

for the way in which he performed his staff duties. I selected him to take charge of Riel from the time he surrendered, and while he was in camp Capt. Young slept in the tent with him and afterwards conveyed him safely to Regina. My A.D.C., Lieut. Freer, 38th Regiment, "B" company School of Infantry Instruction, deserves great praise for the way in which he performed his duties while continually exposed to the fire of the enemy. I have already brought to your notice the gallant way in which he went to assist in withdrawing a wounded man under the fire of the enemy. The conduct of Lieut.-Cols. Montizambert, commanding Artillery; Williams, commanding Midland Regiment; Grasett, commanding Grenadiers, and Major McKeand, commanding 90th Regiment, was everything I could wish. Lieut.-Col. Williams and Lieut.-Col. Grasett came prominently to my notice for the gallant way in which they led and cheered their men on the left, rush by rush, until they gained the houses on the plain, the former having commenced the rush. The field officers of the different infantry regiments, Majors Smith and Hughes, Midland, Major Dawson, Grenadiers, and Major Boswell and acting Major and Adjutant Buchan, 90th Regiment, are equally to be commended for their behaviour on this and the other days. Major Smith, "C" Company Infantry School Corps, was doing excellent work on board the "Northcote" under very trying circumstances, ably assisted by my other A.D.C., in spite of his wound, and Mr. Bedeon, as will be seen by Major Smith's report. Major Jarvis, commanding Winnipeg Field Battery and Capt. Drury "A" Battery, two guns, did excellent service during the four days' work as well as the Gatling under Lieut. Rivers, "A" Battery, in fighting which arm Capt. Howard, late U. S. Army, the instructor in the use of the weapon, showed great gallantry and cool courage. Capt. Peters, as usual, was well to the front, covering the guns with the dismounted portion of "A" Battery. Lieut. Disbrowe, attached to "A" Battery, whom I placed in charge of the ammunition from the commencement of the march, was particularly useful and deserves great praise. Major Boulton, commanding the Mounted Infantry, who is an excellent officer, full of resources, and who has been of the greatest service to me from the time he joined my force, displayed his usual coolness and courage, and on the 12th was of great use on the right by the way he disposed and led his men. Capt. Dennis, commanding the Surveyor's Scouts, did excellent service and deserves great praise for the way in which he handled his men. Capt. French, commanding Scouts, whose loss we all deeply deplore, displayed his usual dash and courage. Great praise is due to Brigade Surgeon Orton and his subordinates for the excellent way in which the attendance and care of the wounded men was carried out.

Thanks are also due to the Rev. D. M. Gordon, of the Presbyterian Church, who joined the 90th at Fish Creek Camp, and was with them during the fighting at Batoche, and the Rev. C. C. Whitcombe, Church of England, who joined the Grenadiers on the 16th of May, for their attention to the spiritual wants of the wounded and the rest of the troops. I forward herewith sketches of the position by Capt. Haig, R.E., my A.Q.M.G.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed)

FRED. MIDDLETON,

Major-General,

Commanding N.-W. Field Force.

#### EXTRACT FROM MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS OF 18TH SEPTEMBER.

#### NO. 1—ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE OF CANADA—STAFF—MILITARY.

A step of local rank in the army has been granted to the following officers employed in the Royal Military College of Canada from the date specified: Lieut.-Col. John Ryder Oliver, R.A., to be colonel, from 1st July, 1885.

#### NO. 2—WAR MEDALS FOR SERVICE IN THE NORTH-WEST IN 1885.

The Minister of Militia and Defence has been informed through the Secretary to his Excellency the Governor-General that his Excellency has received intimation from the Imperial Secretary of State that an Imperial war medal will be conferred upon the troops recently engaged in the suppression of the rebellion in the North-west Territories.

#### NO. 3—REGULATIONS AND ORDERS FOR THE ACTIVE MILITIA, 1883.

*Pay Regulations.*—The following is added as sub-section (2) to paragraph 983 of the regulations and orders, 1883:—

"(2). These allowances are intended to cover the cost of board and lodging in cases where barracks or tents cannot be provided. They will not be paid to officers when lodged in barracks or tents. In such cases rations will be issued in kind."

