond,

Boschrand,

Sunday 14th Oct. 1900.

The Brigade marched at 8.30 a.m. leaving all sick, and arrive here at noon after a dusty march of about 9 miles south of Kroonstad. No orders to-night. The Brigade halts here.

Boschrand,

Monday, 15th October 1900.

Halt here to-day. Parties go out and destroy all farms within a radius of 10 miles. This is in consequence of attacks in this part of the railway line. English mail arrives to-night. A sad accident occurred early this morning to a man of the 16th Lancers. He got thrown from his horse and dragged by stirrup about 500 yards. Died soon after admission to Field Hospital.

Reitgot,

Tuesday, 16th Oct. 1900.

Marched from Boschrand at 8 a.m. in a north-westerly direction. Destroyed all farms en route. Our advance guards got in touch with the enemy about 2 p.m. The Boers occupied a Kopje on our left, but were driven off with 2 wounded on our side.

Richmond/

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Richmond,

Near Sneel's Farm,

Wednesday, 17th Oct. 1900.

Continued march in the same direction as yesterday. Got in touch with the 21st Inf. Bde. and a force of Cavalry under Gen. Hunter on our right flank. The Boers again discovered in considerable numbers on our left. They surprised, captured and wounded a patrol of the 16th Lancers in advance. Heavy firing continued for about one hour and the Boers driven off with 4 casualties on our side, one man dying on reaching the Fd. H.P. having 4 bullet wounds. Bivouacked here near the scene of action, with the 21st Bde. and cavalry close by.

Richmond, Snell's Farm,

Thursday, 18th Oct. 1900.

The Brigade moved out, leaving Bivouac standing, also leaving baggage, at 8 a.m. Destroyed several farms within a radius of 9 miles from this place and returned about 4 p.m. having only encountered a few stray Boers early in the day.

Friday, 19th Oct. 1900.

The whole force under Gen. Hunter marched at 6 a.m. baggage at 6.15 a.m. in a north westerly direction for about 8 miles, covering much/

much the same ground as yesterday. Then the direction changed towards the north. At midday the whole force halted here. Good water supply. Our scouts report only small parties of Boers. We are now about 8 miles from a village called Bothaville, to which place the 14th Lancers with the Pom Pom proceed at 6 a.m. to reconnoitre. The Brigade proceeds at 9 a.m. on receiving their report. No casualties to-day except two slight cases of falls from horse. Weekly field state rendered to-day shewing 61 mules remaining ~~at~~ 4 left sick and 8 received at Kroonstad. Otherwise same as last return. of relieving a small force hooped in somewhere near here, but found it relieved and safe. Got in touch with force from Kimberley (Diamond Rd. Ho Bothaville, patient, Ste. King, 16th L., admitted to hospital this even Saturday, 20th Oct. 1900.

The whole force under Gen. Hunter left the Bivouac at 10 a.m. after heliograph message from advance force was received. Arrived here about 2 p.m. Found 47 Boers loyal, who had been left in prison by the Boers. Also a British medical officer, nursing sister and orderly, who have been here some months, having been left by Lord Methuen's force with sick and wounded. The Brigade, minus baggage, and Fd. H.P. leave at 5 a.m. for Commando Drift, on Vaal, where we are supposed to encounter a Boer force. Two days' ration taken. ply was still left in our water cart. Two more sick, one officer and one man, slight cases of heat stroke. A hot day!

Commando/

Commando Drift,

Sunday, 21st Oct. 1900.

The Brigade left at 4.45 a.m. crossed the Walsch River at Bothaville and marched in a north westerly direction to here. Halted at midday for about one hour to water mules etc. No signs of Boers until reaching the Vaal River here, where a little sniping occurred among the outposts of 17th Lancers. Arrived here about 4 p.m. after a hot march over heavy sandy soil for 30 miles. Rumours to-night that the object of this move to-day was for the purpose of relieving a small force hemmed in somewhere near here, but found it relieved and safe. Got in touch with force from Kimberley (Diamond Fd. Horse). One patient, Dte. Ring, 16th L., admitted to hospital this evening. Temp. 102.6.

3rd Bde. Bivouac,

Monday, 22nd Oct. '00.

Left the Vaal at 8 a.m. this morning and travelled about 15 miles, retracing our steps towards Bothaville. The Brigade bivouacked on a spot where little or any water was obtainable, the horses even refusing to drink of the black mud solution which was all the watering available. Fortunately for the Bearer Coy. a sufficient supply was still left in our water cart. Two more sick, one officer and one man, slight cases of heat stroke. A hot day!

Near/

3rd Near Bothaville,

Tuesday, 23rd Oct. 1900.

We marched at 5 a.m. towards Bothaville by the same route as ~~yesterday~~ Sunday. Arrived at Bothaville about 9.30 a.m. Long before reaching the town clouds of smoke denoted that the houses were being blown up and burnt, and on our arrival we found it in smoking ruins, every house being destroyed except the hospital buildings and parsonage. Women, children and natives were surveying about in all directions with household chattels and furniture. The brigade at once proceeded to this camp, but the Br. Coy. joined the Field HP. on the old ground near the town, from where we conveyed the sick at 1 p.m. to join our brigade. The M.O., Sister and sick found at Bothaville are now attached to this Fd. HP. en route for Kronstad. Friday, 25th Oct. 1900.

Storm

~~Storm~~ of wind and rain to-night. Reveille at 4.30 a.m. tomorrow. Wounded to the Scottish Hospital. English mail arrived here the other day (dated 22/9/00). 3rd Cav. Bde. Bivouac, and one horse, and receive ditto from Remount. Wednesday, 24th October 1900.

The whole force marched at dawn towards Kroonstad, a distance of about 12 miles and bivouacked for the night. Lost one mule during march. More wind and rain. Reveille tomorrow morning at 4 a.m. March at 5 a.m. Boschrand,

Saturday, 27th Oct. 1900.

Marched at 7.30 a.m. 3rd/ Kroonstad and arrived here about

10 a.m. Severe storm tonight of wind and rain. Orders tonight
3rd Cav. Bde. Bivouac,
to march to Vredfort Road to-morrow.

Thursday, 25th Oct. 1900.

Marched at 5 a.m. after considerable hurry owing to so many tents and sick to attend to. Marched off with Brigade with one ambulance and one 4 wheeled cart. One accident (a horse kick on head) and one slight case of sun stroke occurred during the march. We marched 29 miles to-day, leaving 10 to complete the march to Kroonstad. Lost one more mule to-day. All very done up with trying march over heavy ground. 21st Brigade halted at Spruit about 5 miles back. No fighting to-day except a few shots exchanged with outposts on our left flank.

Kroonstad,

Friday, 26th Oct. 1900.

Arrived here about 10 a.m. and handed over all our sick and wounded to the Scottish Hospital. English mail arrived here the other day (dated 28/9/00). Hand in 4 sick mules and one horse, and receive ditto from Remount Depot. Orders received to proceed towards Bloemfontein. Little news re War progress. Draw 4 days' groceries. Weekly field state rendered shewing 59 remaining.

Boschrand,

Saturday, 27th Oct. 1900.

Marched at 7.30 a.m. from Kroonstad and arrived here about

43.

10 a.m. Severe storm tonight of wind and rain. Orders tonight to march to Vredefort Road to-morrow.

Geneva Siding,

Sunday, 28th Oct. 1900.

This morning at daybreak firing of big guns and musketry heard down the line for about half an hour. At 5.30 a.m. the Brigade proceed in this direction. We find that a party of Boers had held up an outpost close to the line of 88 men, taken all their arms and accoutrements, and generally insulted them. This party were Volunteers (Berkshire Regt.) There appears to have been gross neglect of duty and a tameness in this surrender that savours like a disgrace. A train coming up the line containing refugees and passengers was also held up for a short time. The armoured train now put in an appearance and the Boers cleared off.

Ventersburg Road Station,

Monday, 29th Oct. 1900.

The Brigade marched here this morning, only a few miles. At 6 p.m. we receive sudden orders for a night march at 8 p.m. All baggage and Field H.P. left in camp. No ambulances to be taken. Stretchers, Panniers and surgical haversacks only taken. One mule and one Cape Cart. All R.A.M.C. mounted.

Ventersburg/

Ventersburg,

Tuesday, 30th Oct. 1900.

