



## PREFACE.

THE difficulties attending the production of these "Siege Slips" must be their apology for all shortcomings, whether from the standpoint of the journalist or from that of the artistic printer. The technical obstacles will be understood by the technical critic when he learns that in addition to scarcity of paper, the printing rollers required renewing at the very beginning of the siege, but neither roller moulds nor roller composition were in the town, so the old rollers had to do duty throughout. The work of setting up was also, particularly at the commencement, subject to the frequent interruptions of alarms and calls to arms, necessitating the attention of the whole staff at the outposts and forts, all from the editor to the labourer, being members of the Town Guard. In addition to those interruptions there were the more frequent occasions when the warning bells made it imperative in the interests of life and limb that the compositors should drop the composing stick and, in a manner the reverse of composing, stick themselves prone on the ground till the hundred pound shell had decided where it would fall and whom it would kill.

These circumstances it must be admitted were not such as are calculated to favour the production of good work either literary or typographic. The "lively Mauser" had also an unpleasant habit of popping through windows and roof with a "ping" that would make us jump. On one occasion a stray and almost spent bullet crashed through a pane of glass and caused a great dust in the type case at which a man was at work. A casual glance around failed to discover any damage done and the typo continued his setting. A few seconds after, having occasion to dip into the cap "W" box he picked therefrom a still warm Mauser bullet. Again, one evening when the sheet was being printed a bullet struck the wall just over the head of the human steam engine. When the dust cleared away the said steam engine, a native, had disappeared. He had not waited even to put his coat on.

Not for personal glorification but solely to excuse the many imperfections we should like to mention that in the wall just at the back of the editorial chair no less than eleven bullets are embedded. Many of them found lodgment there while the editor was at work. On the 11th of November a shrapnel shell burst just over the office, one of the bullets from it, a ball of lead about as big as a marble, came through the roof and struck his chair; fortunately it was unoccupied at the moment.

On January 17th several shells came so near the office that it was considered advisable to send the men away. About three o'clock in the afternoon the editor was submitting some matter to the press censor, and while so occupied a hundred pounder came in through a window, traversed the office and passed through the opposite wall, bursting in the next house and completely demolishing it. In its passage across the office the shell went right by where the shoulder of the writer of these lines would have been only for his forced visit to that much-abused official: the press censor, proving he has uses after all. After this visitation a shell-proof underground composing room was constructed, and henceforth till the raising of the siege type setting was conducted therein. On January 31st, after dark, a hundred pounder exploded at the back corner of the building smashing that end of the office, "pieing" the type and shaking into confusion the contents of twenty-one pairs of type cases and knocking into one heap over a hundred standing formes and nicely mixing the letters up with bits of brick and ceiling boards. Unfortunately this was accompanied with loss of life. A young man named Jones, a Londoner, from Stepney, a gentle-hearted, good-natured fellow, was passing from his fort, Dixon's Redan, at the back of the *Mail* office, and came full in front of the murderous missile just as it exploded. Altogether we had only three shells in the office, but we were quite satisfied with the number, we are not greedy for shells and did not desire more. The third came in on February 28th. It entered the wall on the eastern side about two feet from the front and three feet six from the floor. Smashing a bench into small pieces, none bigger than a walking-stick, it struck the foundation half way across the office, and bursting knocked an enormous hole through the western wall and another through the front, shattered the last remaining panes of glass and piled up the stationery stock in a mound of waste that filled four carts in removing. The next day linen was nailed over the windows and business was carried on as usual. A door was fixed in the hole made by the shell to enable the editor to shoot out and seek the security of an adjacent "Dug-out," when the warning bell gave notice that the big gun had fired.

When every ream of paper was used and the Chief Staff Officer was informed that the publication of the slip would have to stop, that gentleman kindly issued paper from the Government store upon replacement orders, which accounts for the quality of the paper being much better at the latter end of the siege than it was at the earlier part.

