

To the left of the Bertry-Cléry road machine-gun fire spat angrily from a little factory building and farmhouse. There was a charge, a skilful wielding of sabres, and the 42 Germans who were not killed were taken prisoners, and the five machine guns that had been used to help defend them were captured.

As the Royal Canadian Dragoons were advancing on Reumont waves of the enemy were seen to be coming forward with the evident intention of delivering a counter-attack. The Dragoons first dismounted and used their rifles, and then finished off the job with their sabres. One sergeant and three men in this regiment charged a small pocket with three machine guns in it and netted 30 prisoners, among whom was an officer and three sergeant-majors.

During the whole action the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery were engaging targets with excellent results. In the time the gunners were in action they fired over 2,800 rounds of ammunition.

ENVELOPING VALENCIENNE.

In the Field, October 25th.

The Germans in Valenciennes are defending themselves by means of water. The Canadians touch the edges of the town at several points, but even at these points we are separated from the garrison of the place by floods. The enemy has played the possibilities of the intricate canal system of the area against us most fully. The opposing forces harry one another with rifle and machine-gun fire across the flooded wastes. Our artillery shells the enemy's approaches to the town and his positions beyond, and he, in turn, annoys us untiringly. Within one week the Canadian Corps has advanced on the Valenciennes front a depth of 23 miles and has captured 28 towns and villages in which there are thousands of French civilians.

At the present time the Corps is feeding over 70,000 of the people freed from German rule entirely from its own resources, and has organised and established a special department for providing comforts for the women and