

	Officers	N. C. Officers and Men	Officers	N. C. Officers and Men
CAVALRY.				
Gov. General's Body Guard	3	30		
2d Regt. of Cavalry—7 Troops	27	260	30	263
ARTILLERY.				
<i>Field Batteries.</i>				
Toronto	0	71		
Hamilton	3	73		
Wolland	3		12	211
<i>Garrison Batteries.</i>				
St Catharino's (annual drill not performed 1st Decem-ber, 1874)				
Toronto	1	42		
Collingwood	3	36	4	78
INFANTRY.				
2nd Battalion Queen's Own Rifles, 10 companies	21	460		
10th Royals, not required to perform annual drill				
12th Battalion, York Rangers, 8 companies	21	365		
13th Battalion, Hamilton, 9 companies			15	273
19th Battalion, Lincoln, 6 do			10	232
23rd do, Halton, 7 do			23	260
31st do, Grey, 7 do			22	290
34th do, Ontario, 7 do			20	243
35th do, Simcoe				
Foresters			23	383
26th Battalion, Peel, 9 do (No. 1 Company absent)			18	206
37th Batt., Haldimand, 7 do (Nos. 1, 4, 6 and 7 performed drill)			0	145
38th Battalion, Brant, 6 do (Nos. 5 and 6 Companies performed drill)			8	71
39th Battalion, Norfolk, 8 do			21	290
41st do, Wolland, 8 do (Nos. 2 and 5 Companies absent)			16	244
77th Batt., Wentworth, 6 do			21	251
11th Company, Sault Ste. Marie			2	48
Cavalry	30	229		
Artillery	16	293		
Infantry	263	3,777		
Total	311	1,368	203	3,777

exclusive of the officers and non commissioned officers employed on the staff of the brigade camp.

By reference to the above it will be seen, that the corps of all arms mustered well, most of the corps well up, some full—the 2nd Battalion Queen's Own Rifles over the required number, as laid down in the General Orders of the 3rd June last.

In the performance of the annual drill, the Governor General's Body Guard performed its drill at headquarters, as usual; paraded for inspection, clean and soldierlike; well mounted and drilled well, officers and men.

Toronto and Collingwood Garrison Batteries performed their 12 days drill at their respective head quarters, in compliance with No. 7. General Orders, 3rd June; were inspected by Lt. Col. Denison, Brigade Major, who made a favorable report of their general appearance, and heavy gun drill.

INFANTRY.

The 2nd Battalion Queen's Own Rifles performed 12 days drill at headquarters, Toronto. The physical appearance of the men of the Battalion, when paraded for my inspection, was very good; officers and men appeared well up in their drill, principally company drill; arms and accoutrements in very good order; clothing somewhat deficient.

The four companies of the 37th Battalion, and the 39th Battalion Rifles, performed their drill at their respective headquarters, under canvas; were inspected by Lt. Colonel Villiers, Brigade Major, who made a very favourable report of both corps;—very steady under arms; battalion and skirmishing drill very fair; appearance of the men good.

The Rifle Company at the Sault Ste. Marie, under the command of Captain Wilson, was inspected by Lieut. Colonel Denison, Brigade Major, who reported arms, accoutrements and clothing in good order; Very useful company, is in possession of three four pounders, which the men handle uncommonly well.

The remaining corps were assembled in brigade camps.

The camp at Niagara was formed on the 23rd June last, under the General Order, for 12 days drill.

With reference thereto, I beg leave to refer to the report made by Lieut Colonel Skinner, herewith endorsed, marked "A."

Having been in the camp several days with Lieut. Colonel Villiers, Brigade Major, who remained in camp during the drill rendering all the assistance in his power, I must say the camp was very orderly and well behaved.

The duties, both staff and regimental, well carried out; the rations were uncommonly good; no complaints.

Although the time is, I consider too short, I must bear testimony to the aptitude officers and men show in acquiring their drill and places; and when the brigade was inspected by me on the 2nd July, nine days only in camp, the general appearance of the force, all arms, their steadiness under arms, and the manner in which the brigade movements were performed, were most creditable to all connected with the force in camp.

The two Field Batteries, Hamilton and Wolland, well horsed, well commanded, deserve more than ordinary credit.

The 13th Battalion, from Hamilton, deserves mention; strong in numbers, steady and soldierlike under arms; their skirmishing when covering the brigade in the field, all show the regiment to be in good order.

