

When the distance to be gone is settled, it should be made as rapidly as possible, to give an opportunity of going into camp by daylight. This system saves both men and horses, gives plenty of light whereby to post pickets, allows of foraging parties, and is better on every account. Slow marches and late camps wear out horses more than great distances more rapidly made.

A cavalry general should consider these matters, and his men will appreciate him. A martinet who wants his men to encamp in particular manners to suit his individual whims, soon earns their dislike.

CONTRAST OF SYSTEMS.

The first division of the cavalry corps of the Army of the Potomac was successively commanded by two officers as different in this respect as light from darkness. The first was General Buford, a model cavalry commander. Under his orders, the division pursued a course of victory united with comfort in marching, remarkable in the history of the war. Cautious and bold at the same time, he never allowed himself to be flanked in battle or delayed in marching. In all the time the division was under his orders I never remember an uncomfortable camp; and the condition of the horses was excellent all the time.

After his death in the spring of 1864, General Torbert was put in command of the same division. It is safe to say that during the whole time he commanded us, our division never had a comfortable camp. An infantry general, if anything, Torbert was utterly unfit to have control of cavalry, and soon proved it. He had a peculiar partiality for encamping his whole division in a single field if he had to hunt one for hours. Many and many a time do I remember him keeping his whole division sitting, waiting for an hour and a half, while some member of his staff was riding about the neighborhood trying to find a large field. Somehow or other, when it was found, it was always a ploughed field. Down in the dust we had to lie night after night, horses and men alike tired and disgusted. Our chief trouble was in securing our horses. We had to leave them in charge of some comrade, who held three or four, while we started off to find wood for picket pins. If a horse was at all disposed so to do, all our picket pins would not hold him from pulling them up out of the loose soil. In the morning horse and man arose alike unrefreshed, dirty, and uncomfortable after a wretched night. The water was always distant from us, and when we went down to it we generally found the other divisions close to it and in good camps.

The result was that this whole division, which Buford left at the end of a campaign nearly four thousand strong, was dwindled to less than two thousand at the commencement of 1865, and what horses were left were in a miserable condition. All which might have been saved had a cavalry general instead of a pompous infantry martinet been put over that division after John Buford's death.

The change was wonderful when General Thomas C. Devin, an old cavalry officer, took command of the same division. Although in the midst of a raid of unexampled severity of marching, we had twice as much comfort as we had in Torbert's time. Our camps, except in one or two instances quite unavoidable, were made in daylight and pitched among woods. Our pickets were secure; our horses, in spite of hard marches, kept their own, and three days' rest and food at Whitehouse Landing put them all in trim for the final campaign.

DOMINION OF CANADA.



MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS.

HEAD QUARTERS,

Ottawa, 19th May, 1871.

GENERAL ORDERS, (13.)

No. 1.

STAFF.

Military District No. 4,

Lt.-Col Jackson, Brigade Major 8th Brigade Division, Ontario, will take over the duties of Deputy Adjutant General of Militia, Military District No. 4, during the absence on leave of Lieut Colonel Atcherley.

ACTIVE MILITIA.

The following officers at present doing duty with the two Battalions of Riflemen in the Province of Manitoba, are retained for a further period of duty in that Province.

Captain and Major William Macaulay Herchmer, and Lieutenant and Captain William N. Kennedy, of 1st (or Ontario) Battalion of Riflemen, to do duty respectively as Captain and Lieutenant with No. 1 Company of Riflemen formed from that Battalion.

Captain and Major Allan MacDonald and Lieutenant and Captain Oscar Prevost, of 2nd (or Quebec) battalion of Riflemen, to do duty respectively as Captain and Lieutenant with No. 2 Company of Riflemen, formed from that Battalion.

Major A. Peebles as Supply Officer.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Toronto Field Battery.

To be Surgeon :

John Segur Diamond, Esquire, vice Rolph resigned.

2nd Battalion "Queen's Own Rifles,"

Toronto.

Captain Joseph Davids is hereby permitted to retire retaining rank.

18th "Prescott" Battalion of Infantry.

To be Adjutant ;

Ensign Edward Frewen Dartnell, M. S., From No. 1 Company, vice Johnson left limits.

No. 4 Company, Hawksbury Mills

To be Ensign, provisionally :

Sergeant Major James Dandy, vice Dartnell, appointed Adjutant.

19th "Lincoln" Battalion of Infantry.

Captain and Quartermaster William McGhie, formerly of H. M. 93rd Regiment, is

heroby permitted to retire retaining the rank of Captain.

28th "Perth" Battalion of Infantry.

No. 5 Company, Blanchard.

To be Captain :

Lieutenant Humphrey Albert Lucas, White, V. B., vice D. Brethour, whose resignation is hereby accepted.

30th "Wellington" Battalion of Rifles.

No. 1 Company, Guelph Garrison Battery of Artillery.

To be 1st Lieutenant :

David McCrae, Gentleman, M. S., vice Macdonald promoted.

The resignation of 2nd Lieutenant Henry Howitt is hereby accepted.

40th "Northumberland" Battalion of

Infantry.

No. 8 Company Castleton.

To be Ensign, provisionally :

Sergeant William Deviney, vice J. A. Black, whose resignation is hereby accepted.

47th "Frontenac" Battalion of Infantry.

To be Adjutant :

Lieutenant William M. Bailey, M. S., from No. 5 Company, vice J. Fisher promoted.

59th "Stornont and Glengarry" Battalion of Infantry.

To be Paymaster :

Lieutenant Cyril Archibald, from No. 6 Company, vice Copeland appointed Captain Reserve Militia.

To be Assistant Surgeon :

Alexander Falkner, Esquire, vice D. D. Smith deceased.

No. 5 Company, Cornwall.

To be Captain from 4th inst.

Corry J. Mattice, Esquire, M. S.

Binbrooke Infantry Company.

To be Lieutenant :

Ensign James Hoey, M.S., vice Rice, whose resignation is hereby accepted.

To be Ensign, provisionally :

Nicholas Aurey, Gentleman, vice Hoey, promoted.

Rockton Infantry Company.

The head-quarters of the Township of Beverley Infantry Company are hereby removed from Sheffield to Rockton, and the designation of the Company is changed, the "Rockton Infantry Company."

To be Captain :

Ensign James Walker, M.S., from No. 3 Company, 37th Battalion, vice B. Cooper, left the limits.

To be Lieutenant, provisionally :

Sergeant Andrew Young, vice Mills, left limits.