

# FROM OUR SOLDIERS

A Letter From Mr. Jack Harris

TO PROF. VINNICOMBE

The Many Perils of Outpost Duty is Very Vividly Described.

Excerpt from a letter written to Prof. Vinicombe by J. Harris:

BELMONT,

Dec. 19th, 1899.

DEAR PROFESSOR.—I should have written to you before, but I did not have much time with the exception of my letter home. However, there is not much news to tell, at least we do not hear very much—in fact nothing. This epistle will have to be revised and boiled down as this piece of paper is every blessed bit I am possessor of. In fact it is all we can get until we see reach Kimberley. We are not behind in music. We formed a band coming down. There are fifteen of us in it, some of whom are splendid players. C. Hine played E corax; Hedley McKinnon drums and I played 1st trombone. We had a baritone player from a Toronto school. He was a dandy, about the finest I ever heard. The band dispersed at Cape Town and all went back to the various companies. I tell you I was tired of the voyage and was glad when I got in line to go down the gangway. The reception they gave us at Cape Town was something grand and we literally owned the city when we were there; but it was only for a day and a night. If the reception received when we landed was good it faded in comparison to the reception given us when we were leaving. The eye failed to convey to the mind a faint impression of the scene, I declare I never saw anything like it. The streets were simply packed with thousands upon thousands of cheering citizens. In all directions came "Good Old Canada."

Perhaps what pleased the boys most was when we marched past a crowd of Coldstream Guards, Seaforth Highlanders and Black Watch and hear them shout again and again "Good Old Canada; we are not ashamed of you." I tell you the boys bucked up and went along with a swing as if the sixty pounds on their back were only six. After getting on the train we had a two days and two nights ride. When we entrained it was a corker of a sound storm, and filled everything, fairly cutting through our clothes to the skin. I have read of sand storms but I cannot begin to describe it. We stayed there alongside of the Cornwall and Kent regiments for two days, then we boarded the train for Orange River. At Orange River we saw the first horrors of war. Some of the men were fatally wounded. The second day I was there I was one of the guards over the prisoners. The Boers are a dour class of people, but very religious, the first thing they do in the morning is to have prayers and sing Psalms. We left Orange River on Sunday in open cars with one hundred rounds of ammunition each. As we were going into the enemy's country, when we were out about an hour, a fierce wind and rain storm struck us and it was a continuous sheer of rain, soaking us to the skin. The lightning kept up as one flash. Just as sudden as it commenced it stopped. Have you ever read Olive Schreiner's Story of an African Farm or H. R. Haggard's Jess, if so it will give you a much better description of an African storm than I can ever hope to do.

After arriving at Belmont we pitched our tents and now we may expect to fight at a moment's notice. Some of the worst kind of fighting went on here about two weeks ago. We constantly came across the bodies of dead Boers who had crept under the rocks to die. Outpost duties are the most dangerous duties one can get at. I tell you what it is lonesome, no sound is heard except on occasional night birds whistle. Queer thoughts run through a fellow's head of the many dangers that surround it.

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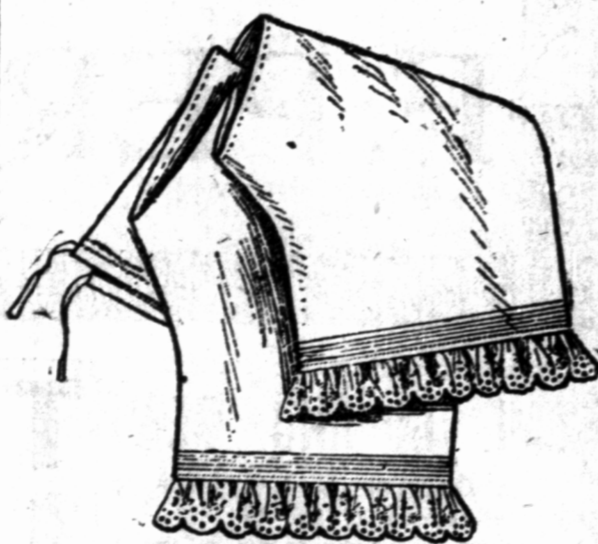
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