Paragraph 985 has been amended so as to read as follows:—

"985. No regimental staff officer is to receive pay unless he has been regularly appointed to the battalion or provisional battalion, nor, except for those doing duty as field officer, is pay to be granted for brevet rank of any kind, nor on account of half or unattached pay."

#### NO. 4—S. A. AMMUNITION BOXES.

Officers commanding corps will take immediate steps to have all empty small arm ammunition boxes in their possession, returned to the militia store of their respective districts.

#### NO. 5—CORPS ON SERVICE IN THE NORTH-WEST.

The Winnipeg Troop of Cavalry, Winnipeg Field Battery of Artillery, 90th "Winnipeg" Battalion of Infantry, Light Infantry Battalion, Winnipeg, Lieut.-Col. O. Smith; Infantry Battalion, Winnipeg, Lieut.-Col. T. Scott, have been released from active service.

#### Special Corps.

*Memo.*—2nd Lieut. John Arthur Thirkell has been appointed captain from 2nd June, 1885, in the Winnipeg Light Infantry Battalion, vice Thomas A. Wade, who had resigned. No. 3 of general orders (15), 10th July, 1885, under the heading "Winnipeg Battalion of Infantry," is hereby amended by substituting the following:—"The resignation of 2nd Lieutenant (temporary) Richard Harrison Hunter has been accepted, from 16th June, 1885."

The following corps have been released from service and disbanded, viz:—The Infantry Co., Yorktown, Major Watson; Infantry Co., Battleford, Capt. Nash; Moose Mountain Scouts, Capt. W. R. White; Infantry Co., Regina, Capt. Scott; Infantry Co., Birtle, Capt. Wood; Rocky Mountain Rangers, Captain J. Stewart; Mounted Corps, Capt. Boulton; Infantry Co., Emerson, Capt. Whitman; Infantry Co., Calgary; Infantry Co., Qu'Appelle, Capt. Jackson; Intelligence Corps, Capt. Dennis.

#### NO. 6—Regiment of Canadian Artillery.

"A" and "B" Batteries exchanged quarters, according to orders, on 17th September, 1885. Surgeon-Major Neilson remains at Kingston, being detailed for service with "A" Battery, and Surgeon Sewell remains at Quebec, being detailed for service with "B" Battery.

#### School of Mounted Infantry, Winnipeg, Man.

An increase to the permanent militia having been sanctioned, the organization, to date from 20th July, 1885, has been authorized of two companies of mounted infantry to consist, until further orders, of 50 men and 25 horses each, at Winnipeg, Manitoba. These two companies while they remain at the strength of 50 men each will be organized as one company for administrative purposes, and compose also a school of instruction, to be known as the "School of Mounted Infantry."

Lieut.-Col. John Barton Taylor, from D. A. G. Military Districts Nos. 9 and 12, has been appointed from 20th July, 1885, commandant of the School of Mounted Infantry at Winnipeg, Man., with rank of Lieut.-Col.

Company of Mounted Infantry, Winnipeg.—To be captain, from 15th August, 1885—Lawrence Buchan, V.B., M.S., from retired list of captains. To be Surgeon, from 15th August, 1885—Alfred Codd, Esq., M.D., from retired list of surgeons.

*Memo.*—The distribution of the strength of the 100 men authorized will be as follows:—1 sergeant-major, 1 quarter-master sergeant, 2 sergeant instructors, 1 bugle-major, 1 farrier, 5 sergeants, 4 corporals, 4 lance corporals, 2 buglers, 79 privates—100 n.c.o. and men; 50 horses.

3rd Prov. Reg. Cavalry, "C" Troop.—To be 2nd lieut., prov., John Edward Hammond, (lieut. prov.) from No. 4 Co., 57th Batt., vice Arthur Edward Snider, left limits.

Cananogue F. B. of Art.—To be captain, Lieut. George Gillies, G.S., vice Charles Edwin Britton, who retires retaining rank.

14th Batt.—Captain Herbert Macdonald Mowat retires retaining rank.

16th Batt., No. 6 Co.—To be 2nd lieut. prov., Bidwell Way Reynolds, vice Lucius Hart Carter, who resigns.

