

**NEW SOUTH WALES INFANTRY (SUBSEQUENTLY "E" SQUADRON
1st NEW SOUTH WALES MOUNTED RIFLES).**

THIS was the only Infantry Contingent despatched from New South Wales; and it was subsequently mounted in South Africa, and became "E" Squadron of the 1st New South Wales Mounted Rifles. It was recruited from 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th regiments of New South Wales partially-paid infantry, the Scottish, Australian, and St. George's (English) Rifles, the National Guard (these four being Volunteer regiments), besides three men from the Field Artillery as transport drivers.

The recruits were carefully selected, not only on account of physique, but in regard to good character; and no man was enrolled who had not during the previous year classified in the musketry course, as either a marksman or a first-class shot, and been efficient. They were further required to be between 20 and 40 years of age, preferably single, height 5 feet 7 inches and upwards, chest 35 inches and upwards.

The company was embarked in the transport *Aberdeen*, leaving on 3rd November, 1899; and having on board also the squadron of Mounted Rifles that was destined to be "A" Squadron of the 1st Regiment. It comprised 5 officers, and 121 sergeants and rank and file; with 1 machine-gun, 1 horse, and 1 cart. Of these 11 were killed or died, 2 were struck off the strength in South Africa; 5 officers and 108 others returned to Australia.

REFERENCES TO ORDERS.

Formation	G.O.'s (N.S.W.)	107/99, 112/99
Pay and allowances	" "	107/99, 88/00
Conditions of service	" "	107/99, 108/99
Officers	" "	110/99
Embarkation	" "	116/99

CLOTHING, ETC.

Clothing consisted of brown F.S. jacket and trousers, with puttees and hat.

Arms and equipment.—M.L.E. rifles and sword bayonets.

Infantry valise equipment, together with specially made entrenching tools carried in a frog secured to waistbelt. Regimental transport was provided.

ESTABLISHMENT.

The establishment authorized was—1 captain, 3 subalterns, 1 colour-sergeant, 4 sergeants, 6 corporals, 2 buglers, and 108 privates; total, 125.

RECORD OF SERVICE.

The corps left Sydney by steamship *Aberdeen*, 3rd November, 1899, and called at Melbourne on 5th; left again on 8th. Arrived Port Elizabeth, 3rd December at 10 p.m., left at 8.30 a.m. on 4th, and arrived at Cape Town, 7 a.m., 6th December. Disembarked on 7th December, at 5 a.m.

On the 9th December the Company joined "The Australian Regiment" at Belmont, and served with it until April, when the battalion was broken up. For an account of the excellent service done, *vide* "First Victorian Contingent" under "Australian Regiment."

The company was engaged on outpost duty at Enslin on the line of communications to Kimberley, from 10th December, 1899, to 30th January, 1900.

On 1st February it was converted into Mounted Rifles at Naauwpoort; Indian cavalry remounts being supplied. No difficulty was experienced, as, with the exception of about six, every man was a good rider. On 3rd February the corps was inspected by General J. D. P. French, and put to work as mounted troops next day.

The corps, under the command of Captain J. G. Legge, accompanied General Clements' column from Arundel *viâ* Colesberg to Norval's Pont, Orange River, thence through the south-western portion of the Orange Free State to Bloemfontein.

At Bloemfontein the corps, under the command of Captain W. Holmes, joined General Ian Hamilton's column as portion of De Lisle's (II. M.I.) corps, and proceeded thence to Pretoria, Diamond Hill, &c.

On 13th June, 1900, Captain F. A. Dove assumed command, *vice* Holmes (wounded and invalided). The corps returned to Pretoria and took part in the campaign against De Wet and De La Rey, under Generals Hunter, Broadwood, Lord Kitchener, and Clements respectively, operating in the Transvaal and northern part of Orange River Colony.

Returned to Kroonstadt, thence by rail to Cape Town; embarked December, 1900, on board s.s. *Orient*; called at Melbourne on 6th January, 1901, and arrived at Sydney on 8th January, 1901.

Detailed list of engagements attached hereto.

The casualties were as follows:—

Killed in action	..	..	..	..	5
Died of wounds	..	..	..	..	2
Wounded	..	..	..	..	14
Died of enteric	..	..	..	..	4
Total	..	..	..	..	25

PRINCIPAL ENGAGEMENTS IN WHICH CORPS TOOK PART.

