

"BLUES" CLAIM VICTORY IN BIG SHAMBATTLE

Tired Warriors All Taken Home In Street Cars

KHAKI VERY EFFECTIVE

Toronto Soldiers Could Scarcely be Distinguished From Corn Shocks—
Bayonet Charges and Booming
Guns Figure in Lively Action.

The battle of Leaside waged yesterday in North Toronto was a continuation of the tactical movement of troops during the trek from Niagara to Toronto. A large convoy of ammunition was being forwarded to Newmarket. This convoy was reported to be parked on the Independent road one mile south of Donlands Station, with the horses exhausted and unable to move until one o'clock.

Hostilities began in earnest about eleven o'clock, when the opposing forces clashed and banged each other for two and a half hours, with horse, foot and artillery.

The Globe war correspondent was early upon the scene and attached himself to the "Blues," the attacking force, under command of Lieut.-Col. R. C. Windeyer of the 74th Battalion, which entered the theatre of war marching east from Bayside avenue. He soon found himself in the thick of the fight. Captain Wandless, formerly Assistant Registrar of Aliens, led "A" Company across a rough stretch of country, some of which was very swampy. Lieut. Mills' scouts had gone before, and messages were soon flashing back that the enemy was ambushed in a wood south of the railway track. The men advanced cautiously, and the khaki uniforms served as a good screen on the khaki autumn landscape. A platoon passing through a field could scarcely be distinguished from the standing corn shocks, the tone of color being almost identical with the uniforms.

Ready For Bayonet Charge.

"Fix bayonets!" came the order. There were three hundred of the enemy one hundred yards in front. The enemy were next seen crossing the railway track to the right, going south. "Advance! Spread out. Open fire; one round. Come on, there! Now, don't blow anybody's ear off!" shouted the Captain. Lieut. Mills, the scout leader, was all over the railway track. He seemed to be everywhere.

Under Shell-fire.

"The woods are full of them," said somebody. "Crack, crack, crack!" The rifles got going from both sides of the track. The Globe man wandered up the lines and could see the enemy comfortably entrenched in the woods immediately south of the railroad. The 74th men came up north of the track and poured a withering fire across the rails into the wood. The Globe occupied the devil strip, or "no man's land," between the lines and smiled upon both sides despite the fact that he was being riddled with imaginary bullets. Machine guns were brought up and turned on to the woods, whereupon the enemy began to retire. The rattle of the machine gun resembles the beating of a kettle drum. Meanwhile the artillery was booming from a distant hill, and the wood was supposed to be under shell-fire.

Advanced in Rushes.

"Advance in section rushes to the edge of the wood, then get your eye on a white cap and fire," was the next order. The men climbed over the railroad and put the enemy to flight.

The Blues claimed the victory, which was celebrated by both sides in a well-earned feast of bread and cheese and sandwiches, after which the fighters were carried to their barracks in thirty-two special street cars.

Lieut.-Col. Pellatt commanded the White army, consisting of the 83rd and 92nd Battalions, the 31st Battery and a section of No. 2 Company Field Ambulance.

Lieut.-Col. Windeyer's Blue force was composed of the 74th, 75th and 81st Battalions, 30th and 40th Batteries and Field Ambulance.

Lieut.-Col. Bickford was in charge of the operations, assisted by Captain Howland.



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