

terms. After several other toasts had been honored a very successful mess was brought to a conclusion at a late hour and every officer felt satisfied with the inspection of 1885.

QUEBEC.—The 9th Battalion went on a pilgrimage on the 26th July to the shrine of Notre Dame de Lourdes, at St. Michel de Bellechasse. The officers of the battalion, with Mr. Faucher de St. Maurice, M.P.P., were entertained at dinner by Mr. Charles Baillarge, city engineer, and the men were feted by the people of the parish. The battalion was next morning inspected on the Esplanade before a large crowd of spectators, and afterwards paid off and dismissed from active service.

MONTREAL.—At a muster of the Garrison Artillery last Tuesday evening the men were drawn up and received the remainder of the pay due them. Lieut.-Col. Oswald also delivered a farewell address, in which he said that he had just returned from Ottawa after trying to obtain a block of land on which the members of the regiment, so disposed, might settle altogether. Owing to the terms of the agreement with the Canadian Pacific Railway he had, unfortunately, found this impossible, but if any member desired to settle in the North-west he would forward that man's interest in every possible way. He advised them to hold on to their scrip as lands would likely advance rapidly in price. Reiterating his entire satisfaction with the conduct of the Brigade, he concluded by wishing them God-speed and every success. Hearty cheers having been given for their colonel and the various other officers the men were dismissed.

KINGSTON.—In accordance with orders from head-quarters "D" Company of the 14th P. W. O. Rifles was relieved from duty at Fort Henry Friday afternoon and "B" Company left to perform the garrison duties. At five o'clock Capt. Skinner's men paraded in the square for the last time, and headed by the band, marched over to the drill shed, where they were dismissed. Afterwards some refreshment was partaken of and the old building re-echoed the hearty cheers of the men. A corporal's guard is posted at the fort now with only one post. Capt. MacDougall will be commanding officer, with Messrs. Nicol and Farrel as his lieutenants. The men of No. 4 hand in their clothing to-night. They were very sorrowful at having to leave the scene of so much enjoyment.—*Kingston Daily News*.

## EXTRACTS FROM MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS OF 31st JULY, 1885.

### NO. 1—ACTIVE MILITIA.

#### REGULATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL DRILL OF 1885-86.

1. In order that the expenditure for drill and training of the Active Militia of Canada for the fiscal year 1885-86, may be kept within the appropriation made by Parliament, the strength of corps to be drilled and paid for that year has been limited as under, viz:—

Corps of Infantry and Garrison Artillery are not to exceed 42 non-commissioned officers and men per company and battery, including regimental staff sergeants and bandsmen.

Field Batteries—1 major, 1 captain, 1 lieutenant, 1 2nd lieutenant, 1 surgeon, 1 veterinary surgeon, 1 sergeant-major, 1 quarter-master sergeant, 4 sergeants, 4 corporals, 4 bombardiers, 1 trumpeter, 1 farrier, 58 gunners and drivers and 29 horses, including the officers' and non-commissioned officers' horses.

The following are not to be included in any list for drill:—

a. Corps which were sent to the North-west for duty, also those raised in the North-west during the troubles there.

b. Corps ordered for active service and held under canvas in Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario, but, not being required for duty in the North-west, were released from service.

c. Corps ordered for service and held in barracks in Ontario and Quebec for duty.

d. Corps authorized as a precautionary measure to perform drill for 1885-6 and were paid for same prior to 1st July, 1885.

In cases where part of a corps has been out on service, the remaining portion of that corps, if drawn for drill, will only be allowed to earn drill pay to the extent of the difference between the number which has been out on service and the establishment on the basis provided for in this paragraph. Men who have been out on service are not to be included for drill pay.

City and Rural Corps.—2. The maximum number of officers, non-commissioned officers and men to receive pay for drill in each district will be,

Military District	Number	1.....	2,225
do	do	2.....	3,150
do	do	3.....	1,740
do	do	4.....	1,230
do	do	5.....	2,720
do	do	6.....	1,180
do	do	7.....	1,520
do	do	8.....	1,265
do	do	9.....	2,020
do	do	10.....	380
do	do	11.....	240
do	do	12.....	400

18,070

The strength of corps authorized to drill at their local head quarters in each district is to be deducted from the total strength authorized for drill in the district, the remainder will represent the number which may be concentrated in a camp of exercise.

City Corps.—3. City corps (excepting Field Batteries of Artillery, and such companies as belong to Rural Battalions of Infantry) may be permitted to perform twelve days of annual drill at their local headquarters at such times, prior to 1st December, 1885, as may be most convenient.

Nos. 2 and 3 Batteries New Brunswick Brigade and Nos. 1 and 2 Batteries Lévis Garrison Artillery are for purposes of drill to be counted as city corps.

Any city company which forms part of a Rural Battalion, can only be permitted to drill for pay, in case it is selected for, and performs such drill in camp with the battalion to which it belongs.

Rural Corps.—4. Selections to be made from rural corps of the different arms in each district in proportion as their strength bears towards each other. Those not drawn for drill last year to be first taken.