With Major-General Clements' Column:

Relief of Colesberg, 3rd February to 7th March, 1900. Actions at Slingersfontein, 10th February, 1900; The Kloof (Cole's Cop), 11th February; Mader's Aarm, 11th February; Vaal Kop, 12th February; Rensburg, 14th February; Frundel, 15th February; Plewman's Farm, 17th February; Kuilfontein, 17th February; Woolvefontein, 20th February; Norval's Pont, 7th March.

Advance on Bloemfontein, 15th March to 4th April, 1900. Capture of the following towns in the Orange Free State:—Phillipolis, 21st March; Jagersfontein, 27th March; Fauresmith, 27th March; Koffyfontein, 28th March; Petrusburg, 2nd April.

With General Ian Hamilton's Column, Bloemfontein to Diamond Hill, 22nd April to 12th June.—Action at Boesman's Kop, 23rd April; Watervaal Drift, 24th April; Waterworks, 25th April; Israel's Poort, 25th April. Battle of Houtnek (Thaba 'Nchu), 30th April and 1st May. Action at Kaffir's Kraal, Roodepoort, 4th May. Capture of Winburg, 5th May. Battle of Zand River, 10th May. Capture of Ventersburg, 11th May. Advanced Guard action, Lindley, 20th May. Rearguard action, Rhenoster River, 21st May. Klipriversburg, Battle of Doornkop, 29th May. Johannesburg, 31st May. Capture of Pretoria, 4th June. Battle of Diamond Hill, 11th and 12th June.

Campaign against De Wet. Capture of Heidelberg.

June.—Capture of Villiersdorp, Frankfort, Reitz, and Bethlehem.

July.—Actions around Bethlehem. Actions at Palmietfontein, Vredefort, ainje, Lindeque Drift.

August.—Relief of Elands River Post. March to Pretoria, *viâ* Rustenburg.

September.—To Machadodorp. Operations against De La Rey in the Magaliesberg. Several actions and skirmishes with General Clements' column. Return to Pretoria.

September.—With De Lisle's force. Operations against De Wet in northern Orange River Colony. Skirmishes about Heilbron and (October) Vredefort.

Two days' fight at Witkoppies and Reitzburg. Capture of Potchefstroom.

27th October.—Successful fight with De Wet at Rensburg Drift. Capture of Krupp gun and wagons.

November.—Action at Bothaville. Capture of seven guns.

SERVICES AND HONOURS.

Legge, Captain J. G. (promoted major and afterwards Lieut.-Colonel).—Operations in Cape Colony, Orange Free State, and Transvaal, December, 1899, to November, 1900. Actions at Colesberg. Advance on Kimberley. Actions at Johannesburg, Pretoria, Diamond Hill, Elands River, Venterskroon, Bethlehem, Wittebergen, and Bothaville. Subsequently Intelligence Officer to Col. De Lisle's column, 1901-2. Queen's Medal with four clasps. King's Medal with two clasps.

Holmes, W., Lieutenant (promoted captain).—Operations in Cape Colony, Orange Free State, and Transvaal, 1899 to November, 1900. Actions at Colesberg. Advance on Kimberley, Houtnek, Vet River, Zand River, Johannesburg, Pretoria, and Diamond Hill, at which latter wounded 12th June, 1900. Despatches, *London Gazette*, 16th April, 1901. D.S.O. Queen's Medal with four clasps.

Dove, Lieutenant F. A.—Operations as above. Wounded at Mader's Farm, 26th February, 1900. Despatches, *London Gazette*, 16th April, 1901. D.S.O. Queen's Medal with five clasps. (Lieutenant Dove was promoted captain and served subsequently as adjutant 3rd Battalion A.C.H., and S.O. to Australian Brigade, Newcastle, Natal.)

Logan, Lieutenant M. W.—Operations in Cape Colony and Orange Free State, December, 1899 to May, 1900. Actions at Colesberg. Advance on Kimberley. Actions at Vet River and Zand River. Queen's Medal with two clasps.

Edwards, Lieutenant (A.M.C.) E. A.—*Vide* A.M.C.

EXTRACTS FROM REPORT OF CAPTAIN J. G. LEGGE.