Not only was there the difficulty of interrupted labour to contend with, but the scruples of the Press Censor frequently came in between preparation and publication. This was the case with No. 45, where the few lines with a mild grumble at the dearth of news were ruthlessly cut out, and in various other numbers gaps will be seen showing where his blue pencil has been at work. In one case a column was cut out of the front page. It contained some strictures upon the management of the soup kitchen, but in our opinion it was the gross disrespect and lack of reverence "for a Government institution" suggested by the title, that caused its excision. It was headed "The Steed Stewing and Burgoo Boiling Establishment." How the writer escaped execution is a puzzle. No. 142, containing an account of the Eloff attack, was refused permission to publish till the Headquarter Staff left for the Transvaal, but why it was kept back it is difficult to understand, for its general accuracy we can vouch.

As we were in the production of these Slips met with every possible obstacle by the working staff, we regret being unable to tender thanks to anybody except the machine printer, Mr. H. Moss, who stood by us throughout, and Mr. J. Robinson, compositor; but we do most cordially thank Major-General Baden-Powell and Lord Edward Cecil, to whom we are indebted for support and encouragement, and also to Colonel Vyvyan, Major Godley and Major Panzera.

Every endeavour has been made to ensure accuracy in the lists of names of garrison and other forces inserted before the SIEGE SLIPS, but absolute correctness is not guaranteed.

## BECHUANALAND RIFLES.

Nominal Roll as at May 17, 1900.

Capt B W Cowan  
 Lieut Gemmell  
 Lieut Minchin  
 2nd Lieut McKenna  
 Chapl Capt Weekes  
 Surg Lieut Hayes  
 Q M S Hall  
 Sergt-Maj Gwynne  
 Sergt Reid  
 Sergt O Hulse  
 Sergt Bell  
 Sergt Cooke  
 Sergt Rosenfield  
 L-Sergt Smith  
 L-Sergt Newson  
 Corpl Andrews  
 Corpl Pearce-Smith  
 Corpl Rowland  
 Corpl D R Galbraith  
 Corpl Woolnough  
 L-Corpl Elston  
 L-Corpl P T Galbraith  
 L-Corpl Davies  
 L-Corpl Paterson  
 Bugler Saunders

Privates

Ashworth  
 Attwood  
 Brazier  
 Bell, F C  
 Brown, A

Privates

Bennett, Geo  
 Bennett, T H  
 Beland  
 Bollen  
 Booth  
 Banks  
 Cranswick  
 Cock  
 Coleman  
 Clow, A E  
 Clow, H W  
 Congden  
 Colley  
 Carroll  
 Connolly  
 Crament  
 Churchill  
 Dobie  
 Divers  
 Dudley  
 Doyle  
 Dunphy  
 Dalziel  
 Everett  
 Elmes  
 Fitzgerald  
 Forbes  
 Forsyth  
 Funnell  
 Forsyth, Wm  
 Gibbons

Privates

Gordon  
 Gardner  
 Goold  
 Harrell  
 Harton  
 Hall  
 Haslam  
 Hunkin  
 Hughes  
 Harrison  
 Horwood  
 Hyslop  
 Ingham  
 Jones  
 Jackson  
 Jardine  
 Knowles  
 King  
 Kershaw  
 Kerr  
 Littlewood  
 Leach  
 Lund  
 Mattison  
 Mathias  
 Mitchell  
 Morse  
 Murgatroyd  
 Mansfield  
 McEvoy

Privates

Nettle  
 Neale  
 Northover  
 Neergaard  
 Oakden  
 O'Connor  
 Oosthuisen  
 Perkins  
 Poland  
 Price  
 Quayle  
 Robins  
 Rushton  
 Reeb  
 Steabler  
 Swart, P J  
 Swart, C  
 Swanson  
 Smith  
 Shipman, A W  
 Shipman, C H  
 Shipman, E D  
 Turney  
 Vize  
 Van Niekerk  
 Westdyk  
 Woodthorpe  
 Walker  
 Wedderburn  
 Young

Mafeking, 25th July, 1900.

