

horses and ponies being in this ravine, and, what is said to be very unusual, were tied up, thus showing, I am informed, that the rebels were pretty confident of success. Fifty-five of these horses were killed. These men were gradually reduced in number until, from the position of our men, it was almost impossible for them to retire, and they continued to fire at intervals, doing a good deal of mischief.

Capt. Peters, with great pluck and dash, led the dismounted men of "A" Battery, supported by a party of the 90th under Capt. Ruttan, and gallantly attempted to dislodge them, but they were so well covered and were able to bring such a heavy fire on the party advancing, without being seen, killing three men, two artillerymen and one of the cook (the body of one artilleryman was afterwards found within 8 or 10 yards of their pits), that I resolved to leave them, contenting myself with extending more of the 90th in front to watch them, and sending some shells into the bluff now and then. Lieut.-Col. Houghton, my A. D. C., in taking orders, got mixed with his party and advanced with them, showing great pluck and coolness; I would here beg to notice the pluck and coolness displayed by other officers (especially Capt. Drury) and men of "A" Battery in running their guns up by hand to the edge of the ravine, and the opposite gully afterwards, three of the men being wounded. In the meanwhile, having seen the part of the 90th extended as above mentioned, I galloped across to the right, having previously sent my two As. D. C. there with orders to get "C" half company and two companies of the 90th extended. On arrival there I found that the enemy was in force, trying to turn our right, having set fire to the prairie, as the wind was blowing towards us. About this period Capt. Drury, of "A" Battery, threw a shell into a house some distance off, where some rebels were seen congregating, and set it on fire. The rebels, at this time, advanced under cover of the smoke out of the ravine which extended across our front, and the firing was tremendously hot. My A. D. C., Lieut. Doucet, and several men, being hit, our men were forced back here a little at first, but soon rallied and advanced steadily, holding their own and taking cover well, until, using the enemy's own tactics, we fairly drove them back, bluff by bluff, and they retired altogether, going off as hard as they could. I may mention here that their attempt to drive us back by setting fire to the prairie proved a failure, though at one time it looked awkward; but I sent for a party of teamsters, who soon beat it out, notwithstanding they were, for a short time, under fire. By about 2 p.m. the enemy had disappeared and all firing ceased, except from the men in the ravine, who seemed, by their voices, to be reduced in number, and whom I endeavored to reach by means of the guns from the opposite side of the ravine, I think successfully, from the amount of blood found afterwards in the pits and a dead Sioux found near. To return to the action of the left flank: on re-crossing to them I received a bullet through my fur cap from one of the men in the rifle pits, who made several attempts to hit me before, and who, I have reason to believe, was Gabriel Dumont himself, and when, a few minutes after, being obliged to re-cross with my A. D. C., Capt. Wise, shot from the same place his horse and threw him. Shortly after, I am sorry to say, while looking over the brow of the ravine to see if the enemy were still there, Capt. Wise received a shot in the foot. I found the firing reduced to the men in the ravine, the rest of the enemy having retired in confusion.

During the action a messenger arrived from the left column, asking if they should bring troops across, and I directed the 10th Grenadiers to be brought over, which was done by means of the scow, most expeditiously, one company with Lord Melgund arriving at about 1 o'clock p.m., and two other companies, under Lieut.-Col. Grassett, later on, with the two guns of the Winnipeg Field Battery, under Major Jarvis. As the affair was nearly over then, I contented myself with extending a company of the 10th on the right centre to assist in watching the ravine where the enemy's rifle pits were, the other companies being on the extreme right in support, and ultimately remaining there until the wounded were removed to the camp ground, which had been selected in the meantime. I would here beg leave to draw particular attention to the crossing of these troops, who, though luckily not required, might well have been. To fully appreciate the rapidity with which this was done, in spite of the