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LETTER FROM HURDIS McLEAN

The Battle of Paardeberg—Bloemfontein Described.

The following is from a letter written by Hurdis McLean to a friend in Charlottetown. It is dated Bloemfontein, March 29th.

For the last month we have had little chance to get or send mail; but now things are straightened out a bit and we are likely to remain here a few weeks. We are having a rest now after a month's hard work.

Since the 18th February we have been doing something. On that day we first came in contact with Cronje at Paardeberg drift where he held a strong position along both sides of the river-bed which is narrow and has high banks.

We were the rear guard of the column on the march that night and did not get in until near six o'clock Sunday morning, having marched twenty-two miles.

The part of the column which arrived first engaged the enemy about daylight and we were not kept in suspense very long as to whether we were going to get into action or not for we hardly had time to swallow a tin of coffee and an army biscuit when we received the order to fall in and were marched off at once. We went sent across the river to attack the Boer front. We had to wade over through a very swift current with the water up to our breasts. We got over all right, and advanced in extended order. The first three companies that crossed were sent at once into the firing line with part of the Highland Brigade. The remainder of us were in support lying down at from three hundred to five hundred yards further back. This was one of the worst places in the field as the ground sloped up from the river and the Boers were firing rather high. The bullets would strike all around you, and you had not the satisfaction of firing a shot back, whereas in the firing line you do not mind it under the excitement.

A great many of our casualties occurred in the supports through the day. Roland Taylor and Fred Wayne were both struck while there. We lay there until late in the afternoon when three companies of Cornwalls came up to make an assault on the position and then we reinforced the firing lines. Just about dark the Cornwalls got the order to charge which they did. The Canadians and Highlanders went with them. The Boers had not all retreated to the other side of the river from which they poured in a murderous fire through the bushes. Our men went down by the dozen.

It was terrible, but we stood it till the order came to cease fire as it was then quite dark.

The worst part of it was to look over the field next morning. The open space across where the charge had been made was strewn thick with the dead, the Colonel of the Cornwalls among them where he had fallen at the head of his men with a rifle and fixed bayonet in his hand. Our casualties were over eighty, of which twenty-eight were killed. Some of our other regiments also lost pretty heavily. We could not tell what the Boer loss was

as they buried a lot of their dead and threw the rest into the river out of which we were fishing them for a week.

The enemy retired about three miles further up the river to where they had their laager in a very strongly-entrenched position. As this was a very bad position to attack, and Lord Roberts was averse to any needless loss of life, we advanced against it by means of trenches. Each regiment by turn took 48 hours duty, going in in the evening and digging a trench and occupying it the next day firing on the laager.

On Monday, the 26th, the Canadians' turn came and our company and H. company were taken for the advance party. We entered the last trench which had been dug about dark. It was about 400 yards from the Boer trenches, and we were to advance as far as possible and cover the digging party with our fire while they dug the trench. At 2 o'clock in the morning we started with bayonets fixed, the rear rank with their rifles slung and carrying picks and shovels, and a company of R. E. behind us with entrenching tools also. Everything was done without a bit of noise. The Brigadier himself passed along the line and gave the word to advance. This was carried out, keeping in touch with each other in the pitchy darkness. The Gordons and Shrops were away off on our flank and were to keep firing volleys at long range so as to draw the Boer fire while we advanced. But they did not start soon enough and we were about fifty yards from their trenches before they opened on us. The right half of our company was directly in front of the Boers and we got it solid. About a dozen men went down around me. Most of the fellows were struck in the first volley. We lay down a short while and then fell back a few yards. We kept up a fire while the trench was being dug and as soon as it was finished occupied it. Our fire was kept up till eight o'clock next morning, when the enemy sent in a white flag. That was the last engagement of much importance. One day we chased a force of Boers over twenty miles without getting any closer than artillery range, but we captured a gun from them and run them into the hands of General French's cavalry brigade which made short work of them. Since then we have made a record march of sixty miles in four days and have occupied the Orange Free State capital.

Bloemfontein is a very nice town and rather pretty. The houses are mostly brick with tile roofs. The public buildings, which are of brick and stone, are very fine, among them being the Presidency, Parliament buildings and post office. The greater part of the people residing in the city now are British sympathizers and were glad to see the Union Jack. They treat us very kindly.

It has been raining all day and we were soaked to the skin with our

blankets, so we have to sleep in the open. Five of us undertook to elude the sentries and take a room in a house in the city;—and here I am writing you now.

There is a lot of talk about camp about our coming home but I do not know if there is anything in it. The boys are all well. Major Weeks is doing well for the boys since he has been on the staff. I think we are tough enough now for anything. Our company has slept in the open ever since the 21st of January, and we have had some awful nights with the rain as this is the wet season. We are a ragged-looking crew. Remember me to all the boys.

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FROM MONTREAL.—The S S *Cocoma* is due here from Montreal about Tuesday, May 8th, and sails for St. John's, Newfoundland, via North Sydney. Apply to Peake Bros. & Co. agents.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.—The last meeting for the season of the Natural History and Antiquarian Society will be held in the Y. M. C. A. parlour next Monday evening, when Rev. Dr. Morrison will lecture upon the Indians of America.

SUPREME COURT.—The Easter term of the Supreme Court met today. Mr. Gilbert Gaudet was admitted an attorney; and an order was made for the examination of Mr. Alder Brehaut preparatory to his admission as an attorney.

THE BIOSCOPE.—A few were privileged last night to see the pictures tested under the current, and these speak in terms of the highest praise of the excellence of the pictures. A moving picture about 10 feet in diameter will be put on. Remember the dates tomorrow and Thursday evenings.

HOGS IN TORONTO.—The Mail and Empire of the 28th April says: Too many light hogs continue to be sent here, and the only result will be a decline in prices. For prime hogs (scaling from 160 to 200 lbs) the top price is 6½¢; light hogs are bringing 5½¢ per lb.

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SOUTH AFRICAN SOUVENIR.—Mr. David Walker, of Charlottetown, has received from his son, Mr. James S. Walker, who is fighting with the Canadians in South Africa, an album of Bloemfontein, views, and a copy of *The Friend*, the paper edited by the war correspondents. *The Friend* is a very interesting publication. It contains, besides much editorial and other matter, a number of proclamations by Lord Roberts. It also has a good advertising patronage. Between the covers of the album are views of several churches, the Parliament House, the Presidency, the Town Hall, the Government offices and other points of interest. Both album and newspaper are highly prized by Mr. Walker, who has very kindly permitted THE EXAMINER to have a glance at them.

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