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THE SEMI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, ST. JOHN, N. B., APRIL 11, 1900

Lieutenant Colonel Otter Gives the Maritime Province Companies "H" and "G" Credit of Forcing Cronje to Surrender-Would Not Obey a False Command to Retire but Remained on the Firing Line Within a Few Paces of the Boers and Fired Until the White Flag Went Up-Their Captains Mentioned-A List of the Wounded-Official Report of the Sunday, the Tuesday and the Wednesday Fights.

cupied the woods along the near edge of the river; but were totally hidden from view. They also occupied a series of they disclosed themselves, although they were quietly "sniping" from that direction

port, while as "B," "F," "G" and "H" came up they formed the reserve. The inder of the brigade was disposed o as under the D. of C. L. I., on our right, the Gordons and Shropshires L. Leen our. left in the order named but on the other side of the hill and behind the artillery. The battalion, however, was practically

alone and during the whole day received no orders or instructions from any one, until about 4 p. m. as noted later on. In addition to the 19th brigade the

third (Highland) brigade was engaged on the south side of the river, besides artillery and mounted infantry. Firing began at about 9.30 a. m. from the enemy's right and continued along their front towards the centre. The advance of the battalion took place over perfectly open ground, somewhat undulating, and with no cover save the inequalities of the ground, and a ant hills. The firing line attained a position from the enemy varying from 400 yards on the right to 800 yards on the left where it remained until late in the after-

line, the enemy's fire was for some time During this time three or four men the reserve ("H" Company) were wound-

ed at a distance of over 1,600 yards. the firing line and shortly afterwards "E" and part of "B" Company also reinforced the remainder of "B," "F" and "G" companies, becoming supports with "H" still

Only one Maxim gun could be crossed and that was soon got into position by Capt. Bell on the rising ground to the left, at a distance of some 1,000 yards. where it did worst expellent service during the day, being in a position to keep down the fire of the enemy who occupied the

dongas on our left. hill on our left rear and shelled the enemy's lines at intervals during the day. The five discipline of the several companies engaged was excellent and perfect coolwell as accurate shooting was

tained, at times being comparatively slack and then severe. The enemy evidently had the ranges marked as their fire at certain prominent places was so accurate as to render them almost untenable by us. Interruption to our fire was occasioned several times during the day by the cry from beyond the right of our line to "Stop firing on the left" as men in that part were hit from the fire from our left. The fire complained of was, I am satisfied, from the dongas occupied by the enemy on our

At about 4 p. m., three companies of der Lieut Col. Allworth came up and this officer informed me that "he had been sent to finish this business, and proposed doing so with the bayonets." He then asked for information respecting our own position and that of the enemy, which I gave

One company of the Cornwalls was at Following the retirement of the enemy At about 6 a. m. the enemy

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The chief staff officer of militia. Canada.

Paardeberg Drift, February, 26, 1900.

Sir—I have the honor to report upon the part taken by the part taken by the honor to report upon the part taken by the honor to report upon the part taken to part taken to the part take

command in the engagement at Paardeberg on the 18th inst.

The battalion arrived near Paardeberg Drift with the 18th brigade at 6 a. m. of the 18th inst, having formed the rear the local part in the charge was very severe. Lieux-Col. Allworth was killed. The position gained was, however, held and a continuous heavy fire maintained until darkness set in about 7 p. m., when T gave the 18th inst, having formed the rear the order to collect the dead and wounded the rear than 18th inst, having formed the rear the order to collect the dead and wounded the rear than 18th inst, having formed the rear than 18th inst in the charge was very severe.

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The enemy also withdrew from their positions at the same time to the Boer leager in that direction than any other arm we some two miles up the river, leaving a have experienced.

darkness set in about 7 p. m., when T gave the upon us no less than five different times, but fortunately without loss to us. The moral effect of the sun, however, and infinitely more distance of the wounded were brought in before times, but fortunately without loss to us. The moral effect of the sun, however, and infinitely more distance of the wounded were brought in that direction than any other arm we some two miles up the river, leaving a have experienced. Within half an hour of the arrival of some two miles up the river, leaving a have experienced.

