

There were six or seven dead Boers lying near, which, I suppose, were killed when we charged them

F. AYLING, Private,
F Company, 3rd Bn. King's Royal Rifles.

2.

Camp Tugela,
25th February, 1900.

Assistant Adjutant-General, 2nd Division.

Forwarded. I obtained permission for Captain Campbell, R.A.M.C., to go to the wounded yesterday morning, under cover of a large Geneva Cross flag, but the Boers at once fired at him and wounded him.

I was, therefore, obliged to wait for an opportunity when fresh lives would not be sacrificed, and to-day learn from the bearers that nearly all our missing, viz., 35, are killed or wounded, and they have been accounted for owing to the cessation of hostilities under an armistice.

A. BEWICKE-COPLEY, Major,
Commanding 3rd Bn. King's Royal Rifles.

3.

Chief of Staff, 25th February, 1900.
Forwarded.

B. HAMILTON, Colonel, A.A.G.,
for General Officer Commanding 2nd Division.

No. 4.

From Field-Marshal Lord Roberts to the Secretary of State for War.

Army Head-quarters, South Africa,

My Lord, Kroonstad, 15th May, 1900.

I have the honour to submit for your lordship's favourable consideration, letters Nos. Mil. Sec. 445, 456, and 457, dated 30th March, 1900, from the General Officer Commanding in Natal, recommending certain Warrant Officers, non-commissioned officers and men for the medal for distinguished services in the field, and bringing to notice the names, not previously mentioned, of Officers, non-commissioned officers and men, whose services in connection with the operations for the relief of Ladysmith deserve special mention.

2. The gallant behaviour of the troops during the period adverted to is known to your Lordship, and I have much pleasure in supporting the recommendations on their behalf put forward by General Sir Redvers Buller.

I have, &c.,

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

From the General Officer Commanding, Natal, to the Secretary of State for War.

(Through the Field-Marshal Commanding the Forces in South Africa.)

The Convent, Ladysmith,
30th March, 1900.

Sir,

I have the honour to bring to your notice the cases of distinguished conduct in the field which are detailed in the enclosed list, and to recommend that the Warrant Officers, non-commissioned officers and men therein mentioned, may each be awarded the medal for distinguished conduct in the field.

I regret that I am not in a position to render the returns, &c., referred to in paragraph 2049, Queen's Regulations.

I have, &c.,

REDVERS BULLER General.

List of Warrant Officers, non-commissioned officers and men recommended for the grant of the medal for distinguished conduct in the field.

Royal Artillery.

20014 Bombardier Knight, 14177 Gunner Gilberry, and 25553 Gunner Billingham, 66th Battery, Royal Field Artillery.—Gallant conduct at Battle of Colenso, 15th December, in the attempt to extricate the guns of the 14th and 66th Batteries.

29925 Gunner Charles Colton, 66th Battery, Royal Field Artillery, 15th December, Colenso.—Conspicuous bravery in continuing to perform his duties as No. 5 at his gun until ammunition was exhausted, though shot through the ankle very early in the day.

Driver Bodill and Driver Parmenter, 14th Battery, Royal Field Artillery.—Conspicuous gallantry in attempting to rescue the guns of their battery on 15th December at Colenso.

R.A./23289 Driver N. Harding, 7th Battery, Royal Field Artillery.—For coolness and gallantry on 22nd February, when almost the whole gun team was killed by a shell, he extricated the wheel horses single handed, and drove his gun into action with a single pair of horses.

Royal Engineers.

22123 Troop-Quarter-Master-Serjeant J. Newnham, 22864 Serjeant S. Grist, and 22412 Corporal J. Wilson, "A" Pontoon Troop.—Conspicuous bravery and coolness when laying and working at pontoon bridge under fire on several occasions, specially at Munger's Drift on 5th February.

17858 Company-Serjeant-Major J. H. Smith and 1528 Sapper Trash, 17th Company, Royal Engineers, 23rd February.—Coolness and gallant behaviour when making sandbag wall across railway bridge at Langerwachte Spruit under heavy fire.

2nd Bn. Royal West Surrey Regiment.

3406 Lance-Serjeant J. Knight.—Conspicuous bravery on two occasions—first, 23 February, carrying wounded man of East Surrey Regiment under heavy fire; second, 23rd February, carrying important message 600 yards over fire swept plateau.

5853 Private G. Cawson.—Consistent bravery in the field.

4834 Corporal E. Smith.—Constant and conspicuous gallantry under fire.

2nd Battalion Royal Lancaster Regiment.

5194 Lance-Serjeant G. McLeod and 2982 Private McGovan (since killed), 24th January, Spion Kop.—Conspicuous gallantry in carrying wounded men to the rear when no stretcher bearers were available, and the number of wounded in firing line was so great as to interfere with the men who were firing.

2nd Bn. Royal Fusiliers.

6830 Lance-Corporal W. Bell, 5802 Private W. O'Keefe, and 5708 Private A. Benton, 24th to 27th February.—Great gallantry as stretcher bearers in removing wounded.

2nd Bn. Devonshire Regiment.

3285 Lance-Corporal E. A. Stebbing and 3059 Lance-Corporal G. Robbins, 23rd February.—Conspicuous gallantry in carrying wounded men from firing line under very heavy fire.

5041 Lance-Corporal McDonald (killed in action), Colenso, 15th December, 1899.—Conspicuous gallantry.

2nd Bn. Somersetshire Light Infantry.

1555 Colour-Serjeant H. French, 21st February, near Colenso.—Gallant conduct when in