The Brigade halted here to-day and continued the destruction of the Boer farms. The Brigade marched at 8 p.m. last night in a semi-circle a distance of about 25 miles. No lights or smoking allowed. At daybreak we ~~were~~ found ourselves behind Ventersburg and firing commenced by another brigade attacking the town on the side nearest the railway. A 5 inch gun opened on the Boers followed by heavy volley firing. A much larger Boer force was expected here, but through some mistake they managed to escape in small parties to our right and left.

Our casualties were 3 killed and 7 wounded, all except one belonging to the 21st Brigade. About 30 prisoners were taken in the town and sent to Ventersburg Railway Station. Our baggage and Fd. H.P. arrived during the morning and camped here.

Saturday, 3rd Nov. 1900.

The rain continued during the day, but somewhat fair towards evening.

Wednesday 31st Oct. 1900.

The brigade marched out at 6 a.m. to destroy several farms to the west of the town and returned at noon. One town here was looted and houses destroyed and burned during the day. Secure a good Cape cart and harness.

Ventersburg/

Ventersburg,
Thursday 1st Nov. 1900.

The Brigade halted here to-day and continued the destruction of the town. English mail arrives. Casualty Report for October telegraphed to No. 9 Coy. Br Coy. Pte. Medlar, who left for Cape Town on 10th ultimo, the only casualty. Mail left this evening by convoy. Heavy rain to-night.

Ventersburg,
Friday, 2nd Nov. 1900.

Rain continued right throughout the whole of to-day and prevented the Brigade from marching. Lose one mule. Much discomfort in camp.

Ventersburg,

Saturday, 3rd Nov. 1900.

The rain continued during all last night, but somewhat fair towards ~~XXXXXX~~ morning. Everyone in great discomfort. The Brigade marched towards the railway line at Zand River, Virginia Siding. Roads very heavy and trying for animals. After a few showers the weather cleared up to fine. Returns called for by O. C. Transport shewing details of Transport in each unit for information of Chief of Staff, Pretoria.

46.

6 miles north of Smaldeel,

Sunday 4th Nov. 1900.

The Brigade baggage had much difficulty in crossing the Zand River Drift owing to recent rain, but by 9 a.m. all wagons &c. had safely reached the south side and continued the march towards B'fontein, reaching this bivouac about 3 p.m., having marched about 10 miles.

Orders for to-morrow:-

Reveille at 4.30 Winburg,

March at 6 p.m. 5th Nov. 1900.

The Brigade marched at 6 a.m. towards B'fontein, but shortly after starting receive sudden orders to turn to the left towards Winburg, which place was reached at 4 p.m. The railway communication between here and the main line has been broken for the past two weeks. Boers reported in small parties in vicinity.

The Brigade marched about 26 miles to-day.

Winburg,

6th Nov. 1900.

The Brigade halted here to-day. English mail arrives with first train, the line being repaired.

3rd/

47.

Bloemfontein.
3rd Cav. Bde. Bivouac, 17 miles
south east of Winburg,
7th Nov. 1900.

The Brigade marched and arrived here about 11 a.m. Marched
through and camped at night. 10th Nov. 1900.
It was intended that the Brigade should halt again here to-day
and march to-morrow to Smaldeel, but at noon sudden order to proceed
to B'fontein at once to refit. The Brigade marched about 1 p.m.
a distance of about 17 miles and bivouacked.

Orders for to-morrow:-

Reveille at 4.30 a.m.

March at 6 p.m. a distance of about 26 miles.

Exchange 3 sickly mules to-day by O. C. Transport 3rd Brigade.

Papkuilfontein,

8th Nov 1900.

Still encamped here. Ambulances sent to O. C. Wk shops for
repair.
The Brigade marched at 6 a.m. a distance of about 15 miles,
and bivouacked here for the night.

Krantz Kraal,
9th Nov. 1900.

15th Jancoers left Brigade to march towards Abraham's
Kraal.
The Brigade is now about 12 miles from B'fontein, having marched
about 20 miles to-day. Expect to reach B'fontein early to-morrow
forenoon. March at 9 a.m.

Bloemfontein/
B'fontein/

48.

Bloemfontein,

10th Nov. 1900.

The Brigade marched and arrived here about 11 a.m. Marched through and camp on west side of town. Pay natives and R. A. M. C. directions.

B'fontein,

Sunday 11 - 11 - 00.

Rumours re Brigade broken up. Discharge 9 and receive 9 native drivers from No. 6 Transport Depot, B'fn. Excellent camp.

B'fontein,

Monday, 12 - 11 - 00.

Still encamped here. Ambulances sent to O. Wk shops for repair.

B'fontein, 1900.

Tuesday, 13 - 11 - 00.

16th Lancers left Brigade to-day. Marched towards Abraham's Kraal.

to-day handed in all Transport of Coy. (except water cart, 6 mules and 2 native drivers) to No. 6 Transport Depot, B'fontein. Vouchers passed for

B'fontein,

Wednesday, 14 - 11 - 00.

Two ambulances returned from Or. Wk shops. (No Diary kept from 2nd Dec.)

B'fontein/

49.

B'fontein,

15th Nov. 1900.

Brigade broken up. Regiments march in 3 different directions.

B'fontein,

Friday, 16 - 11 - 00.

Shift camp to north west of town behind kopjes. Excellent camp.

(Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th Nov. 1900 blank.)

B'fontein,

19th Nov. 1900.

In accordance with orders received from G.O.C. 3rd Cav. Bde., yesterday, to-day handed in all Transport of Coy. (except water cart, 6 mules and 2 native drivers) to No. 6 Transport Depot, B'fontein. Vouchers passed for same.

(No Diary kept from now till 2nd Dec.)

B'fontein/

B'fn, 2nd Dec. '00.

Receive sudden orders to draw 3 ambulances, 1 buck wagon, and 1 cart, entrain at 7 p.m. and proceed to Springfontein. This Bearer Coy. to form as Fd. H.P. and Bearer Coy. to C. in C. Bodyguard, a newly organized force of Colonials. Draw Medical Stores. Hand in surplus kit and stores here to-day.

Springfontein,

Monday, 3rd Dec. '00.

Left B'fn. at daybreak for here. Arrived at 4 p.m. ^{em} Distrain and march to camp of C. in C. Bodyguard. Draw Buck Wagon complete with mules and boys. Storm of rain and wind.

Draw rations. Issue of rum. One officer sent back to Springfontein. Retrace our steps to C. in C. Bodyguard Bivouac,

and camp here for the night on ^{Monday} Tuesday 4th Dec. '00.

Trekking at 7 a.m. halted at 11 a.m. Formed laager in a torrent of rain. Later removed camp to higher ground at range of kopjes, most of wagons being left in heavy ground.

Reveille at 3.45 a.m. Marched at 7 a.m. Halted at 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Continued march ^{to} Same Camp, Orders received to

March again at midnight, then ^{to} Wednesday, 5th Dec. 1900.

Admitted first sick to hospital to-day. Still halting here.

c/ ^{Springfontein}

51.

52.

C. in C. B'Gd. Bivouac,

Thursday, 6th Dec. '00.

Rain cleared off. Receive order to return to Springfontein and after starting about 8 a.m. the order was suddenly altered by dispatch from S'fontein to proceed in haste to Bethulie. Halted at midday for 2 hours. Ground making heavy travelling. Halted near railway line about 6 p.m.

Near Bethulie,

Friday, 7th Dec. '00.

Reveille at 3.30. Arrived at Bethulie 7.5 a.m. Proceed over to south side of Orange River after transferring 7 sick. Draw rations. Issue of rum. One officer sent sick to Springfontein. Retrace our steps over bridge, pass through Bethulie and camp here for the night on north east side of town.

B.G. Bivouac,

Saturday, 8th Dec. '00.

Reveille at 3.45 a.m. Marched at 7 a.m. Halted at 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Continued march until 5 p.m. Orders received to march again at midnight, then cancelled till 5 a.m. Marching towards Smithfield.

Smithfield/

not arrived. No forage for animals.

Smithfield,

Sunday, 9th Dec. '00.

On the march at 5 a.m. A column marched through our camp at daybreak towards Smithfield. Halted at 9 a.m. for breakfast for 2 hours. Marched at 11 a.m. Arrived at 4 p.m. at Smithfield. Here we have transferred 3 sick to Field H.P.

sufficient oat hay for animals. Bivouac, 30 miles to-day.

All very tired. Capture 3 Boers. Monday, 10th Dec. '00.

