

A. I find that in "The Soldier's Pocket Book," page 322, Wolsely says: "The length of ordinary marches, for a force not stronger than one division, moving by the road, should be from 12 to 16 miles a day for five days out of six, or at most, 6 days out of seven. At the opening of a campaign it is essential that you should begin to practice your men in marching as soon as possible, and even during any long halt occurring in a war, give your men plenty of drill and route marching. When there is no necessity for haste, begin by short marches of 6 or 7 miles, gradually increasing their length until your men are in good marching condition."

Q. Re article on "Long Service Decorations," on first page of issue of 15th April, '93, can you get any information as to when these will be distributed to the Canadian militia?

B.

A. They have no information on this point as yet at Ottawa. As soon as they have, we will notify the fact.

Q. I was given to understand that the use of the word "trooper" is now restricted to the horse, the mount, of a Cavalryman while the Cavalryman himself is now called a private. Is this not so. In the Winnipeg Cavalry School the word "private" is used entirely instead of trooper. Yours.

DRAGOON.

Portage la Prairie Man 13 Sep '93.

Do not forget to ask your lady friends to gather maple leaves to be sent to the Royal Canadians in India to wear next Dominion Day.

News of the Service.

NOTE.—Our readers are respectfully requested to contribute to this department all items of Military News affecting their own corps, districts or friends, coming under their notice. Without we are assisted in this way we cannot make this department as complete as we would desire. Remember that all the doings of every corps are of general interest throughout the entire militia force. You can mail a large package of manuscript, so long as it is enclosed in an envelope, for one cent. At any rate forward copies of your local papers with all references to your corps and your comrades.

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TORONTO.

The three city regiments are now fairly well started on their fall drills and hard work has been started in earnest.

The Highlanders' first parade was held a couple of weeks before either the Queen's Own or Grenadiers, but the small attendance at the first two parades might well be accounted for by the Exhibition being on, and the presence of about 75 members of the regiment taking part in the performance of Tel-el-Kebir.

The Grenadiers held on the 21st Sept. the largest initial parade in the history of the regiment, some 451 of all ranks being on parade. The regiment made a very creditable showing, and if they continue as they have begun, will, at the close of the season's drill, be in a better state of efficiency, and in better form than they have shown for some time past. If the rumors of a change in the command ma-

terialize, and by the same token these rumors appear about as often as the European war clouds, the change will beyond doubt add new life and considerable vigor at a most opportune time.

The first parade of the Queen's Own was a very favorable one and made a deep impression on Major-General Montgomery Moore, who expressed his delight at both the size of the regiment and the manner the work was carried out.

On Sunday, the 24th Sept., the Queen's Own and Highlanders had a church parade.

The Highlanders paraded in the morning, 325 strong, and attended service at St James cathedral, where Canon Dumolin preached to them. The parade was an exceedingly favorable one, and the appearance of the regiment, which is fast improving, elicited many compliments from the vast concourse of spectators, who lined the route both going to and returning from church. The three bands were on parade, and in none could there be found the slightest ground for disappointment.

The Queen's Own paraded at 2.30, 551 strong and headed by both bands marched via Jarvis and Bloor streets to Trinity Methodist church, where service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Ochley, pastor of the church. During the offering the brass band under the leadership of Mr. Bayley, played "Cujus Aulmum."

The weather was all that could be desired, and the progress of the regiment was marked by a very large number of spectators. It is questionable if ever before was such poor column marching done by this regiment as was done going up Jarvis street. Whenever the bugle band relieved the brass the time was so quick and jerky as to render any semblance of good marching out of the question, and the attempt of the battalion to keep a proper cadence to a cross between a double march and a quick step could not by any means be termed a success. For the return march a slight improvement was noticeable, but the swinging pace for which this regiment was justly noted and which was performed at its best to the old time bugle marches was totally lost in the attempt to keep time to the new fangled and much condemned marches of the past two seasons.

The annual rifle matches of the Queen's Own were held on the Lakeside ranges on Saturday, the 23rd Sept., and while the entries were slightly short of last year, the general results were such as to warrant the assertion that they were the best ever held by the Battalion. The day which looked anything but favorable in the morning, proved to be perfect, and the absence of any wind worth mentioning caused many a dark horse to make his appearance, and each in turn offering a fresh illustration of the glorious uncertainty of rifle shooting. Probably the greatest surprise of the day was the success attending the efforts in the skirmishing, volley and independent firing of the team from "K" Company, which captured second in both events.

In the volley firing this team put on 13 out of a possible 15 body hits. This was, I believe, the first team that has ever represented "K," or the old Varsity Company, and their success will only act as a greater inducement towards carrying out their intention of having a good shooting as well as a good drilling company.

Following are the principal scores made in the principal matches.

Standing Match.—Range, 200 yards; five rounds; rifle, short Snider.

Pte. Wright	21
Corp. White	21
Pte. Musses	21
Col. Sergt. Cunningham	20
Pte. Gibson	20
Q. M. Sergt. Thorne	20
Sergt. O'Callaghan	20

General Match.—Range, 200 yards, kneeling, 400 and 500 yards, any position with head to target; five rounds at each range; rifle, short Snider.

Col. Sgt. Creighton, B Co.	65
Lt. J. M. Davison, F Co.	62
Corp. A. F. Large, B Co.	61
Pte. J. K. Fairbairn, A Co.	61
Col. Sgt. Cunningham, D Co.	60
Pte. E. Westman, A Co.	60
Pte. John McClure, K Co.	59
Pte. F. E. Neal, A Co.	59
Pte. Jackson, I Co.	59
Sgt. W. H. Meadows, A Co.	59
Sgt. T. H. Cramp, B Co.	58
Sgt. Sgt. Donnelly, A Co.	57
Pte. F. Westman, A Co.	57
Capt. M. S. Mercer, staff	57

The aggregate prizes to be awarded to the highest aggregate scores made in matches Nos. 1 and 2:—

Col. Sergt. Creighton	82
Lieut. Davison	81
Col. Sergt. Cunningham	80
Corp. White	76
Private Neal	76
Pte. E. Westman	75
Pte. McClure	73
Capt. Mercer	72

Nursery Match.—Scores in the General Match at 200 and 400 yards to decide.

Pte. Jackson, I Co.	41
Pte. C. F. Hamilton, C Co.	40
Pte. F. E. Neal, A Co.	38
Pte. G. Keys, E Co.	37
Pte. J. McClure, D Co.	37
Pte. Drummond, E Co.	36
Pte. Musses, I Co.	36

Martini Match.—600 yards; any position; seven rounds; rifle, Martini.

Sergt. McAdams	31
Col. Sergt. McNeill	29
Lieut. Crean	29
Capt. Mercer	28
Staff Sgt. Donnelly	28
Pte. Fairbairn	27
Capt. Rennie	27
Q. M. Sergt. Thorne	27

Skirmishing, volley, and independent firing, to be competed for by teams of five officers, non-commissioned officers, or men per company.

First Prize, "Victoria Rifles" Challenge Cup and photo of winning team, \$160.—"A" Co., 161 1-2.

Second prize, the "Zimmerman" Cup—"K" Co., 149.

League Cup for highest aggregate in volley and independent firing—First, "A" Co., 99; second, "K" Co., 96.

Company team matches—Match No. 1, open to all companies of the regiment; the ten highest aggregate scores made in match No. 2 in each company to decide. The second prize in this match is restricted to members of the regiment who have never won regimental cross guns.

First prize, Buffin Rifles' Challenge Cup—"A" Co., 558.

Second prize, Toronto Silver Plate Co.'s Challenge Cup—"E" Co., 498.