

IMPORTANT BATTLE FOUGHT AT BELMONT

BOERS DEFEATED BY GEN. METHUEN THEIR POSITION CAPTURED

British Capture Prisoners, Stores and Ammunition

Boers had a strong position, but British Pluck forced them out—They fled leaving many of their dead to be buried by our troops—British Infantry behaved Splendidly—Naval Brigade to the front—Lord Methuen attacked just at the proper time.

METHUEN DEFEATS THE BOERS.

LONDON Nov. 24.—The War Office has issued the following despatch, received this morning, from General Lord Methuen.

BELMONT, Nov. 23.—I attacked the enemy at daybreak this morning

IN A STRONG POSITION

on three ridges, which was carried successfully, the last attack being prepared by shrapnel. The infantry behaved splendidly and received support from the naval brigade and artillery. The enemy

FOUGHT WITH COURAGE

and skill. Had I attacked the Boers later I should have sustained severe loss as their position would have been far harder to take by our troops.

THE VICTORY WAS COMPLETE.

We have forty prisoners. I am burying a good number of Boers, but the greater part of their killed and wounded were

taken away by their comrades. I have captured a large number of cows and horses.

DESTROYED BOER AMMUNITION.

I have destroyed a large amount of ammunition which fell into our hands after the action was over.

THE BRITISH LOSSES.

The British losses were three officers and fifty-five men killed, 22 officers and 128 men wounded, and 18 men missing.

Brigadier General Featherstone Haugh was severely wounded in the shoulder and, Lieutenant Colonel Crabbe, of the Grenadier Guards, is reported wounded.

Our other casualties are the following:—Grenadier Guards, 3rd Battalion.—killed, Lieutenant Fryer; wounded, Lieutenant Blundell, dangerously.

Grenadier Guards, 2nd Battalion.—wounded, Lieut Leslie, Lieut. Vaughan, Lieut Grinson Rebow and Lieut Russel. Reported wounded, Lieut Lyon and Lieut Cameron.

Grenadier Guards, rank and file.—

killed 25; wounded 36; missing 13.

Coldstream Guards, 1st Battalion.—wounded, Lieut Grant; second battalion wounded, Lieutenant the Hon C Willoughby and Lieutenant Bertain, the latter severely. Rank and file, killed 8; wounded 123; missing 5.

Scots Guards, 1st Battalion—Major the Hon. North Dalrymple Hamilton, severely, Lieut. Bulkeley and Lieut. Alexander. Rank and file, killed, 9; wounded, 34.

Northumberland Fusiliers, 1st Battalion—Killed, Captain Egan and Lieut. Brine; wounded, Major Dashwood and Lieutenant Festing, dangerously; Captain Sable and Lieut. Fishbourne, severely. Rank and file, killed, 12; wounded, 32.

Northampton regiment, 2nd Battalion—Wounded, Captain Freeland and Lieut. Barton, severely.

South Yorkshire regiment, 2nd Battalion—Rank and file, 3 wounded.

[Captain Freeland, reported wounded, is not a son of Lt.-Col. Freeland lately of this Province. Col. Freeland's son is in India.]

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