Marched at 5.45 a.m. in a northerly direction in which direction the enemy are supposed to be trekking. Baggage halted at a farm about 9 a.m. while column joined with Col. White's force. We are following hard on the track of the Boers.

Marched at 5.30 a.m. still in general northerly direction.

Engage enemy to-day. 5 captured and Bivouac, 11 miles for

ourselves and cast 5 weakly animals. Tuesday, 11th Dec. '00.

Marched at 5.30 a.m. and soon came in touch with the rearguard of the enemy. Heavy artillery by Gen. Knox's force. No casualties. Halted about dusk after a trying long march. (about 26 miles).

range of hills. Capture 3 Boers, one dressed in British uniform.

tried by summary court martial and Bivouac, 2 p.m. along side

the baggage column (a painful sight) Wednesday, 12th Dec. '00.

Left camp at 4 a.m. Halted from 1 till 2 p.m. Passed through Helvetia about 3 p.m. Halted at 7 p.m. for the night convoy has

not/

Alexandra/

not arrived. No forage for animals.

Sunday, 16th Dec. '00.

Shifted camp about 5 miles to the place on the main road to

Bivouac,

Thursday, 13th Dec. '00.

Reveille at 3 a.m. March at 5.30 a.m. in the direction of Dewetsdorp. Forage for animals commandeered en route. Halted at 8 p.m. Convoy not yet arrived, but have managed to secure sufficient oat hay for animals. Marched about 30 miles to-day. All very tired. Capture 3 Boers and one wagon with 12 span team of mules.

Monday, 17th Dec. '00.

This force still attached with Col. White's Column. March

at 4.30 a.m. and after several halts Bivouac, at this Drift about 5

Bivouac,

Friday 14th Dec. '00.

Marched at 5.30 a.m. still in general northerly direction. Engage enemy to-day. 5 captured and 2 killed. Capture 11 mules for ourselves and cast 5 weakly animals.

Tuesday, 18th Dec. 1900.

Halt here to-day. Enemy supply a nek about

Near Thaba'Nchu,

7 miles in our front.

Saturday, 15th Dec. 1900.

Brigade marches at 6 a.m. to-day. Halted after clearing a range of hills. Capture 3 Boers, one dressed in British uniform. tried by summary court martial and shot about 2 p.m. along side the baggage column (a painful sight). Our force engaged the enemy heavily to-day in this vicinity - capture about 80 prisoners and rumours of two guns captured.

the force. The R.A., Bd. H.P. and

baggage remain in bivouac.

Alexandra/

Alexandra,

Sunday, 16th Dec. '00.

Shifted camp about 5 miles to this place on the main road to Thaba'Nchu (8 miles distant). Transfer sick to Thaba'Nchu, 9 in number by convoy wagons. Post letters. (Just miss English mail). Reqn. for Milk case (1) and Berekfield filter. Draw 6 days' groceries and 2 days' forage.

Three Kopjes,

Monday, 17th Dec. '00.

This force still attached with Col. White's Column. March at 4.30 a.m. and after several halts arrive at this Drift about 5 p.m.

Three Kopjes,

Tuesday, 18th Dec. 1900.

Halt here to-day. Enemy supposed to be occupying a nek about 7 miles in our front.

Three Kopjes,

Wednesday, 19th Dec. 00.

Raining all night and still raining. The B.G. ordered out suddenly at 8 a.m. One Cape cart and one ambulance with Lieut. Webb and one orderly accompany the force. The R.A., Fd. H.P. and baggage remain in bivouac.

Mount/

Sunday, 23rd Dec. 1900.

Nount Pleasant,

Brigade halt here to-day. Divine service. Burial of Lieut.

Thursday, 20th Dec. 1900.

Marched here to-day from Three Kopjes. No signs of enemy.

Secure plenty of forage from various farms en route. Bivouac

with Col. White's Column 3 miles in front of C. in C. B. G.

Monday 24th Dec. 1900.

The force marched from Templemore to-day. Execute native

20 miles south east of Winburg,

before leaving camp for rape on Dutch girl. No signs of Boers

to-day. but force reported on our right. Gen. Boyes column in

Friday, 21st Dec. 1900.

Marched at 7 a.m. Lieut Webb with ambulance and Cape cart

rejoins. After numerous halts arrive here about 5 p.m. The ~~Boer~~

enemy reported in front in considerable strength. Preparations

made to resist expected attack during night or early morning.

At dusk a few shots were fired at us on our right flank. No

casualties.

to Winburg, but postponed till 27th inst. Smoking concert in

evening. Issue of rns.

Templemore,

Saturday, 22nd Dec. 1900.

The Brigade halt here to-day. A strong reconnoitring party

go out and locate Boer force to our right amongst kopjes. Casualties

one officer killed. C. in C. B. G. (Lieut. Anderson).

No Boers seen to-day, but pass site of recent laager. Find large

store of wheat here, destroyed by throwing the sacks into dam.

Sunday/

Harmonia/

Sunday, 23rd Dec. 1900.

Brigade halt here to-day. Divine service. Funeral of Lieut. Anderson. Convoy sent in to Gen. Boyes' column this morning before marching. Eight stock, one corporal (Cpl. Snowden), 2 native drivers, 1 cape cart and one ambulance Louwkop, 12 mules.

A skirmish took place with adv. Monday 24th Dec. 1900. one kill. The force marched from Templemore to-day. Execute native before leaving camp for rape on Dutch girl. No signs of Boers to-day. but force reported on our right. Gen. Boyes column in sight in front from Winburg.

Louwkop, 1900.

The force marched at 5.30 a.m. Tuesday 25th Dec. 1900.

Xmas Day. and short rations in camp. Convoy arrives during forenoon. Five days' rations issued. Attempt to send sick to Winburg, but postponed till 27th inst. Smoking concert in evening. Issue of rum.

Lindley,

Veltercerdi, 1900.

Arrive at Lindley after a march 26 - 12 - 00. les from last bivouac. Force marched here to-day, over high kopje. Water scarce.

No Boers seen to-day, but pass site of recent laager. Find large store of wheat here, destroyed by throwing the sacks into dam.

Halt here these two days and send all sick to Hd. H.P. here in town.

Harmonia/
Kroonspruit/

Harmonia,

27 - 12 - 00.

Sick convoy sent in to Gen. Boyes' column this morning before marching. Eight sick, one corporal (Cpl. Snowden), 2 native drivers, 1 cape cart and one ambulance with 12 mules.

A skirmish took place with advance guard. Casualties, one killed and 2 wounded of Yeomanry. Get good water supply to-day. Halt here at 5 p.m. Find 92 Boers who had been prisoners for refusing to fight and left by the Boers. Gen. Pilcher's force arrived at this place. Col. being ordered out at 2.30 p.m. were surrounded and captured by a force of Boers estimated at 500 in a spruit about 8 miles from on 28th Dec. 1900. one officer, and The force marched at 5.30 a.m. towards Reitz. very busy up till 1 a.m. with wounded. Two more cases, one officer and one man, have died this morning.

29th Dec. 1900.

March towards Lindley.

Heilbron,

Lindley, 31st Dec.

After redressing and performing 31st Dec. 1900. on wounded
 Arrive at Lindley after a march of about 12 miles from last bivouac, reaching here about 6.30 p.m. about 1 p.m. We were soon ordered to halt by the first Boer picket and after considerable delay were allowed to proceed. 2nd January 1900. all times during
 Halt here these two days and send all sick to Ed. H.P. here As in town.

Kroonspruit/

within 3 miles of the town, but Kroonspruit, by the practice
 by riding out to them and explaining 3rd January 1901.
 The force under Col. White marched at 6 a.m. towards the
 east of Lindley. After a march of about 15 miles halt about noon.
 C. in C. Bodyguard ordered out at 2.30 to reconnoitre. die
 during the night.

Same Camp,

4th Jan. 1901.

A disaster occurred yesterday to the C. in C. B.G. About
 120 of the B.G. under Col. Laing ordered out at 2.30 p.m. were
 surrounded and captured by a force of Boers estimated at 800
 in a spruit about 5 miles from camp. Col. Laing, one officer,
 and 15 N.C.O's and men killed and 26 wounded. Very busy up till
 1.a.m. with wounded. Two more cases, one officer and one man,
 have died this morning. Wilkinson for stores &c.

Heilbron,

5th Jan. (01. 1901.