New South Wales bearer company and have experienced.

The wounds received were entirely who rendered us every assistance possible

The company stretcher bearers exhibit bivouac thoroughly done out. The position occupied I have denoted on the edgreat pluck, and five of them were sketch accompanying my report of the among the wounded; three were wounded in conveying Cant. Arnold from the firing in conveying were used about the stretcher upon which he was being made a special object of attention by the Boer marksmen. In connection, with this incident I must note the courage with this incident I must note the courage displayed by Surgeon Cant. First, who out 8:30 a. m. The current ran nine ed great pluck, and five of them were arm-pite. Two crossings were used about line. The stretcher upon which he was apart, over one of which a rope being made a special object of attention passed over in four with linked arms. with this incident I must note the courage displayed by Surgeon-Capt. Fiset, who, The companies as they crossed were when the stretcher upon which Capt. Arhed forward and at 9.30 a. m. "A" and nold was being brought to the rear was meanles were in the firing line at stopped a short distance from the firing bout 500 yards from the enemy, who oc line by the wounding of one of the bear-

> firing line, which he directed and conmanner, while my acting adjutant, Lieut. Ogilvy, rendered excellent service in carrying my orders about the field. The following non-commissioned officers and men distinguished themselves during the day,

6559 Sergt. W. F. Utton, "F" (Quebec) company, formerly in the Royal Canadian

7117-Pte. H. Andrews, "A" (British Columbia) company, formerly in the 5th R. C. A. 7040-Pte. J. H. Dickson, "A" com

pany, formerly of the Nelson Rifle Com-7043-Pte. Duncafe, "A" company, for-

merly 90th Winnipeg Rifles. 7376-Pte. Page, "C" (Toronto) pany, formerly of the Governor General's 7306-Pte. Lorsch, "C" company, for

merly 48th Highlanders. The collection of the dead and wounded of both our own battal on and those of the D. C. L. I., was made by parties of fixed bayonets, with orders not to fire until fixed upon by the enemy, while the night. The duty was a most onerous one and too much credit cannot be given to which to entrench, when the advance those who were engaged in it. By 7 a. m. could go no further, the engineers on the of the 19th inst. all the dead of the battalion were buried, besides many of those of the D. C. L. I., and the wounded sent to the rear. I must here place on record the between the ranks, and an interval of one pace between men.

The brigadier was on the right, facility the Roman col. Buchan and Major Pelletier being in

Catholic chaplain of the battalion, the charge of the attack, the former on the Rev. Father O'Leary, who was present in the field all day, and towards the end in the firing line, while during the night he for about 400 yards when it was met by was prominent in the search for the a terrific fire from the enemy. The prowounded, as well as officiating in the burial of the dead.

Several of the officers accompanied these parties up to midnight, while No. 685, Q. but thereffect of the fire was disastrous M. Sergt. Reading; No. 7304 Sergt. Ramto us. "H" company being in the wood eag: No. 7302 Sergt. Middleton, and No. on the river bank did not suffer, but "G" eag; No. 7302 Sergt. Middleton, and No. 7258 Pte. Whingate, were out all night on lost heavily, the former having four killed

was that of No. 7347, Pte. Hornibrook 65 yards, actual measurement from "C" (Toronto) company, who at daylight in the morning of the 19th inst., was down into the extreme right of the lines occupied by the eiemy the previous day. He was unarmed and came suddenly upon line. an armed Boer; looking for a stray horsewith great presence of mind Hornibrook pretended to be armed with a revolver, The time was about 3 a. m. and called upon imaginary pistol, at the same time demanding the man's surrender. The Boer at once submitted, and on being brought, in proved to be one of General Oronje's adjutants and a most important

(Signed) W. D. OTTER, Lt.-Col., commanding Royal Canadian Regiment, 2nd. Battalion.

