

during the fighting on the banks of the Vet River. The troops captured a Maxim gun and 25 Boers.

I have selected the following cases as a type of the rest to show the bravery and determination. Lieutenant Harris, of the Inniskillings, son of Sir Matthew Harris, mayor of Sydney, picked up a wounded man, and took him up behind him, and the moment that he did so a bullet killed the man, and another tore a great gash in young Harris's mare. She struggled down the hill with her entrails hanging out, and got her rider out of danger, and then dropped dead.

Trooper Tom Morris, one of those recommended for the Victoria Cross, is spoken of as the plucky Singleton lad. The circumstance that gave rise to his recommendation, which it is understood will be confirmed, is reported as follows :

HOT SHOT FROM BOTH SIDES.

"We were at Arundel near Colesburg, and a body of us were ordered out under Major Lee, to examine a row of kopjes about four miles long. We had ridden along for half the distance without finding any sign of the enemy, when they suddenly opened fire on us from the kopjes on both sides. All we had to do was to draw their fire, so we started back at once. I was near the rear of the detachment and as I rode along I could see the Boers coming round the other kopje to cut us off.

"Then I looked back to see if any of them were following us and saw Trooper Harrison's horse fall. It was shot under him. So I went back and took Harrison up and galloped away." Such is the modest story he tells himself. His comrades however tell more. They say as Harrison fell the Boers rushed down from the kopjes on both sides towards him, evidently intending to make him prisoner, but the others maintained such a heavy fire that he was forced to take cover behind the body of the dead horse.

A number of Boers also closed in from the kopjes on either side, and were firing after the retreating Lancers, at the very moment Morris turned his head. Swinging his horse round he galloped back right in the face of the fire, picked up Harrison