The corps so selected in each of the districts, numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 (excluding isolated companies of infantry and engineers and garrison batteries of Artillery), are to be concentrated for twelve days drill in a camp of exercise, including the day going to and the day returning from camp.

Isolated rural companies of infantry or engineers, or garrison batteries of artillery, selected for annual drill of 1885-86, may be permitted to perform the same at their respective head-quarters on the same conditions as apply to city corps.

City and Rural Corps.—The Winnipeg, Montreal, Richmond, and Newcastle Field Batteries, are to drill in camp near their local headquarters under regulations for corps in camp of exercise, except that they will be paid 25 cents per officer and man, and 35 cents per horse, per diem, to cover cost of transport, rations, forage, fuel for cooking and allowance for camp kettles.

Excepting the Winnipeg Field Battery the corps drawn for drill in districts 10, 11 and 12 are to perform the period of drill at their local head-quarters under the same regulations as apply to city corps.

If preferred, the corps authorized for drill in district 12 may assemble in one camp under the same regulations, as to subsistence, &c., as apply to Field Batteries in the preceding paragraph. In this case a supply Officer will not be allowed.

Command and Staff.—The following will be the staff of each camp of exercise:—

In command the Deputy Adjutant General of the District, 1 Brigade Major, 1 Supply Officer, 1 Camp Quarter Master, 1 Instructor of Musketry, and five staff non-commissioned officers.

The commanding officer of each camp will be allowed five dollars, and each other officer on the authorized strength of the staff of a camp of exercise will be allowed two dollars and fifty cents per diem in camp in lieu of subsistence, together with free forage and one dollar per diem for one horse, if a horse is required and used by him in the discharge of his duties as a mounted officer.

Each non-commissioned officer on the authorized strength of the staff of a camp of exercise will be paid an allowance of fifty cents per diem in addition to pay of rank, in lieu of rations.

Camps.—The places and dates for the several encampments will be notified hereafter. Deputy Adjutants General will report as to most suitable time and place for the camp to be held in their respective districts, and the conditions under which camp grounds and needed appliances will be furnished.

The wives, female friends, or children of officers or men are not to be lodged within the lines of any camp of instruction.

Pay, &c.—City, and other corps, which drill under the regulations for city corps, will receive the net pay of their respective ranks.

The officers, non-commissioned officers and men of such corps as drill in camps of exercise will be paid for each day's drill the net pay of their respective ranks as laid down in paragraphs 983 and 987 of the regulations and orders for 1883. For horses of mounted officers and corps one dollar per diem, in addition to free ration (for officers, non-commissioned officers and men) as laid down in paragraph 745, and free forage (for horses) as laid down in paragraph 787 of the regulations and orders, 1883. If straw is not required its equivalent in value of hay or oats may be issued instead if required.

Troops of cavalry are restricted to 35 horses each, for pay.

No mounted officer shall receive pay for more than one horse, actually used by him.

The pay for horses shall cover any expenses incurred for shoeing while at drill. Neither pay, allowances or rations are to be issued to or for any officer or men for any day or days he is absent from camp.

Pay will not be issued to any battery of garrison artillery or company of engineers or infantry unless not less than 2 officers and 32 men belonging to the corps have performed the days of annual drill under these regulations.

Transport.—The regulations relating to transport are to be followed to the extent they apply to services connected with camps of exercise.

The deputy adjutant-general in each district will specify the routes by which corps must proceed in going to and returning from camp.

Requisitions for transport by railway or steamboat will be issued by the deputy adjutant-general of the district who will also check as to rates and numbers claimed for all accounts for transport service.

Except as otherwise provided, only officers and men *bona fide* proceeding to perform drill in camp are to be allowed transport.

Troops of Cavalry and Field Batteries of Artillery whose headquarters are within 25 miles, and all companies of Infantry whose head quarters are within 6 miles of the place of encampment, are to march to camp.

All corps whose head quarters are within 6 miles of the railway station or steamboat wharf from which they are to receive transport, will march to that railway station or steamboat wharf.

Companies of Infantry whose head quarters are more than 6 miles from the railway station or steamboat wharf from which they are to receive transport, will be allowed six cents per officer and four cents per man per mile for the number of miles necessarily travelled by ordinary wagon road going to and returning from that station or wharf.

A similar allowance will be paid to companies whose headquarters are more than 6 miles from the place of encampment, and from whence no railway or steamboat can be made available for transport over any portion of the journey.

Subsistence.—Deputy Adjutants General of Districts will advertise for tenders for which authority has been obtained, and carry out the provisions relating to *Tenders* on page 203 of the Regulations and orders, 1883, as amended by order as to samples, &c. The *Tenders* are required in duplicate.

Rations.—As the issue of rations in camp will not commence until the morning of the second day, corps proceeding to join will be required to provide one day's cooked rations and one day's forage. Twenty-five cents per officer and man and thirty-five cents per horse will be issued in lieu of rations for the first day of camp.