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SATURDAY, 30TH DECEMBER, 1899.

Mafeking Garrison.

GENERAL ORDERS.

MAFEKING, 26TH DECEMBER, 1899.

Auxiliary Hospital Accommodation.—By the courtesy of the Railway Officials an Auxiliary Hospital and Convalescent Home will be temporarily established in the Railway Camp from to-morrow, inclusive, to relieve the present pressure at the central Hospital. Miss M. Crauford is appointed Superintendent, and details of Staff and other arrangements will be published in due course.

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

MAFEKING, 27TH DECEMBER, 1899.

Court of Enquiry.—A Court of Enquiry composed as under will assemble at such time and place as the President may appoint to collect evidence and report upon the alleged rifling of our dead by the Boers after the action of the 26th inst. President: Lieutenant-Colonel C. B. Vyvyan. Members: Captain Scholefield, B.S.A.P., Lieutenant Greenfield, Protectorate Regiment. Witnesses will be warned by the Chief Staff Officer. Proceedings in duplicate will be forwarded to the Chief Staff Officer.

MAFEKING, 28TH DECEMBER, 1899.

A false rumour having been spread in town regarding the move of the "Bechuanaland Rifles" to a new post in the defences, the Colonel Commanding deems it desirable to state that the following is the reason for the change:—

For a long time it has been in contemplation to place the Rifles in a healthier camp than the Cemetery, and having now fully proved their efficiency in the field they have been selected for a more important post, where their services will be utilised in every respect as those of regular troops. When the time comes for placing on record his opinion of their value, the Colonel Commanding has no doubt that the present high estimation in which he holds them will in no wise be diminished. Under their able commander, Capt. Cowan, they have been unostentatiously performing most useful and arduous work throughout the Siege.

The author of the rumour will be handed over to the "Bechuanaland Rifles" to make to them such personal explanation or apology as he may find best.

Court of Summary Jurisdiction.—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet to-morrow, Friday, the 29th instant, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be

brought before it. President: H. H. Major Goold-Adams, C.B., C.M.G.; Member: Lieut.-Colonel C. O. Hore.

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:—

Telegrams received this morning report further hard fighting on the 10th, 11th and 12th instants, near Modder River, where Lord Methuen entrenched his forces while repairing the railway bridge. The losses on both sides were enormous. Communication south of Modder River having been kept open, additional forces were easily brought up. These telegrams are dated too early to include our reported successes this side Kimberley.

General Gatacre had a fight near Stormberg in which he lost 67 killed and wounded, and 200 men who were led astray by treacherous guides. The men were captured by the Boers, but they first shot their guides. No information as to the results of the action, but it may be assumed it was successful, as full telegrams have evidently been sent to Capetown.

In Natal the enemy had engaged us at Colenso, 14th instant, and captured some of our guns, but General Buller advanced on the place a few days later, took it at the point of the bayonet, and recaptured the guns. Heavy losses on both sides. Colenso is near Ladysmith, and as General Buller is evidently now on the move, we may expect him to have relieved Ladysmith by this time, and to have joined hands with Sir George White.

The Bechuanaland Rifles.

AN APOLOGY.

I hereby tender a free and unreserved apology to the Officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the Bechuanaland Rifles for certain accusations made by me against the members of that Corps to the effect that at the fight at Game Tree on the 26th instant certain members were guilty of cowardice and disobedience to orders, which accusations I acknowledge to be untrue and without any foundation in fact. And I express my regret that I should have been led by petty malice to make statements so prejudicial to the honour of the Corps, and I agree that this apology shall be published at my expense in the *Mafeking Mail* and *Bechuanaland News*, or such other paper as the members of the Bechuanaland Rifles shall decide upon.

J. KIDDY.

As Witnesses:

F. ROSENFELD, Lt. Corpl.

C. GWYNNE, Sergt.-Major.

Mafeking, 29th Dec., 1899.

NOTICE.

A Driving Competition

will be held (weather permitting) on Sunday next, the 31st December, on the Polo Ground, at 2 p.m.

Prizes will be given by the Officers of the Headquarter Staff for best turn-outs and for driving, open to the following:—

Teams of 10 Mules and Wagons, for Transport.

Prize given by Headquarter Staff.

Teams of 6 Mules and Carts.

Prize given by Headquarter Staff.

Team of 4 Horses and Carts. Entrance Fee 2s. 6d.

Pair Horses and Carts. Entrance Fee 2s. 6d.

Single Horses and Carts. Entrance Fee 2s. 6d.

Also Best Riding Horse. Entrance Fee 2s. 6d.

The following are Judges and Officials: Colonel Baden-Powell, Lt.-Colonel Hore, Lt.-Colonel Walford, Major Godfrey, Major Goold-Adams, Vet. Lt. W. Dunlop-Smith. Clerk of the Course: Lt. Mackenzie.

NOTICE.

IT is published for general information that in future Traders, Merchants Shopkeepers are prohibited from selling Meal or Flour to any private customers, in either large or small quantities. Meal or Flour can only be obtained on medical certificate or by personal application to Captain Ryan; such persons who may by the publication of this notice be prevented from making their own bread, and are not in receipt of Bread Rations, are requested to communicate with the above named Officer, when arrangements will be made to enable them to purchase a limited quantity of Bread for their daily and personal consumption only.

Mafeking, 28th Dec., 1899.

NOTICE.

MERCHANTS, Traders, Shopkeepers, etc., are prohibited from selling Mealies, Mealie Meal, Kafir Corn or Grain of any sort. There are three Grain Stores existing at which purchase of Grain can be made, viz:—

No. 1. Native Stadt.

No. 2. Native Location.

No. 3. Lippmann's Yard, Town Store.

(For Townspeople).

It has come to notice that several people who have small quantities of Mealie Meal and Grain in their possession are in the habit of handing over to their servants certain bulk quantities in order that the servants may feed themselves. This causes unnecessary waste. Servants should be

put on rations by their masters daily. The following quantities should amply suffice under present circumstances:—

1 lb. to 1½ lbs. of Mealie Meal or Grain, proportionate deduction being made when Native women or children have to be fed, such as ½ to ¾ lb. per diem.

C. M. RYAN, Capt.,

D.A.A.G.

Mafeking, 29th Dec., 1899.

St. John's Church, Mafeking.

Sunday after Christmas.

THE REV. W. H. WEEKES will hold the following services:—

Holy Communion ... 7-30 a.m.

Matins ... 10-30 a.m.

Evening Song ... 7-30 p.m.

£10 REWARD.

NOTICE.

MESSRS. REPINGTON & VINCE will pay the above reward to any one giving information that will lead to the conviction of any person or persons who did break into Fincham's store and steal Meal and Kafir Corn on the night of December 26th.—Apply R. V., this office.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TO

Subscribers who haven't

The office Cash Box

is nearly empty.

JUST TO HAND.

DIARIES for 1900.

A large assortment,

ALDRED & ROSS.

Market Square.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

G. LIPPMANN.

Market Square.

Wishes it known that he has still on hand a large stock of,

Kharki Jackets.

All sizes and shapes,

At very low prices.

A big assortment of,

Soft Shirts,

Flannel Trousers, Boots etc.

G. Lippmann is always on the premises to attend to customers.

N.B. Plenty of Transvaal Tobaccos and General Groceries.

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