## TOWN GUARD, RAILWAY DIVISION.

Comdt Capt J R More  
 Lieut and Adjt W H  
 Walmisley  
 Lieut J Buchan  
 2nd Lieut E J Layton  
 QMS G Simmons  
 Sergt-Maj P Moffat (Bgde  
 Instr of Signalling)  
 Sergt-Maj J Morrilleau  
 Staff Clerk N B Hewitt  
 Ord Room Sergt W Storey

Sergeants

G A Greenacre  
 W Anderson  
 J W S Lowe (Norden-  
 felt Gunner)  
 W Blair  
 S Crossman  
 J H Nicholas  
 A Vickery, sr

Corporals

J Mulholland  
 P Ward (Maxim Gun-  
 ner)  
 G Bull (Hotchkiss  
 Gunner)  
 R Climer  
 F H Godson

Driver G Waive (Armoured  
 Train)  
 Fireman A Moffat (Ar-  
 moured Train)

Privates

A Neilson  
 J Sutherland  
 T A Clow  
 R Northgrave  
 J Campbell  
 R Cowan  
 G B Layton  
 R Gordon  
 F Green  
 T Hampton  
 J W Palmer  
 W J Dooley  
 W Stephenson  
 T Maguire  
 R Gass  
 S Andrews  
 J Tebbut  
 W Hubbard  
 H Olivier  
 H von Blerk  
 Holland  
 W Ferry  
 C H Allsopp  
 W J Dick

Privates

F Browne  
 P M Gates  
 S Jacobs  
 D Lee  
 S Gillespie  
 J W Benecke  
 T Fry  
 W Smith  
 A H Royal  
 W Sims  
 T Rose  
 J Rayne  
 A Lees  
 J Lawrence  
 A Crosbie  
 M J Matham  
 A Evans  
 C H Harries  
 T Bishop  
 G Fenham  
 J Crament  
 W M Louw  
 L W Benecke  
 J W Howarth  
 J Morrison  
 E Allridge  
 H S Brennen  
 J Bowden  
 W Murphy

Privates

A Youll  
 E H Gates  
 L Coughlan  
 T K Banks  
 M Adams  
 E Muller  
 E M Gates  
 C Gates  
 I N Vrittenden  
 W Stevenson  
 S Hall, jr  
 A Vickery, jr  
 A J Cozens  
 F O'Neil  
 J Grace  
 S le Gassick  
 G Wilcox  
 D N van der Berg  
 D Ritchie  
 C W Crament  
 P Impey  
 J B Russell  
 D Campbell  
 L Anderson  
 T Sampson  
 A Dickenson  
 A McDonald  
 Dresser J Young (Molopo  
 Dressing Station)

# RETURN OF TOWN GUARD

(Excluding Railway Division) made up to October 12th, 1900.

