

ladies of the City and upon the return of our men, the City turned out en masse to welcome them. After all, except those who had died for England's cause, had returned they were tendered a magnificent Banquet by their townsmen and each was presented with a gold watch in token of the esteem in which their conduct was held by the people of loyal old Essex.

#### COLOR SERGEANT WHITE.

Walter Raymond McCullough White was the first member of the Fusiliers contingent to give up his life for Britains cause in South Africa.

He was nineteen years of age, son of Jos. White and nephew of Sol. White, Ex-M. P. P. of Windsor. For a number of years he was a sergeant in the first company of the Boys Brigade. He then enlisted in the Essex Fusiliers in 1896 as bugler and soon afterwards transferred to No. 3 Co. as private. Such a good soldier did he prove himself to be, that he was shortly promoted to the rank of sergeant and was the color-sergeant of his company when he volunteered for South Africa and enlisted in the First Canadian contingent.

Col.-Sgt. White was a general favorite with everyone who knew him, was an all-round athlete and excelled in every sport, and the announcement of his death at Paardeberg cast a gloom over the city, which even the news of the capture of Cronje and the glorious part taken in it by the Canadians, could not remove. But it was with pride and satisfaction that his friends soon after received the information that his body had been recovered within twenty yards of the Boer trenches and much in advance of any other of the British dead. In the charge at Paardberg, that magnificent exploit of the Canadians, Cornwalls and Seaforths which will live in annals of British valor, Sgt. White outstripped the rest and led the way. Unflinching he charged right up to the enemies rifles and fell fighting for his country and the Flag he loved so well—A HERO.