

Changes in the Drill.

The following changes in the drill have just been promulgated by Imperial Army Order :

MANUAL EXERCISES FOR THE RIFLE AND CARBINE, 1885.

A. O. 122.—ALTERATIONS.—The following alterations will be made in the Manual Exercises for the Rifle and Carbine, 1885:

Page 10, No. IV, *del* the second motion of "the present arms."

Page 11, No. IV, *del* the second motion of "the present arms" for rifle battalions and carbine.

INFANTRY DRILL, 1889.

A. O. 123.—ALTERATIONS.—The following alterations will be made in the Infantry Drill, 1889:

Page 71, line 19, for "second" substitute "first."

Page 71, line 20, for "third" substitute "second."

FIELD ARTILLERY DRILL.

A. O. 124.—ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS.—The following amendments will be made in the Field Artillery Drill, 1889, issued with Army Order 128 of 1889:

Vol. I.—Page 119.—After last line, *add* "sometimes the 'wheel,' or 'wheel about' is made on the centre, then Nos. 1 and 2 rein back, Nos. 3 and 4 wheel up when to the right or right about, and *vice versa* when to the left."

Page 120.—Line 3, after "fours, left about," *add* "or these words preceded by 'on centres.'"

Last line, for "space" read "pace."

Page 152.—Line 28, *omit* the word "front."

Page 197.—Heading of page to read "drill movements of a battery on foot."

Last 2, for "six," read "nine."

Vol. II.—Page 128.—Lines 2 and 3 from bottom, read "strike the face of."

Vol. III.—Page 11.—At end of detail for "off end of valise," *add* "one towel."

Page 16, line 22, after "two," *insert* "coat."

Line 8 from bottom, after the word "knapsack," *insert* fresh paragraph, "Knapsacks are to contain the following articles:

"a pair of socks, Bible and Prayer book, account book, flannel shirt, foyage cap, towel, box of grease or dubbing, pair of trousers, hold-all complete, with button, brass, brush and paste, cloth brush and shoe brushes."

Page 18.—Under heading "Review Order," after the work "cloaks" *add* "cloak straps and leather buckets," and after "ordered," *omit* "cloak straps."

Page 65.—Line 10, *omit* from the words "Nos. 1," to end of paragraph, and *insert* "the commanding officer will point out."

Page 74.—Line 2 from bottom, for "three," read "two," and after the word "limbers," *insert* "(three when there are no waggons)."

Page 94.—Line 28, *omit* the words "proceed as for a single battery," and *insert* "move towards the flanks, halting when opposite their proper positions and facing the batteries."

Page 95.—Plate IV.—Make plate agree with letterpress.

Page 104.—Line 13, for "three," read "two," and after the word "limber," *insert* "(three when there are no waggons)."

Page 118.—Lines 18 and 23 from bottom, under heading of "Section Commanders," *omit* the word "forward."

Line 8, under heading "No. 1," after "6," *insert* "forward."

Page 121.—Lines 2 and 3 from bottom, for "take ground," read "wheel."

Page 128.—Line 17, under heading "Section Commanders," *omit* the words "centre and"

Line 20, after the word "right," under the heading "Section Commanders," *insert* "Of right. Change front, half right."

Line 24, after "halt," under heading "Nos. 1," *insert* "Of No. 3. Right shoulders; Quarter right; Right; Halt. Of No. 4: Advance; Quarter right; Right; Halt."

Line 25, *omit* the figures "3, 4."

Page 129.—Line 9 from bottom, under heading "Nos. 1," *omit* the word "Advance."

Line 10, after the word "left," under heading "Section Commanders," *insert* "Of right. Change front, half left back."

Page 132.—Line 12 from bottom, after "dress," *omit* "by the right," and *insert* "by the left."

Page 136.—Plate 17. "Right wheel into line," alter to agree with letterpress.

Page 140.—Line 17 from bottom, under heading "Section Commanders," for "of centre and rear," read "of rear and centre."

Last line, *insert* the word "sub-division" before "left."

Page 145.—Line 2, for "Form" read "From."

Regimental and other News.

Mr. L. H. Dawson, son of Lt.-Col. Geo. D. Dawson, A.D.C., commanding the 10th Royal Grenadiers, has taken a commission in the Seventh Fusiliers of London, Ont.