CAMP, HOLLAND LANDING.

This camp was formed on the 29th September, (12 days drill) rather late which was unavoidable, owing to the Provincial Exhibition taking place at Toronto the week prior. It was composed of the following corps:—Nos. 2 and 3 Troops, 2nd Regiment of Cavalry; Toronto Field Battery; the 12th, 31st, 34th, 35th and 36th Battalions of Infantry—in all 121 officers, 1,630 non commissioned officers and men, 175 horses.

The camp was under my command.

Brigade Staff appointed temporarily—Superintendent of Drill, Lieutenant Colonel Denison; Brigade Major, Brigade Major Bligh, 35th Battalion; Supply Officer, Major Selby, 12th Battalion; Musketry Instructor, Captain White, 34th Battalion; Orderly Officer, Cornet Clarence Denison, Governor General's Body Guard, with five Staff Sergeants.

As a brigade camping ground, especially in the autumn, Holland Landing offers many favourable inducements, holding a central position in the brigade division. Good water easily obtained by sinking wells; dry sandy soil covered with sod, with some fifty acres adjoining the camp ground for drill and exercise; excellent rifle ranges, (9 in all) with sunken marker's butts, radiating from a common centre in different directions; ground free, with easy access; all go to show it to be a very good place. I must not omit to mention the obliging services rendered by Mr. B. Thorne, Township Reeve, who obtained the free use of the Township Park (or reserve) enclosed, as well as clearing and levelling the adjoining grounds for drill purposes, free of expense. Although the weather was very inclement, constant rain and cold, principally at night, fortunately,

the men turned out cheerfully and paraded three times a day. Squad and company drill for several days, before being put together as brigades, had a marked good effect, the weakest point being guard mounting and posting sentries, &c. Making all guards, brigade guards, and requiring all to parade every morning for the Brigade Major's inspection, had a very good effect.

The whole of the force was under canvas. I am happy to say, less average sickness than usual; no casualties worth mentioning; the men behaved well; the rations were well supplied and good. It gives me much pleasure to state that the attention, both on the part of the Brigade Staff, and Regimental Officers and men, to their drill and duties, was very satisfactory, resulting in a brigade field day on the 8th October, which would have reflected credit on much older troops.

Lieut. Colonel Denison, as Superintendent of Drill, performed his duties very much to my satisfaction, affording useful instruction whenever required.

Major Selby, 12th Battalion, as Supply Officer, Captain White, 34th Battalion, as Musketry Instructor, were most attentive in the discharge of their respective duties.

Target Practice.

I beg leave to forward the enclosed report of Ensign St. John, marked "B," 19th Battalion, a very efficient Musketry Instructor, showing the general average and working of the corps of Active Militia at the Niagara camp, by which it is satisfactory to find that there is a marked improvement this year, compared with that of 1872.

I glean the following from his report:—

	Figure of Merit.
Brigade figure of merit	15-31
Best shooting Com'y, No. 5 Company, 20th Battalion	25-63
Best shooting Troop of Cavalry, No. 4 Troop, Grimsby	20-81
Best shooting Battalion, 20th Regiment	18-64
Best shot in Brigade, Private David Stock, No. 2 Com'y, 77th Battalion, score	60 points.

From the report of the target practice, at the camp at Holland Landing, I received from Captain White, Musketry Instructor, marked "C," enclosed, it appears that the brigade figure of merit stood 14-75.

	Figure of Merit.
Best shooting Company, No. 4 Com'y, 36th Battalion	20-56
Best shooting Battalion, 35th Regiment	16-19
Best shooting Troop, No. 2, Oak Ridges, 2 Regiments of Cavalry	16-00
Best shot in Brigade, Sergeant-Major Grigley, 12th Battalion, score	47 points.

The average shooting at the Niagara camp was evidently the best; the weather may have something to do with it.

SCHOOLS OF MILITARY INSTRUCTION.

Number of cadets admitted during the year	75
Number of cadets who obtained 1st class certificates	7
Number of cadets who obtained 2nd class certificates	59
Withdrawn by permission	9

Total..... 75

Of the above number, 20 were officers of the force, 20 non commissioned officers, 16 were privates, 10 were cadets not belonging to the force, some of whom have since received commissions.