

BOER REARGUARD RETIRED.

The main column then came in sight, and the Boer rearguard retired. The Boers' main body, when the main column galloped into view, showed up in great force, the lowest estimate being 2500, and retired slowly towards the high ridges. They appeared to be contemplating an immediate attack on the position of the column in view.

"About this time, however, the convoy appeared in sight, and, as the wagons were moving across country in line, instead of in columns on the road its annearance with the right wing of the CMR in advance and the left wing surrounding it, gave the effect of a very large additional body of troops, and I believe this to some extent deceived the enemy, as the convoy was enveloped in a cloud of dust and its exact component parts were difficult to distinguish.

OUTNUMBERED BY 500.

"On arrival at Bochbult Farm, our force went into camp, had the wagons laagered and wired together and we commenced entrenching. The enemy outnumbered us by at least 500. A post of mounted infantry, about 200, with a Colt gun, Maxim and pom-pom, were left at the farm, about 600 yards in the rear. Lieut. Carruthers, with the 3rd and 4th roops "C" squadron, who formed the rearguard of the convoy, instead of following the convoy into camp, remained near the post referred to as an observation post, and sent into camp for orders. The enemy, now realizing our inferior strength, prepared to attack, and their two guns and pompoms opened on the camp. From 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. the camp was subjected to a tremendous rifle and shell fire, concentrated from three sides, but every attempt to approach was driven back by the the steady and well-directed fire of our rifles and guns. At about 5 p.m. the enemy withdrew. Their artillery, tho well-directed, inflicted comparatively slight damage, as few of their shells exploded. Their guns were those taken from Methuen's column. The concentration of the rifle fire was very severe,

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WHERE CARRUTHERS WAS. "While the camp was being attacked, Lieut. Carruthers' party (about 21 men of the 3rd and 4th troops "E" squadron) had moved off to the right of the farm. Sergt. Hodgins, with another part of the 3rd and 4th troops, "E" squadron, was to the right of Lieut. Carruthers. Still further to the right was a detached post of about 75 mounted infantry. Several hundred Boers swept down on this post on the right, stampeding the mounted infantry, who galloped thru the line occupiea by our men. Lieut. Carruthers, assisted by Sergt. Perry, Corporal Wilkinson, Lance-Corporal Bond and Private McCall, kept his men in hand, dismounted them, and formed in a half-moon shape to face the Boers. Sergt. Hodgins, whose men were being swept off in the stampede, rallied about 10 of them, and dismounted to meet the attack. THE SPLENDID STAND MADE BY LIEUT. CARRUTHERS' PARTY, WITHOUT COVER OF ANY KIND AND AGAINST OVERWHELMING ODDS. WAS WELL WORTHY OF THE BEST TRADITIONS OF CANADA AND THE WHOLE EMPIRE. BEFORE THEIR AMMUNITION WAS EXHAUSTED, 17 OUT OF THE 21 WERE EITHER KILLED OR WOUNDED. SERGT. PERRY, ALTHO BADLY WOUNDED, FOUGHT UNTIL HE WAS KILLED, CORPORAL WILKINSON, SHOT TWICE THRU THE ARM AND BODY, CON-TINUED FIGHTING UNTIL HE WAS SHOT THRU THE EYE. HE THEN THREW THE BOLT OF HIS RIFLE INTO THE LONG GRASS TO RENDER IT USELESS TO THE ENEMY. PRIVATE EVANS. AL-THO MORTALLY WOUNDED THRU THE BOWELS, EXHAUSTED HIS OWN AMMUNITION, SECURED ANOTHER BANDOLIER, USED IT UP, AND AS THE BOERS WERE MAKING THEIR FINAL RUSH HE BROKE HIS RIFLE, RENDERING IT USELESS. PRIVATE EVANS DIED SHORTLY AFTER BEING BROUGHT INTO CAMP. PRIVATE MINCHIN, ALTHO WOUNDED IN SIX PLACES, FIRED HIS LAST SHOT WHEN THE BOERS WERE ONLY 25 YARDS OFF, AND THREW HIS RIFLE BOLT INTO THE GRASS.

"I HAVE MENTIONED A FEW INDIVIDUAL INCIDENTS, SHOW ING THE SPIRIT DISPLAYED BY THIS PARTY, BUT AN EQUALLY INVINCIBLE COURAGE AND DEVOTION TO DUTY WAS DISPLAYED BY LIEUT. CARRUTHERS AND EVERY MAN OF THE PARTY WITH HIM. NINE PER CENT. CASUALTIES.

