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THE SHAM FIGHT AT KINGSTON CAMP

THE TACTICS OF THE BOERS WERE ADOPTED TO SOME EXTENT.

An Eye-Witness Tells How the Forces were Arranged and How the Attack Failed—There was one way it could have Succeeded—Col. Sam. knows it.

(Special to the Watchman-Warder)

The incidents of interest during the second week of the great divisional military camp were similar in many respects to those of the first week.

After the great rain and storm of Saturday night, the men were so wet and overworked that "Divine Service" was dispensed with. The 14th Princess of Wales Rifles with their excellent band visited the camp and presented a fine appearance. Capt. W. S. Hughes, brother of the O.C. of the 45th Victoria Regiment, commands one of the best companies. Capt. Clyde Caldwell, one of the South African officers is also a member of the 14th.

The Grand Review

On Monday the grand review before General O'Grady-Haly was carried out. A preliminary practice took place on Saturday when the two brothers, Col. Jack Hughes and Col. Sam. Hughes, each commanded a brigade. Major Sylvester thus commanded the 45th while Col. Sam. was acting as brigadier. Col. Hodgins being ill. On Monday, Col. Montizambert commanded the division; Col. Hodgins the 5th and Col. Jack Hughes the 6th brigade. The fields were knee-deep in mud in places, yet the fellows went through the movements with great precision.

Among those witnessing the review in carriages were: Hon. Dr. Borden and his daughters; Mrs. Sam Hughes with her daughters Misses Roby and Aileen; Mrs. W. S. Hughes and Mrs. Fortt, (nee Miss Keenan of Lindsay). This party naturally thought the 45th did the best of all.

Major Hopkins and Capt. J. A. Williamson arranged an excursion for the 45th and 46th regiments among the thousand islands to Alexandria Bay and return for Wednesday.

Honors for the 45th.

The closing of the Royal Military College took place on Monday afternoon and had special interest for Lindsay inasmuch as Garnet Hughes came out first, winning the Governor General's Gold Medal and the Sword of Honor, besides other prizes. The first three in order Hughes, Cameron and Chipman, each refused a commission in the Imperial army. No. 2 Co. 45 Victoria Regiment claim some credit and honor in two of the three named. Hughes commanded No. 2 company when a lad of 16 years, and Cameron in 1900 though resident in London yet was attached to that company for camp.

The Sham Fight

On Wednesday, in preparation for the sham battle of Thursday, Col. Sam. Hughes placed Major Neill in command of companies 1, 2, and 3 with instructions to post himself anywhere he wished on Barrield Heights, while Major Sylvester should attack him with companies 4, 5 and 6. The attack succeeded admirably at the outset, Major Sylvester having planned the preliminary well; but towards the conclusion it became evident that Major Neill had been more wide-awake than was expected. His seeming careless outpost defence was designed to mislead the attack and expose the plans against him. Keeping his main force well under cover and distributed, he poured withering volleys into the attack unexpectedly. Capt. Henley and Capt. Williamson managed their companies admirably, so the colonel said. As should be the case the casualties of the attack were greater than of the defence.

Both Major Sylvester and Major Neill managed their forces to the entire satisfaction of Col. Sam, who acted as umpire. On Thursday the sham battle involving the entire nine regiments took place. The defence force was the 5th Brigade under Col. Hodgins; made up of the 16th, Prince Edward, 40th, Northumberland, 45th Victoria and 46th, Durham, regiments. The attack was the 6th brigade under Col. John Hughes, made up of the 47th Frontenac, 42nd Lanark, "The Black Watch," 49th, Hastings, 56th Grenville, and 49th Glengarries.

The defence had to bar an advance on Kingston from the east. To Col. Sam-Hughes were entrusted the positions on the right of the defence from the main road to Dead Man's Bay. He had his own corps the 45th the 16th and part of the 46th. He placed Capt. Staples and Capt. Williamson's companies in the quarries at the head of Dead Man's Bay. Capt. McCrea covered the east bank and approaches as did also Capt. Holtor and McKay. Capt. Henley

with Col. Lighthall's 16th Regiment held the overlooking ridges while Capt. Winslow of the 36th held two isolated mounds on the immediate left. The 40th and the balance of the 46th guarded the distant left. The rules were that any force exposed and being fired on at 400 yards or less should at once halt and cease fire. The attack began near the head of Dead Man's Bay. Captain Staples had been given orders to keep his men well under cover and not to fire until the enemy were within 200 yards. The reason was that no enemy could advance that would not be exposed for hundreds of yards to the fire from the other companies, all within 400 yards of the position. As the enemy advanced, volleys from the unseen defenders were poured into them. Smokeless powder being used, the defence could not be located. Major Neill on the right kept his companies so well under cover that after blowing the enemy to pieces a dozen times, and they heedless of the rules continuing to advance, simply let them march on, and, when at five paces arrested the whole lot.

