

were furnished by the Rifles, while the guns of the fort were manned by a detachment from the R.A. and one regiment Canadian artillery.

Although it rained steadily all day, the attack and defence was carried out in all its detail. The officer commanding the 63rd posted his men in the most advantageous position to watch the development of the attack, which would come from an unknown quarter. At about 2 p.m. the enemy were first sighted, coming over a hill overlooking Herring Cove village, and their line soon showed, extending almost to the eastern shore. The defence was at once formed to meet this disposition of the Blue Jackets, and as there was a possibility of a flank attack on both sides, provision was made to check any such movements. The attacking force opened fire, with Lee-Metfords and Martinis, at about 1,000 yards, the defence returning the fire. When the attack had got within about 600 yards the sailors came forward very slowly, and at one time seemed to have halted. They did not keep as well under cover as they might have done, and in this respect did not do as well as the Berkshire Regiment, which made the attack last year. The Rifles retired as the sailors advanced, and were well covered by the supports. The firing was principally by sections, and the line of defence kept intact over a very difficult country, each half company taking up a defensive position, and covering those retiring with their fire. This continued until the enemy came within range of the guns of the fort, which opened fire over the heads of the Rifles, the ships also bringing their guns to bear in support of the sailors. As the defence drew in towards the fort, the Rifles were withdrawn, and finally retired under cover of the artillery to the rear of the fort, and their duty ended.

During the whole day the rain came down in torrents, the men being thoroughly soaked from head to foot, the woods and swamps being in a very bad state to move through.

The Rifles returned to the city by the transport steamer Highland Mary, and marched to the drill shed, being dismissed about 5 o'clock.

Gen. Moore, who watched the proceedings from start to finish, expressed his approval of the way the 63rd did their work—first, in the morning as they moved off the common, where he personally expressed his pleasure as they marched past him; and later in the day, when seeing them work in a practical manner in action. In his report he says: "The General Commanding particularly remarked the appearance and set-up of the 63rd Rifles: they marched well and handled their arms smartly at the word of command."

I am not in a position to give an account of how the attack from the land side was carried on. Perhaps one of our comrades in the Fusiliers will give an account of their experience.

OUTPOST.

#### READ THE AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT.

The militia and defence department in the Auditor-General's report makes interesting reading matter for military men. A superficial study of it shows where great savings might be made in militia expenditures. In fact, more than one item suggests extensive boodling. Readers of THE GAZETTE should take up the last report and look into its details carefully. With the new Government we should not be surprised to hear of some exposures.

#### CAVALRY ASSOCIATION.

There is a movement in progress to organize the cavalry officers. Such an association would do much good for this neglected arm of the service. The General Officer Commanding is strongly in favor of the scheme, and it is to be hoped that the officers of this arm generally will support it.

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