After redressing and performing minor operations on wounded
 yesterday we were ordered to trek direct to Heilbron under protec-
 tion of red cross. Left Kroonspruit about 1 p.m. We were soon
 ordered to halt by the first Boer picket and after considerable
 delay were allowed to proceed. This occurred several times during
 yesterday evening and to-day. The wounded doing fairly well. As
 we neared Heilbron we were fired on by a Boer picket on our right
 within/

within 3 miles of the town, but managed to stop the practice by riding out to them and explaining who we were. Arrived at Heilbron about 5 p.m. No room in the H.P. here. Occupy Court House for the night. Capt. Butters and S.M. Ramsay dying. Expect to go by train with convoy to-morrow. Two cases die during the night.

Kroonstad,

6th January 1901.

Leave Heilbron with wounded at 9 a.m. special train. Also take 30 sick from H.P. here. Two dying cases left at Court house. All wagons and mules left under care of Sergt. Chowne and Pooley at Heilbron. Arrive at Kroonstad at 2.30 p.m. after a quick run. Hand over wounded and sick and arrange to proceed to B'fn. with Capt. Porter and Pte. Wilkinson for stores &c.

B'fn.,

7th January 1901.

Arrive here about 1 p.m. having left Kroonstad at 4 a.m. this morning. Arrange to stay at Grey's College after some delay.

B'fn.,

8th Jan. '01.

Draw/

Draw Stores at Ordnance Depot and Med. Stores. Get mail.
 Capt. Porter reopens Account. Draws £121 : 10 : 0 for payment
 of R.A.M.C. and natives. of Imp. Bearer Coy., who joined
 at Heilbron on 12th. Receive orders to join Col. White's Column
 for duty with the whole unit. 9th Jan. 1901.
 Take Stores to Station at 7 p.m. Great difficulty experienced
 in arranging the entrainment of stores owing to mistake in Railway
 warrant. at No. 3 Gen. H.P. with Sergt. Chowne, R.A.M.C., and 6
 men of Natal Imp. Br. Coy., are sent to replace them.

Pay R.A.M.C. and Native Drivers K'stad, 1 paid, £124 : 10/-
 S. S. Gibbons £12 : 12/- 10th Jan. 1901.

Arrive at this place at 1 p.m. Attached to No. 3 Gen. H.P.
 for rations. Cpl. Snowden with ambulance and Cape cart turns
 up with 2 natives, having come in from Lindley with Col. White's
 column. ched about 15 miles towards Lindley. Two sets of

swingstrees (3 in each) obtained this morning from C.O.O. K'stad.
 Bivouac at 2 p.m. Road back by K'stad, a Major of Imp. Yeo.
 to K'stad. Sniping in rear. 11th Jan. '01. ly wounded.

Expect Company from Heilbron with Transport by rail to-morrow.

5 miles from Lindley.

12th Jan. '01.

Left half with Lieut. Webb not yet arrived. Cpt. Porter doing
 duty in surgical sect. No. 3 Gen. H.P. pl. Orgar.

K'stad/

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K'stad, 13 - 1 - 01.

Lieut. Webb with half Coy. arrived this morning from Heilbron, bringing 10 men of Imp. Bearer Coy., who joined at Heilbron on 12th. Receive orders to join Col. White's Column for duty with the whole unit. Take over one ambulance and one buck wagon from Major Day, R.A.M.C., leaving with him our Scotch car at K'stad. The 10 men of Imp. Bearer Coy. (Cape Town) are sent to duty at No. 3 Gen. H.P. with Sergt. Chowne, R.A.M.C., and 6 men of Natal Imp. Br. Coy., are sent to replace them.

Pay R.A.M.C. and Native Drivers - Total paid, £124 : 10/-
S. S. Gibbons £12 : 12/-.

Lindley Road,

Tuesday, 15 - 1 - 01.

Marched about 15 miles towards Lindley. Two sets of swingletrees (3 in each) obtained this morning from C.O.O. K'stad. Bivouac at 2 p.m. Send back by Cape cart a Major of Imp. Yeo. to K'stad. Sniping in rear. Two Yeoman slightly wounded.

5 miles from Lindley,

16 - 1 - 01.

Continue march to this Bivouac. Send in two wounded and two sick to Stn. H.P. at Lindley with L. Cpl. Orgar.

Thursday/

Thursday, 17 - 1 - 01.

The force retraces steps towards K'stad for about 11 miles.
Sniping on both flanks.

Friday, 18 - 1 - 01.

Continue march towards K'stad.

Saturday, 19 - 1 - 01.

The force halts here to-day. Foraging parties go out also one
ambulance and Cape Cart.

Sunday, 20 - 1 - 01.

Force still halting here to-day. Foraging parties go out
as yesterday.

Monday, 21 - 1 - 01.

March towards K'stad about 20 miles. Halt at midday for
two hours.

Thursday, 22 - 1 - 01.

Arrive at America Siding at 2 p.m. Transfer 22 sick by rail
to No. 3 Gen. H.P. K'stad. English mails arrive. Send for
Bandages etc. to K'stad.

Wednesday/

Wednesday, 23rd Jan. 1901.

Left America Siding at 3 p.m. and march across the railway line in westerly direction towards Ailween Kopje, 15 miles. Halt at 9 p.m. Trying march in the dark.

24th Jan. 1901.

Orders to move at 5 a.m. cancelled during the night. Marched at 2.30 p.m. towards Rhenoster Kop Farm and arrived here at 7 p.m.

25th Jan. 1901.

Boschrand.

March from last bivouac at 5.30 a.m. to Kroonstad, where we arrived at noon and march again to this place at 6.30 p.m.

Transfer 8 sick to No. 3 Gen. H.P. K'stad. Obtain bandages, wool and w. bottle from Med. Stores, K'stad.

Ventersburg Road Station,

Saturday, 26th Jan. 1901.

Left Boschrand at 5.30 a.m. and marched to here along railway line.

Send 2 sick and ne native driver sick by rail to No. 3 Gen. H.P. Green, Boschrand. "Mahoney" native driver sick.

Sunday/

Sunday 27th Jan. 1901.

The force left Ventersburg Road Station at 5 a.m. and marched thorough Ventersburg in an easterly direction for 16 miles. Halt about 6 p.m. Just received sudden orders for night march.

Monday, 28 - 1 - 01.

Last night this force left camp at 8.30 p.m. and marched only about 6 miles when a severe storm came on. The column halted and bivouacked near Alliman's Kraal. This morning continued march over very heavy ground. Commandeer a new buck wagon. The Brigade halts near a very bad drift for the night.

Winburg,

Tuesday, 29 - 1 - 01.

The column under orders to march into Winburg, there to entrain for the south. Arrive at Winburg this afternoon and transfer 7 sick to Stn. H.P. here.

Winburg,

Wednesday, 30 - 1 - 01.

Halt here waiting for train. Part of column entrained last night.

Winburg/

Lieut. Webb, 2. Cpl. Winburg, 31 - 1 - 01. Jamson (I.B.C.)

Send in 2 sick to H.P. here. Entrain this afternoon after considerable difficulty. Make up native books, re-engagement certificates &c.

1st Feb. 1901.

Travelled all night. Arrived near Bethulie about 4 p.m. when our train ran into the rear of a train in front smashing 3 wagons and killing one officer and two men, 5 being injured. After some delay removing the wreckage we got into Bethulie Station at 8 p.m.

Bethulie, 2 - 2 - 01.

At 5.30 a.m. this morn. 2nd Feb. 1901. and Cape Cart join

Halt here to-day on rejoining the column. We detrained last night about 10 p.m.

Hand over one buck wagon complete, 2 boys and 10 mules to O. C. Supply Depot, Bethulie.

Halt here to-day but ordered to join Capt. Porter at Willowaby

Depot with advance force Bethulie,

3rd Feb. 1901.

The column halts here to-day but shift camp. Draw 6 pairs of boots from Officer Cmg. 4th Battn. Cheshire Regt.

Lieut/ to here about 6.30 this evening. Driver Gunderson, A.S.C.

Lieut. Webb. L.Cpl. Orgar, and Pte. Williamson (I.B.C.) with three native drivers, 10 mules, 1 ambulance and one Cape Cart are left behind for duty at H.P., Bethulie, along with part of the Stores, which we are unable to carry.

The Force halts here to-day. Driver Gunderson, A.S.C., tried by Field No. 1. Monday, 4th Feb. 1901.

March at 5.30 a.m. along the Smithfield Road and bivouac at 10 a.m.

