

OUR correspondent's suggestion to relieve one company at a time, including all orderlies, etc., from all duties and give them one day's theoretical instruction and one day at the butts, is a good one, but the brigade instructors can never find time to attend properly to all companies so detailed; there ought to be a battalion instructor as well, if a man could be found in every battalion competent to perform the duties, which we doubt; for he must be not only up in musketry, but must be himself a shot, and above all have the faculty of conveying information, and this combination is somewhat rare. To this most important branch of modern drill, as well as to open formations, we fear even the military schools are not paying sufficient attention. As we said at the outset, we have not the least hope that this year musketry instruction will be on any better footing than in the past.

MANY communications and interesting items unavoidably crowded out this week will appear in our next issue.

### Personal.

Lieut. A. Irving, of "F" company, Royal Grenadiers, has resigned on account of not having sufficient time to discharge his duties properly. He was acting captain of the company, and during the four years of his connection with the regiment did good work.

The following officers, non-com. officers and men joined the School of Infantry, at Fredericton, for a course of instruction, on the 1st April, 1887:—Capt. A. McLeod, 82nd Batt.; Lieut. D. Bertram, 82nd Batt.; Lieut. Bentley, 66th Batt.; Lieut. Hole, 66th Batt.; Lieut. Davidson, 66th Batt.; Lieut. Seeton, 66th Batt.; Lieut. Fraser, 78th Batt.; Sergt. McKeen, 73rd Batt.; Sergt. G. A. Valot, 66th Batt.; Corpl. J. Alves, 66th Batt.; Bugler Fleet, 71st Batt.; Pte. A. Crowley, 71st Batt.; Pte. E. Murdock, 71st Batt.; Pte. W. J. Hale, 71st Batt.; L. Vogel, 71st Batt.; T. W. Rainsford, 71st Batt.; G. Lawrence, 71st Batt.; G. J. Snider, 74th Batt.; G. Brewing, 74th Batt.

### Recent Deaths.

Joseph Frederick Walleth Des Barres, Esq., late commissary in Her Majesty's commissariat and transport department, a Nova Scotian by birth, died on February 20th at his residence, Maryville, Kilworth, county Cork, aged fifty. He was the eldest son of the late Hon. Judge Des Barres, late of the supreme court of Nova Scotia, and served with the Turkish contingent at Kertch, and received the Turkish war medal for his services in the Crimea.

Dr. George Benham, lieutenant of No. 3 company, 22nd battalion, died on the 9th inst., after a lingering illness. Dr. Benham was a native of Guelph, and after obtaining his diploma entered the American army as a surgeon, serving through the whole of the civil war, ending with Sherman's memorable march to the sea. At the close of the war he returned to Canada and settled at Princeton, where he enjoyed an extensive practice up to the time of his fatal illness. He was buried with military honors. All the officers of the regiment, No. 1 company and the band from Woodstock, the Burford cavalry, and his own company, besides a concourse of fully 3,000 people from all parts of Brant and Oxford attended the funeral as a testimony of the general esteem in which the deceased was held. The firing party was from his own company, under Capt. Williamson.

Lieut.-Col. E. H. Thompson, of Niagara, commanding the 19th Lincoln battalion, fell dead on the wharf at Niagara on the 10th instant, at the early age of 49.

The funeral was partly masonic, partly military, and was very impressive, the attendance being large. The procession was formed in the following order:—A firing company of 50 men, No. 1 company, Niagara; the 19th Batt. band of St. Catharines; company of American infantry of Fort Niagara, 40 men, accompanied by Gen. Penderose and Major Wood; company of infantry from St. Catharines, with Major Geo. C. Carlisle and staff, accompanied by officers of the 44th Batt., Major King, of W. C. field battery, and staff, acting as escort. Then a lodge of A. O. U. W.; Niagara lodge No. 2 A. F. & A. M., with two orderlies bearing floral tributes. The military pall bearers were Capts. James Hiscott, Wm. Garson, Colin Milloy, Wm. Day, Chas. Moore and Lieut. John Campbell.

At St. Mark's church, Niagara, the Church of England service was read, and at the grave the masonic service was completed, as well as the last military rites.

### Contents of our Contemporaries.

The *Naval and Military Magazine* for the month of April has come to hand, and in looking over it we are pleased to see such a goodly array of interesting articles. Major Lawrence-Archer contributes a pleasant article on the orders of chivalry this time, devoting it to the most noble Order of the Garter—the premier order of the empire. It is followed by "Orient and Occident," being a continuation of Notes of a Journey from Lahore to Liverpool via China, Japan and America by Major-General Mitford. This is well worth reading and as you progress you become more interested and are sorry when you arrive at the "to be continued." Recollections of the "Frontier Armed and Mounted Police" and "Cape Mounted Riflemen" by an ex-member of the two forces comes next, and is followed by an article devoted to an account of the new Spanish armor-clad "Pelayo." Modern Tactics, by Captain Gall, follows, and is an exhaustive article. Unfortunately it is not finished in this number, so we will have to wait another month before being able to go on with it. It is accompanied by plates. Admiral Winnington-Ingram continues his contribution on Demerara and the Essequibo in 1856. It is very interesting as well as instructive, showing that the author is well acquainted with his subject. The illustrations are also good. An account is given of the proposed American dynamite cruiser. We now come to An English Campaign in the Caucasus, which is accompanied by a map. To those who take an interest in a future Russian campaign we commend this article. That prolific magazine writer Staff-Surgeon Dickinson, with whose name we generally associate the *Naval and Military Magazine*, as he has been one of the most frequent contributors to it, has in this number an article on Our Indian Military Stations, confining this one to Benares. The concluding article is on "British India's North-West Frontier," by Major-General DeBerry. The usual correspondence, reviews and editorials, together with the above noticed articles, make up as delightful a series of contributions as one would wish to have.

*Colburn's United Service Magazine* for the month of April has also arrived and as usual is very interesting. The first contribution is "Are the Infantry Militia fit for War?" by one of them. Then comes a criticism by Colonel Knollys on "The Army Estimates for the Current Year." Captain O'Callaghan has another series of his delightful accounts of Anniversaries of British Victories, this time giving us the capture of Masuliptam in 1759, and the battle of Castalla in 1813. To:pedoes, Naval Gunnery and National Defence, by Admiral Vincent, is continued this time, being Part III. Our Horse Supply is a short article by C. W. Duncombe. The continued story "Ruined," by C. G. H. Tentswood, again has its place, and to those who have already read the previous parts it will come as a pleasant change from the more solid articles in the magazine. Reviews and editorial notes complete this interesting number.

### Ontario Artillery Association Prize List, 1887.

THE following is the official prize list of the above association, as recently published:—

Field batteries (ten in number.)—		
General efficiency, 1st prize	.....	\$ 50 00.
" " 2nd "	.....	30 00
" " 3rd "	.....	20 00
Aggregate scores firing, 1st prize	.....	30 00
" " " 2nd "	.....	20 00
" " " 3rd "	.....	10 00
Highest individual score, firing	.....	10 00
Battery individual score, 1st prize	\$4 00	
" " " 2nd "	3 00	
" " " 3rd "	2 00	90 00
Drivers, 12 per battery	.....	120 00
"Gzowski" prize, conditions, etc., not settled	.....	40 00
		<hr/> \$420 00
Garrison batteries (two in number.)—		
General efficiency	.....	30 00
Aggregate score, firing	.....	15 00
Battery individual score, 1st prize	\$4 00	
" " " 2nd "	3 00	14 00
"Gzowski" prize, voluntary drills	.....	10 00
		<hr/> 69 00
		<hr/> \$489 00

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