

# OTTAWA FIELD BATTERY RIFLE MATCH.

The second annual rifle match of the Ottawa Volunteer Field Battery came off on the 29th ult., at the Rideau Range, and resulted in a manner which shows that this corps—the *corps d'élite* of our capitoline volunteers has forfeited none of its prestige as one of the crack bodies of the Canadian service.

A more unpleasant day for the competition the men could not well have had. Raw and wet from early morning till the end of the day, cold to the feet that had to stand patiently in the ranks, equally cold to the fingers that were round the polished barrels, and to crown all in the afternoon there came on a misty mixture of rain and snow, enough to confuse the most clear sighted. Despite all these disagreeablenesses the competitors mustered strongly, and endured these discomforts with truly soldier-like fortitude from the time shooting commenced at nine in the morning till it closed shortly before four in the afternoon.

The weapon used in all the matches was of course the regulation weapon of the corps, the short Spencer carbine, and the scores made by the competitors were such as to show that they were efficient in the use of it, and won high praises from some of our crack Ottawa marksmen who were on the ground during the day. The matches were as follows:—

## MATCH NO. 1.

Open to non-commissioned officers, gunners and drivers of the Battery—Ranges 200 and 300 yards; 3 rounds at each; any position.

1st prize—Silver medal, presented by G. S. Sutherland, value \$10, with \$4 in cash added. 2nd prize, \$7. 3rd prize \$4. 4th prize, \$2. 5th \$1.

The medal in this match is the challenge medal of the Battery, and before any winner can claim it as his own property he must hold it for two consecutive years. Last year it was won by Sergeant Ritchie, who, however, was not so fortunate in his scoring on this occasion as he is in general. The entries were twenty-four in number, and the scores throughout averaged well. We regret that space will not permit us to give more than the scores of the winners, which were as follows:—

	200 yds.	300 yds.
1st. Gunner Lowe, .....	222	332—14
2nd, " Gray, .....	233	222—14
3rd, " B. Savage, .....	233	222—14
4th, " Black, .....	223	222—13
5th, " Marling, .....	042	203—11

This left Lowe, Gray and Savage ties, in shooting off which they obtained the order in which we give their names, Lowe carrying off the medal for this year.

## MATCH NO. 2.

Open to all members of Field Battery.—Ranges 300 and 400 yards; 3 rounds at each range; any position.

1st Prize—A suit of winter clothes, presented by H. Hick and Co., value \$25; 2nd prize, \$7; 3rd prize, \$4

For this match the entries numbered twenty-five, and the prizes fell to the following competitors:

	300 yds.	400 yds.
1st. Gunner H. Marling, ..	233	034—15
2nd, " Savage, .....	302	244—15
3rd, " Lowe, .....	032	432—14

In shooting off the ties gunner Marling obtained the first prize.

The scores in this match as an average were also highly creditable.

## MATCH NO. 3.

Open to members as before; ranges 200, 300 and 400 yards; 2nd rounds at each range; any position. 1st prize \$7; 2nd prize \$5; third prize, a copy of the Chimney Corner for one year; presented by D. Fulton, fourth prize, \$2; two prizes of one dollar each.

Twenty three competitors entered for this match, and the contest was keen, as will be seen from the scores of the successful competitors, namely:—

	200 yds.	300 yds.	400 yds.
Gunner Marling, .....	34	32	04—16
Lieut. Stewart, .....	22	33	23—15
Gunner Black, .....	42	22	23—15
do. Lowe, .....	22	22	24—14
do. Leggo, .....	04	30	34—14
do. Barry, .....	33	03	04—13

As will be seen from the above several ties occurred in this match which, however, when shot off left the competitors in the order in which we have placed them.

## MATCH NO. 4.

Open to all members of Battery—Ranges, 400 and 200 yards; 2 rounds at each range; any position.

1st prize, \$5, 2nd prize, a ham, presented by S. Evans. 3rd prize, a French-tanned calf skin, by R. Woodland. 3 prizes of \$2 each, and 4 prizes of \$1 each.