February, 1900.—On 20th February we went out with a force to repel an attack upon our right rear. One division, under Lieutenant Dove, was escort to some of the guns, where, unfortunately, Private Atchison was killed by a shell, together with his horse; Private Southey was also wounded.

With the other three divisions, reinforced by the Victorian Mounted Rifles, we were sent to occupy some kopjes in front. After crossing with two divisions under fire, and taking two ridges, we received an order to retire, which it appears was never meant for us. The men retired under a very heavy fire and kept their heads well. Finding the order was never intended for us, we again went across, and by evening drove the Boers along 5 miles of ridges. We were assisted greatly by a cross-fire from our artillery.

At dusk we were, with 55 rifles and 20 in reserve, opposed to 200 Boers in a farm and on the opposite ridge. The rest of our men were holding the other part of the ridge already taken. Here we came to a stop, and had a furious rifle duel, which the Boers finished up by firing shrapnel from an invisible gun at about 1,000 yards. They also used explosive bullets. We had good cover, however, and had no other loss. The whole of the company fought well under a heavy fire, and it is really wonderful how we escaped without loss.

As my orders were to secure all the positions I took, I had to move from one point to another, and entrusted the firing line to Lieutenant Holmes, who acted with great dash and coolness. At night we received orders to return to the guns

and went back to camp with them. The Boers retired from the vicinity during the night. Major Enthoven, R.A., was kind enough to send over a message saying "We could not have done better."

After a reinforcement of guns on the 22nd February, our force advanced west, and another force from the camp attacked the Boers on the south, and gave them a heavy shell fire. Lieutenant Dove did an excellent piece of scouting on the right with his division, and drove off the Boer patrols, thus rendering the advance of the guns possible.

About 3 p.m. the Boers retired in great haste, making north, and we returned to camp at night.

The last fortnight has been extremely trying on both men and horses, through broken rest, irregular and deficient food and water. The latter is not due to the A.S.C., but to the rapid moves we have to make as mounted men.

EXTRACTS FROM REPORT OF CAPTAIN W. HOLMES.

28th April.—In camp, Israel's Poort. Detailed Lieutenant Dove and 25 men to scout in the vicinity of Thaba Mountain and Houtnek. Lieutenant Dove was instructed to locate the position of the Boer laager. In this duty he was eminently successful, and received the commendation of General Ian Hamilton and Colonel De Lisle. As a result of this reconnaissance, the battle of Houtnek was fought two days later.

30th April.—Marched at daylight, and came into collision with the enemy, who were strongly posted at Thaba Mountain and Houtnek. Lieutenant Dove and 25 men were detached from my command for scouting work; with the remainder I was ordered to occupy an advanced kopje, which proved to be an important strategical point. Remained in possession all day under very heavy fire (shrapnel and rifle) from front and right flank. At night retired to a farm house. No casualties.

Re-occupied the position of the previous day before dawn. Remained there under an exceedingly heavy fire until about noon, when I was ordered to withdraw as best I could, as the Infantry was advancing to attack. As the best means of leaving the position, I determined to retire at the gallop by groups of four, widely extended, to another hill about $\frac{3}{4}$ -mile in rear. In this retirement Private F. V. Smith was killed and Privates Lewis, Tweedie, and Maxwell, wounded, and two horses killed.

Nominal Roll.

No. and Name.	Rank.	Remarks.
Legge, James Gordon ..	Captain Comdg.	
Holmes, William ..	Lieutenant ..	Wounded, Diamond Hill, 12.6.00. Invalided, Australia, arr. 17.8.00
Dove, Frederick Allan ..	Lieutenant ..	Wounded, Mader's Farm, 26.2.00
Logan, Marcus William ..	" ..	Invalided, England, 25.10.00
1. Liggins, Frederick Pontifex ..	Sergt.-Major ..	Severely wounded, Diamond Hill, 12.6.00. Commander-in-Chief Despatches, 19.4.01. Invalided Australia, arr. 13.9.00
2. Mowbray, Harry Haire ..	Sergeant ..	Severely injured, Johannesburg, 31.5.00. Invalided, Australia, arr. 8.1.01
3. Allen, Ralph Rowland ..	" ..	Quartermaster - Sergeant. Invalided, Australia, arr. 6.8.00
7. Edney, John Robertson ..	" ..	
9. Coles, James Howe ..	" ..	Invalided, Australia, arr. 6.8.00
12. Grace, Harry George ..	" ..	Invalided, Australia, arr. 17.8.00

