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SEVERAL RELICS.

Major Rankin Has Received Them From South Africa.

A Plan of the Battle of Paardeberg—Couple of Letters From Private Burrell.

Major Rankin has received two letters from Private Burrell in one of which is a sketch of the battle of Paardeberg in which poor John Duggan of this city was killed. The draft of the battle field is very intelligently and distinctly drawn. It shows Cronje's position on the river bank and the spot where the Canadians made their gallant charge at sunset on the evening of the 18th. The place is now marked by the graves of 17 of the brave members of the R. C. R. It also shows the place where the final charge was made on the morning of the 20th day and this place is marked by the burial of six Canadians. The sketch shows the position of the batteries and of the different regiments.

Bloemfontein, South Africa,

April 13th, 1900.

Dear Major—I have just taken a sketch of the British and Boer positions in the Paardeberg battle of Feb. 18th to 27th. Each broad arrow shows which way the firing of the Boers and British was directed and the graves of the members of our own regiment shows how many were killed. 17 in one and six in the other. The bayonet charge on the 18th of Feb. is marked as well as the course of the Boers' retreat to the main laager during the night and this is the place where they remained until the surrender on the 27th of February. I send you this sketch that it may give you a better idea of the fight. Yours truly,

H. BURRELL.

THE SECOND LETTER.

Bloemfontein, April 30th, 1900.

Dear Major—Just a few lines to let you know I am well and hope you are enjoying the same good health. I enclose in this letter one full issue of the Transvaal stamps which I think you would like to have as a relic from Africa.

Private W. B. Gorrie is sending you one of the Orange Free State flags which I think will be very nice to have in Canada. We three Chatham boys all join in thanking you and the citizens of Chatham for the money which was presented to us from the said place and the County of Kent. We are at present in Bloemfontein waiting orders to move up to Pretoria in the near future, and we hope to be home before we do move. I also sent the Mayor of Chatham an Orange Free State flag. I received the paper you sent to me. Good-bye, yours truly,

H. BURRELL.

First Canadian Contingent.

OUR MOUNTED MEN

Gunner Shore Tells of His Experiences in the War.

Sad Death of Gunner Bradley—Living on Short Rations—Rains That Broke the Record.

A LETTER FROM SHORE. Edward Cosgrove, a popular employee of the Walker Co., has received the following letter from his friend Robert Shore, who left with the battery from London, that went with the second Canadian contingent: "Dear Ed—I do not know what you will think of my not having answered your letter before, but, as we have marched over 500 miles since we left Cape Town about six weeks ago, I think that you will understand just a little bit.

As you know, we left the Cape on March 4th, but after that you may not know very much about us as we saw in Canadian papers that arrived yesterday that we were at Kimberley while in fact we have not been within 100 miles of there, as we detoured at a place called Victoria Road station, about 425 miles from Cape Town, and marched 15 miles to Victoria West, a town of about 1200 or 1500 people. Here we stopped for six days and then started for Carnarvon, a distance of about 90 miles, where we arrived after eight days' marching. We stayed in this town for a few days and were joined by "C" battery and two squadrons of tery arrived our right section and

the C. M. R. The day after "C" battery and a squadron "D" of the C. M. R. with half a squadron of New Zealanders left to go scouting up country, and we followed them two days later and got as far as the place called Vanwykskloof from which place we could not proceed any further on account of the rain, which commenced the morning we arrived, and continued for three days without letting up for more than an hour at a time. I have seen a few rain storms, but I never saw the rain come down.