## THESDAY'S FIGHT.

the Turke of Cornwall's light infantry un- Closing in on Cronie-A Useless, Desperate Paardeberg, February 27 -- Sir, -- I have the honor to report upon the operations upon which the battalion under my command was engaged upon the 20th inst. on which occasion four men of the corps

restly to parade at 7 a, m. and at 7.20 a. continued "sniping" our collecting parties, among men in the reserve, and from long who rendered us every assistance possible until 10 p. m. continued "sniping" our collecting parties until 10 p. m.

In the bestfalion moved out to support the artillery, about a mile away, the men in the meantime had had a biscuit and a cup of teal.

Many instances of individual brayery was a trying one, being very hot, will owing to the enemy's fire it was almost impossible to get water forward to the impossible to get water forward to the battalion.

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render.

Paardeberg, South Africa, March 2, 1900. Sir, I have the honor to report on the action of the 27th ultimo in which the from the general office communiding the nineteenth brigade, ninth division on the tion of the battalion was made by 10 p. and the battanon was issue by 14 p.

An the main trench running north and south from the river and beginning on the left were placed "C" "E", "F" "G", and "H" companies, while on the extreme right was a party of thirty engineers. right of it resting within 25 yards of the river, and 500 yards from the nearest. Boer trench. The force placed in this trench numbered 500 officers and men of the battalion. "A" company remained on the south side of the river, where it morning of the 26th, and was posted just opposite the line of the man trench continued southward while "B" company and the bivouac some 300 and the trear and the warons were fully 1,000 yards to the rear again. The

continuation of the main trench from where it turned to the northeast was oc-cupied by 200 of the Gordon Highlanders. and about 1,500 yards on our left was the Shropshire light infantry.

The line of attack was that our six companies in the main trench should advance on the Boer trenches at 2 a. m. The front rank of each company to move with

At 2.15 a. m. the six companies with the mature discharge of a couple of shots a warning to many of our men, who in stantly threw themselves on the ground nine wounded. "G" company was within

fire was opened on them, the companies on the left, "E," "D" and "C" being from 75 to 100 yards distant from a subsection trench in prolongation of the enemy On receiving the enemy's fire the line the rear mak generally began to entrench

A trench on the right, begun by yards from the enemy's nearest trench and covered by "W" and "H" companies, made rapid progress, but those begun by the other companies did not advance very rapidly, and after the battalion had been for some 20 minutes under fire, some one called in an authoritative tone, "to retire and bring back your wounded," In con-sequence of which the left company failed to establish themselves in the new trenche and retired to the old one, leaving "G and "H" holding the ground on the right Lieut. Col. Buchan was the last to retire which he did by the right. Daylight found "G" and "H" companies well entrenched, with the Royal Engineers still pushing

the work on Firing continued by "G" and "H" companies on the right till about 5.15 a. m. when the enemy in the advanced trench made proposals, to surrender. Our men being doubtful of the genuineness of the

Dr. Borden, minister of militia, read the half an hour by the other two, this reindon the evening of the 18th instant the the enemy began to come in by batches spine (since dead).

7502—Pte. F. J. Living, 43rd Batt.

the officer commanding the second battalion Royal Canadian Regiment:

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Iorcement being received by a very heavy fire from the whole length of the enemy's instant detailed for the outpost line and division, came up about 6.15 and directed the disposition of the prisoners, sending forward an officer into the nearest part of the Boer larger. The place and about 5.15 p. m. The whole force wisht the Carder Highly and the result of which was the

Lt. Col. commanding Royal Canadian Regiment, Second Battalion.

18th, 20th and 27th February, at Paarde South Africa Major Q. C. C. Pelletier, right arm, not

Capt. H. M. Arnold, 90th Batt., nature C. A., left thigh, slight. 7021—Pte. A. C. Beach, 5th Regiment 701 Pte. W. J. G. Dickson, 5th Regiment C. A., discharged from hospital. 7043—Pte. C. W. Duncan, 9th Batt, wrist, slight. 7046 Pte. R. Finch Smith, 5th Regimen

C. A., thigh, elight.
7070—Corp. A O Lohman, 6th Rifles, face, and chest, serious.
7082—Ptc. H. McKenzie, Manitoba Dra-7081-Pte H. E. Niebergall, 6th Rifles leg, slight. 7.11-Pte. C. C. Thompson, 6th Rifles, shoulder, serious.