2nd Lieut. and Adj. Martin Davidson Strachan, M.S., to be lieut. from 17th December, 1883.

19th Batt., No. 1 Co.—To be lieut., prov., Sergt. Colin Campbell Milly, vice Joseph Masters, who resigns. To be 2nd lieut., prov., Private James Sandham, vice Douglas Omar Secord, who resigns.

No. 4 Co.—To be lieut., prov., David Davis, vice Vosburgh, promoted. 2nd Lieut. Thomas Fisher having left limits his name is hereby removed from the list of officers.

20th Batt., No. 4 Co.—The headquarters of this company are hereby changed from "Norval" to "Campbellville." To be captain, prov., Arthur Clark Jones, vice James A. Curry, who retires retaining rank.

22nd Batt., No. 4 Co.—To be 2nd lieut., prov., Sergt. William A. Paine, vice John Francis Wells, left limits.

No. 7 Co.—To be 2nd lieut., prov., William Gray, vice Charles A. Beaupré, left limits.

To be adjutant—Lieut. William Mahlon Davis, R.M.C., from No. 2 Co., vice Ingersoll, appointed lieut. in No. 6 Co.

24th Batt., No. 1 Co.—The resignation of Lieut. John M. Northwood is hereby accepted, from 14th September, 1885.

Surgeon Tecumseh K. Holmes, and Assistant Surgeon George A. Tye are hereby removed from the list of officers of the active militia for having neglected to attend annual drill.

30th Batt.—To be majors, from 15th September, 1885, Capt. William Wallace White, M.S., from No. 10 Co., vice Armstrong, retired. Capt. John Mutrie, V.B., from No. 6 Co., vice Andrew McBride, who retires retaining rank.

No. 6 Co.—To be captain, from 15th September, 1885, Lieut. Archibald Johnson, V.B., vice Mutrie. To be 2nd lieut., prov., Sergt. Jonathan Loree, vice Mutrie promoted.

31st Batt., No. 1 Co.—To be 2nd lieut., prov., George Ross, vice Alexander Grant McKay, left limits.

35th Batt., No. 1 Co.—To be 2nd lieut., prov., Sergt. Arthur Charles Burrend, vice Spry, promoted.

37th Batt.—Paymaster John H. Rogers, having the relative rank of Major, to have the honorary rank of major from the 17th Dec., 1883. Lieut. and Adj. John Tuck, M.S., to have rank of captain, from 17th Dec., 1883. Q.-M. John Albert Gill to have the honorary rank of captain.

42nd Batt., No. 4 Co.—To be lieut., 2nd Lieut. William Nelson Bowen M.S., vice Dixon, promoted. To be 2nd lieut., prov., Staff Sergt. George Henry Darling, vice Bowen.

44th Batt., No. 1 Co.—To be lieut., prov., Staff Sergt. Joseph Arthur Vandershup, vice McMicking, transferred to and promoted in No. 6 Co.

No. 6 Co.—To be captain, Lieut. George Albert McMicking, V.B., from No. 1 Co., vice Tattersall, appointed Q.-M. To be lieut., prov., Sergt. Robert Pointer, Skinner, vice James Stephens, who retires retaining rank. To be 2nd lieut., prov., Sergt. Hope McNevin McIntyre, vice Guerin, resigns.

No. 7 Co.—To be lieut., prov., Pte. John Wesley Kennedy, vice William Leaman Allan, who retires retaining rank.

To be quarter-master, with honorary rank of major; Capt. James Tattersall from No. 6 Co., vice White, resigned.

6th Reg. of Cavalry—2nd Lieut. Auguste Galarneau, resigned.

Richmond F. B. of Art.—To be captain, Lieut. James Stevens, R.S.A., vice Aylmer, promoted.

Montreal Co. of Engineers—Lieut. James William Moffat resigns.

58th Batt., No. 4 Co.—To be lieut., prov., Sergt. Syrus Lothrop, vice Edward Lothrop, deceased. 2nd Lieut. Frederick George Stacy, being reported as over the prescribed age, is hereby permitted to revert to the retired list of 2nd lieutenants.