

Queries and Replies.

Q. As there seems to be a difference of opinion among some of the officers of the militia as to the correct command to be given to a column advancing, when they are required to retire, whether it should be *right about turn* or *rear turn*, will you be so good as to answer in your next issue of the GAZETTE, giving the correct command and why?

I maintain the former is correct, while some contend that it is not, and others that either is correct. I cannot see that there are two commands for the same movement.

A. B. C.

A. The proper command is "The column will retire—right about turn."

The rule is that in marching to the front the words "right about turn" are used; in marching to a flank the words, "rear turn." I do not know where you can find this rule specifically enunciated, but you will nowhere in the Field Exercise find it departed from. To advance troops on the march either from flanks or rear the command "front turn" is given.—ED.

Regimental Intelligence.

We wish to publish information respecting all the doings of all corps. Will the officers interested, particularly at a distance, assist us by having news relating to their corps promptly forwarded?

Hamilton.—The commander of the field battery last week, in issuing orders for his men to go into camp on the 14th, draws attention to paragraph 365, R. & O., which provides for the fining of officers and men who refuse to attend any parade for which they have been ordered.

Fredericton.—New regulation white helmets were received last week from the Militia Stores Department at Ottawa for Captains Loggie's, Howe's and Boone's companies of the 71st. Capt. Cropley's company was supplied last year. Since then Capt. McMullin's company (St. Stephen) have been similarly furnished. These helmets cost \$1.25 each, and are paid for by the men of the above companies. It is expected that a rebate of 50cts. per man will be appropriated from the regimental fund, to assist the men in paying for their helmets. The only companies not yet supplied are those at Fredericton Junction and Keswick, and it is probable that they will receive them during camp at St. Andrew's early next month.

Ottawa.—The assault-at-arms and military concert given by the 43rd battalion on Thursday evening, 9th June, proved a brilliant success. The Opera House was filled to its utmost capacity with a large and distinguished audience, including His Excellency the Governor-General and Lady Lansdowne, the Hon. Sir A. P. Caron, K. C. M. G., Major-General Sir Fred. Middleton, K. C. M. G., His Worship Mayor Stewart, Lieut.-Col. Lane, of Lord Russell's staff, Halifax, and all the prominent local militia officers. The musical portion of the programme was contributed by the leading amateurs of the city and the full brass and string bands of the 43rd. The military features consisted of tableaux, and exhibitions in sword and bayonet exercise by the Princess Louise Dragoons and No. 1 company 43rd Rifles, and mounting and dismounting ordnance by the Ottawa Field Battery, the latter being a remarkably striking and fine piece of work. No. 1 Co. of the 43rd also gave a very pretty sketch of camp life, which was effectively rendered. The closing, and crowning event of the entertainment was the tug of war for the championship of military district No. 4 and a valuable silver cup. Teams from the Dragoons, Battery, Guards and the Arnprior, Hull, Billings' Bridge, New Edinburgh and Ottawa companies of the 43rd entered. The Guards' team having failed to come to time, a second team from No. 1 Co. 43rd was entered to make a complete series of eight squads. In the first series were Dragoons vs No. 1 Co. 43rd, Battery vs New Edinburgh, Hull vs Billings' Bridge and 2nd team of No. 1 43rd vs Arnprior, the first mentioned being winners. In the second series Hull defeated the Dragoons and the 2nd team from No. 1 43rd, the Battery, thus leaving the final between No. 2 Co., 43rd, Hull, and the second team from No. 1 Co., 43rd, Ottawa. Amid intense excitement, the final pull was started and at the end of two minutes "time" was called with the scratch team having the advantage by about six inches, and winning the cup and championship. The wonderful performances of the winning team, which, without previous practice together, walked away with the crack teams of the city and district, received immense applause, "the lightweights" evidently having the sympathy of the audience with them in their game and successful struggle for victory. Mayor Stewart having presented the cup to the winning team—Lieut. Rogers, Corpl. Kirby, Ptes. Clarke and Taylor—a thoroughly successful evening's entertainment came to a close.

