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Up to the time of writing, our Contingents already at the front have

TROOPER GEORGE not suffered so severely BRADFORD. as might be expected

when the nature of the engagements in which



Wrigglesworth & Binns, Photo., Wellington. TROOPER GEORGE BRADFORD.

they have taken part is considered. Trooper George Bradford was the first to fall face to foe in a hot skirmish on the battlefield at Arundel. He commenced his military career in the Grenadier Guards. A soldier's life was a passion with him. His old comrades in the No. 1 Ohinemuri Rifles owe much of their proficiency to his willing instruction and advice. He devoted much of his time and exerted himself to the utmost in the interests of his company, of which he was Sergeant - Major. Unlike most colonial volunteers, he did not consider himself a good horseman, and his remark after the church parade at St. Sepulchre's, Auckland, on the last Sunday he spent here, will long be remembered. "Well, I don't care as long

as I get there, although I can't ride worth a cent; but I suppose if I squeeze in between two others I shall manage to stick on." This he said in reply to friendly congratulations on his enrolment, and it was very characteristic of him, and in true accord with the indomitable soldier spirit of the man.

WE next heard of the deaths of Sergeant SERGEANT GOURLAY AND TROOPER CONNELL. in a heroic charge on New Zealand Hill at Rendsberg. The position was critical; a deadly fire from the Boers had caused the company of the Yorkshire Regiment to waver, their captain and many of their number wounded, and colour-sergeant killed.



Exchange Court Studio, Dunedin. SERGEANT GOURLAY.

The Boers, taking advantage of this, made a desperate rush forwards. Captain Madocks shouted to the New Zealanders to reinforce. Lientenant Hughes, with Sergeant Gourlay