Tuesday, 5th Feb. 1901.

Halt to-day. Need to near Smithfield this morning and retired to this Drift this afternoon and bivouac near old camp.

Wednesday, 6 - 2 - 01.

At 3.30 a.m. this morning one ambulance and Cape Cart join large reconnoitring force along the Smithfield Road. Capt. Porter, Pte. Pestell Pte. Wilkinson, Driver Gunderson.

ambulance with 2 sick for transfer go on ahead to H.P. at

Bethulie. The Column Thursday, 7 - 2 - 01. March towards Pries

Halt here to-day but ordered to join Capt. Porter at Willowsby Farm with advance force. driver (John No. 2) rejoins with Cape cart

and 2 mules and some stores from H.P. at Bethulie. Lieut. Webb gone for duty yesterday Willowsby Farm Camp, Williamson, I.B.C.

left at Bethulie in charge of 7th Feb. 1901. 2 mules and surplus

stores. Arrive here about 6.30 this evening. Driver Gunderson, A.S.C.

a prisoner for refusing to obey an order.

Send 2 sick by convoy to Bethulie. 11, 1901.

We marched to this place this morning and have halted all day for rations. Send Friday 8th Feb. 1901.

The Force halts here to-day. Driver Gunderson, A.S.C., tried by Field Hen. C.M. for refusing to obey an order.

Engage native driver Salomon to replace Rubey, chosen for discharge. arrives, also official letters from right half Co. B Coy. Dr. Coy. Under orders to march at 11 p.m. tonight.

Saturday 9th Feb. 1901.

The Force advanced to near Smithfield this morning and retired to this Drift this afternoon and bivouac near old camp.

We marched all night towards the town of Philippolis through a difficult path. Very hard. Halted at daybreak for 2 hours. March through Bethulie,

Sunday 10th Feb. 1901.

The Column marched to Bethulie and arrive about 11 a.m. One ambulance with 3 sick for transfer go on ahead to H.P. at Bethulie. The Column halt and draw rations. March towards Prior Siding at 1 p.m. Bivouac about 7 p.m. 6 miles from Prior Siding.

Cpl. Orgar and one native driver (John No. 2) rejoin with Cape cart and 2 mules and some stores from H.P. at Bethulie. Lieut. Webb gone for duty yesterday to Springfontein. Pte. Williamson, I.B.C. left at Bethulie in charge of ambulance wagon, 8 mules and surplus stores.

Prior/

Prior Siding,

Monday, Feb. 11, 1901.

We marched to this place this morning and have halted all day for rations. Send 4 sick to H.P. at Springfontein also two to Norvals Pont Gen. H.P. Send for discharge native driver Jacobus George to Transport Depot at Springfontein. Also Rubey Chosen, who returned having failed to obtain discharge at Bethulie. English mail arrives, also official letters from right half No. 9 Coy. Br. Coy. Under orders to march at 11 p.m. tonight.

Near Phillopolis,

12 - 2 - 01.

We marched all night towards the town of Phillopolis through a difficult nek. Very hard trekking. Halted at daybreak for 2 hours. March through the town and continue march behind a column of Bruce Hamilton towards the Orange River. De Wet supposed to have crossed the River into Colony.

Zand Drift,

13 - 2 - 01.

Marched here to-day. Find the enemy have crossed two days ago. The Drift blocked with Bruce Hamilton's column. No chance of crossing to-day.

Bivouac/

Bivouac, O.R.C.,

14 - 2 - 01.

Had considerable difficulty in crossing the swollen Orange River. Get all safely over by noon and trek 8 miles into Colony. Repair fore carriage of ambulance. Join Bruce Hamilton's column. Two sick officers.

Phillipstown, 15 - 2 - 01.

Marched a very long way to-day. No signs of Boers. We are en route to De Aar. This Column is still with Bruce Hamilton's Force.

De Aar, 16 - 2 - 01.

Marched to here to-day from Phillipstown a distance of 38 miles. Mules almost done up. The Column halted at midday for 2 hours. Arrived here at dusk, 6.45 p.m. Draw extra forage.

De Aar, 17 - 2 - 01.

Gunderson's C.M. promulgated to-day. Sentenced to 11 months' imprisonment with H.L. Handed over to escort of 16th L. for conveyance to Cape Town. Draw Ordnance and Med. Stores here. Sudden order to march at 3 p.m. Send in sick to H.P. here this morning.

Bivouac/

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Bivouac, 8 miles north west De Aar,

17 - 2 - 01.

March 8 miles and bivouac for night.

Bivouac,

Monday, 18 - 2 - 01.

Marched at 6 a.m. towards Britstown. Halt at noon for two hours.

Britstown, 19 - 3 - 01.

Arrive here this evening. Very wet night.

20 - 3 - 01.

Marched out of Britstown by wrong road. Awful hard trekking and wet weather.

Friday, 22 - 2 - 01.

Had a very severe time of it these few days, continual trekking. Marched about 20 miles to-day. No Boers. 14 sick.

Sunday, 24 - 2 - 01.

Marched into Straydenburg this forenoon. Buck wagon wheel breaks down. Find new one here in blacksmith's shop. Ordered to transfer sick to De Mulin's column at 4.30 a.m. tomorrow morning and/

and march at 6 a.m.

Potfontein, O.R.C.,

Wednesday, 27 - 2 - 01.

Arrive here to-day after a very tiring march from Straydenburg. English mails. Suddenly march at 2 p.m. in an easterly direction about 9 miles. Wet night.

Thursday, 28 - 2 - 01.

Wet last night. Marched to-day in a south-easterly direction. Heavy rain prevents us marching at 5.30 p.m. tonight.

Friday, 1st March 1901.

Arrive at Phillipstown to-day after marching 9 miles at 10.30 a.m. Halt and feed till 2 p.m. March about 10 miles towards Colesberg district.

Bivouac,

Saturday, March 2nd,

March 22 miles towards Colesberg.

Sunday, 3 - 3 - 01.

Arrive at Colesberg to-day and continue march to Colesberg Junction to entrain for Aliwal North. Transfer 3 sick to H.P. train/

train for N'poort. Issue of Med. comforts to H.P. train.

3 - 3 - 01.

Draw Stores from O. Monday, 4 - 3 - 01. Depot. Telegraph
for Entrain this evening to proceed by south route via Na'poort
to Aliwal North. P. at Aliwal North 7 sick.

On Train,

Tuesday, 5 - 3 - 01.

Arrive at N'poort about noon. Draw 2 days' rations and forage.
also some bandages, quinine tabloids etc. from Stn. H.P. Leave
N'poort at 5 p.m. Travel slowly through mountainous country
towards Stormberg Junction. Numerous stoppages.

6 - 3 - 01.

Discharge and pay 1 (On Train), and engage 2 other natives.

Wednesday, 6 - 3 - 01.

Travel slowly all day. Water and feed mules with difficulty.
Arrive at Stormberg Junction about 8 p.m. to O.C. No. 9

Coy. Br. Coy. English mails. March at 3 a.m. 12 miles north.

Aliwal North,

Thursday, 7 - 3 - 01.

Arrive at last at this place about 9 a.m. Detrain during
forenoon and cross to north side of river and camp with Col.
White's column.

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Aliwal North,

8 - 3 - 01.

Draw Stores from O. Stores and Transport Depot. Telegraph for cash to B'fontein to pay Coy. and natives. Issue clotting to Coy. Send to H.P. at Aliwal North 7 sick.

Aliwal North,

9 - 3 - 01.

Send to H.P. at Aliwal North, Pte Constantine, I.B.C., with 9 other sick of Column. Pay R.A.M.C., I B.C., and Natives. Total paid £142.

9 - 3 - 01.

Discharge and pay five natives, and engage 7 other natives.

10 - 3 - 01.

Receive and forward documents of I.B.C. to O.C. No. 9 Coy. Br. Coy. English mails. March at 9 a.m. 12 miles north.

11 - 3 - 01.

Pte. Powels sick. March at 7 a.m. 12 miles in northerly direction.

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12 - 3 - 01.

Still marching north, clearing country of food stuffs and stock. Wet forenoon. Buck wagon breaks down in drift. Wheel broken. Get wheel from farm, but too big. Wheel sent from Camp by order of Col. White. Reach camp safely at dusk.

13 - 3 - 01.

March over very bad road about 12 miles. in same direction and bivouac about 5 p.m.

Thursday, 14 - 3 - 01.