"The coolness and steadiness of the whole regiment in its first action was very remarkable, and the effect of the leavening of tried men-about 25 per cent-was plainly visible. Our total casualties were about 9 per cent, of our strength.

The total number of losses in the regiment for the day during the engagement were

- "Killed-8 N.C.O. and men.
- "Wounded-3 officers, 39 N.C.O. and men. "Missing-7 N.C.O. and men. "Horses killed, destroyed and lost-121.

"Mules killed or destroyed-22. MEDICAL STAFF'S WORK.

"The work of the regimental medical staff and detachments of the 10th Canadian Field Hospital, now attached, deserves special mention. Surgeon-Major Devine was acting principal medical officer for the two columns, and the ambulances were situated toward the rear and about the centre of the two columns. In all 200 casualties occurred in our force, and the wounded were dressed and attended to under as severe a rifle fire and a heavier shell fire than any other portion of the camp was exposed to. One patient was killed while his wound was being dreased, and several others received flesh wounds.

FRIENDS SHOT A FRIEND.

"After the enemy retired, the whole force proceeded to dig trenches, stretch wire trip lines and prepare for a night attack. After darkness set in, a party, consisting of one intelligence officer, one intelligence man and Sergt. Lee of "A" squadron, tried to get thru to General Kitchener's column but one intelligence officer. column, but ran into a large party of the enemy. Sergt. Lee's horse was shot, and the party returned to camp. The intelligence man was shot by our own troops in trying to get back to camp. The enemy made no attempt to renew the attack thru the night nor the following morning. Their losses, given by one of their surgeons, were about 250, and their ambulances were at work thru the whole night and when we marched out the following day. out the following day.

BURIAL OF THE DEAD.

"1st April—At 11 a.m., in a heavy downpour of rain, I read the burial service over our gallant dead. We buried them at a well-defined spot in the garden of Boschbult farm, just by the Hartefontein road. Small crosses were placed at the head of each grave, and a rough carved tombstone, in-scribed 'To the Memory of the Mounted Rifles Who Fell in Action Here on the 31st March," surmounted by a maple leaf, was placed in the cen-

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FINE AND WARM.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, May 14. at Potcheistroom. This factor, "Inthe Robin Redbrast, as his con-Samuel Woods, lives at New Westmin-his home at Canterbury for four years. showery in the Territories and Mani-16.-(8 p.m.)-The weather has been toba and elsewhere fine; temperature has been higher in most parts of On-The McIntosh Granite & Marble Com-pany, Limited, 1119 and 1121 Yonge-street. Tel. 4249. Terminal Yonge-street car route, 146 Canada.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 38-70; Kamloops, gress of a fire which to-night destroy-ed the lard refinery of Armour & Com-pany in the Union Stock Yards, 17 spectators were injured, four of them in a manner which will probably cause death in a short time. The loss of the company is estimated by its officers at between \$750,000 and \$900,000.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay-Fine and moderately warm.

Guardian Anderstein Warm. Ottawa Valley, Upper and Lower St. Lawrence-Fine and moderately warm. Guid-Fine; stationary or a little higher temperature. Maritime Provinces-Moderate winds,

mostly southwest and west; fine; a lit. tle warmer at most places. Lake Superior—Fair and moderately

arcss at 3.30 o'clock. Interment in Mount Pleasant Cemetery. FIRSTBROOK-At 126 Huntley-street, early Friday morning, William Firstbrook, in his 77th year.

Funeral private. SIMPSON-On Friday, May 16, 1902, at Cook's Turkish and Russian Baths wath and bed \$1. 202 and 204 King W.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS,

Funeral on Saturday, the 17th inst., at May 10 Funeral on Saturday, the 17th inst., at 1 p.m. from above address to Mount Plea-sant Cemetery. Funeral private. WARD-In Toronto, at 414½ Spadina-ave-nue, on Friday moming. May 16, 1902. Allee Haisnod, only and dearly-beloved daughter of Rev. George B. and Annie M. Ward, aged 17 years. Funeral private, to St. James' Ceme-tery, at 3 o'clock p.m. May, 10. At. Augusta Victoria. New York Commonweatth...Boston... New York Commonweatth...Boston... Aucusta Victoria. New York Commonweatth...Boston... May, 16. At. Augusta Victoria. New York Commonweatth...Boston... Georgian...Liverpool Sylvania...Liverpool Sylvania....Antwerp... Moirke.....Queenstow At From At, ..New York ..New York ..Boston ..Genoa ..Liverpool ..Liverpool ...Havra Hambur; Liverpoo New York Bostor

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