

shot down the foremost man with his revolver at a distance of fifteen paces. The men were not slow in emulating their gallant leader. There was absolutely no cover for them, except the short grass, but lying down in it at full length, they fired steadily and straight, and forced the Boers to bolt back to the screen of trees. The enemy, however, were determined to capture or annihilate the little band. While some of them climbed into the trees, and, from that position of advantage, fired down on to our men, the others extended their line, and quickly brought the defenders under a decimating cross-fire.

"But every man of the seventy proved himself a hero. For two hours, until all but fifteen of their number had been killed or wounded, they kept the 600 Boers at bay. It was not till then that the enemy ventured to make another rush, and succeeded in capturing the handful of survivors. The Canadians had 21 men out of 24 killed and wounded, and the Mounted Infantry lost 30 out of 45. Lieut. Carruthers was the only officer who was not either slain or seriously hurt. He had several flesh wounds and his clothes were perforated in many places with bullets, but he stoutly refused to go to the hospital. When he was taken prisoner some of the Boers wanted to kill him there and then; but they ultimately thought better of it, saying that he was 'too brave a man to die in that way.' Every one of the dead had been shot repeatedly, and most of the wounded were struck more than once. Surgeon Hooph, for instance, was hit twice in the wrist, as well as in the heel and the thigh.

**Nearly Every  
Man Hit**

"While the enemy had gained this small advantage on the right flank, they found it impossible to make headway elsewhere. The 500 men who had charged down from the ridge at the begin-