

DOMINION OF CANADA.



MILITARY GENERAL ORDERS.

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GENERAL ORDERS (12).

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ACTIVE MILITIA.

ANNUAL DRILL, 1873-74.

It being considered inexpedient to form any camps of instruction for the annual training of the Active Militia during the financial year of 1873-74, the drill of all Corps of Active Militia for this period is to be carried out at the Headquarters of Corps, under the supervision of officers commanding corps, at such times between the 1st July, 1873 and 30th June, 1874, as may be most convenient.

Officers and men resident in any city, belonging to a Brigade of Artillery or Battalion of Infantry, the Head Quarters of which are within such city, are to perform the drill by Companies or in Brigade or Battalion or part in Battery or Company, and part in Brigade or Battalion, as may be directed by the Officers commanding such Brigades or Battalions.

Rural Corps attached for administrative purposes to City Brigades of Artillery or Battalions of Infantry, are to perform the Annual Drills at their Battery or Company Headquarters, except in cases where from proximity to the City it may be more convenient for the Battery or Company to drill with the Brigade or Battalion.

Sixteen days drill of not less than three hours during each of the sixteen days, to be performed.

DRILL FOR CAVALRY.

The drill for all troops of cavalry will be carried out by the officers commanding, and the mode of forming advanced and rear guards practised as laid down in the cavalry regulations; also the mode of extending as mounted skirmishers, and in firing with blank ammunition when mounted, whenever circumstances will admit.

The necessary instruction for cavalry corps is detailed in the Cavalry Drill Book of 1st August, 1869, and in addition to the introductory remarks contained in that code of instruction, particular attention will be paid to sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, comprising military equitation. Cavalry target practice to be at 200 and 400 yards range.

DRILL FOR ARTILLERY.

The Drill for Artillery Corps to consist of Gun Drill, and such other Regimental Artillery Exercises, as may be deemed most essential and fitting. Officers commanding Field Batteries should select the most simple and useful of the movements laid down in the "Manual of Field Artillery Exercises." The drivers will be instructed in riding, driving, cleaning harness, etc., the gunners in gun drill, dismounting and mounting guns, righting guns which have been upset, changing wheels, removing disabled field artillery, &c.

Where facilities exist, officers commanding Field Batteries should practise those under their command in throwing up cover for guns in action, moving guns and horses over walls, ditches, ravines, small streams or other obstacles, and without adhering to strict rules, endeavour to stimulate the ingenuity and interest of all concerned.

On the conclusion of the training of Field Batteries, all harness, saddlery, carriages, waggons and small stores will be replaced in the sheds in a perfectly clean state and fit for immediate service; the drivers cleaning the harness, the gunners the guns and waggons. Officers commanding Field Batteries will be held responsible at any time when their batteries are suddenly ordered out, that the service ammunition and other necessary stores are complete and in good order.

Lieutenant Colonel French, Inspector of Artillery and Warlike Stores, and Commandant of the School of Gunnery, "A" Battery, Kingston, will transmit to Head Quarters a detailed report on the Annual Regimental Inspection of all Artillery Corps in Province of Ontario, and a special report on the School of Gunnery, "A" Battery, Kingston.

Lieutenant Colonel T. B. Strange, Inspector of Artillery and Warlike Stores, and Commandant of the School of Gunnery, "B" Battery, Quebec, will transmit to Head Quarters a detailed report on the Annual Regimental Inspection of all Artillery Corps in the Province of Quebec, and a special report on the School of Gunnery, "B" Battery, Quebec.

Lieutenant Colonel Jago, New Brunswick Artillery, will make the Annual Regimental Inspection of all artillery Corps in that Province, transmitting his report thereon to Head Quarters.

The annual shot and shell practice of Field Batteries of Artillery should not, under any circumstances, be dispensed with.

DRILL FOR INFANTRY.

For Infantry Corps; Squad, Company and Battalion Drill, including the Manual and Platoon Exercises, Skirmishing, and Rifle Instruction. Two days to be occupied in Squad Drill, four days in Company Drill, two

days in theoretical Rifle Instruction, four days in Target practice, and four days in Skirmishing Drill.

The annual course of Rifle Instruction and Target practice for the Infantry is to be considered of primary importance as a military exercise, the Non-commissioned Officers and men of all corps armed with the Snider Rifle will fire 10 rounds each at the distance of two, four, five and six hundred yards respectively, and at the conclusion of the training, the shooting figure of merit, together with the names of the best shots in every company, Battalion, Corps, and Brigade will be rendered to the Adjutant-General at Headquarters by the Deputy Adjutants General commanding the Militia in the respective Military Districts, for publication in the annual report to Parliament.

The few simple rules on the careful observance of which good rifle shooting depends, are laid down in para. 170 of the Regulations and Orders for the Active Militia. These rules may easily be taught and impressed upon the men by their officers in the period allowed for theoretical rifle instruction, and the annual authorized allowance viz: 40 rounds per man, can be properly and advantageously applied within the period allowed for target practice, if due supervision be exercised by the officers, and attention paid by the men.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

The Annual General Inspection of all Corps will be made by the Deputy Adjutants General and Brigade Majors of Districts, these officers dividing the duty as may be most convenient; the regimental inspection of Artillery Corps by the Inspectors of artillery to take place at the same time as the Annual General Inspection of such Corps made by the District staff officers.

PAY,

The rate of pay for officers, men and horses, will be as follows:—Officers \$1 per diem; non-commissioned officers and men, 50 cents per diem, for 16 days drill of 3 hours each or for 32 drills of 1½ hour each.

The pay for horses will be allowed at the rate of seventy five cents per horse, for each drill of three hours, for the number of horses actually and necessarily present at each such drill, not exceeding forty-five for each Field Battery of Artillery, and the number of horses actually and necessarily present at the drill of each troop of Cavalry—provided that at least one half the strength of the Field Battery or Troop of Cavalry, and at least one commissioned officer shall attend each such drill—or for the horses necessarily used by mounted officers of corps authorized to drill in Brigade or Battalion.

The course of drill and target practice required of each arm of the service to be certified to, according to forms which will be supplied from Head Quarters.