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ANOTHER REPORT FROM OTTER ABOUT THE FIRST CONTINGENT

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Ottawa, Aug. 13.—(Special.)—The South African mail to-day brought to the Department of Militia the report of Lieut.-Col. Otter, commanding the first contingent, for the week ending July 6. The battalion was then at Springs. Col. Otter gives the strength of the regiment on the date mentioned as follows: Effectives, 433; sick and at rest in camps, 383; at convalescent camp in Cape Town, 81; command, 27; making a total of 934 at present in South Africa. There have been sent to England, 143; killed in action, 28; died of disease, 25; transfer, 13. This accounts for 1513 men of the first contingent, of whom 1,362 went with the regiment last October. 7 were since enlisted, and 100 added as reinforcements.

The diary of the Lieut.-Colonel, covering the operations of the battalion during the week ending July 6, is a record of incidents such as usually characterized garrison duty in the field, and most of which have been reported from other sources.

Dealing with the complaints made in Parliament of lack of prompt and full reports as to the condition of the sick and wounded, the commanding officer says that he has been most particular in reporting regularly and transmitting every matter of importance as promptly as possible. He adds:

"In the case of Sergt. Beattie, as I have already told you, I called his death at an end. On the other hand, I have been most careful not to say anything about the illness of non-commissioned officers. I have been most anxious to keep the public mind from being unnecessarily alarmed by these details."

Of the illness of Mr. Clarke Wallace's son I was aware, and on four occasions I sent him to hospital, and he was kept at Bloemfontein, and further went to the trouble of writing Mr. Wallace personally as to his son's illness."

Col. Otter deprecates the fact that parents and friends of soldiers have been unnecessarily alarmed by reports respecting the sick sent out from other sources. As for himself he declared that he did his best to locate or learn the condition of every man as soon as possible, and thinks that he succeeded well, considering that he was with the headquarters of the battalion in the field, and hundreds of the officers and men were scattered from one end of the country to the other."

The "Fighting Nineteenth."
Dealing with the movements of the battalion, Col. Otter forecasts its attachment to the 10th Brigade, the "Fighting 19th," as it has since been termed, in recognition of its splendid achievements in the field.

In connection with his report of the previous week of Lieut. Blanchard's death, he says: "I yesterday received a memo stating that he died in an ambulance on the 14th June, when en route to Kroonstad."

Pelletier Not an Imperial Officer.
In regard to the announced appointment of Lieut. Pelletier as second lieutenant in the 8th Dragoon, Col. Otter writes: "I am sorry to say that Lieut. Pelletier, on receiving notification of his appointment, declined to resign, and has forwarded to me his application for leave to do so. He has not, therefore, joined the Imperial service, but is still doing duty with the 2nd R.C.M."

Private Hendrie's Appointment.
Of Private Hendrie, appointed second lieutenant in the 2nd Dragoon Guards, the Colonel says: "Private Hendrie sailed from Cape Town for England on June 28 to join his new corps, and has therefore been struck off the strength of the 2nd R.C.M."

Major Macdonald's Appointment.
Referring upon the appointment of Major Macdonald as D.A.A.G. for railway transport at Cape Town, and which appointment he is still fulfilling, Col. Otter says: "You will recollect that this officer was sent to Cape Town on Jan. 2 last, to meet the 2nd Dragoon Guards."

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STORY OF DR. RYERSON ABOUT THE AFRICAN WAR

Canadian Red Cross Commissioner Says Burdett-Coutts' Charges Against Hospital Service Are Unfounded.

Sick and Wounded of Canadian and Imperial Troops as Well Attended as Was Possible, and Even the Boer Wounded Were Looked After—An Interesting Recital.

Montreal, Aug. 13.—(Special.)—Surgeon-Lieut.-Col. Ryerson was a passenger on the Allan Line Corinthian, which arrived to-day from Liverpool. Probably no Canadian knows so much about the South African campaign. In his capacity as a Canadian Red Cross Commissioner he was intimately connected with the officers in command, and especially after his appointment as British Commissioner at Lord Roberts' headquarters.

Burdett-Coutts' Charges.
Questioned as to what forces existed for the charges of hospital inefficiency and neglect, the Doctor declared that these accusations were absolutely incorrect. Mr. Burdett-Coutts never made any complaint to him while in South Africa, that he knew that he (the Doctor) had any amount of money and stores at his disposal. In fact he said nothing at all until he was thousands of miles away. Considering the difficulties that had to be surmounted, Dr. Ryerson says that the hospital arrangements could not have been more admirable. In war one could not expect the same comforts, hospital and otherwise, as in peace, but nothing that was deemed necessary for the patient suffering of these people, whose ages ranged all the way from 15 to 60. Very few deaths occurred amongst them.

Help From Foreign Countries.
In addition to aid for the sick and wounded from England and Canada, Red Cross contributions were also sent to the front from Italy, France and Germany. The Germans being extremely sympathetic, according to Dr. Ryerson.

As to Colonel Hughes.
The Doctor frequently referred in the course of his conversation to the manner in which Col. Hughes had distinguished himself under both General Warren and Lord Roberts. The gallantry of the Rev. Father O'Leary, who went out as chaplain with the first contingent, also called for much of his praise. The reverend gentleman had a bad attack of fever, but was convalescing at Cape Town when last heard from by the Doctor.

Robertson and Kitchener.
Having been stationed at the army headquarters, Dr. Ryerson saw a great deal of both Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener. There was nothing more striking about the two generals, he said, than the contrast between them. Lord Roberts was small, sharp, active, genial and approachable. Kitchener, on the other hand, was a man of whom almost every other man was afraid; tall, taciturn, difficult to approach, matter-of-fact, but much more amiable than his appearance would indicate. In this respect, too, he belied his reputation. Roberts was distinctly the master of the campaign, very determined, very kind to his men, especially to the sick, and the idol of the army.

Surprised at Kipling.
What had surprised him very much was the evidence of Rudyard Kipling to the effect that he had to take medicine into the hospitals by the back door. There was no necessity for taking it in surreptitiously, and no reason why the doctors should have so received it, neither did they say anything to show that such medicine had been given to doctors. At Bloemfontein Kipling had appeared quite satisfied with what he had seen. He had complained of smells at the Woodstock hospital, but he was never in the hospital, and he never saw the doctors.

It was an old building, 150 years in existence, but there was nothing to prove that the smell complained of had proceeded from the inside of the building.

Front of the Canadians.
Dr. Ryerson left Cape Town on July 4, and remained about ten days in London, as a Canadian he is very proud of the laurels won by his fellow-countrymen in South Africa. He admits that as there was a grave lack of confidence in the colonial troops, and many fears as to their steadiness and behavior under fire, were expressed. But there had been a fast reaction in public sentiment, and no praise was now too strong for the Canadians in British army circles, and particularly for the mounted colonial contingents. But for the Canadian and Australian scouts, it is now believed, he said, that the war would have lasted three years longer than it has, particularly in view of the many desperadoes that before the British troops. Altogether, including the Boers, there were 100,000 men.

Probabilities.
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DEATHS.
ANTHONY, at Brooklyn, U.S.A. Major W. B. Anthony, R.N.W.M.F., son of the late Colonel Anthony, Berthier.

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