Twenty five aspirants for fame entered for this contest, and good scores were made by nearly all, although many of them had had a good day's work in the cold and wet firing through the other matches. The prizes fell to:

	400 yds.	200 yds.
1st Gunner Lowe, .....	32	44—13
2nd Gunner Gray, .....	22	44—12
3rd Gunner Murphy, .....	33	42—12
4th Gunner Barry, .....	42	23—11
5th Gunner Masson, .....	23	33—11
6th Gunner Marling, .....	23	32—10
7th Gunner Leggo, .....	20	4—9
8th Gunner Lepine, .....	23	2—9
9th Gunner Black, .....	30	42—9
10th Gunner Wilson, .....	30	33—9

The whole match was most creditable, and too much praise cannot be accorded to Captain Forsyth, Lieutenant Clarke, and the members of the Battery, for the highly efficient state in which it is maintained.

## INSPECTION OF THE 37TH BATTALION.

The 37th batt. (Haldimand Rifles), last week encamped at York for the performance of their annual drill, were inspected by Lieut.-Col. Durie, D.A.G., accompanied by Lieut.-Col. Villiers, Brigade Major. The inspecting officer was received with a general salute, and after he had passed through the ranks, minutely examining the appearance and dress of the men, the battalion was formed into column right in front, and the arms rigidly inspected. After marching past, the battalion was put through a variety of line and column movements by the Lieut. Colonel commanding, which were executed with promptness and precision, the marching in line being particularly steady and good. The command was then handed over to Major Scoble, who extended the right wing in skirmishing order, advancing, retiring and taking ground to the right and

left with great regularity, the left wing relieving the right, and going through the same evolutions. The skirmishing was performed over a capital piece of broken ground on the left of the regimental parade, in such a position that all the movements could be seen well by the spectators, of whom there were a large number on the ground, the fair sex being well represented. The skirmishers having retired (not having been driven back, however) the column was formed up on the regimental parade, and addressed by the inspecting officer as follows:—Lieut.-Col. Davis, officers, non commissioned officers add men of the 37th battalion; It affords me great pleasure to be able to compliment you upon the very creditable manner in which you have turned out, and gone through this day's drill. Your clothing is clean and tidy, your knapsacks and accoutrements clean and well put on, and your arms are in remarkably good order. I have always observed that men who take good care of their arms make good soldiers, and your appearance and drill justify me in my opinion. I am only sorry that the Adjutant-General was not present himself to see you to-day, but it will be my pleasure, as well as my duty, to report to him the satisfactory state of the battalion. I have inspected a great many battalions, but I have never seen cleaner arms. Your arms are a credit to you, and you deserve all the praise I can bestow. With respect to your drill, it was very good, and the men, and what is more essential, the officers seemed to know their places and their duty. I shall have great pleasure in reporting you most favorably to the Adjutant-General, I regret much that through lapse of service two fine companies, Nos. 4 and 5, are not present, but I hope at my next inspection to see officers and men with their green jackets on once more. In conclusion I would say that the condition of the battalion reflects the greatest credit on the commanding officer, the staff officers and officers of the battalion generally."

Lt.-Col. Durie then visited the camp lines and minutely inspected the quarters of each company, and expressed himself well satisfied with the general cleanliness of the camp. The inspecting officers were then entertained at luncheon by the officers of the battalion.

## MARCHING OUT STATS OF THE 37TH HALDIMAND BATTALION, OCT., 9TH, 1869.

No. 1 York Co., Capt. Davis, 2 offi.	46
2 Dunnville " Johnson 2 "	38 "
3 Caledonia " Thorburn 3 "	35 "
6 Cheapside " Steele... 3 "	25 "
7 Caledonia " McKinnon 1 "	35 "
8 Mt. Healy " Mussen . 2 "	38 "

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Field officers.—Lieut.-Col<sup>s</sup> Davis; Major Thompson and Scoble.

Staff officers: Capt. Harcourt, Paymaster; Surgeon Baxter. Assist.-Surgeon Aikins. Quartermaster Rogers.

Staff-Sergeants.—Sergeant-Major Tuck; Quartermaster: Sergeant Knipe, orderly room clerk.

Total. 240 officers and men.—*Sachem.*

TRUTHFUL ARMY ORGANISATIONS.—It is stated in a Constantinople journal that the new organisation of the Turkish Militia will enable the Porte to put 450,000 men in the field on an emergency. The peace effective will be 120,000. Hussein Avni Pacha, Seraskier; Mahmond Pacha, Minister of Marine; and Mehemed Ruchdi Pacha, Minister of the Interior, have each received from the Sultan £15,000 as a token of his Majesty's satisfaction with their respective administrations.