

the Grenadiers and 2nd Battalion Coldstreams, arriving at the east of the Rooi Laagte position as the 9th Brigade was forming up.

There were no casualties in my Brigade to-day, and no ammunition expended.

H. E. COLVILLE, Major-General,
Commanding 9th Brigade.

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From Lieutenant-Colonel Money, C.B., 1st Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers, Acting Officer Commanding 9th Brigade, to Chief Staff Officer, 1st Division.

SIR, *Enslin, November 26, 1899.*

I HAVE the honour to report that, in the action of Enslin, on the 25th November, the Brigade consisted of:—the Naval Brigade, under Captain Prothero, Royal Navy; the Northumberland Fusiliers, 2nd Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment, one-half battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, and the 2d Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. During the main attack the Brigade was distributed as follows:—Five companies Northumberland Fusiliers remained as a containing line in front of right of enemy's position, and did not advance until near the conclusion of the engagement; two companies Northumberland Fusiliers escort to guns. With the remainder of the Brigade I attacked the kopje on left of Boer position. The fire from this was very hot, and the troops suffered severely during the attack until they reached the dead ground at the foot of the kopje. The Naval Brigade suffered most heavily, owing, I think, to their keeping in too close formation. The Officers, petty officers, and non-commissioned officers led their men with great gallantry, and I wish especially to bring to the notice of the General Officer Commanding, 1st Division, the plucky conduct of Lieutenant W. T. C. Jones, Royal Marine Light Infantry, who, although having a bullet in his thigh, led his men to the top of the kopje, and only had his wound dressed at the conclusion of the operations. The command of the Naval Brigade devolved on Captain A. E. Marchant, Royal Marine Light Infantry, when his senior Officers were killed or wounded, and he led the remnant of the Naval Brigade up the kopje with great coolness and ability.

On reaching the top of this kopje it was found the enemy had just left it, and had gone more towards the right of their position. I was now able to enfilade their position on the right, but was also subject to a heavy enfilading fire from portions of the Boer position between the two kopjes. I saw the enemy clearing off with as many horses as were not wounded (there were a considerable number of wounded horses in rear of the position), and eventually ceased firing about 10 A.M., and reported to the Artillery on the right that they might effectually fire on the retreating Boers if they came up at once, which they did.

I beg to bring to the notice of the General Officer Commanding, for distinguished conduct in the field, No. 1843, Colour-Sergeant Waterhouse, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, who at a critical moment acted with great coolness, and shot down one of the enemy's sharpshooters who had been doing great execution to our men advancing at a range of 1,150 yards.

My Staff, Captain Bulfin and Lieutenant Taylor, rendered me great assistance, and were near me at the final assault.

I have, &c.,

C. G. C. MONEY,

Lieutenant-Colonel, Commanding 9th Brigade.

From the General Commanding-in-Chief the Forces in South Africa to the Secretary of State for War.

Chieveley Camp,

December 16, 1899.

SIR,
I HAVE the honour to bring the following cases of Distinguished Service in the Field to your notice.

At Colenso, on the 15th December, the detachments serving the guns of the 14th and 66th Batteries, Royal Field Artillery, had all been either killed, wounded, or driven from their guns by Infantry fire at close range, and the guns were deserted.

About 500 yards behind the guns was a donga, in which some of the few horses and drivers left alive were sheltered. The intervening space was swept with shell and rifle fire.

Captain Congreve, Rifle Brigade, who was in the donga, assisted to hook a team into a limber, went out and assisted to limber up a gun; being wounded he took shelter, but seeing Lieutenant Roberts fall badly wounded he went out again and brought him in. Some idea of the nature of the fire may be gathered from the fact that Captain Congreve was shot through the leg, through the toe of his boot, grazed on the elbow and the shoulder, and his horse shot in three places.

Lieutenant the Honourable F. Roberts, King's Royal Rifles, assisted Captain Congreve. He was wounded in three places.

Corporal Nurse, Royal Field Artillery, 66th Battery, also assisted. I recommend the above three for the Victoria Cross.

Drivers H. Taylor, Young, Petts, Rockall, Lucas, and Williams, all of the 66th Battery, Royal Field Artillery, rode the teams, each team brought in a gun. I recommend all six for the Medal for Distinguished Conduct in the Field.*

Shortly afterwards Captain H. L. Reed, 7th Battery, Royal Field Artillery, who had heard of the difficulty, brought down three teams from his battery to see if he could be of any use. He was wounded, as were five of the 13 men who rode with him; 1 was killed, his body was found on the field, and 13 out of 21 horses were killed before he got half-way to the guns, and he was obliged to retire.

I recommend Captain Reed for the Victoria Cross, and the following non-commissioned officers and men, 7th Battery, Royal Field Artillery, for the Medal for Distinguished Service in the Field:—

- 86208 Corporal A. Clark, wounded.
- 87652 Corporal R. J. Money.
- 82210 Acting Bombardier J. H. Reeve.
- 28286 Driver C. J. Woodward.
- 22054 Driver Wm. Robertson, wounded.
- 22061 Driver Wm. Wright, wounded.
- 22051 Driver A. C. Hawkins.
- 26688 Driver John Patrick Lennox.
- 22094 Driver Albert Nugent, killed.
- 23294 Driver James Warden.
- 32067 Driver Arthur Felton, wounded.
- 83276 Driver Thomas Musgrove.
- 26523 Trumpeter William W. Ayles, wounded.

I have differentiated in my recommendations, because I thought that a recommendation for the Victoria Cross required proof of initiative, something more in fact than mere obedience to orders, and for this reason I have not recommended Captain Schofield, Royal Artillery, who was acting under orders, though I desire to record his conduct as most gallant.

* I cannot get their numbers, but am told they are the only ones of their names in the battery.