 SUSSEX VOLUNTEERS’ FIELD DAY.

A most interesting and instructive day was spent on Sunday by the Eastergate, Barnham and District unit of the Sussex Volunteer Training Corps, and the Chichester section of the 1st Volunteer Motor Cyclists’ Battalion; the former acting as defenders and the latter as dispatch riders.

The defenders, under Colonel Commandant C. P. Henty, who was supported by the Adjutant, Major S. S. Marshall, Company Commander F. Stride, and several officers, held the roads across a strip of country running from Slinfold to the sea, over which the dispatch riders must of necessity pass in order to reach Chipping, at which village the dispatch was to be delivered.

The motorists, who, by the way, had spent a very profitable morning semaphore signalling from various points on the Downs, commenced operations from Boxgrove. Dividing into subsections, the party moved off, approaching the enemy’s country by various routes.

Being opposed by nearly five times their number, the dispatch riders were given an almost impossible task, and most of them were captured, but success attended the car section. One of the members adopted the novel idea of hiding in the rear seats of a car which was driven by a lady, the member being covered by trunks and hat boxes, giving the car the appearance of an ordinary touring vehicle. This was followed by a light car, the driver of which did not attempt to conceal himself. These cars ran straight through the enemy’s camp. The first car was claimed to have been challenged, but the second car slipped through, and thus achieved success.

The two forces met afterwards at Barnham, a photograph being taken for the motorists as a memento for the occasion.

We are asked to state that there are still some vacancies in the 1st Volunteer Motor Cyclists Battalion. Application for membership should be made to Section Commandant H. L. Adams, 83, North Street, Chichester.