"B" Company (London). Lieut. J. C. Mason, shoulder, slight.

and hip serious. 2500-Corp. L. Power, R. C. A., back, breast, serious. 7211—Pte. C. D. McLaren, 7th Fusiliers arm, slight, 7225—Pte. A. E. Padnon, 21st Batt., arm

nd side, serious. 7252 Pre, A. H. Wheatcraft, 7th Fusiliers, discharged from hospital. "C" Company (Toronto).

9393—Corp. M. M. Stewart, 2nd Q. O. R., shoulder, shirht. 7317 Pie. L. Allen, 2nd Q. O. R., 20 charged from hospital.
7326—Pte. H. Coggins, 31st Batt., charged from hospital.
7336 Pte. E. C. Day, G. G. B. G., dis charged from hospital.
7342—Pte. N. Gray, Sault Ste Marie Rifle Company, discharged from hosp

April 5-Another batch of 1,300 Boer 7432-Pte G. Holland, nil. discharged 7256-Pte. J. Kennedy, 10th Batt., arm 7357-Pte. R. Me Kidner: 10th Batt. 7360-Pte. h. McGivern, 2nd Q. O. R. 4105-Pte- R. H. McLaughlin, R. C. R. L. shoulder and lungs, serious.
7392-Pte. J. His Hutton, 13th Batt. are fatally ill. 7397-Pte J. F. Ussher, 2nd Q. O. R.

back, not serious. 7398—Rie. W. J. Vanderwater, 2nd Q. O. R., finger, slight, 7399—Pte. J. R. Vickers, 10th Batt 7406—Pte. S. M. Warde, 2nd Q. O. R. throat, slight,

"D" Company, (Ottawa). 4111-Corp. C. H. Thompson, R. C. R. 7498 Corp. G. G. Hulmex, 15th Batt.. ischarged from hospital 7642—Pte. J. L. H., Bradchaw, 16th Batt. 7475 Pte. C. P. Clarke, 43rd Butt , leg 7474-Pte. J. D. Coleman, 43rd Batt armithon serious regarded the new party lungs, (since dead).
7510-Pte. A. Laird, late R. C. A., les

discharged from hospital.
7553—Pte. C. T. Thomas, G. G. F. G. "E" Company, (Montreal). 5136-Corp. T. E. Baugh, R. C. R.

right knee, slight.
7637—Pte. J. F. Norman, 3rd Field
Batt., C. A., back, not serious.
7659—Pte. T. Moore, D. Y. R. C., Hussars, forearm, slight.
5094—Pte. D. R. McGill, R. C. R. L. shoulder, slight. 7685—Pte. G. P. Robarts, 2nd Regiment C. A., arm, slight. 7689 Pte. A. C. Shaw, 3rd Victoria

7707-Pte. A. J. Turner, 8th Royal Rifles arm, slight. 7708—Pte. F. Wasdell, 3rd Victoria

"F" Company (Quebec). 6559 Sergt. F. W. Utton, R. C. R. I the engagement was not so successful at all points as hoped for yet the final result was a complete success and credit can fairly be claimed by the battalion for such, as it was practically among the enemy alone. I attack a sketch of the positions occupied and list of these killed and would in the second list of these killed and would in the second list of these killed and would in the second list of these killed and would in the second list of these killed and would in the second list of these killed and would in the second list of these killed and would in the second list of these killed and would in the second list of these killed and list of these killed and would in the second list of these killed and list of these second list of these second list of these second list of these second list of the shoulder, not serious.
7827—Pte. Downing, 62nd Batt., ches I have the honor to be, dear sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed) W. D. OTTER,
Lt.Col. commanding Royal Canadian
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Tattach a sketch of the positions occupied and wounded in the sketch of the positions occupied and list of those killed and wounded in the day operations.