IN STEADY STREAMS

for an hour at a time, but I saw it at Vanwykskloof, and inside of an hour from the time the rain started there was a foot of water running down through the picket lines, and we were working like demons in an endeavor to turn the water, but as fast as we dug, the water would wash the soil back into the ditch. I forgot to say that when we arrived at the town we found that all the inhabitants had left the place with the exception of a Jew, who was running a store, and a couple of Dutch families. When we found that we could not do anything to help the horses, we gave them a feed of oats and left them alone. We were quartered in the vacant houses, which we found very comfortable. Our crowd (the Londoners) were quartered in an old Dutch windmill, which we found well stocked with flour, oatmeal and wheat. You can just bet that we made good use of all we could lay our hands on. We stayed in this place for over a week waiting for the water to subside and the roads to get in condition for us to go to Kenhardt, when one day the order came for us to return to Carnarvon, which we did. From there we came here and right again we are to get back to civilization. You would not believe that we were here. We heard the noise we made when we saw the first trail. As we have marched about 500 miles through the country and before we travelled the same distance by rail, I think that I may be allowed to pass my opinion on the country and it is just this, that I would not give

ONE ACRE OF GOOD KENT

soil for the whole of Cape Colony. I tell you it is terrible, nothing but an old Knos bush, at least this was all we saw from Carnarvon to Van Wykskloof, but as that was all the way through the Knos desert we know that I should base my opinion on only that small part of our journey. When we arrived at Carnarvon, which was the sixth, we found that the orders were that we had to be in De Aar on the 14th, a distance of 130 miles. You will see that we had no time to spare, but at the same time we arrived a day ahead of time. I was rather taken down on the size of this town, for I had an idea that it was nearly as large as Chatham, but found that it is a place of about 1000 inhabitants and all of them employed on the road, for you know this is a junction. It was here that the first shot of the war was fired. In fact, I can see from the tent door, where I am now sitting, the very trenchments in which the gun that fired the first shot was placed. I forgot to tell you that when we arrived at Carnarvon on our return journey we were joined by the fellows who were left with our horses at Hylfax, and also by Dick Skirving, who in particular we were all very glad to have with us again as he is the head driver on our gun. He looked far better than any of our lads as they have, with a few exceptions, lost from 10 to 15 lbs. in weight. But just wait till he lives on hard tack and corn beef for a while and marches about ten hours a day and he will lose those rosy cheeks. By the way, perhaps you did not know he had his arm broken and was left in a hospital at the Cape. We do not know where we are to go from here, but wherever it is we hope it will be soon. We expect to go to Bloemfontein, and it is rumored that we are to go in a day or two. Of course you have heard of

THE DROWNING

that occurred at Van Wykskloof. The lad's name was Robert Bradley from Ottawa. The way it happened was purely accidental. It was the first time we had waded our horses there and we had not the slightest idea that the bank dropped off as sudden as it did. What is more there is not enough water within 10 miles of that hole to drown anyone. When he was taken out of the water the doctor said that he would die, he would die in an hour. What he regained consciousness and we had not the slightest doubt but that he would pull through. In about an hour or so he began to get worse and

worse, and at about 2.30 p. m. he was dead. The funeral took place the next day and I was one of those detailed in the firing party. While I was out of the tent about five minutes another fellow took my place. The service was conducted by our chaplain, Mr. Cox, and was very solemn and impressive. The grave was dug on the side of a kopje, about a mile out of the town and we had a path lined with stones on each side leading from the camp to it. After the service we made a cairn of stones over the grave and a wall around it, so that the water would not wash it away. I understand he left a wife and two children. We have had

VERY LITTLE SICKNESS.

among our fellows and none of a serious nature, but if we had been kept on the grub we were getting for awhile, I think that we would all have been dead from starvation. You will understand this better when I tell you that on one day in particular we got up at 4.30 a. m. and had one hardack with a bowl of very poor coffee and then marched 12 miles, which took us till about 11 o'clock. Then we were given half a hardack. By the way, these are termed biscuits by the Quarter Master. From that time till supper, during which we marched 15 miles, we could get nothing but water to drink. I suppose you have begun to pickle eggs by this time. By the way, eggs are only 3 shillings 6d. (77 cents) here, but as we got paid on Saturday last and Sunday was Easter, we had six dozen for our fellows. 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