The reception committee of the Toronto Summer Carnival at a recent discussed the advisability of inviting the 7th Fusiliers of London, the 13th Battalion of Hamilton, the Scots Fusiliers and Victoria Rifles of Montreal to participate in the festival.

A drill class has been organized by the officers of the 53rd Batt. at Sherbrooke and an instructor engaged who has been acting as such for the past three years at the Infantry School, St. Johns, Que. Sergeant Major Rivet is an excellent drill, well up in all the latest movements, as first drill Wednesday evening showed. Officers, non-commissioned officers and others who purpose taking commissions in the Battalion have now a splendid opportunity to prepare themselves at home for an examination before the commandant of the school which they should not neglect. The instruction will embrace the whole range of squad and company drill, sword exercise, &c., including some lectures on internal economy, &c. Sergt-Major Rivet is a fine specimen of a soldier, with good word of command and his first drill impressed all very favourably. The class will meet three nights a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

The Royal Naval Artillery Volunteers at Toronto have elected the following committee of management to perfect organization:—Messrs. R. Y. Douglass, F. X. McGee, H. Manley, Lem. Smith, Charles Hunter and A. Aronsberg. Mr. A. H. Macdonald is secretary. Commander Frederick C. Law, R. N., has accepted the position of honorary commander of the corps. Col. Otter, has signified his intention of recognizing the corps when they have raised fifty members. At present they number thirty-eight. The organization is now well under way, offers of help having been received from various quarters, the Minister of Marine among the number. Others who have promised to assist the corps are Capt. R. D. Stupart, R. N., Toronto, and Capt. R. Gordon, also of that city. The corps will purchase their own uniforms; arms and accoutrements will be supplied. Ald. Dodds has promised to see that the corps have a proper drill hall and quarters to store their cutters. The headquarters of the R.N.A.V. will be in Toronto.

Halifax.

The following from the Halifax Recorder of the 12th inst., speaks for itself:

Five years ago yesterday, the Halifax Provisional Battalion left for the North-West, and every year since the 2nd Scottish Company, 63rd Rifles, celebrated that event by a dinner. That of last evening, which was held in the large dining room of the Halifax Hotel, was one of the most enjoyable of the many pleasant gatherings of this company. About 60 were present, including several guests, among whom were Col. J. R. Murray, Col. Mackintosh, 63rd; Lieut. Stirling, 62nd, St. John; Sergt. Smith, Victoria Rifles, Montreal; and Sergt. Wynne, 5th Royal Scots, Montreal. Capt. Cunningham was unable to be present through illness, and Lieut. McKie occupied the chair, and Lieut. Dixon the vice chair. The band of the regiment performed in such excellent style that every selection was received with great applause. The tables were handsomely decorated, and in the centre of the main table was a flower stand bearing the names of the places where the battalion had been quartered during their stay abroad—"Saskatchewan," "Medicine Hat," "Moose Jaw" and "Swift Current." As usual, Messrs. Hesslein provided a spread which did them credit.

The toasts were printed on plaid coloured cards, and the names of each toast were followed by appropriate quotations. Many of the speeches were excellent, and numerous incidents of the Rebellion and the trip were recalled. "The Queen" was loyally honoured, and "Our Native Land," proposed by the chairman, brought forth an able reply from Lieut. Dixon. R. B. Elliott sang "The Maple Leaf," and was obliged to respond to an encore. "The Ladies," proposed by S. Y. Wilson, was responded to by H. E. McMaß and R. B. Elliott. Lieut. Blackmore sang "Happy Day," and the gathering was not pacified until he commenced another solo. The vice-chairman proposed "The Patriot Dead," and Mr. W. H. Studd made a fitting and eloquent response. W. R. Shute sang "The Soldier's Grave" in good style, and L. J. Mylius, in proposing the next toast, "Our Battalion and Sister Corps," referred to many happenings of the company and its members in the North-West, and also spoke of the well-known song dedicated to them—"The Red River Valley," which he was called upon to sing. The toast was responded to by Sergt. Smith, Victoria Rifles, and Sergt. Wynne, 5th Royal Scots (both of which regiments entertained the Halifaxians at Montreal). Lieut. Sterling, 62nd Fusiliers; Lieuts. Flowers, Reynolds and Halls, H. G. A.; Col. Mackintosh, 93rd (for whom three hearty cheers were given); Col. J. R. Murray, and Sergt-Major Lockhart. Lieut. Blackmore and Sergt. Elliott gave a duet, "Excelsior,"