

THE AUTUMN MANŒUVRES.

THE SCENE OF OPERATIONS.

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THE NORTHERN ARMY

The northern army is concentrated at Aldershot, and Sir R. Walpole has taken up his quarters there; but the arrangements for departure have already been made, and the necessary orders issued. On the 29th, the 1st cavalry, counting in all 3,090 sabres, will commence their march for Pewsey, and followed by most of the Control waggons, will arrive at the camp on the 31st, and be at once quartered at Charlton. Meanwhile, however, the infantry of the army will have already begun a forward movement; and having started on the 27th in two columns, designated respectively the right and left, will take a course as follows: On the 27th the right or western column will move to Bramshill, a distance of twelve miles, and there encamp for the night, taking the road to Brightfield next day, and thus accomplishing a march of eleven miles. Crookham is the place selected for the next evenings encampment, and Hungerford will be reached on the night of the 30th, whence the remaining march of thirteen miles to Pewsey will be made on the 31st, and Wood Bridge camping ground entered at evening. The left column will take a totally different route, and will make Hazely Heath its resting place in the night of the 27th. Thence it will move to Silchester, and on the 29th will pass on to Greenham Heath, by this time having got thirty six miles from Aldershot. Its next march will be to Little Bedwin, and from there the column will pass on to Harding; its last march en route being through Pewsey to Upavon, which it will also reach on the night of the 31st. Then comes two days of rest, and the camp will be broken up for the forward movement of the whole army upon Figheldean on the 3rd of September. Its stay at the latter place will extend only over one night, and Amesbury will be its destination next day, Godford its camping ground on the 5th, the first battle between the opposing forces taking place on the 6th proximo.

The whole of the brigades composing the two divisions, paraded independently on Friday morning, the 15th under their brigadiers. The Cavalry Brigade of the 3rd Division, including the 1st Life Guards, Lieut. Col. Bateson; 2nd Life Guards, Lieut. Col. Stewart; and Royal Horse Guards, Col. Baillie, assembled in the Long Valley about ten o'clock, and went through a brigade field day under Col. Marshall, the brigadier. The Wiltshire Yeomanry will join this brigade when the manoeuvres commence. The 1st Brigade, including the 2nd Battalions 22nd and 100th Regiments, assembled at the permanent barracks; the 2nd Brigade composed of the 2nd Battalion 15th and 1st Battalion 22nd Regiments, assembled near the South Camp, under the command of Col. Anderson, as brigadier. Major General Parke, C. B., with Captain his Royal Highness Prince Arthur, Rifle Brigade, as brigade major, was in command of the 1st brigade. The 3rd Brigade, consisting of the 90th and 99th Regiments, under the command of Col. Erskine, as brigadier, paraded at the general parade, South Camp. Sir R. Walpole, accompanied by Sir A. Alison, C. B. Col. Gamble, C. B., and other officers of his staff, rode around and visited the different brigades. The brigades of the 4th Division was also on parade. It was understood that

field movements under the generals of divisions, would commence on Monday.

OFFICIAL ORDERS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE VOLUNTEERS.

The addition of another metropolitan regiment to the Volunteer contingent which has received permission to take part in the manoeuvres, has raised the number to nearly 2000 men. The official orders and instructions for the attendance of the contingent, has just been issued from the War Office, and are as follows:—

"Volunteers will join the camp at Blandford and Pusey on the 31st of August. The 1st and 2nd Administrative Battalions, Wilts, and part of the 1st Administrative Battalion, Dorset, Rifle Volunteers, will leave on the 5th; the remainder of the Volunteers also on the 13th of Sept.

"Detachments of regiments will be formed into provisional battalions. No corps will be allowed to send less than fifty rank and file.

"A sum of 10s. per head will be allowed to the above mentioned administrative battalions for each Volunteer (all ranks) who remains until the 5th of September; the sum of £1 will be allowed to each Volunteer who remains till the 13th. Officers will in addition, receive for army field allowance for the number of days they are in camp—viz. 2s. 6d. per day for field officers and relative ranks; 1s. 6d. per day for captains and relative ranks, and 1s per day for subalterns and relative ranks.