So with Capt. Staples and Williamson. They lay low, letting the companies on their rear on the heights and on their flank blaze into the enemy, who despite the rules, persisted in not being put out of action though fired on by five times their number for from 800 to 250 yards. Finally when the thrice-slaughtered enemy came within about 130 yards Capt. Staples and Williamson poured in three volleys that in actual warfare would have wiped out as many regiments as the enemy had companies. The umpire evidently not seeing the field, and not knowing that the three companies of the enemy had been annihilated four or five times, and supposing there were three regiments instead of three companies only, suggested that Capt. Staples could not have held the position. Why half as many Scandinavian Boers entirely unsupported, held an infinitely weaker position against thousands of Britain's best soldiers backed up by artillery at Magersfontein until annihilated while at Modder river and in scores of other places in South Africa, positions not nearly so strong were held against greatly superior numbers successfully. There were five rifles covering every avenue of advance for every rifle advancing on that position at Dead Man's Bay. The defence, save a few decoys were under perfect cover while the advance was open to both front and flank fires. Had there been 10,000 men in attack on that position instead of only about 60 they would have been wiped out of existence. Major Sylvester and Col. Light hall of the 16th gave valuable assistance in the main defence, while Major Neill, on the west side of Dead Man's Bay, near the head and Capt. Staples and Williamson in the quarries displayed great shrewdness. Lt. Patterson in command of the right half of the Woodville Highlanders gave a fine account of himself. When the attack failed to halt and be "killed" according to the rules, Lt. Patterson lay under cover on the south west of the quarry and as the enemy came around the bend of the bay in the open, he poured in volley after volley at 125 yards.

The main force of the attack merely made a feint on the centre and left of the position. They evidently planned to turn the right of the defence and then press home the attack.

The volunteers all speak in the highest terms of the value of the two sham battles, some declaring that they learned more in those two days than in all the rest of the camp. But the 45th Victorias, following their colonel's policy do not believe in having the enemy to know everything about their defence. The company officers as well as Majors Sylvester and Neill trapped the enemy beautifully, by reserving their fire under perfect cover to within 150 to 120 yards, the defence on higher positions covering the enemy. As was pre-supposed and in fact, pre-understood, the attack failed. There is just one way, Col. Sam. says, that the position could be taken, and he would not state it. Perhaps he is waiting for another year.

On Parade

Thursday night, Major Kent, Mayor of Kingston and his wife gave an "At Home" in the Kingston Armouries in honor of the volunteers. The young officers of the 45th turned out in goodly numbers and seemed to have won their way with the fair maids of Kingston. On Friday a "march out" through Kingston took place. As Col. Sam. had gone to Ottawa on a committee regarding Sir Chas. Ross' new rifle action, Major Sylvester commanded the 45th. There was no doubt the verdict of Kingston was that they were the finest regiment.

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onel came into camp from Ottawa. At 5 a. m. the baggage was loaded, at 7 a. m. tents were struck and the 45th were the first were the first to march out. (Kingston, three miles off, was soon reached. The train was boarded at 7.40, the baggage and horse cars were attached and promptly at 7.45 or 15 minutes before the proposed time the regiment started for home. A run to Belleville at nearly a mile a minute rate, a good run to Peterboro, where a delay of nearly three quarters of an hour for the express occurred, and in to Lindsay a few minutes after one o'clock concluded the journey.

Major Neill, Capt. McCrea, Lieut. Lamb and the Omence lads were cheered good-bye at the station. After marching through Lindsay and winning merited applause the regiment was dismissed, to reassemble for the Duke of York's Review in October or September. Woodville company went out by special about

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two o'clock while Fenelon Falls company took the 2.40 train. Several young volunteers in delaying farewell to Kingston sweethearts thinking the train would not start on time, were left behind and came straggling in on specials during the night. Some paid their fares home. Moral:—The 45 Victorias are always on time to the minute—and frequently ahead of time.

Northwest Crop Report

In a political address at Winnipeg, last week, Premier Roblin said, with regard to the crop, that he had been in the province since 1877, and had never seen or heard of such glowing prospects as at present. As Minister of Agriculture, he was sure that the yield would be nearer 30 bushels than 25, which would mean 60,000,000 bushels raised in the province. With regard to the additional labor or required to handle the crop, he had formerly estimated it would require 15,000 men, but now he thought it would be quite 20,000 that would be required, and that would only mean one extra man to each two farmers.

The reports from the Northwest Territories are equally good. The wheat in many cases is headed and no damage is reported, from any cause. It is expected harvest will commence about Aug. 10.

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