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WEDNESDAY, 10TH JANUARY, 1900.

Mafeking Garrison.

GENERAL ORDERS.

MAFEKING, 10TH JANUARY, 1900.

Appointment: Court of Summary Jurisdiction.—Major F. W. Panzera, Brigade Major, F.F., is appointed a member of the Court of Summary Jurisdiction, under Proclamation of 12th October and 17th November, 1899.

Capt. Ryan, D.A.A.G.: Office Hours.—On and after the 11th inst. persons desirous of seeing Captain Ryan, D.A.A.G., are requested to call at the Court House Office between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 noon (Sundays excepted).

Court of Summary Jurisdiction.—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet to-morrow, Thursday, the 11th instant, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: Lieut.-Col. C. B. Vyvyan. Member: Major F. W. Panzera.

Brigade Signallers.—With reference to General Order No. 2, of 20th December, 1899, one of the weekly practices therein ordered will, in future, be held under the Brigade Major, who will superintend the practice and will keep a record of times, qualifications, etc., for reference and for the information of the Colonel Commanding.

Requisitions for Supplies, etc., Victoria Hospital.—All requisitions for Supplies, Stores, etc., for Hospital use, must be countersigned by the P.M.O.

Handling Unexploded Shells.—In view of yesterday's unfortunate accident to Mr. Graham, attention is again directed to General Order No. 2, of 8th December, 1899. All persons are warned that they will be held liable for any damages to life, limb or property of others, arising out of the unauthorised handling of unexploded shells. Any person finding an unexploded shell must immediately report it to the commander of the nearest post, who will be responsible that it is at once buried at a safe distance below the surface.

Staff Clerk to the Chief Paymaster: Extra Duty Pay.—With reference to General Order No. 1, of 8th November, 1899, Sergt.-Major Jolley, B.S.A.P., will receive, while performing the duties of Staff Clerk to the Chief Paymaster, from that date inclusive, the sum of 5s. per diem as Imperial extra duty pay.

Lights Out: Womens Laager.—Lights have been observed on several occasions in the Women's Laager at late hours; these lights are most objectionable and misleading, and in future all lights are to be extinguished at 9-30 p.m. The Laager Piquet will report at once any cases of disobedience of this order.

Assessment of Damage by Enemy's Shell and Rifle Fire.—All persons submitting claims for approval by the Committee of Assessment, must from this date clearly describe on the form provided, the name of the landlord, and also the name of the tenant. Claims for furniture may be sent in, in the usual way, viz., submitting only

the name of claimant, though describing distinctly the number of erf and where the latter is to be found.

By order,
E. H. CECIL, Major,
Chief Staff Officer.

LATEST NEWS.

By the courtesy of the Colonel Commanding we are enabled to print the following:—

THE "CIVILISED" BOER.

A Native boy escaped from the Boers two nights ago. He had been employed in the big gun fort. He states that he heard the Boers saying that we had written protesting against their firing at the Hospital, etc., and they then fired two shots at it on purpose. (These fell close to the Hospital on the 2nd inst.)

BRAVO MAFEKING.

One day about the New Year, two men in the fort were killed by our fire and one had his left arm broken. The chief gunner was shot some days ago, and goes about on crutches. In the bombardment of the 3rd inst. we knocked their parapet to pieces, killed five men and wounded many more.

MEMORIAL TO OFFICERS, N.C.O.'S AND MEN WHO HAVE FALLEN DURING THE WAR.

A meeting of the Memorial Committee was held at Dixon's Hotel, at 9-30 p.m., on the 29th December, 1899.

Present: Colonel Baden-Powell, Lieut.-Colonel Hore, Lieutenant-Colonel Vyvyan, Lieutenant-Colonel Walford, Major Goold-Adams, Major Panzera, Inspector Marsh, Inspector Browne. Capt. Greener, Lieut. Hon. H. Tracey, Hon. Secs. & Treasurers.

1. Col. Baden-Powell was unanimously elected Chairman.

2. Proposed and carried that an officer of each Corps form a working Sub-Committee to collect subscriptions and ascertain the views of the Corps as to the form of memorial, etc. The Town Guard to be represented by Major Goold-Adams and Colonel Vyvyan.

3. Proposed and carried that all those whose names appear on the Medal Roll be allowed to subscribe.

4. Proposed and carried that subscriptions be as follows:—N.C.O.'s and men limited to 10s., all other limited to £2.

5. Proposed and carried that the memorial be a General Memorial to be placed opposite the New Town Hall, or some other convenient and conspicuous position.

6. The Hon. Secretaries and Treasurers were requested to ascertain approximately the cost of an obelisk, and a small plain cross to each grave.

7. The Committee to meet again this day week (5th January, 1899) at the same place, at 8-30 p.m., to report progress in collecting, etc.

8. That His Worship the Mayor be invited to serve on the Committee. A vote

of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

(Sgd.) H. GREENER, Capt.

(Sgd.) A. HANBURY TRACEY, Lt.

Hon. Secs. & Treas.

(Sgd.) R. S. S. BADEN-POWELL, Col.
Chairman.

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AN EXTRAORDINARY CASE.

One of the most painful incidents of modern times occurred in August when an amiable and gifted young lady died under the following distressing circumstances: It seems that about a year ago a family of German descent, named Boomershine, settled near Phillips County, U.S.A. Miss Boomershine exhibited symptoms of a nature so alarming as to cause serious anxiety to her friends. She developed the strange habit of eating clay. Unfortunately, early this summer the grasshoppers swarmed in the district where the Boomershines lived, and soon began depositing their eggs in the gardens, fields, and roadsides. It was not long before Miss Boomershine began to complain of internal pains. Her fancy for eating clay subsided, but she was constantly nibbling blades of corn, leaves of trees, dog fennel, and other weeds, and frequently said she felt as if she "could take wings and fly away." At last her family called in Dr. Le Duc, of Phillipsburg, who said he had never before seen or read of such a disease, and that in his opinion Miss Boomershine must be labouring under a mental hallucination. Her desire to "fly" continued unabated until the other day, when the grasshoppers commenced rising and taking their flight. Miss Boomershine appeared restless that morning—standing at the window and watching the grasshoppers, while her friends were as anxiously watching her. Suddenly, as though unable to control herself, she rushed out of the house, flapped her arms as if they were wings, rose about ten feet in the air, and then fell to the ground dead. A post mortem examination by Dr. Le Duc revealed the fact that within she was "littered swarming with grasshoppers." The instinct of these insects prompted them to migrate with other grasshoppers, and hence the eccentric conduct and death of this unfortunate girl.

The *Cape Argus* "fears the tale is apocryphal."

News.

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