The Governor-General's Foot Guards paraded in review order in the drill hall at 7.30 on Friday about 300 strong, and marched out to Cartier square, where, in line, at open order, they awaited the arrival of Major-General Middleton, the inspecting officer. Lt.-Col. J. P. Macpherson was in command, and Majors Weatherley and Todd acted as senior and junior majors respectively. The major-general, accompanied by Capt. Wise, A. D. C., Lt.-Col. Lamontagne, D. A. G., and Lt.-Col. Lewis, Brigade-Major, rode up about eight o'clock, and was received with a general salute. He rode up and down the ranks, and inspected the appearance and equipment of the men. Major Weatherley put them through the manual and firing exercise. The Guards then marched past in column and quarter column in quick time, and at the double. Major Todd, Capt. Aumond and Capt. Bate having put the regiment through several battalion movements advanced in line and saluted, after which they were marched back to the drill hall, to be present at the unveiling of the tablet to the memory of the dead Sharpshooters.

Sir A. P. Caron, Minister of Militia, who had kindly consented to unveil the tablet, soon arrived, and was received with a general salute. The tablet had been set in the west wall of the drill hall, adjoining the entrance to the armory of No. 1 company. Among those assembled about the platform were Major-General Middleton, Colonel Panet, Lieut.-Colonel Lamontagne, Lieut.-Colonel Lewis, Lieut.-Colonel H. R. Smith, and other prominent men, as well as a large number of ladies. Sir A. P. Caron expressed the sorrow he felt at the occasion of his presence, and his pleasure at attending to do honor to the heroes. He paid a tribute to Major Todd for the honor and promptitude he had shown in raising his company of Sharpshooters, and for the important part they had taken in the suppression of the rebellion. Sir Adolphe then drew aside the Union Jack which veiled the tablet, and disclosed to view a brass plate, about two feet square, set in a slab of grey marble. The tablet is surmounted by the Guards' regimental crest, and bears the inscription: "Erected to the memory of Ptes. J. Rogers and Wm. P. Osgood, who fell in action at Cut Knife Hill, May 2, 1885."

This tablet to their memory was placed by members of No. 1 company of the Governor-General's Foot Guards, assisted by the Ladies' Soldiers' Aid Association.

The ceremony completed, Lieut.-Colonel Lamontagne, D. A. G., called the muster roll of the regiment, and the parade was dismissed.

Halifax.—The 63rd Rifles have organized a concert in aid of the proposed recreation rooms to be held in the Orpheus hall on the evening of the 20th June, under distinguished patronage, and leading amateurs of the city will take part.

No. 3 company will have an excursion on the harbor on the 22nd June to touch at McNab's island during the grand naval and torpedo display set down that day.

The Target.

NOTE.—Most of these scores were kept over by mistake from last week. We regret exceedingly the delay, and hope it may not have proved very inconvenient, and that it may not occur again.

THE "CARSLAKE" TEAM MATCH.

Montreal.—The competition by teams of six men a side from any corps in the 5th and 6th military districts for a series of 6 valuable steel engravings presented by Mr. George Carslake, of this city, took place at Point St. Charles ranges on Saturday 4th inst., there being 7 teams entered. Ranges, 200, 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots at each range. A great deal of interest has been taken about the disposition of the prize, it being the first team match of the season and well known as likely to be close in the result. Lieut.-Col. Massey, 6th Fusiliers, was appointed executive officer, and it is safe to say the teams have every reason to think well of the choice, the result being a fair and square match, the pairs shooting not having anything to complain of, as too often happens through bystanders being allowed to get too near the firing points. From the start, at 200 yards, the 5th Royal Scots team got a slight lead and were never headed, though the 6th got dangerously close at the final range, Pte. Scott of the latter team doing his best, with a 32, to knock them out. The following are the range totals:—

	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Total.
5th Royal Scots.....	166	156	103	425
6th Fusiliers.....	163	132	128	423
3rd Victorias.....	163	127	119	409
Montreal Garrison Artillery.....	155	142	104	401
1st Prince of Wales Rifles.....	155	127	90	372
Montreal Engineers.....	142	119	83	344
85th Battalion.....	143	65	34	242

Individual prize of field-glass presented by Mr. Carslake, won by—
Private Scott, 6th Fusiliers.... 82 points.

