

annually from the Schools of Gunnery, who could reside at the Battery Head Quarters, wearing his uniform on all occasions, and attending all drills. This man could also superintend the cleaning and care of all the Battery stores, and to a great extent assist the Officer Commanding in the recruiting of his Battery, and in other ways aid him in keeping the Battery in that state of efficiency in which it should always be, to be of service to the country if required. It may be said that this grant of \$200 is also to enable the Officer Commanding to meet other expenses, not included under the head of instruction and care of arms. If this be the case it is a wrong system, that of paying money for a particular purpose, knowing it to be in part appropriated for another. If money for other purposes be required, give him a contingent allowance sufficient to meet this, and the present allowance be paid to the Instructor detailed for the duty. By changing the Instructor every year at least, they would not be allowed to fall off in their discipline and drill, and everything would be much improved by this means.

Another want much felt is that of better means for instruction of Field Battery officers and men at the Schools of Gunnery. At present these Schools have an establishment of eight horses only, with which they are supposed to teach riding and field manœuvres. To say that they can do so is simply ridiculous, and the subject has again and again been brought to the notice of the authorities, but apparently without any effect.

Colonel Strange in his report on "B" Battery, School of Gunnery, dated 31st. December, 1873, says: "The duties of Garrison and Field Artillery, being as distinct as Cavalry and Infantry, only that each of the Artillery branches is far more difficult, and takes much longer to learn.

I am of opinion that for each Gunnery School, a Garrison Battery and one of Field Artillery, with at least one Captain, and two Subalterns, one Serjeant Major, one Quarter Master Serjeant, six Serjeants, six Corporals, six Bombardiers, one Trumpeter and 125 Gunners or Drivers, are required for each Battery. The Captain would be much occupied with pay, and discipline, but the Subalterns duly qualified, in time might each take a subject to teach as a specialty, such as surveying, fortification, or Military law etc;