Roads very bad and hilly. March 20 miles.

Friday, 15 - 3 - 01.

Native Andrick absent to-night. March about 14 miles.

Near Dewetsdorp,

Sunday, 17 - 3 - 01.

Took 4 sick into Dewetsdorp to-day a distance of 10 miles and handed them over to Convoy from B'fontein. Returned to camp at 9.45 p.m, the camp having removed 6 miles north to Braafield Farm.

Monday/

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Monday, 18 - 3 - 01.

March at 6 a.m. in north easterly direction towards
Ladybrand about 12 miles. Powells discharged from Hospital.

Tuesday, 19 - 3 - 01.

Arrive at Dundee on the B'fn- Ladybrahd Road after marching
about 6 miles and camp for the day.

Worringham,

Wednesday 20 - 3 - 01.

During the night the 76th Battery ordered suddenly to march
west to Alexandra Farm to nek near Thaban'chu. March at 2 p.m.
to the Camp on the same road. Heavy rain.

Thursday, 21 - 3 - 01.

Marched from Worringham Camp at 7 a.m. Sent in 4 sick
to H.P. for transfer to B'fn. Marched in threatening wet weather
only five miles. Troops employed during day destroying mealie
fields. (R.A.M.C. also employed).

Friday, 22 - 3 - 01.

Same as yesterday - March short distances and bivouac.
Fatigue party sent out to destroy corn. English mail arrives
at night dated 22 - 2 - 01.

Saturday/

Saturday, 23 - 3 - 01.

Nearer Dewetsdorp. Marched at 7 a.m. to-day about 8 miles only. A night attack on some small party of Boers last night resulted in 6 being captured, 1 mortally wounded, 4 wagons, 30 lead horses and numerous cattle and sheep being captured.

Sunday, 24 - 3 - 01.

Marched 5 miles at 8 a.m. Major Thompson and orderly sniped at while attending wounded Boer of yesterday's skirmish, resulting in 3 horses being killed and one s. smith of Pom Pom being slightly wounded in arm. Boer brought to camp. Rainy night.

Monday, 25 - 3 - 01.

Heavy rain all night. Force march a short distance to near Bradfield's farm and halted for the day at 11 a.m.

Bradfield's Farm,

Tuesday, 26 - 3 - 01.

Halt here to-day.

Dewetsdorp,

Wednesday, 27 - 3 - 01.

March into Dewetsdorp, a distance of about 13 miles and camp on heights west of the town. Col. Hickman's column in town. Pick up /

up an enteric case of B.M. I. also wounded Boer.

We brought large convoy of refugees horses sheep and cattle to this place from Wepener District.

Thursday, 28 - 3 - 01.

March from Dewetsdorp in a westerly direction on the Reddersburg road for about six miles, then ~~have~~ ^{leave} road to clear farms to south. Expect to reach Reddersburg in 4 days, being employed in eviction of farmers still.

Friday, 29 - 3 - 01.

Rendered weekly field state and animal return, showing 52 mules and two horses remaining. Marching towards Springfontein, still collecting stock etc.

Saturday, 30 - 3) 01.

March in a southerly direction about 20 miles. Get new horse from kraal.

Springfontein,

Sunday, 31 - 3 - 01.

March at 6.30 a.m. towards Springfontein. Halt at midday for two hours. Considerable difficulty with new horse. Arrive at Sp'fontein about 4.30 p.m. Hand over sick and wounded to No.

12 Gen. H.P. No mails yet.

Springfontein,

Monday, 1 - 4 - 01.

Send in 10 more sick to No. 12 Gen. H.P. this morning.

Forward vouchers to Major Murray at Bethulie of ambulance mules, stores &c. Also pass vouchers for Scotch cart, 6 mules and harness, clothing of boys, to Major Day, Kroonstad. Forward application for extra duty pay for S.S. Gibbons as A.S.M. Draw medical comforts from O.C. Supplies, S'fontein. One bottle whisky found empty in case supplied. O.C. Supplies notified of this fact. Forward vouchers of stores issued at De Aar by C.O.O. Draw surgical and med. stores from Gen H.P. here.

Drinkine Siding,

Tuesday, 2 - 4 - 01.

Marched to this place to-day, leaving S'fontein at 8 a.m. Halted at Prior Siding at noon for $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours. Handed in pony with sore back and swollen tendons to Remount Depot at S'fontein this morning. Mail arrived this evening.

Drinkine Siding, - 4 - 01.

Wednesday, 3 - 4 - 01.

The Force is now distributed amongst the various drifts on the river/

river to prevent a crossing of a Boer force expected in this direction. Bearer Coy. halt here with Head Quarters. 2 sick in H.P. Capt. Porter sick.

Drinkine Siding,

Friday, 5 - 4 - 01.

Capt. Porter sent in sick to S'fontein this morning. Major Thompson telegraphed for officer to take over Bearer Coy. Force still in camp here. 16th Lancers out on patrol since 6 a.m.

Driekine Siding,

Saturday, 6 - 4 - 01.

Major Moffet, R.A.M.C., took over command of Bearer Coy. to-day. Pte. Pestell detailed as servant. Orders: March at 6 a.m. towards S'fontein.

Easter Sunday, 7 - 4 - 01.

The Force marched at 6 a.m. towards S'fontein, but turned off towards the east and bivouacked at a place called Kettlefontein. C.S. Harvey joined for duty from B'fontein in the evening.

Easter Monday, 8 - 4 - 01.

English mails received to-day. March towards Dewetsdorp to-day a distance of about 15 miles.

Tuesday/

Tuesday, 9 - 4 - 01.

The Column still marching on Dewetsdorp. Commandeer a 4 wheeled Cape cart. March about 14 miles. and force halting here.

Wednesday, 10 - 4 - 01.

The Column marched to a camp on the south side of Dewetsdorp. to-day. Patrols sniped at in front and rear. Munro's Column surprise and capture a Boer laager and 91 prisoners.

Thursday, 11 - 4 - 01.

The Force halt here with Ox Convoy. Visit Dewetsdorp. at.

Gancepoort, - 4 - 01.

Yessary leave Col Whit Friday, 12 - 4 - 01. Col. Maxwell's

The Column left Dewetsdorp and marched in a westerly direction. A force was sent out during night to surprise some farms. This resulted in a capture of 4 Boers and 3 of our side being killed and 5 wounded. Ambulance with C.S. Harvey in charge sent in wrong direction and unable to locate wounded, which being slight cases, rode in on horseback. 2 men wounded slightly. Prepare to send sick to line to-morrow morning.

Gancepoort,

13 - 4 - 01.

Force out collecting large numbers of Dutch families and still halting in this camp.

Gancepoort/

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Gancepoort,

Sunday, 14 - 4 - 01.

Still collecting families in vicinity and force halting here.

Monday, 15 - 4 - 01.

The Column marched at 10 a.m. from Gancepoort. Sniped at by Boers. Casualties, 3 horses killed. Marched about 10 miles towards railway line. Commandeer Cape cart.

Tuesday, 16 - 4 - 01.

March at 8 a.m. towards railway line. Rearguard sniped at.

Wednesday, 17 - 4 - 01.

Yeomanry leave Col White's command to join Col. Maxwell's column. This has been a - - -

Pompey Siding,

Thursday, 18 - 4 - 01.

Arrive at Pompey Siding, south of Edenburg. Major Moffet sick. Rearguard action to-day. 2 men wounded slightly. Prepare to send sick to line to-morrow morning.

Pompey Siding,

Friday, 19 - 4 - 01.

Transfer/

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Transfer all sick and wounded today by rail from Edenburg to S'fontein. Major Moffet leaves sick with convoy. C.S. Harvey takes over charge of half unit.

Bloemfontein,

Saturday, 20 - 4 - 01.

Left Pompey Siding for here to draw clothing and Stores from O. Stores.

Pompey Siding,

Sunday, 21 - 4 - 01

See Capt. Porter this morning re extra duty ~~xxxx~~ pay. Drew all stores yesterday and left B'fn at midday. Arrive at Pompey Siding at 5 p.m.

Monday, 22 - 4 - 01.

Column marched at 7 a.m. to-day, still clearing country.

Near Smithfield,

24 - 4 - 01.

The force near above place clearing stock and country.

Bastrad's/

83.

Bastard's Drift,

25 - 4 - 01.

A very difficult Drift in front.

Bastard's Drift,

26 - 4 - 01.