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No. and Name.	Rank.	Remarks.
124. Palazzi, Silvio Alfred ..	Saddler-Sergeant	
97. Reid, Henry Laurie ..	Farrier-Sergeant	
4. Chant, William ..	Corporal ..	Wounded, Ventersberg, 10.5.00. Invalided Australia, arr. 8.1.01
5. Macdonald, William Thomas ..	Corporal	
8. Martin, Sydney Edgar ..	" ..	Invalided, Australia, arr. 8.10.11
10. Stinson, William Joseph ..	" ..	Wounded near Bethlehem, 13.7.00.
28. Buckleton, Sidney Douglas ..	" ..	Invalided, Australia arr. 17.2.01
6. Wallace, Arthur David ..	Lance-Corporal	
92. Prior, William Parker ..	" ..	
96. Robison, Alexander Stuart ..	" ..	
74. McCann, Sidney Henry ..	" ..	
105. Strettles, Stephen ..	" ..	
67. Lusher, Augustus Thomas William	Bugler	
75. McNair, Arthur Victor ..	" ..	
13. Annison, William Thomas ..	Private	
14. Angell, William Arthur ..	" ..	Invalided, Australia, ret. 15.9.00
15. Appleby, Thomas Samuel ..	" ..	Invalided, Australia, ret. 13.11.00
16. Andrews, Alexander ..	" ..	
17. Atchison, Samuel Charles ..	" ..	Killed in action, Woolvefontein, 20.2.00
125. Baxter, Robert Moore ..	" ..	
19. Bowling, George Walter ..	" ..	
22. Bowman, Henry Thomas ..	" ..	
24. Bowditch, Walter Edward ..	" ..	
25. Boulton, George James ..	" ..	Invalided, Australia, arr. 21.10.00
18. Brack, Frederick Charles ..	" ..	Wounded, Mader's Farm, 26.2.00. Invalided, Australia, arr. 15.12.00
26. Brady, Charles Joseph ..	" ..	Invalided, Australia, arr. 17.2.01
20. Bradstock, Sydney Edgar George	" ..	Invalided, Australia, arr. 30.8.00
21. Bradstock, Herbert Henry ..	" ..	
23. Braun, Benjamin Henry ..	" ..	
128. Bright, George Claude ..	" ..	Invalided, Australia, arr. 30.7.00
27. Budd, Henry Martin ..	" ..	Died, enteric fever, February, 1900
35. Cameron, Archibald Lochiel ..	" ..	Died, enteric fever, February, 1900
29. Carpenter, George Edward ..	" ..	Invalided, Australia, arr. 17.8.00
36. Clarke, Joseph David ..	" ..	Invalided, Australia, arr. 15.12.00
32. Corns, Alexander ..	" ..	
31. Coupe, James William Ralph ..	" ..	
33. Coxhead, Albert David ..	" ..	
34. Coyle, Edward ..	" ..	Invalided, Australia, arr. 30.7.00
30. Creech, Albert ..	" ..	Invalided, Australia, arr. 6.8.00
37. Davis, Vincent ..	" ..	
39. Dawes, John ..	" ..	
38. Dawson, Francis Scholefield ..	" ..	Invalided, Australia, arr. 30.7.00
130. Devine, William John ..	" ..	
41. Edgar, Bertram Kinmond ..	" ..	
127. Foster, Michael Joseph ..	" ..	
46. Fowler, Cyril ..	" ..	Invalided, Australia, arr. 6.8.00
45. Fraser, Donald ..	" ..	Died of wounds, Colesberg, 28.2.00
44. Fraser, John Clarence ..	" ..	Died of enteric fever, June, 1900
129. Fraser, John Edward ..	" ..	
43. Fraser, William ..	" ..	Invalided, Australia, arr. 17.8.00
49. Gates, Arthur Thomas ..	" ..	
52. Gilbert, William ..	" ..	
51. Goodsall, Sidney Henry ..	" ..	
48. Glanville, Harold Thomas ..	" ..	

