

Trooper Hurst, 24th Company, 8th Battalion Imperial Yeomanry.

Trooper Elce, 23rd Company, 8th Battalion Imperial Yeomanry.

Trooper Mather, Paget's Horse.

Trooper Looker, 23rd Company, Imperial Yeomanry, who was seriously wounded in the groin, refused to be taken to the ambulance, but continued to fire into the garden until the enemy retired.

The determination and courage of Lieutenant Brocklebank, Commanding Colt Gun Section, 8th Battalion Imperial Yeomanry, and his gun party, assisted by Sergeant Fawkes, 24th Company, Imperial Yeomanry, with 17 men, in holding kraal and fighting his Colt guns, is beyond all praise.

These guns were within 100 yards of the enemy's firing line, and one of the shields was shattered to pieces.

I have to name the following Officers and men as being particularly worthy of mention for the excellent services they performed in their respective spheres during the day:—

Personal Staff.

Major Kelly, R.A., A.D.C., severely wounded.  
Lieutenant Paton, A.D.C., wounded.

Staff.

Major F. C. Heath, A.A.G., horse shot under him.

Lieutenant-Colonel Hughes, Intelligence Officer.  
"E" Battery, Royal Canadian Artillery, Major Ogilvie.

8th Battalion Imperial Yeomanry.

Colonel Crawley, Commanding, Imperial Yeomanry.

Captain Kemp, Commanding, 23rd Company, Imperial Yeomanry.

Captain Parkin, Commanding, 24th Company, Imperial Yeomanry.

Lieutenant Huntington, 23rd Company, Imperial Yeomanry (wounded).

Lieutenant Williams, 24th Company, Imperial Yeomanry (wounded).

Lieutenant J. Brockiebank, Officer Commanding Gun Section, Imperial Yeomanry.

Lieutenant C. Lowther, 24th Company, Imperial Yeomanry.

Sergeant Fawkes, 24th Company, Imperial Yeomanry.

Corporal Wilson, 24th Company, Imperial Yeomanry.

Trooper Looker, 23rd Company, Imperial Yeomanry.

Duke of Edinburgh's Own Volunteer Regiment.

Colonel Spence (killed in action).

Major T. Lewis (who commanded the regiment on death of Colonel Spence).

Captain G. Twycross.

Captain W. Simkins.

Lieutenant W. Prince.

Lieutenant B. H. Thorne.

Sergeant-Major Pearson, in charge of Maxim gun.

Warren's Scouts.

Captain Mackie, Royal Canadian Artillery.

I regret very much the loss of Colonel Spence, Commanding Duke of Edinburgh's Own Volunteer Rifles, a most gallant and efficient Commanding Officer.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES WARREN,

Lieutenant-General, Military Governor of Cape Colony, North of Orange River.

No. 17.

From Field-Marshal Lord Roberts, Commanding-in-Chief, South Africa, to the Secretary of State for War.

Army Head-Quarters, Pretoria,

My LORD, 25th September, 1900.

I HAVE the honour to forward for your Lordship's information a report, dated 4th August, 1:00, with enclosure and plans of engagements, from Lieutenant-General Sir A. Hunter, K.C.B., D.S.O., describing the operations carried out under his command from the 25th June to the 1st August, 1900, which resulted in the unconditional surrender of Generals Prinsloo and Crowther with 4,140 of their men and three guns, besides many horses and rifles and a large quantity of ammunition.

2. I am of opinion that the operations under reference were conducted by Lieutenant-General Hunter with marked ability and judgment, and that the behaviour of the troops both on the march and when engaged with the enemy, merits high commendation.

3. While it is to be regretted that the commandos under Generals C. de Wet and Olivier contrived to break through the British force surrounding the Brandwater Basin, it must be remembered that the country was extremely difficult, and that owing to their intimate knowledge of the ground the Boer leaders could move at night along routes which our own Officers were at the time imperfectly acquainted with, and which, therefore, were not blocked in sufficient strength to preclude the escape of a portion of the enemy from the invested area.

I have, &c.,

ROBERTS, Field-Marshal,  
Commanding-in-Chief, South Africa.

From Lieutenant-General Sir A. Hunter, K.C.B., D.S.O., Commanding Operations in the Eastern Districts of the Orange River Colony, to the Chief of the Staff, South Africa.

Fouriesburg,

Sir, 4th August, 1900.

I HAVE the honour to report that on 25th June, in accordance with your orders, I assumed command of Lieutenant-General Ian Hamilton's force at Heidelberg.

2. The force consisted at the time of the 2nd and 3rd Cavalry Brigades, the 2nd Mounted Infantry Brigade, the 21st Infantry Brigade, Rimington's Guides, and Divisional Artillery, whilst two squadrons of Scottish Yeomanry were also added to it from the 10th Division, making a total effective strength of 416 Officers, 7,312 men, 3,942 horses, and 30 guns.

3. Leaving Heidelberg on 27th June, I marched, preceded by the Cavalry under Brigadier-General Broadwood, by Villiersdorp, Frankfort, and Reitz to Bethlehem, which place I reached on 9th July.

I cleared the country I marched through of all horses and supplies.

4. At Frankfort, on 3rd July, I was joined from Heilbron by Major-General MacDonald with the following troops: three battalions Highland Brigade, 12th Company, Imperial Yeomanry, Eastern Province Horse, Lovat's Scouts, and the 5th Battery, Royal Field Artillery, a total strength of 4,008 men, 1,801 horses, and six guns.

5. At Reitz I left Major-General Bruce Hamilton with the 21st Brigade, two batteries, Royal Field Artillery, and the 7th Mounted Infantry, with orders to send a convoy of all empty wagons, with escort of one battery and a battalion, to Heilbron to fetch further supplies.