Sweepstake prizes from competitors—

Major Laurie, M. G. A. 81 Pioneer Kambey, 5th R. S. 77
Staff-Sergt. Wynne, 5th R. S. 79 Staff-Sergt. Brocklesby, 3rd Vics. 76

Port Arthur.—On the Queen's Birthday No. 1 Co. Algoma Rifles held a prize competition. The weather was misty and gusty. First match, for a gold and silver medal presented by the officers of the company, five shots at each range, musketry instruction targets and scoring, 200, 300, and 400 yds.; best scores:

Sergt. Woodside..... 15 16 15 46 Pte. Leiterman..... 9 14 15 38
Sergt. G. Hodder..... 15 14 15 44 Pte. G. Murdoch..... 15 15 7 37

Second match for a medal presented by the n.c.o.s, open only to recruits of 1886; five shots standing at 100, kneeling at 200. Best scores:—

Pte. G. Murdoch..... 15 17 32 Pte. J. Campbell..... 16 15 31

Ottawa.—The fourth of the Rifle Club series of silver spoon competitions was held on Saturday afternoon, and as the day was most favorable and the competitors shot with Martini-Henry rifles, the result was some good scores. There is however an evident want of strength in all 200 yards shooting in Canada, which showed plainly here, for the weather could not be blamed for nothing over 30 being made. The day was warm, light changeable, wind light from 11 o'clock.

E. D. Sutherland (dessert spoon) 29 32 28 89	Major Perley..... 26 25 22 73
T. Carroll..... 29 31 27 87	Lieut. Rogers..... 29 27 17 73
Lieut. Gray..... 27 33 26 86	W. A. Jamieson..... 27 19 25 71
Capt. Cox, (junior tea spoon)..... 24 29 28 81	F. W. Smith..... 30 19 21 70
Capt. Wright..... 27 30 24 81	J. H. Ellis..... 24 27 18 69
N. Morrison..... 29 26 25 80	A. Pink..... 30 22 17 69
G. H. Duncan..... 29 23 26 78	Major Anderson..... 28 28 8 64
J. H. Fairweather..... 26 25 24 77	T. C. Boville..... 23 18 14 55
Capt. Sherwood..... 26 30 21 77	H. Pratt..... 20 12 13 54
J. P. Nutting..... 23 28 25 76	

Simultaneously with the spoon competition a team sweepstake match was fired between teams chosen by Capt. Sherwood and Lieut. Gray, the latter's club winning by 34 points. This proved very interesting, and was specially useful as providing a competition in which young shots had as good a chance of winning as veterans.

Lieut. Gray's team—Sutherland, 89; Grey, 86; Wright, 81; Fairweather, 77; Nutting, 76; Perley, 73; Rogers, 73; Jamieson, 71; Ellis, 69.—Total, 695.

Capt. Sherwood's team—Carroll, 87; Cox, 81; Morrison, 80; Duncan, 78; Sherwood, 77; Smith, 70; Pink, 69; Anderson, 64; Boville, 55.—Total, 661.

The fifth spoon, and third Snider spoon, competition was held on the 11th. The day was fine and the wind, though not strong, was variable, veering at times from a direct front to an almost right direction. The next shoot will be held on Saturday, 18th inst., at 800 and 900 yards, Martini rifles:—

Dr. G. Hutchison (dessert spoon) 26 26 27 79	C. McDiarmid..... 26 19 18 63
Capt. Wright (tea spoon)..... 27 27 20 74	Robt. Stewart..... 20 24 17 61
J. E. Hutchison..... 25 27 20 72	J. H. Ellis..... 27 14 19 60
Major Anderson..... 29 18 24 71	J. P. Nutting..... 30 14 16 60
E. D. Sutherland..... 29 22 20 71	Major Perley..... 24 21 15 60
Lieut. Gray..... 29 29 11 69	Lieut. Rogers..... 30 21 9 60
J. H. Fairweather..... 28 23 17 68	F. W. Smith..... 27 13 17 57
T. Carroll..... 28 18 21 67	J. F. Junkin..... 21 20 14 55
T. W. Hardy..... 24 26 17 67	T. C. Boville..... 26 19 6 51
G. H. Duncan..... 25 20 21 66	Capt. Cox..... 23 19 8 48
Capt. Sherwood..... 29 18 17 64	

Gray and Sherwood again chose teams of ten men a side, and although Gray's was ahead 21 points at 200 yards, Sherwood's gained at the longer ranges, and finally won by about 26 points.

Peterborough.—The first monthly match of the Peterborough rifle association took place at the range on the 9th inst. The best scores were, for five shots at each range:—

	200	400	500	600	T'l.		200	400	500	600	T'l.
G. Hall.....	18	20	12	14	64	D. Cameron.....	13	14	16	14	57
F. Hall.....	16	20	11	14	63	W. A. Bell.....	17	14	10	10	51