The column halt here to-day. Patrols out reconnoitring all to-day. Boer force in front.

27 - 4 - 01.

The column marched through Drift and a distance of 12 miles.

Sunday, 28 - 4 - 01.

Near Basutoland Border collecting women and children.

Trafalgar Farm,

Monday, 29 - 4 - 01.

Force marched with refugees at 7.30 a.m. for a farm called Trafalgar. Rain last night and this morning.

Trafalgar Farm,/

Trafalgar Farm,

Tuesday, 30 - 4 - 01.

The Force with refugees halted here to-day. C.S. Harvey
 x called out during last night to confinement of Dutch woman. Issue
 medical comforts to Dutch sick.

Trafalgar,

1 - 5 - 01.

The Force halted here to-day. Patrols out collecting women,
 children and stocks.

Near Zastron,

Thursday, 2 - 5 - 01.

A short march to-day towards Zastron of about 6 miles.

Near Zastron,

Friday, 3 - 5 - 01.

The Force only moved about 5 miles to-day with large convoy
 of women, children and sick. Troops suddenly ordered out to
 engage large force of Boers to south of Zastron, supposed to be
 Kritzinger's Commando. Severe skirmishing amongst hills. One
 officer and three men slightly wounded.

5 - 5 - 01.

All fighting troops proceed at 8 a.m. to hills around
 Zastron. Engage rearguard of yesterday's Boer Force to north of
 Zastron. Capture one Boer and many horses. After long march
 reach new camp to which convoy had moved during the day. Find
 Maxwell's force and convoy from Aliwal N. had also arrived. Maxwell
 Force had co-operated with us in the operations during the day.
 Casualties to-day: one man shot through head of tibia, severe.
 Our buck wagon in a bad state.

Arkcourt, 6 - 5 - 01.

Column with large convoy of women and children handed over
 to Maxwell's force, which proceeds in front at 11 a.m. towards
 Aliwal N. This Force moves at 2 p.m. in same direction. Lose one
 pony to-day also one mule.

Aliwal North,

Tuesday, 7 - 5 - 01.

Arrive here to-day after trying march of about 22 miles.
 Hand over 13 sick and wounded.

Aliwal N.,

Wednesday/

Wednesday, 8 - 5 - 01.

The Brigade halts here to-day. Prepare requisition for stores from O. Dept. and A.M.S., B'fn. by telegraph. Also medical comforts from Supply Dept.

Aliwal N.,

Thursday, 9 - 5 - 01.

Draw stores, cloting &c. from O.D. Endeavour to get wheels for Buck Wagon - only get one exchanged. Telegram re I.B.C. men for discharge to P.M.O., White's column. Sutcliffe, Moore, Glenn, Raw left here at Detail Camp en route for 'Maritzburg. Telegram sent to P.M.O., Edenburg in answer shewing that only 3 men R.A.M. C. remain not six as stated by him. Telegraph to O.C. No. 9 Coy. Bearer Coy. to forward documents of I.B.C. men to 'Maritzburg. Wire for stores to B'fn. Med. Stores, also to Stationery Dept. C. Town. Lose valve off Buck Wagon.

Near Beester's Kraal,

10 - 5 - 01.

Column moved out of Aliwal North this morning. Marched to here under orders to proceed to S'fontein. Bivouac at 1 p.m. Marched 10 miles Obtain new Buck wagon from Supply Officer by order of Bde. Gen.

Mayfield/

87.

Mayfield Stud Farm,

11 - 5 - 01.

Our force marched a distance of about 20 miles to-day over a difficult pass and rough ground. Sighted Boers to-day. Arrived at Mayfield Stud Farm. Very windy, signs of storm and cold.

Mayfield Stud Farm,

12 - 5 - 01.

Severe storm last night. Tents ruined by wind and rain. Move down to shelter of Farm house. Force paraded to reconnoitre at 8 a.m. (C.S. Harvey and self to accompany), but parade cancelled. Patients very comfortable in good rooms.

Mayfield Stud Farm,

16 - 5 - 01.

The Force still in camp here. All troops have been reconnoitring district in vicinity of Zastron and Basutoland border (C.S. Harvey and self go out with one ambulance). 12 sick now in hospital. Under orders to move to-morrow morning at 9 a.m.

17 - 5 - 01.

Our column marched at 9 a.m. over our old camping grounds, leaving Zastron on our left at distance of 15 miles. Occupied Farm for sick.

88.

18 - 5 - 01.

Halted at this Farm to-day. Two suspected enteric fever amongst sick.

Mayfield Stud Farm,

19 - 5 - 01.

This force marched back here to-day. Ambulances with sick leading the way. Three Bers seen in front. Arrive at 3 p.m. Put sick in rooms in farm.

Aliwal N., 20 - 5 - 01.

13 sick with two ambulances and one buck wagon, cape cart, with med. comforts proceed at 8 a.m. towards Aliwal N. Halt at 11 a.m. till 12.15 and arrive at Aliwal N. at 5.30 p.m. a distance of 31 miles. Mules somewhat done up. After handing over sick bivouac near hospital to await arrival of column, now about 10 miles from here.

Bester's Kraal,

21 - 5 - 01.

Draw stores (2 tents and some clothing) to-day from H.P surgical material. Column not coming into Aliwal N. as at first arranged. Proceed to this camp at 4 p.m. Arrive at Beester Kraal about 8 p.m.

89.

last night re left half Beester's Kraal, purpose- This unit
to proceed to Edenburg. 22 - 5 - 01. Col. White
wire Column likely to remain here inactive for some days.

Beester's Kraal,

28 - 5 - 01.

New force of Yeomanry has joined this Force. 35 of old
Yeomanry leaving for discharge.

Aliwal N.,

29 - 5 - 01.

Force ordered to return to Aliwal N. Arrive on old camping
ground about 3 p.m. to-day.

Aliwal N.,

30 - 5 - 01.

Secure new harness for water cart. Telegraph for £60. from
P.M.O., B'fh to pay R.A.M.C. and Natives.

Aliwal N.,

31 - 5 - 01.

Send in 4 sick to-day. Exchange two ambulances M K. III and
M.K. V. for two new Mk. V. Receive wire re Pte. Williamson, I.B.C.
from P.M.O., Edenburg. P.M.O. White's column also received wire
last/

last night re Left half No. 9 Bearer Coy. purport:- This $\frac{1}{2}$ unit to proceed to Edenburg. Apparently some error. Col. White wires reply. Wire received from P.M.O. B'fn. money sent to Standard Bank Aliwal N. for pay.

Aliwal N.,

1 - 6 - 01.

Pay out Natives one month's pay and detachment R.A.M.C. the total being £56 : 13 : 4d., including £8. to S.S. Gibbons.

Zuirolaagte,

Sunday, June 2 1901.

Sudden orders this morning while camp being removed to south of river to proceed to relief of Jamestown with all haste. March about 23 miles at rapid rate and encamp here. Boers reported in front. Two guns of 68th Battery join this morning.

McCabe's Nek,

Monday, 3rd June 1901.

Column marches at 7.30 a.m. When near this place Boers sighted. Sharp engagement to-day, extending over several kopjes towards Jamestown. Casualties: 2 severely and 2 slightly wounded. 2 fractures (one leg and one arm) accidents.

McCabe's/

91.

McCabe's Nek,

4th June 1901.

Force suddenly ordered out for night attack last night. One wagon and 4 wheeled Cape Cart, with Lce Cpl Orgar and Pte. Wilkinson. Force returned at 3 p.m. today after a trying night engagement resulting in one officer dangerously wounded (left in Jamestown in charge of Cpl. Orgar), and one officer slightly wounded and one man ditto.

Aliwal N.,

5 - 6 - 01.

Column returned here to-day, Fd. Hosp. with sick and wounded leading. After dusty journey of 29 miles (with one hour's halt) arrived here at 4.30. Handed over sick and wounded to Stn. Hosp. here. Posted vouchers to O.C. 9 Coy. Br. Coy. also casualty Report May and Roll of R.A.M.C. (Pay).

Lemionfontein, 6 - 6 - 01.

Arrived here at 5 p.m. with large Ox Convoy towards Ladygrey.

Near Ladygrey, 7 - 6 - 01.

March at 7.30 a.m. towards this place, and arrive at this camp at noon. 16th L. with Pom Pom and Ox Convoy proceed into Ladygrey, and leave I.Y. with baggage and 2 guns R.A. in camp here.

