

DIARY OF PROPOSED OPERATIONS, ETC
FOR THE CAVALRY AT KLIP RIVER
CAMP.

29th August. Assembly.

-----last week-----

Sunday. 30th August. The G.O.C. will inspect the Camp and Horses in Lines.

Monday. 31st August. 8th Regt V.I. inspected by G.O.C. Regtl Drill for all other Regiments under their own Commanding Officers,

Tuesday. 1st September. K.Dgn.Gds inspected by G.O.C.
Regimental Drill for the "Bays" and 8th Hussars under their own Commanding Officers.
7th Hussars Outposts or Reconnaissance under scheme from Cavalry Head-Quarters.

Wednesday. 2nd Septbr. The "Bays" inspected by G.O.C.
Brigade Day for Hussars Brigade.
K.Dgn.Gds Outposts or Reconnaissance under scheme from Cavalry Head-Quarters.

Thursday. 3rd Septbr. Rest.

Friday. 4th Septbr. 7th Hussars inspected by G.O.C.
Brigade Day for Dragoon Brigade.
8th Hussars Outposts or Reconnaissance under scheme from Cavalry Head-Quarters.

Saturday. 5th Septbr. 8th Hussars inspected by G.O.C.
Regimental Drills for K.Dgn.Gds and 7th Hussars.
The "Bays" Outposts or Reconnaissance under scheme from Cavalry Head-Quarters.

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Sunday. 6th September.

Monday. 7th Septbr. Brigade Drills.

Tuesday. 8th September. Divisional Day Formations.

Wednesday. 9th Septbr. Divisional Day Masked Enemy.

Thursday. 10th Septbr. Rest.

Friday. 11th Septbr. Divisional Day operations against Masked enemy.

Saturday. 12th Septbr. Operations against opposing Forces under scheme from Cavalry Head-Quarters.

R.H. Artillery and
Field Troop R.E.

During the first week the R.H.A. and Field Troop R.E. will be exercised under their own Commanding Officers except that on the two Brigade Days 1 Battery R.H.A. will work with the Brigade.

During the 2nd Week they will work with the Cavalry Division under the Orders of the G.O. Commanding.

Field Troop will be required to take
in the operation on 4th & 5th Sept.

Speaking

The following narrative and remarks by the Lieut-General Commanding on the operations of the 26th September are published for information :-

In addition to what has been described in the narrative of Manoeuvres - Mounted Troops dated Pretoria 29th September, 1903, there was another day's manoeuvres which was not included, as strictly ~~operating~~ it did not form part of the general scheme. General Officer Commanding Northern Force encamped at Meyerton was ordered to attack the Southern Force which was encamped just North of Vereeniging and capture that town. General Broadwood ^{and J.S. Force} detached a few squadrons to both flanks, covering the town with the bulk of his force posted on the West of the Railway. General Burn-Murdoch, ignoring the detached forces, determined to throw the whole of his two brigades on the inferior force of his enemy. There was a high wind blowing from the North which raised clouds of black dust under cover of which his advance was made. He pushed on at a great pace and charged home on the right and right centre of the Southern Force with the 7th Hussars, while the 8th Hussars swept past their right and along their rear capturing guns and pom poms. The dust was so thick that it was impossible to discover the strength of the charging squadrons until they were comparatively near, and little fire was opened on them till they were less than 500 yards off. Meanwhile a battery of Horse Artillery had also got within short range on the right and opened fire on the defending force before being fired on themselves. The other brigade of the Northern Force engaged the left wing of the Southern assisted by the 8th Hussars who had got far round the rear from the right. The umpires decided that the charge of the Hussar brigade had been completely successful and that a large portion of the Southern force was destroyed or driven off with the result that General Burn-Murdoch had captured the town.

The movement was made in most spirited fashion and afforded a good example of what a charge of Cavalry under favourable circumstances might effect in actual warfare.

By Order,

C. McGRIGOR,

Lieut-Colonel,

a/ASSISTANT QUARTER-MASTER-GENERAL.

Pretoria,
14th October, 1903.