

with the enemy scattering bullets from three sides of them, and rode back safely, running the gauntlet of the enemy for the second time.

VICTORIA CROSS FOR A GALLANT TROOPER.

Trooper A. Kruger, of German parentage, born in Ballarat, Victoria, in 1870, is the second one recommended for the Victoria Cross, on account of his truly noble effort to save Lieutenant Hensman, who had been shot.

It seemed a task impossible; the firing was exceedingly heavy. Giving his rifle to Lieutenant Darling, he crawled along behind cover, over the top of a big flat rock, which when examined afterwards was chipped all over with bullets. For 40 yards he crawled along, until he reached the wounded man, who had been hit with a soft-nosed bullet, which had splintered four inches of his thigh bone, and entered his other leg.

Cutting away the breeches, he dressed it, the Boers keeping up a hot fire all the time. Trooper Conway came along to help them, without a scratch. Kruger asked Conway to shovel up some earth to make a pillow for Hensman, who at this time was suffering terribly from the pain in his back. Conway scooped two handfuls of earth, and while fetching the third was shot, the bullet passing through his head, scattering his brains on Hensman and Kruger.

In spite of the bandage Kruger waved, the Boers kept up the hail of bullets, and coming closer called on them to surrender. Kruger got hold of Conway's rifle, shot three of the enemy, which steadied them. Taking off his putties, he strapped Lieutenant Hensman to his rifle. He was carried away by the relief party, and died in the hospital a few days afterwards. Both Morris and Kruger have been invalided to the colonies, and the people are justly proud of their heroes. They are indeed a specimen of the rest, who would do exactly the same under similar circumstances.

The correspondent of the "Dundee Advertiser" (and also of the "Daily News"), writing from Burghersdorp on March 21, says:—I had a good many opportunities of chatting with Boers during