

CIRULAR 3, 1883. (Extract.)

1. With reference to the Shifting Ordnance Competition for Garrison Batteries, it is to be understood that the trucks of the carriage are not to be used as a means of moving the gun round the platform.

Officers concerned were also further informed that the words "original position" in para. 1, Circular No. 1, meant "vent uppermost."

Detachments from the Royal Military College and five Batteries of Garrison Artillery, viz.: 3 and Batteries, 1st Halifax Brigade, and Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Batteries, P. E. I. Brigade, entered for this competition,

The umpires reported as follows:—

Tête de Pont Barracks,  
Kingston, January 14th, 1884.

Sir,—

I have the honor to report that in accordance with instructions, I acted as umpire for Garrison Artillery Shift of the Gentlemen Cadets, Royal Military College this year.

The Competition took place in the Drill Shed, on the 7th ult., and was that laid down in D. A. A., Circular 1, 1883.

I cannot speak too highly of the manner in which it was performed. The Cadets, under Battalion Sergt.-Major Van Iffland as No. 1, completed their task without a single hitch in the almost incredible time of 3 min., 45 sec.

Colonel Campbell again acted as Time Keeper.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed.) C. E. MONTIZAMBERT, Lt.-Col.

Asst. I. of A.

Having acted as umpire at the Competition in the Drill Hall, Halifax, N. S., on the 31st. December, 1883. I certify that the shift as per circular 1, 1883, dated 24 April, 1883, was performed by the detachment under Captain J. B. Curren, in 4 min. 53 sec.

The other detachment under Captain and Brevet Major Purcell, performed the shift in 15 min. an accident having occurred to a piece of skidding which unfortunately delayed the operation at a time when it had almost been completed. Had this not happened, I believe that 5 min. wou'd not have been exceeded by this detachment.

Signed, GEORGE S. WILL,  
Major R. A.

Halifax, N. S.,  
January, 1st, 1884.