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No. and Name.	Rank.	Remarks.
47. Grey, George Reginald ..	Private	
50. Grimmond, John Daniel Revel ..	"	
55. Hall, Richard ..	"	
60. Halley, Belton Andrew ..	"	.. Killed, Elands Kop, 1.10.00
54. Hardie, Alexander Forrester ..	"	.. Invalided, Australia, arr. 26.1.01
59. Hebblewhite, Duncan Edward ..	"	.. Invalided, Australia, arr. 30.7.00
57. Hickey, John Francis ..	"	.. Invalided, Australia, arr. 19.8.00
56. Hill, Leslie Charles ..	"	.. Died, enteric fever
121. Hines, Ellis Elijah ..	"	
53. Hoffman, Edward Martin ..	"	
58. Howard, James Joseph ..	"	.. Invalided, Australia, arr. 6.12.00
62. Jones, Arthur Francis ..	"	
122. Jones, Charles William ..	"	
64. Joyce, Charles Stanley ..	"	
65. Key, Money Dyason ..	"	
66. Key, Sidney Harrison ..	"	
68. Lee, Frederick Henry ..	"	
69. Low, Walter ..	"	
126. Maher, John Edward ..	"	.. Invalided, Australia, arr. 13.9.00
73. Mascord, Ernest Edwin ..	"	
71. May, Edward Francis ..	"	
76. McCredie, Henry Dixon ..	"	.. Severely injured near Colesberg, 28.2.00. Invalided, Australia, arr. 30.7.00
78. Macdonald, William Chisholm ..	"	.. Severely wounded, Rhenoster River, 21.5.00. Invalided, Australia, arr. 13.9.00
83. McLennan, Simon ..	"	.. Died of wounds, Colesberg, 3.3.00
81. Millington, John Robert ..	"	
85. Moore, Wallace Melbourne ..	"	
80. Morris, Percy Herbert ..	"	
84. Morris, Thomas Loyd ..	"	
72. Mowbray, Benjamin ..	"	.. Invalided, Australia, ret. 13.9.00
70. Murphy, William Henry ..	"	
79. Murray, Alfred John ..	"	
87. Nash, William Henry ..	"	
89. Osborn, Edgar ..	"	.. Wounded near Bethlehem, 13.7.00
88. Owens, Ernest Alfred ..	"	.. Invalided, Australia, arr. 8.1.01
90. Palazzi, Joseph ..	"	.. Killed, Palmietfontein, 19.7.00
94. Paul, Harold ..	"	
93. Pearce, William Henry ..	"	
95. Poole, George William ..	"	.. Invalided, Australia, arr. 15.12.00
91. Potter, Harry ..	"	.. Invalided, Australia, arr. 30.8.00
102. Rex, Alfred George ..	"	
98. Richardson, John ..	"	
100. Robson, Stewart ..	"	
101. Russell, Harold Hector ..	"	.. Invalided, Australia, arr. 15.1.01
99. Russell, John Thomas ..	"	.. Invalided, Australia, arr. 13.9.00
108. Saxelby, Sidney Henry ..	"	
104. Scanlan, James ..	"	
109. Shaddock, Arthur John ..	"	.. Invalided, Australia, ret. 13.9.00
107. Sharpe, Alfred ..	"	.. Wounded, near Commando Nek, August, 1900
106. Smith, Frederick Victor ..	"	.. Killed, Houtnek, 1.5.00
103. Southey, Clifford Melville ..	"	.. Slightly wounded, Woolvefontein, 20.2.00
110. Spilsbury, George Henry ..	"	.. Invalided, Australia, arr. 15.12.00
111. Storey, John Alexander ..	"	
11. Taylor, Prince Richard ..	"	

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No. and Name.	Rank.	Remarks.
114. Taylor, William St. John ..	Private ..	Invalided, Australia, arr. 6.8.00
112. Thomas, Edward Davies	
119. Wells, Stephen Leslie	
117. Whiley, Alfred Henry	
120. Wickerson, Phillip Henry	Invalided, Australia, arr. 4.3.01
118. Williams, Thomas Joseph	Wounded, Ventersberg, 10.5.00
116. Willis, David	Killed, Elands Kop, 1.10.00
115. Woods, Patrick John	