

that when we were at the Waterloo station a whole trainful of provisions were drawn up there, and our colonel proposed that one of the trucks should be taken off and attached to our trains, so that we might have some food at hand ; but the officer in charge, an assistant-comptroller, I think they call him—this comptrol department was a new-fangled affair which did us almost as much harm as the enemy in the long run—said his orders were to keep all the stores together, and that he couldn't issue any without authority from the head of his department. So we had to go without. Those who had tobacco smoked—indeed there is no solace like a pipe under such circumstances. The militia regiment, I heard afterwards, had two days' provisions in their haversacks ; it was we volunteers who had no haversacks, and nothing to put in them. All this time, I should tell you, while we were laying on the grass with our arms piled, the General with the brigadiers and staff, was riding about slowly from point to point of the edge of the common, looking out with his glass towards the south valley. Orderlies and staff-officers were constantly coming, and about three o'clock there arrived up a road that led towards Horsham a small body of lancers and a regiment of yeomanry, who had, it appears, been out in advance, and now drew up a short way in front of us in column facing to the south. Whether they could see anything in their front I could not tell, for we were behind the crest of the hill ourselves, and so could not look into the valley below ; but shortly afterwards the assembly sounded. Commanding officers were called out by the General, and received some brief instructions ; and the column began to march again towards