

The Brigade, composed of five battalions (36 companies), paraded thirty-five companies, for inspection, of the following strength:—

1st Brigade, Garrison Artillery,	{ 6 Batteries } { 1 Co. Eng. }	Officers and men	345	average	49 $\frac{2}{7}$	per Co,
2nd " " "	6 Batteries	" "	151	"	25 $\frac{1}{8}$	" "
1st Battalion Rifles	7 Companies	" "	317	"	45 $\frac{2}{7}$	" "
2nd " "	8 " "	" "	332	"	41 $\frac{1}{2}$	" "
3rd " "	7 " "	" "	260	"	37 $\frac{1}{7}$	" "

Present at Inspection.....			1,405			

Establishment.....			2,128			

The average per company is not nearly so high as at previous inspection, but I believe it was owing to great pressure of railroad work.

The absentees were all properly accounted for, and only four men reported absent without leave.

The Brigade has five efficient bands (the three bands at Head Quarters are brigaded) and being largely composed of musicians from H. M.'s service, and under first class instructors, are a credit to the Volunteer Force.

I am pleased to be able to state, with regard to the arms, that after a very careful inspection I did not find one dirty rifle in the Brigade, which is creditable to the men who had the arms for some time in their keeping.

The clothing now in use for nearly four years is in capital order and has evidently been well taken care of.

With the exception of the 2nd Brigade Garrison Artillery, the battalions have gone through their target practice satisfactorily. Returns of which have been already forwarded.

When the ground and time of inspection allowed of it, the movements were those laid down by the Adjutant General's memorandum on the subject; in other instances Company drill was substituted.

Taking into account that the Brigade had not drilled since their annual drill for 1868-9, the several movements were fairly executed.

The Brigade is now putting in their annual drill for year ending June 30th, 1870.

The annual Brigade Rifle Match was well attended by the men of the Brigade and the firing excellent.

There were also several matches between the Brigade and regiments of H. M.'s Service and Militia.