"The Army field ration will be issued to the Volunteers free of all charge. Forage rations for horses will be issued, free of charge, on the scale allowed for mounted officers of the Line, and will consist of 12lb. of oats and 12lb. of hay for each horse. No straw will be issued. Fuel will be issued at the rate of 3lb. of wood or coal per man per day. A sutler's cart will be allowed within the precincts of the camp for each regiment. The cart must be procured by the regiment and may follow in the rear of the column on the march.

"A route on War Office Form 1677 will be issued for each administrative battalion and for each of the detachments of a provisional battalion. The Secretary of State will decide whether any part of the distance is to be performed by marching.

"Great coats or straps lost or retained by corps, will be charged for at the following rates:—£1 3s. 6d. for each great coat, and 1s. 3d. for each set of straps. Requisitions for great coats and straps should be made at once on the Director of clothing by officers commanding administrative regiments, and by officers commanding corps to which detachments of provisional battalions be long.

"Volunteers must bring with them mess tins, haversacks, knapsacks, valises or canvas bags, (sixteen inches wide, and twenty seven inches deep). The articles to be carried in the knapsacks, valises, or canvas bags, are limited to the following:—viz. one shirt, one pair of socks, towel, trousers, knife, fork, and spoon, comb, two brushes, box of grease or blacking, housewife, sponge boots, forage cap, and jacket, weighing altogether, 9lb. 12½ oz.

"Field officers will be allowed 80lb. of baggage; mounted officers, not being field officers, 60lb., other officers 40lb. In all cases the weights are inclusive of bedding, but not of cooking utensils, for which 22lb. will be allowed for every three officers. A patent bed valise recently approved, may be seen at the Pattern office, Adjutant General's Department, Horse Guards. A wagon will be provided by the Control Department.

"Medical officers will take with them their own professional instruments. They will be supplied with a 'field companion' (a small portable medicine chest, to be carried by an orderly), on the officer commanding each battalion making requisition for the same on the principal medical officer at Aldershot. There will be no regimental hospitals, als attached to battalions of Volunteers, but the surgeons and assistant surgeons will act under the principal medical officer of the forces.

"Camp equipage, including camp kettles, entrenching implements, and one blanket per man, will be provided and carried with the regimental baggage.

"Corps not having water bottles, will be provided with wooden canteens from the Government stores. These must be returned before Volunteers leave camp.

"Officers commanding 1st Administrative Battalion, Wilts, 1st Administrative Battalion, Dorset, and 1st Provisional Battalion of Rifle Volunteers will make requisition for camp equipment, and for wooden canteens, if required (on War Office Form 1182) on the local Control officer at Blandford. Officers commanding the 2nd Administrative Battalion, Wilts, and 2nd and 3rd Provisional Battalion of Rifle Volunteers, and the 1st London Engineer Volunteer corps will address their requisitions for these stores to the Control officer at Aldershot.

"Horses of officers of the regimental staff will be picketed; the field picketing implements will be provided by Government for each horse, and will be returned into store before the officers leave the camp. A private servant or groom may be taken by each mounted officer, and one servant for the officers of each company. Free rations and camp equipment will be given to 'authorized servants' who must conform to the rules of the camp. Each servant will be allowed 20lbs. of baggage.

"Quarter masters and quartermaster sergeants will precede the battalions, and draw for them such rations as may be required for the day of arrival, and those who have not served as such in the regular forces or Militia, will proceed to Aldershot on August 24, and report themselves to the assistant quartermaster general at Aldershot.

"The official annual inspection will not be held at the camp, but special reports will be made of the corps that attend.

"The commanding officer will at the conclusion of the encampment furnish the Under Secretary of State for War, War Office, for the information of the Secretary of State, a daily statement, giving the number of officers, non commissioned officers, and men present on each day, and specifying the corps to which they belong."

THE MILITARY POLICE.

The following instructions have been issued for the guidance of provost marshal and military police:—

"The provost marshal of corps will keep a list of sutlers, &c., that are allowed to accompany their respective corps, and will take immediate notice of any irregularity on their part, in order that the same may be notified for the information of the assistant quartermaster general of the corps, and the assistant quartermaster generals of divisions. They will be careful to take every precaution to prevent soldiers or camp followers trespassing in game preserves, plantations, &c. or bathing in unauthorized places. The military police are to prevent all soldiers and camp followers from cutting down trees, shrubs, furze on the commons, or damaging property of any description.