

# Relatives of the Queen and Sons of English Nobility Who Have Gone to the War



The peerage, up to date, has been fortunate, inasmuch as only one peer has been killed; this was the Marquis of Winchester. A number of the younger sons have been wounded. Among them are the Hon. R. C. F. Carnegie, Lord Southesk's son; the Hon. North Dalrymple-Hamilton, Lord Stairs' son; the Hon. M. C. A. Drummond, Lord Strathallan's brother; the Hon. Claud Willoughby, the son of Lord Annesley, who is the largest owner in the Drummond estates situated in Perthshire; the Hon. St. Leger Jervis, Lord St. Vincent's son; the Hon. A. V. F. Russell, Lord Ampthill's brother; Viscount Acheson, Lord Gosford's heir; the Hon. E. H. and the Hon. R. Lygon, Lord Beauchamp's brothers; Lord Charles Cavendish-Bentinck, the Duke of Portland's brother; the Hon. Charles Lampton, Lord Durham's brother; Count Gleichen, may be added.

Many of the officers now in the Transvaal have seen service before, especially in Egypt. Among the most prominent of them is Lord Dundonald, who as one time commanded the Second Life Corps. Lord Airlie, who is in command of the Twelfth Lancers, has seen no little service before. Some other old-timers are Sir Humphries de Trafford and Lord Norreys.

All of the nobility not in the regular army seem to have enlisted in the Imperial Yeomanry, which, by the way, is under the direct patronage of the Prince of Wales. Lord Chesham is in command, and it is quite in keeping with things that he should be, for the very finest of the Yeomanry corps, the Buckinghamshire Hussars, have been under his personal command for a number of years and have risen to the position of crack regiment of the Yeomanry. Lord Valencia aids Lord Chesham, and is especially well suited to campaign work, as he is a good judge of horses, particularly for campaign purposes. Lord Lansdale is also with the Yeomanry, and has done much to perfect the organization of the corps. Lord Almarie, known as an all-around athlete, son of Lord Bury, is very prominent in the volunteer movement, as well as his father, The Duke of Cambridge, also Lord Denbigh, Lord Colville-Culross and others prominent in the peerage are much interested in the movement.

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went outside the British lines to secure information as to the whereabouts of the enemy. It will be remembered that Churchill was taken prisoner, but subsequently escaped. Cabinet Ministers have sons enlisted. The Minister of War has two sons in the conflict, and the Prime Minister's son, Lord Edward Cecil, is among the besieged at Mafeking.

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is a nurse in caring for the wounded in a hospital at Natal. The nobility have not always chosen the swell dandy regiments in which to enlist. A great many have entered the irregular forces, which, in spite of their irregularity, have done commendable service. The Hon. H. D. Marshall, who belonged to the Bechuanaland police, was killed at Mafeking. Two men of note were killed at Spion Kop during the recent engagements there. One was the Hon. J. H. L. Petre, the elder brother of Lord Petre, and the other unfortunate was the son of Lord Trevor, the Hon. N. W. Hill. Both of the young men were in Thorneycroft's Mounted Infantry. Lord Peel's son, George, who also belonged to one of the irregular regiments, was lately arrested as a spy by his own countrymen, who did not know him. Later at the instance of some of his friends he was released. Young Peel's sister, the Hon. Mrs. Goldman, is acting in the capacity of nurse with the British forces.

ENGLAND has sent the flower and pride of her nobility to war. Almost as one man the noble dukes, lords and earls have taken up arms against the Boers. They have gone from their castles and their country seats to endure the privation and hardship of the Transvaal. Young men just coming into their estates and honors have laid their pleasures

and have gone to the front, many to return no more. Middle-aged men, who have taken up arms for their country before beneath the burning sun of Egypt or on the torrid sands of the desert, have gone—left their wives and children to gain new fame or death. Old men, who have seen their day and bear the scars of England's gluttony, can go no more, but their sons have gone for them.

Would these men of wealth, of society, of noble blood, give up their pleasures and offer their lives for their country, asked the world? The scoffers answered no! But they were mistaken, for the members of the aristocracy were the first to reply to their country's call—to take up arms against the Boer—to track the vast veldt and face the terrors of war in the country of their enemy.

Her Royal Highness, the Queen of England, is represented by one grandson, Prince Christian Victor of Schleswig-Holstein; also by three of her second cousins, the Princes of Teck, and by her grand nephew, Count Gleichen, a major in the Grenadier Guards, and who, in the engagement at Modder River on November 25 last, sustained severe wounds which necessitated his retirement from the present campaign.

The house of nobility having the greatest number of its members concerned in the war is the family of the Duke of Abercorn, of the house of Hamilton, for no less than twenty-two of its members are directly or indirectly connected with the operations at the front. The oldest of the family, the Dowager Duchess, who is now 88 years old, and whose family name

opened to the family of Lord George Hamilton as the outcome of the war, and this was the death of Major C. B. Harvey of the Tenth Hussars, who was shot dead at Colesberg, while leading his men in a sortie on January 4.