

RETIRES FROM LADYSMITH.

An Account of the Two Sorties and the Destruction of Boer Guns.

One Becomes Accustomed to Life Under Daily Bombardment - A Terrible Christmas.

Following letters are printed by the Morning Leader, from its correspondent, Ernest W. Smith, who has been at Ladysmith since General White left his army to the Boers.

Nov. 27.—We must be fast feeling the terms of our investment. I cannot mention the Boer activity of the day, but the activity of the Boer army in Ladysmith—

The old story. Ninety-nine shells produce nothing but marvelous escapes—the hundred spreads death and destruction far and wide.

Nov. 28.—The rays of the setting sun fell on the hill occupied by the Liverpool regiment. Men sat around after tea, chatting as they enjoyed the cool air, yet watchful of the post they held.

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called. A little band of about 450 determined men gathered at our outside picket on the Helpmaker road as soon as the moon sank and inky darkness came over the place.

There were 150 of the Imperial Light Horse, 150 Natal Carbineers, small detachments of the Natal Mounted Rifles, the Border Mounted Rifles, and the guides, with parties regular Mounted Battery, Royal Artillery and sappers of the Royal Engineers.

The storming force was on foot and carried only carbines. It proceeded along the Helpmaker road till the turning at De Vaals was reached. This road was followed for some time, and then they turned to the right, and worked the road towards Gun Hill—the long rising forming part of Lombard's Kop—upon which the enemy's guns were mounted.

Boer position was blown up and destroyed. I heard the explosion that did the damage, but saw nothing of the feat, which was performed in the dead of the night.

Col. Metcalfe led 450 of his men to the assault. He was accompanied by a party of artillerymen and sappers in order that the necessary might be done in a workmanlike fashion when the infantry had possessed themselves of whatever armaments were to be found on the spot.

The officer in command, first in the charge, was the first to fall. Bullets struck him in the chest and thigh, and he rolled head over heels down the slope to the foot of the Boer position.

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remained in the town of desolation—wretched by their sides and whose breasts were encircled with cartridge belts.

The Scoury's Fate. Steadily the others mounted the hill approaching the position where the enemy was known to have been.

Blasting the Guns. A disabled gun was found, together with a new one the enemy had prepared to get into position.

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FROM ALL OVER CANADA come letters telling us of the great benefits derived from the use of the D. & L. Menthol Plasters in cases of neuralgia, rheumatism, lame back, etc.

THE DISCONTINUANCE OF THE BOMBARDMENT. The closing of the Royal Hotel, after the killing of Dr. Stark, was only fair to the proprietor and to Mrs. Gibson, the plucky little woman who stepped into the kitchen when all the servants were frightened from it.

BOER GUNS BLOWN UP. How the Lanciers and the Natal Volunteers, Captured Long Tom.

MORE GUNS DESTROYED. A General Midnight Surprise for the Investors.

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