

nature and use of ammunition and stores among the junior non-commissioned officers and men. This of course, is due to the large number of recruits yearly and the impossibility in most batteries of having voluntary drills.

In addition to the four batteries already mentioned, there was in brigade camp attached to artillery brigade a 2nd gun detachment from "A" Battery, Regiment of Canadian Artillery, under command of Captain Hudon. The camping facilities at Gananoque were excellent, but the available space for field battery drill was exceedingly limited.

Newcastle Field Battery.—Lieut.-Col. R.R. Call commanding. Inspected at Chatham on the 5th and 6th July. Efficient and composed of a fine body of men. This battery was the only one in brigade camp at Chatham. Practice carried out on the 5th and 6th over ground adjacent to the camp. The junior non-commissioned officers and men were not well up in care and use of stores.

Woodstock Field Battery.—Major Dibblee commanding. Inspected at Woodstock on the 13th and 14th July. Efficient and composed of a superior body of men. The battery was thoroughly well horsed. The field manoeuvres only fairly good. There was a great lack of knowledge in regard to ammunition and stores among the junior ranks. Practice was carried out on the 13th and 14th from the camp grounds. The common shell supplied this battery were fitted with gas checks. The scores of all field batteries at the annual practice, I have submitted to you in compiled form. I desire to suggest that in determining points towards "General Efficiency" prize, the number of non-commissioned officers and men attending the annual drill be included in some such manner as is the score at practice.

Cobourg Garrison Battery.—Captain Dumble commanding. This battery was inspected at Cobourg on the 7th August and is very efficient as far as the nature and state of their equipment permits. They had three well drilled gun detachments in both "common standing" and "siege gun" drill. The manual and firing exercise was good and company drill fair. A detachment from this battery attended the Dominion Artillery association meeting at Quebec, and on their way there stopped for two days at Kingston to become acquainted with the 40-pr. and 60-pr. guns. The arms, accoutrements and clothing were in excellent order. As this is the only garrison battery in the 3rd military district, it is to be hoped it may be permitted to drill annually.

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[This paper does not necessarily share the views expressed in correspondence published in its columns, the use of which is freely granted to writers on topics of interest to the militia.]

THE FENELON FALLS MARKSMANSHIP.

EDITOR MILITIA GAZETTE,—In your issue of January 24th, "Doubting Thomas" questions the scores made at Fenelon Falls on New Year's day. That is his proper privilege. It is a proper privilege to admit the following:

The match was shot before the banquet; for, as "Doubting Thomas" practically knows, after a banquet is not a good time to make "bull's eyes," however good it may be for "bulls." And the crowd who competed at Fenelon Falls are ordinary human mortals.

The targets were D.R.A. regulation in every respect.

Knowing from sad experience how markers have been "fixed" in Toronto and elsewhere, and how some experienced "Thomases" and others have benefitted from acquaintance with markers, it was determined to avoid the appearance of evil; so each side placed a man in the butts. Thus a fair guarantee of honesty was assured.

In conclusion, *five* of those who competed at Fenelon Falls on New Year's will be pleased to meet "Doubting Thomas" and any four of his corps on the county ranges at Lindsay, at 200 and 500 yards, Snider rifles, seven shots each, any time after two week's notice, before next New Year's day. They will also be given a banquet, and the shooting must occur before it, for after it it is guaranteed they would not even be able to make a "bull," much more a "bull's eye." Signed on behalf of Lindsay and Fenelon Falls.

GEO. S. THOMPSON,
Lindsay, Ont., January 28, 1889. CAPTAIN LINDSAY TEAM.

THEY TALK MORE BUSINESS.

