

Field Artillery Practice, Deseronto Camp.

The Artillery Camp held at Deseronto between the 26th September and 4th October, in accordance with Militia Order 179 (1), was assembled for the purpose of combining Gun Practice with Tactical Exercises under service conditions and for the higher training of Officers, Nos. 1 and Gun Layers.

The 5th Field Battery, Kingston, and the 15th Field Battery, Sheffield, failed to send detachments to Camp. Of the remaining Batteries, the detachments were complete, with the exception of 1 Officer from the 1st F. B., Quebec, and 1 Officer from the 4th F. B., Hamilton.

The following General and Special ideas were issued :

GENERAL IDEA.

An enemy is advancing upon Deseronto from the westward, with the object of seizing the Railway Junction and Terminus, securing the wharfage on the Lake shore and establishing an advanced depot at that place, with a view to further combined operations by land and water upon Kingston.

SPECIAL IDEA.

The enemy's advanced guard has reached the neighbourhood of Mohawk Ridge, and occupied a position on the further side of Sucker Creek with his Artillery, in order to support the advance of his Infantry and command the Bridge.

From C.S.O. Deseronto to O.C. Artillery.

Orders Series I.—"Silence the enemy's Artillery, in preparation of our Infantry attack."

Orders Series II.—"A column of the enemy's Infantry is advancing from under the northern slope of Eagle Hill, force it to deploy."

Orders Series III.—"The enemy's Infantry has taken up a position in front of Sucker Creek Bridge. Advance to decisive range in support of our Infantry attack."

The General and Special Ideas and Orders Series I, were handed to each Battery Commander, with a sketch map and special instructions, before leaving Camp. Orders Series II and III were handed to Battery Commanders on the Field while in action, and acted upon without further instructions from the Umpire-in-Chief: during the IIIrd Series, a Cavalry target (previously invisible) advanced upon the Battery at a rapid pace, and was engaged with Case Shot.