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WINTER, July 19, 1875.

Sir,—I have the honor to report, as Musketry Instructor to the brigade assembled at Holland Landing, June 22nd, that I carried out the orders in regard to target practice to the best of my ability in the limited time at my disposal.

The total number who completed the course was 1,405. The best shot this year, Corporal Shaver, No. 7, Company, 31st Battalion, who scored 63 out of a possible 80 points.

The best shooting battalion, the 35th Simcoe Foresters; figure of merit, 2292. Best shooting Company, No. 4 Company, 35th Battalion; figure of merit, 2800. I would say that the same company and battalion held the same post of honor last year.

The figure of merit and the best shots in each battalion and cavalry being—

12th York, figure of merit 1786. Best shot Bandsman Harstock, 59 pts.

31st Grey, figure of merit 1977. Best shot Corpl. Shaver, 63 pts.

34th Ontario, figure of merit 1757. Best shot Sergt. Major Chisholm, 53 pts.

35th Simcoe, figure of merit 2292. Best shot Sergt. S. A. Nilly, 57 pts.

36th Peel, figure of merit 2018. Best shot St. John, 52 pts.

Cavalry, 14 rounds, figure of merit 1260. Best shot Peter J. Boynton, 38 pts.

Figure of merit of the brigade—1853.

In comparison with last year I find a slight improvement. The reason I believe the men take so little interest in rifle shooting is the want of some badge or prize as an inducement or honor to strive for, as at present the men take little or no interest, and feel relieved when they can get rid of their ammunition.

I would suggest that fewer rounds be fired another year, as I believe more instructions can be imparted and real benefits derived from ten rounds being fired; as under the present system the men have to be hurried faster than is proper to get through with brigade in the short time allowed.

I cannot close this report without mentioning the efficient manner in which Sergeant Dunford performed his duties, and hope he will be employed in the same capacity another year.

It is my pleasing duty to report, that the course was gone through without a single accident to either marker or marksman.

In conclusion I beg to bring before your notice the fact that I was compelled on the two last days practice to keep the same markers in the butts from six o'clock, a.m. until seven o'clock, p.m.; which they did without complaint, and I hope before another camp that an additional allowance be again granted, or else it will be impossible to get good men for markers.

I remain, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

JOSEPH WHITE, Capt.

Brigade Musketry Instructor.

To Lieut.-Col. Durie,
Deputy Adjutant General,
Military District No. 2.

MILITARY DISTRICT, No. 3

Deputy Adjutant General's Office,
Kingston, November 12, 1875

Sir.—In compliance with Militia General Orders (7) of April 23, 1875, I have the honor to transmit my Report of the Annual Drill of Military District No. 3, for submission to the Major General Commanding.

The Force of Active Militia in this District consists of the following Corps, namely:—

2 Regiments of Cavalry (7 Troops).

2 Field Batteries.

4 Garrison Batteries

10 Battalions of Infantry, (64 Companies).

The full nominal strength of the above Force under the Militia and Defence Act is:

Officers.	N. C. O. and Men.	Horses.
326	4285	591

The uniform establishment of Troops or Companies is 3 Officers and 55 N. C. O. and men, but this year the number allowed to receive drill pay was limited to 2 Officers and 42 N. C. O. and men per Troop or Company.

The Battalion Staff and the Field Battery establishment were unchanged.

Under this Regulation the number of Officers and men entitled to perform Annual Drill for pay in this District, was:—

7 Troops in two Regiments of Cavalry, 28 officers, 315 non commissioned officers and men, 343 horses.

Two Field Batteries, 10 officers, 150 non commissioned officers and men, 124 horses.

Four Garrison Batteries, 8 officers, 168 non commissioned officers and men.

64 Companies in 10 Battalions of Infantry, 208 officers, 2,688 non commissioned officers and men, 50 horses. Total 254 officers, 3,321 non commissioned officers and men, horses 517.

The numbers who have been mustered and paid up to the present date, are:—

7 Troops Cavalry, 27 officers 315 non commissioned officers and men, 342 horses.

2 Field Batteries with 8 guns, 10 officers, 153 non commissioned officers and men, 124 horses.

2 Garrison Batteries, 5 officers, 74 non commissioned officers and men.

8 Infantry Battalions, comprising 52 Companies, 156 officers, 2,127 non commissioned officers and men, 35 horses.

Brigade Staff in Camps, 14 officers, 21 non commissioned officers, 12 horses. Total 212 officers, 2,670 non commissioned officers and men 513 horses.