EDITOR MILITIA GAZETTE,—On behalf of the Fenelon Falls Rifle Club, I hereby challenge "Doubting Thomas," along with nine of the best men he can get in Toronto, to shoot on the Lindsay Association Range; distance, two hundred yards; rifles, any; position, any without artificial rest; ten men on each team, with ten shots each man; match to take place in two or three week's time. If "Doubting Thomas" will oblige by accepting this challenge we will endeavor to remove his doubts by improving on the score he refers to. B. H. WILLS, Secy. F.F.R.C.
Fenelon Falls, January 29, 1889.

Regimental News.

The 21st Essex Fusiliers.

The Head-quarters' Companies, members of the Staff, and splendid orchestra of the regiment gave another of their popular concerts in the Music Hall, Windsor, on the evening of January 17th, and it proved a success in every respect. It was largely attended, and the fine programme gave great satisfaction. The several pieces by the orchestra were exceedingly well rendered.

The manual and bayonet exercises by Nos. 1 and 5 companies, under Sergt.-Major John Layton, were almost perfect; and the spectacular scene, the military pyramid, by some 50 officers and men, had a singularly attractive effect.

The daughters of the regiment, some 30 little girls, appropriately dressed in red jackets and caps, with white skirts, and each a banner, presented a very innocent and pleasing appearance. They were put through the manual exercise, and several evolutions in marching was very well done. The Olympian band from Detroit was present, and gave some fine selections. The songs of Miss Forsythe were beautifully rendered, and the recitations of Miss Fox were perhaps the most enjoyable ever heard by a Windsor audience.

Lieut. Fred Laing, of No. 1. Company, has been united in the bonds of matrimony to Miss Benson, the daughter of Windsor's popular Customs' Inspector. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a host of admiring friends in All Saints' Church on the 22nd January. The happy couple, amid the best wishes of their many friends, went east on a tour to spend the honeymoon. Lieut. Laing is an excellent druggist, and one of Windsor's popular business men.

HOTSPUR.

The Victoria Rifles.

The Morris Tube Gallery of the Victoria Rifles Armory has been fully occupied since the 18th instant in putting in the annual practice of the regiment, the conditions of which are explained by the annexed circular. The attendance was very fair, about 30 members from each company taking part. There are three targets in use, one Snider and two M.H., as only two can be used at the same time. The M.H. was the choice of most of the members.

No. 6 company carries off the picture, reference to which is made in the N.B. of the circular. This picture, a valuable "artist's proof" engraving, was presented to the regiment by Mr. A. Bishop Stewart, carver and gilder, of this city, and is the third challenge prize for inter-company competition now in the possession of the Vics., the others being the Queen's Own Cup, the competition for which is always very keen, and a very handsome gold and silver shield from Elkington, London, presented by C. H. Sims, of No. 2 company, one of the results of his visit to England last summer.

The following is the score of the winning team:

No. 6 company—	200	500	600	Total.
Capt. Busted.	27	28	26	81
Lt. Shaw	29	26	24	79
Private Cook	32	33	27	92
Private Pope	30	19	31	80
Private Reynolds	50	22	25	77
Sgt. McCallum	28	24	17	69
				478

As is usual in such competitions, several of the highest scores were made by members not on teams.

The following are the individual prize winners among the first-class shots:

1. Pt. Cook, No. 6 company 92
2. Sgt. Binmore, No. 3 company..... 90
3. Staff-Sergt. McAdam..... 89
4. Lt. Desbarats, No. 3..... 87
5. Pt. Burns, No. 6 86

There being only three values on the Morris tube targets, the committee decided, when the tubes were first introduced, to score a bull's-eye 5, inner 4, and outer 2. This was considered the most equitable value to give in scoring, but now that the Morris tube is coming into general use, it has been urged that a uniform system should be adopted. M. TUBE.

CIRCULAR.

3rd Battalion, V. R. C., January 14th, 1889.

Owing to their not being rifle ranges during the past season, special permission has been granted to hold the Annual Firing Practice of the Battalion for 1888 in the Morris Tube Gallery in the Armoury.

The following arrangement has been made by the Rifle Association and Captains of Companies:—Firing to take place by each Company