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ody, nine wounds, since dead.
7777-Pte. J. A. Scott, 93rd Batt., hip, omen, since dead. 7803—Pte. A. Sutherland, D. Hussars, buttock, slight. 7815-Pte. A. Theriault, 9th Batt., foot,

'G" Company (New Brunswick and P. E. 7915-Corp. F. W. Coombs, 62nd Batt., ft shoulder, not serious. 7909—Pte. N. T. Brace, Charlottetown nent C. A., left leg, amputated.
7923—H. E. Durant, 74th Bett., left hip 2929 Pte H. Fradsham, R. C. R. I. 7935—Pte. J. A. Harris, 82nd Batt., left arm, not serious.
7943—Pte. J. Johnson, 62nd Batt., leg, 7960-Pte. P. McCreary, 74th Batt., 7972-Pte. A. Pelky, 62nd Batt., left bow, serious. est and abdomen, serious 7985 Pte. A. Simpson, 3rd Regime

. A., neck, serious. 7987—Pte. F. W. Sprague, 3rd Regimen . A., left arm, slight. 7996—Pte. W. C. Unkauf, 62nd Batt., 8001-Pte. J. N. Wayne, 82nd Batt., foot "H" Company (Halifax).

8051-Pte. W. F. Adams, 63rd Batt \$105-Pte. G. Johnson, 63rd Batt., head 8128-Ptc. G. D. McCollum, 93rd Batt.

8142-Pte. A. Parker, 68th Batt., dis charged from hospital. 8151-Pte. W. J. Regan, 68th Batt., arn d leg. not serious. One Died of Smallpox-In a Wretched Condition. Simonstown, Cape Colony, Thursday,

nted a woebegone appearance, many of ad mostly of Kaffir blankets, canvas water ottles and cooking utensils. One of the risoners died of smallpox and four others

A Detachment Lent to the Assistance of the Irish Fusiliers. chment of Hussars who were proceeding

head, serious.

British Must Leave Pretoria. Lorenzo Marques, Thursday, April 5-Ac

15 miles southwest of Reddersburg, in the Orange Free State, and dispatched to the

ssistance of the Irish Fusiliers captured near Reddersburg.

Parade Statements after the Two Fights.

Effective at Paardeberg		Lt. Col.	Majors.	Surgeons.	Captains.	Subalterns.	War Office.	Staff Sergts.	Sergeants.	Corporals.	Lance Corp.	Buglers.	Privates.	Totals.
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Boer General Killed and Fifty Men Captured--Five British Companies Surrendered--Boers Growing More Active Everywhere--Canadians Put on Horseback. London, April 7-4.30 a. m.-Not a word | more afraid of the Transvaalers than of

public is beginning to realize the immens difficulties to be overcome even before Pretoria is reached, and is revising premature ideas with respect to the time when the war will be over. No one believes that it will have ended by the beginning

The latest disaster more particularly illustrates the heavy task involved in hold-British troops without guns, which disappeared so completely within 35 miles of the great British army, had for its but ness to guard a section of nearly 90 miles of railway between Bloemfontein and Springfontein. If it could thus be spirithis continually extending communications. Other pertinent questions are being ask-

nate occurrences.' The foremost is, why do not the British troops entrench? It is argued that if this ad been done even 500 men might have held out until reinforcements had arrived.
It cannot be concealed that the utmost It is said that the Boers who cantured the British at Reddersburg belonged to Olivier's commando and if so he has not retired north and hopes are expressed that 4,000 rebels surrendered during Gen. Clement's march northward. The Boers will do their utmost to hold Ladybrand and Thaba N'chu, both being rich grain

roducing districts.