Lemoifontein/

Lemoinfontein,

8 - 6 - 01.

Marched at 10.30 a.m. to-day back to this camp, arriving at dusk. During night a large Ox Convoy with 12 sick from Ladygrey also arrives escorted by Det. 3 N. Lanc. Regt.

Bosjelaagte,

9 - 6 - 01.

This morning treat and forward to Aliwal N. 13 sick belonging to Ox Convoy. Leave Lemoinfontein Camp at 10.30 and march to rejoin main force here. Arrive at 5 p.m. Hear news of 16th L. having been engaged heavily yesterday, altho' no casualties except 4 horses. 14 Boers supposed to have been killed.

9 miles S.E. of Aliwal N.,

10 - 6 - 01.

March at 9 a.m. to-day towards Aliwal N. Rumours of once more crossing Orange River towards Rouxville. No sick. Make out vouchers for tent handed in by Major Thompson, R.A.M.C.

Aliwal N.,

11th June 1901.

Arrived/

Arrived here to-day. Exchange 10 span harness and exchange wheel for buck wagon at L. Transport Depot.

10 miles S.W. of Aliwal N.,

12th June 1901.

Mr Harvey sprained his right wrist and injures the other. Left sick at Aliwal N., while column moves out 10 miles down O. River to guard a drift. Take only one ambulance, 4 wheeled Cape Cart, Lce Cpl. Orgar, Pte. Pestell and myself.

Aliwal N.,

13th June 1901.

Telegraph answer to wire received re men I.B.C. discharged on 9 - 5 - 01, purport:- query asking if any payment made to them since Macrh. Answer:- None made since 9 - 3 - 01. Column marches back here starting at 1 p.m. One native sick only.

Beesters kraal,

14th June 1901.

The column marched from Aliwal to-day at 1 p.m. leaving 6 sick and one native. C.S. Harvey also sent in sick to Stn. H.P. Aliwal N. Hand in this forenoon to Remount Depot 3 sick ponies. Obtain receipt for two and exchange other for strongly built mount. C.S. Harvey took two ponies and was accompanied by his servant Pte. Morgan

3rd/

3rd Yorks Regt. Arrived here at dusk. Wheel of busk wagon broken en route.

Rouxville,

Saturday, 15th June 1901.

Arrive here at noon to-day. The whole column occupy houses in town. Expect to stay here some few days. Small chapel occupied for hospital.

Rouxville,

Sunday 16th June 1901.

The column halts here to-day. Two small forces of Lancers and Yeomanry sent in different directions to locate enemy. Impromptu musical service in chapel to-night.

Sudden orders received for column to march to-morrow at 7 a.m. Two sick in H.P.

Sadonia,

17 - 6 - 01.

Column marched at 7.30 this morning from Rouxville in a northerly direction. Joined during the forenoon by the small forces sent out yesterday. One more case admitted and numerous cases attending hospital.

Enemy sighted in small parties trekking north. March about 12 miles.

Odendaal,

18 - 6 - 01.

The column marches in the same direction as yesterday at 9.30 a.m. Arrive here about 4.30, after a halt at midday of $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours. 2 admitted and 2 discharges from hospital. One man slightly wounded in a skirmish with outpost of enemy. Large Boer force sighted trekking in a north westerly direction. One man slightly wounded. This case not admitted to hospital.

Workshop,

19th June 1901.

The column marched at 9 a.m. this morning after awaiting the arrival of several wagons from a farm collecting mealies etc. March about 9 miles and halted at 1 p.m. till 3.m. when march continued till 4.30 p.m. Wepener said to be only 10 miles from here and held by a Boer force with 120 families. 2 admissions to H.P.

Wepener,

20th June 1901.

March at 7.30 a.m. this morning for this place. The 16th L. with one gun and Pom Pom go ahead and make for bridge over Caledon River. Just too late. Fifty Boers slept here last night. About 150 inhabitants occupy the town. Many cases of enteric fever among the/

the Families. Three more men admitted to hospital of 16th L. and one Yeomanry. No casualties with to-day's skirmishing.

Wepener,

Friday, 21 - 6 - 01.

Column halts here to-day. Opportunity taken to bath and change shirts of patients. Two admissions with veldt sores and two discharged to duty. Yeomanry go out this afternoon after some Boers sighted in the vicinity.

One lb. of wool with other dressings left with sick in town. Also the following medical comforts by order of S.M.O. Brandy 1 bottle, Port Wine 2 bottles.

Orders received to march at 8 a.m. to-morrow. Field state rendered this morning, shew C.S. Harvey and servant left at Aliwal sick. (4 horses and 50 mules on charge).

Wepener, 22 - 6 - 01.

Sniping on hills near camp here to-day. No casualties. Much enteric still developing among Dutch families. Major Thompson operated on girl's leg to-day, amputated foot and lower half of leg. Under orders this morning to be ready to move at 8 a.m., but subsequently cancelled.

Wepener/

Wepener,

Sunday, 23 - 6 - 01.

Still halting here to-day. One ambulance with Pte. Wilkinson goes out at 8.30 a.m. with 120 16th L. and Pom Pom towards Bastard's Drift. Sight many Boers on sky line here.

Swampoot's Farm,

Wepener, Monday, 24 - 6 - 01.

The Force moves to-day at 8.30 a.m towards Dewetsdorp and march a distance of about 12 miles.

The force of 16th L. and Pom Pom rejoins from Bastard's Drift on the Caledon River.

One serious case in hospital. Temperature 104. m. 105 evening. later after phenacitin gr 15, 102. Discharge 3 cases of Imp. Yeomanry to attend.

7 miles west of Dewetsdorp,

Tuesday, 25 - 6 - 01.

The column marched through Dewetsdorp at noon to-day. Halt about 2 miles west of town for 2 hours. Resume march to this place at 2 p.m. Pte. Cheshire's temp. 105.2 Several bad cases in hospital. Total 12. One native scout brought in wounded in both hands and leg, having been in hiding since Sunday. Reports two other native scouts killed, all belonging to Col. Rocheford's ? column/

column (carrying despatches). Two squadrons Lancers with one gun and Pom Pom and two troops Yeomanry, one ambulance and Cape Cart to accompany the above force, which moves out to meet some party of Bers at 7.15 a.m. to-morrow.

Near Reddersburg, 26th June 1901.

The Force marched at 7.15 a.m. with one ambulance and Cape cart, leaving the Fd. H.P., one gun, one squadron 16th L., with Ox Convoy, to continue the journey along the Reddersburg Road.

Halted at 11 a.m. till 1.30 p.m. and continued journey till 4 p.m. Expect to reach the line on the 28th inst.

27th June 1902.

Continued march today towards the railway line, Edenburg. March through Reddersburg.

Edenburg, 28 - 6 - 01.

Arrive here to-day with sick from Col. White's column, which is expected to-morrow. Imp. Yeomanry left with all hands to join Col. Rochefort's Force. The 16th L. on arrival here to-morrow en-train for Rosemead Junction. C.C., to join Gen. French's command. Our Column broken up. Receive communication from the right half re order from P.M.O. Army to open separate Ordnance and Pay Accounts.

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Receive three mails from home.

Edenburg, 29 - 6 - 01.

Receive further instructions re opening Account with O. 1812
for men of R.A.M.C.

16th L. leave to-day. Pte. Hunt and Tpr Watson 16th Lancers,
leave with their Regiment.

Edenburg, 30-6 - 01.

Still resting here. Busy with clerical work.

Edenburg,

1 - 7 - 01.

Letter with A.F.I.028 re a Sgt. Major re-submitted through
Col Carter by Major Thompson to P.M.O., Army. Mr Grahame assumes
charge of this half unit from yesterday in relief of Mr Harvey.
Authority obtained from P.M.O. for employment of Pte. Hunt and Tpr.
Watson as hospital attendants, and forward to O.C. 16 L.
29th Coy. I.Y. Pte. Mowle, W., joined with C.S. Hrahame for duty.

Edenburg,

2 - 7 - 01.

Still busy with clerical work. Expect to join a convoy column
soon. Forwarded Medal Rolls of this half unit this day to Capt.
Porter/

100.

Porter c/o P.M.O., B'fn.

Edenburg, 4 - 7 - 01.

Send Cpl. Orgar and Pte. Wilkinson to B.fn. for kits and blankets.

Edenburg, 6 - 7 - 01.

Receive orders to-day to join Major Henshaw's Column on its arrival here to-day.