## ATTACHED TO DIFFERENT FORTS SUBSEQUENT TO START OF SIEGE.

<p>Ingham, W H Morrison, Jno O'Connor, P Wemyss, E S Crosbie, W Froude, W Bollen, R J McMullin, S Bezuidenhout, F Forbes, A Goodersen, J C Green, G McCallum, H Hulley, S R Soomar Cassim Middleditch, C B Gardner, T McLeod, N Smith, S Hommel, W Kent, H Moss, H T Anthony, M I Booth, F W Van Niekerk, F Adams, P F B Littgivist, A McArthur, J H Chenhalls, J A Werner, C Amod, M Crament, J A Hubbard, J McCorkindale, J Slate, F B Heskins, J Kelley, M Baker, B C Mansfeldt, J Elmes, J H Webster, W Godson, F H Gates, P M Smith, F Walker, P McKenzie, A McKenzie, J N Abdulah Shech Mattison, J Morris, W Westland, J S Braidwood, A Krause, A Brown, W J Westdyk, J Smith, W Harris, S S Sparks, F Northover, H J Mitchell, H W Swarts, N Fisher, J Dalziel, R Cordon, P F</p>	<p>Ritchie, A Lohmann, F Barnes, H B Beasley, P C Mansfield, F Borthwick, J J Pennycook, J Gerrans, J Turnbull, J Aldred, T Byrne, D J Tiffin, W Laursen, J McLoughlin, F Van Eyssen Hickson, G J McLoughlin, J Bradfield, H C Solomon, E Ross, E J B Beckett, H B Hillam, A Dressen, W Riesle, G Whales, G N H Crosskill, F Beavis, L Friend, A H Gates, E M Whiteley, F Lindo, E Schrieber, L Luyt, G C Wraight, F G</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SECTION C.</p> <p>Arnold, A P Campbell, A V C Fraser, A C Gordon, J Masters, G Robinson, J E Williams, C N Moser, F Martin, F P Gillett, A Bolus, F Davies, D J Fleming, J Gordon, G Meil, G Rombach, J Walford, G A Whiffler, J Harvard, J Banks, J Bridger, D Early, H G Francis, G Humphries, J Moore, R Stewart, A E Winter, J Brown, H G Pitt, J Cohen, Jacob Early, E S Gordon, A Masters, W T Peat, T Taylor, D Wenham, C Gates, L M Evert, A W J</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SECTION D</p> <p>Stenson, T G Jenkinson, J H Neerguard, P Cohen, I Smit, J M Hunkin, E R S Salitochen, R Green, P Leach, W Watson, F Ellis, T Roux, G J Spiers, R Kidwell, C H Classen, R Stenson, I H Haddow, W C Talbot, J Trollope, P F Goldfinch, A H Hoffman, J Goddard, F Jagger, W Loubsher, A Herd, J B Lee, J Trollope, W A Dawson, A Talbot, A J Brymer, J</p>	<p>Thomas, L Leser, F Trollope, O W Hulley, W T Webster, D McMaster, E H Jones, F W C Dall, J Brazer, R, sen. Murgatroyd, W T Cummings, P Talbot, P J Ingham, J Vos, J H Trollope, G V Kidwell, C A Classen, S Denton, O Bradley, H H Brazer, D Firth, F Esterhuizen, A Talbot, A B Long, E Botthomley, Alf. Oosthuizen, R F</p> <p>Sworn in after the 12th Oct. Voss, W Dennison, H P Salmon, Harry Tertis, E Park, J S Wirsing, W W Parkes, J F Mitchell, W A Bernard, W G Southall, E C Wright, E C Weir, C J Mc Lachlan, A W</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SECTION A.</p> <p>Moore, W Grant, J Proctor, J Tighe, G P Orson, W R</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SECTION B.</p> <p>Algie, J R Chiddy, T J Musson, A Farquharson, N D Bullied, C Thomas, P H Sheasby, W Leech, J H McNichol, A Martin, H Goodyear, C Fodisch, O Fincham, P M Thomson, R F Seibert, W Carrington, T W Campbell, C C Joyce, C Mahony, W J E Jones, J E Hampson, W A Stigand, A G Barry, C J Clark, J James, E R Arnot, J R O Clucas, C W Brooks, H M Bland, W C Bergh, O M Ellercamp, A Gates, W M Montagu, F G Rising, A C</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">COMMANDANTS.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A</p> <p>F Whiteley sub., G P Tighe</p> <p style="text-align: center;">B</p> <p>Captain R H Girdwood (killed by bullet) E C Wright sub., A Musson sub., J W de Kock</p> <p style="text-align: center;">C</p> <p>H H Bradley sub., J Hoffman sub., Trollope sub., Cawood</p> <p style="text-align: center;">D</p> <p>J Wirtter sub., D Taylor sub., Mioll</p>	



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