A correspondent of the Morning Post at Springfontein, telegraphing Thursday, increased precautions are being taken in patrolling the railway. It is stated that most of the prisoner

aptured at Bushof are foreigners. The report that Mr. Stevn has been inted to the command of the Free Staters and the further report that the Free State has arranged a loan from the

rica are due to arrive during the coming week at ports of Natal and Cape Colony. with Col. Plumer's forces says that four officers and thirty men were taken prisoners at Ramathlabama. It appears that the names Cecil and Granville, which were originally supposed to indicate two of the officers captured at that time, should have been read together as the name of one officer. As numerous prisoners are now held on both sides and the number was mooted in the House of Commons la evening. This elicited a reply that the ent had no intention of propo

London, April 6-The Bloemfontein cor espondent of the Morning Post, tele graphing Thursday, says:
"The Boers are apparently making ar attempt to redeem their promises to re take Bloemfontein. A considerable force General Tucker's isolation at Karee i more apparent than real, since the open ground north of Bloemfontein offers small opportunity for Boer tactics. They may om operations elsewhere. Remounts are anxiously awaited.'

Daily Telegraph, telegraphing Thursday

Transvaal emissaries for today at Leeuw berg, but nobody attended. "Boer patrols from Brantfort have cut the telegraph wires between here and Boshof.

"The British scouts reported vesterda that a force of from 12,000 to 18,000 Boers ing from Thaba N'chu to the south enemy, by appeals and menaces combined, regular and volunteer imperial troops. It are vainly trying to induce the burghers will be under the command of Major Ridto take the field again. The farmers are Past have arrived at Pretoria.

been allowed to come through except the despatch of Lord Roberts. It is therefore impossible to form any notion as to what has happened. Meanwhile the British was concentrated here today. The Boers

mando under Commandant Duplessis, who controls the district.

"Lord Methuen commanded in a spirited little action, nine miles to the southeast where he surrounded seventy on a kopje. Not a man escaped. Col. De Villebois was killed during the action.
"A Boer hoisted a white flag and then fired immediately, killing a British officer. The murderer was instantly shot."

The Pretoria correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphing Thursday says: "Col. Paumer's force is returning north." London, April 6.-The war office has received the following despatch from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, Thursday,

"Methuen telegraphs from Boshof (in the Orange Free State, a little northeast of Kimberley) as follows: 'Surrounded General Villebois Mareuil and a body of Boers today. None escaped. Villebois and seven Boers killed, eight wounded

"Our losses were: Killed-Capt. S. Boyle and Williams, both of the Yeo-manry. Wounded—About seven men. The attack lasted four hours. The corps behaved very well. Our force was com-posed of Yeomanry, the Kimberley mount-ed corps and the Fourth battery of artil-

Boer army. He was about 50 years old and is said to have been responsible for entered the Boer army merely because war was his trade. He went through a number of campaigns in the French army.

Lord Roberts reports that five comof Bloemfontein, in the Orange Free State.

London, April 6, 4.09 p. m.—The following is the text of Lord Roberts' despatch to the war office announcing the capture of five companies of his troops: "Bloemfontein, Thursday, April 5 .-

Another unfortunate occurrence has oc-curred, resulting, I fear, in the capture of a party of infantry consisting of three companies of the Royal Irish Fusiliers and two companies of the Ninth regiment of mounted infantry, near Reddersburg, a little eastward of Bethanie railway station within a few miles of this place. tion, within a few miles of this place. They were surrounded by a stronger force of the enemy with four or five guns. The detachment held out from before noon, April 3, until 9 a. m. April 4, and noon, April 3, until 9 a. m. April 4, and then apparently surrendered, for it is reported that the firing ceased at that time. Immediately after I heard the news, during the afternoon of April 3, I ordered Gen. Gatacre to proceed from Springfontein, his present headquarters, to Reddersburg with all possible speed, and I dispatched the Cameron Highlanders hence to Bethanie. Gatacre arrived at Ped to Bethanie. Gatacre arrived at Red dersburg at 10.30 yesterday morning with-out opposition, but could get no news of the missing detachments. There can be no doubt the whole party have been made

Toronto, April 6-The Montreal Star's special cable from its correspondent with the first Canadian contingent, is as fol-

"Bloemfontein, April 4-There has been a reorganization of the mounted infantry corps of the army under Lord Roberts at this point. The new division as thus constituted being placed under command of General Hamilton.

The division is composed of two brigades, one being formed of Canadians, Australians, New Zealanders and other colonial units here. This brigade has been late commanding the general militia forces in Canada, who has just arrived at the