

No. 3.—CERTIFICATES GRANTED.

ROYAL SCHOOLS OF ARTILLERY.
First Class "Long Course," Grade "A."

Rank and Name.	Corps.	Percentage of Marks Obtained.		
		Written.	Practical.	Aggregate Percentage.
Lieut J. E. P. Bergeron.....	No. 2 Lévis Battery	.69	.76	.72
Aggregate percentage obtained at R.M. College, .71.				
Capt. J. E. Prower.....	8th Batt ..	.67	.74	.7
Aggregate percentage obtained at R. M. College, .70.				

Second Class "Long Course," Grade "A."

Capt. E. Palmer.....	P.E.I. Brig	.68	.70	.69
Aggregate percentage obtained at R. M. College, .66.				

First Class "Long Course," Grade "B."

Sergt. W. Fellows.....	"B" Batt. R.C.A..	.77	.82	.79
Bomb. J. Wood.....	do	.95	.88	.91
Acting Bomb. W. Prevost.....	do	.65	.82	.73
do A. Swallow.....	do	.74	.93	.83

Second Class "Long Course" Grade "B."

Sergt. L. Lavoie.....	"B" Batt. R.C.A..	.56	.79	.67
Acting Bomb. J. O'Leary.....	do	.63	.72	.67
Staff-Sergt. G. M. Gibson.....	Montreal Brigade.	.64	.5	.58

ROYAL SCHOOLS OF INFANTRY.
First Class "Long Course," Grade "A."

Capt. A. H. McLauchlan.....	67th Batt..	.95	.81	.88
Aggregate percentage obtained at R. M. College, .80.				

Correspondence.

HAS ANYONE SEEN THIS SERGEANT?

To the Editor of the Canadian Militia Gazette:

SIR,—Cast your glance over paragraph 258, R. & O., 1883, and see what a sergent of the militia should be as per regulation. It does seem a pity that such an amount of fine language should be thrown away. I sometimes fancy that the "inventor" of the R. & O., knowing that the sergeants were not up to the mark, sought to make up for inefficiency by using a lot of nice sounding phrases; and I feel bound to confess that the regulations and orders for the militia are eminently calculated to leave a good impression on the mind of a stranger to the force.

To the average militiaman the regulations do not exist, and to those who do read them they are almost as clear as "mud" and just as useful. Paragraph 153 places the active militia under the Army Act and Queen's Regulations. Now imagine a sergent wading through these very dry publications with no one able to explain or assist him. I wonder if the "powers" really do expect (perhaps they don't) a sergent to possess the "accomplishments" laid down in paragraph 258. If they do great will be their surprise when they learn the truth. Let us stroll towards the camp and have a look at the "critter" where the "gilt" daubed on by regulation is rubbed off. Here he comes. No! this cannot be a regulation sergent. He is a fairly active looking lad, with a ruddy good-natured face; the big brass number on a hideous round thing worn on his head inform us that he belongs to the —th "Humbugs"; his tunic is about four sizes too large; while his trousers are much too short; his waistbelt is loose enough to encircle the waist of a 200 lb. man; his buttons have not been cleaned since last camp; and his sash—Oh, that sash! How shall I describe it! Well, it held seven big "knots," and is still a yard too long, being down to his heels. He has on the right sleeve of his tunic (at the elbow) an unsightly patch of white cotton; and to judge from the outward appearance of the lad, he is very unlike what he should be—as per regulation. We get into conversation with the "youngster" and soon find out all about himself and the "Humbugs." We learn that this is his first year in camp. That he had no time to get his clothing altered, having only received it and his gun on the eve of departure. He had not taken the oath of allegiance, none of the boys having been asked to go through that "farce." He only came to camp to have a good time and oblige his cousin the captain (hence his promotion). He had tried to learn some drill but got stuck on "front form squad." Had heard of a law intended to govern the militia while in camp; but it was all "bosh." Never heard of the "Army Act or Queen's Regulations"; what was the use of bothering about such matters for twelve days, the officers didn't. The Adjutant, after a course at the "school," had tried to introduce some reforms, but was promptly "sat upon" by the other officers; they did not want any new fangled notions introduced into the old "Humbugs." Had heard that his company (he meant battalion) received great praise from the "General" for its drill in former years, and had no doubt it would receive a like amount this year.

Now that brings me to the subject of "soft sawder" or "taffy." I am not a man that would object to a little wholesome "taffy" being administered to the force occasionally, but I cannot help thinking that less taffy and more instructions would be the correct thing. It might have the effect of somewhat reducing the force, but what General would not rather be at the head of 20,000 disciplined, well armed men than at the head of a badly-armed, ill-organised mob of 40,000. And now, sergeants of the militia, don't expect any "taffy" from me, and don't suppose for a single instant that I am trying to throw ridicule on you. I have camped with you, drilled with you, eaten "hard tack" with you, drunk muddy water with you, crossed the "gaps" with you, bled with you—no I didn't bleed any—and have laid myself down on the ground side by side with you; but, in spite of all that you are still a long way below the standard as per regulation; but I am aware that it is not altogether your fault.

And now a word of advice before parting. Don't call your captain "Jack" or "Bill." Study the regulations. Don't eat tobacco on parade. Get your uniform altered to fit.

PULTAN.

Queries and Replies.

PRECEDENCE OF CORPS ON PARADE.

Q. To the Editor: (1) In a review of the following corps in what position—from the right—would they be placed, and why: Ottawa Dragoon Guards, 2nd Regt. of Cavalry, Toronto Field Battery, Toronto Garrison Artillery, G. G. Foot Guards, Royal Grenadiers, Queen's Own, 13th Battalion, 43rd Battalion? (2) Why are the Queen's Own given the right of the 10th Battalion (Royal Grenadiers)?

Ans. (1) According to the rules of precedence the corps would stand as follows: Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, 2nd Regt. of Cavalry, Toronto Field Battery, Toronto Garrison Artillery, Governor-General's Foot Guards, 2nd Batt. (Queen's Own Rifles), 10th Batt. Royal Grenadiers, and 43rd Batt. They may, however, be placed, for drill or review purposes, in any order deemed advisable or suitable by the officer commanding. (2) The Queen's Own are given the right of the Royal Grenadiers by reason of regimental seniority.—EDITOR.

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