

THE BOLSHEVIKS.

(FROM A RUSSIAN CORRESPONDENT).

Returned Soldier, No. 8766, Leo Berk, of Catherine-street, South Brisbane, writes:—I send you the following, translated from the Russian paper, "Vestuck Manchurin," of September 1, 1918:—On August 26 a small search party from the Mounted Jagers Regiment came against a considerable strength of the Bolsheviks, occupying quite a good position on the two hills protecting the access to the Kamen-Ribolove Settlement. The Mounted Jagers Regiment, not knowing the enemy's strength, attacked one hill. But the strong machine gun fire opened by the enemy at once caused the hunts-

men a sensible loss, and showed the enemy's strength. The regiment had to retire at once. A Major Vrashtel, a war hero, who was present in the attack, fell from his horse, wounded. Knowing that the Bolsheviks have no pity on the wounded, the major gathered enough strength to reach his revolver and put a bullet through his

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brains.

It was getting dark. Reinforcements were coming, but the regiment had to retire, not even picking up their wounded. During the night the peasants picked up the wounded and brought them to the Kamen-Ribbolove, the neighbouring settlement. After the Bolsheviki had retired, the first anxiety of our soldiers was to search for the wounded in the hope of giving them help. To our inquiries, the peasants showed us the sheds. On entering there appeared a horrible picture. There were no wounded. Only five officers, and 25 men—but what corpses! Most of them had their skin pulled off their necks and face, and hung loosely, with frightful bloody tatters. Some with their tongues cut out. We heard from the inhabitants that they tortured the wounded unto death, and the Bolsheviki submitted that there was not a German amongst them all. This, to our disgrace, ought to be remembered; they were all Russians. Man beasts. The Japanese army find their wounded and killed with their eyes picked out, and their stomachs turned out.