The corps which have not performed their drill this year, are:—

2 Garrison Batteries of Port Hope and Trenton,

2 Battalions of Infantry, viz:

16th Prince Edward. Lieut. Col. Walter Ross, M.P.,

49th Hastings. Lt. Col. James Brown, M.P.

No reason has been given by the above named Officers for the non performance of Drill by the Corps under their command.

The Cavalry, Field Batteries and Infantry were divided into two Brigades, and assembled in Camps of Exercise at Cobourg and Kingston, as follow: For 12 days. The Field Batteries for 16 days.

Cobourg Camp.

6th Brigade Division at Cobourg, on the 14th June, 1875.

3rd Provisional Regiment of Cavalry.

Durham Field Battery.

40th, 45th, 46th, and 57th Battalions.

Kingston Camp.

7th Brigade Division at Kingston, on the 21st June, 1875.

4th Provisional Regiment of Cavalry.

Kingston Field Battery.

14th, 15th, 47th, and 48th Battalions.

The field Batteries assembled on the 10th June and 17th June, respectively, joined the

Camps on their formation, and completed the Drill with the remainder of the Troops.

Garrison Batteries of Artillery whose Head Quarters were within 50 miles of Kingston were ordered to be drilled at that station, under the superintendence of the Commandant of the School of Gunnery.

The remaining batteries were permitted to drill under the same regulations as applied to Corps of Infantry.

The Napanee Garrison Battery, Captain Hooper commanding, came to Kingston on the 23rd August, 1875, and were provided with barrack accommodation at the School of Gunnery for 12 days.

The Cobourg Garrison Battery, Captain Dumble commanding, being more than 50 miles from Kingston, performed drill at their own Head Quarters on different days under the regulations applicable to City Battalions as regards pay and without allowance.

An order issued on the 27th September, 1875, prohibited further drill or pay from that date, in consequence of the money voted for drill being exhausted.

The Cobourg Garrison Battery had performed nine days' drill only up to that date and were paid accordingly. This Battery was inspected on the 12th October, 1875, at Cobourg by the Assistant Inspector of Artillery for Ontario, and the Brigade Major 6th Brigade Division.

The total strength of the Cobourg camp at muster, including the Brigade Staff, was 1,456 officers and men, and 184 horses. The cost of rations and forage was \$3,898.25 of which sum \$817.60 was for forage. The pay of officers and men amounted to \$17,546.75, making a total for pay and subsistence in this camp of \$21,446.

The total strength of the Kingston camp at muster, including the Brigade Staff, was 1,347 officers and men, and 269 horses. The cost of rations and forage was \$3,573.49, of which sum \$668.92 was for forage. The pay of officers and men amounted to \$16,563.49, making a total for pay and subsistence in this camp of \$20,136.98.

The Cobourg camp was under the command of Lieut. Colonel D'Arcy Boulton 3rd Provisional Regiment of Cavalry, with the following Staff, viz:

Commanding.—Lieut. Colonel D'Arcy, Boulton, 3rd Cavalry.

Brigade Major—Major H. Smith, Militia Staff.

Supply Officer.—Quartermaster Van Ingen, 40th Battalion.

Musketry Instructor.—Captain M. Johnston, 57th Battalion.

Camp Quartermaster.—Brevet Major J. McDermid, 46th Battalion.

Aide-de-Camp.—Lieut. R. A. Morrow, 3rd Cavalry.

Principal Medical Officer.—Surgeon H. B. Reed, M. D., 45th Battalion.

Camp Sergeant Major.—Sergeant Major Burke, 57th Battalion.

Provost Sergeant.—Sergeant Shea, 40th Battalion.

Supply Sergeant.—Sergeant M. Y. Calcutt, 57th Battalion.

Musketry Sergeant.—Not named.

Q. Master Sergeant.—Not named.

Hospital Sergeant.—Not named.

Brigade Bugler.—Bugler John McCallum.

Brigade Clerk.—Sergeant Major Polkinghorne, Cobourg Garrison Battery.

The Kingston Camp was to have been under the command of Lieutenant Colonel A. Campbell, 15th Argyll Light Infantry of Belleville, but owing to the illness of that officer at the last moment, I went into camp, with permission from Head Quarters, and took the command with the following Brigade Staff, viz:—