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ADDRESS.

To Major Call, Lieut. Mitchell, Non commissioned Officers and Men, of the Newcastle Field Battery of Artillery.

We, the undersigned inhabitants of Bathurst desire, on the eve of your departure from our midst, to convey to you our appreciation of the manner in which both you and the battery under your command have discharged your duties amongst us. The readiness with which you responded to the call of the authorities, and the manner in which you have performed duties, in many respects most difficult, have been worthy of praise. The strict discipline maintained, and the exemplary conduct of the men, have been frequent subjects of remark, and may be just cause for congratulation. While we are gratified, therefore, that the state of the country will justify the removal of the battery, we are no less pleased that its conduct amongst us has been such as not to leave any ground for complaint. Receive then our assurance that on leaving, you carry with you our best wishes for the future welfare of yourselves, and the men under your command.

We are, &c.,

JOHN FRERGUSON, Senator,
and 37 Justices of the Peace, and others.

REPLY.

To the Hon Senator John Ferguson, Bishop and others.

BATHURST, N.B., 10th March, 1875.

GENTLEMEN,—We, on behalf of ourselves and the battery under our command, beg leave to tender you our warmest thanks for your very handsome address, and we are very happy to learn that our services have been so highly appreciated. While we regret the unfortunate circumstances which necessitated our presence among you still we know it was our duty to carry out our instructions with as little delay as possible, and feel that not only as volunteers, but as citizens of the Dominion we should be ready and willing at all times to aid the civil power to carry out the laws by which we are governed. We have endeavored, during our sojourn amongst you, to maintain as good order as possible; and notwithstanding the difference of opinion which here, existed on our arrival to discharge the duties devolving upon us in an efficient manner. We are pleased that the present state of your country is such as to warrant our removal; and we sincerely hope, that the day is far distant, when anything may occur to render military aid again necessary. Before leaving for our homes, allow us to thank you for the hospitalities extended to us while here, and your very kind wishes for our future welfare; and hoping that you and your families may long enjoy health, happiness and prosperity.

We remain, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servants,

R. R. CALL, Brevet Major,
Commanding Newcastle Field Battery.
J. MITCHELL, Lieut.

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ORDERLY ROOM, 62ND BATTALION,
St. JOHN, 7th May, 1875.

SIR,—I have the honor to report, for the information of Major General Commanding, that on the 5th instant at 5 o'clock p.m., I received from the Mayor of this City the enclosed requisition to aid the civil power. The Mayor in informing at the same time, that

as a large number of men outside of the Laborers Society were about going to work, he anticipated an attack by that organization. He arranged a signal; upon which I warned our men to assemble at the Custom House Drill Room as a rendezvous. The Mayor apprehended the greatest danger in the morning, when the laborers begin work. I therefore thought it prudent to order a detachment out, to hold themselves in readiness for service during the rest of the day. Knowing how difficult it is to guarantee the appearance of others than men on duty, when disturbance is imminent, accordingly I had a detachment on duty next morning at 6 o'clock—forty two privates, three non-commissioned officers, one captain and two subalterns, and the Assistant Surgeon. The whole detachment being put in charge of the adjutant. The Mayor and myself were in constant attendance, and kept the detachment inside their quarters in the Custom House during the whole time they were on duty, to avoid the appearance of menace; meals were obtained at the Royal Hotel, immediately opposite,—and at 5 o'clock, p.m., of last evening, the Mayor having at my request first inspected the detachment, they were dismissed, happily without occasion arising for their service.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. R. MACSHANE, Lieut. Colonel,
Commanding 62nd Battalion.

Deputy Adjutant General,
Commanding Military District No. 8.
Fredericton, N. B.

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SAINT JOHN, N.B., August 10th, 1875.

SIR,—I have the honor to report, for the information of the Major General Commanding, that pursuant to General Order (No. 7), dated Ottawa, 23rd April, 1875, and under your own District Order, dated 8th June, the corps under my command completed the annual drill for 1875-76 on the 31st day of July, ultimo, in a regimental camp at Torryburn, on the banks of the Kennebecus, within seven miles of St. John.

The continual changes in the attendance of men at evening drill of city corps, when that mode is adopted, the fractional drills and almost impossibility of making the defaulters keep pace with the regular attendants, to say nothing of the difficulty of battalion work in the evenings, if there were no other reasons, should suffice to indicate camps as the only satisfactory mode of performing the annual drill.

I had an excellent camping ground, on the centre of which is known as the "Old Race Course," a rising ground with sandy soil, sloping gently down on all sides to the race course. Two old wells on the spot furnished an abundant supply of water. I took, of course, the precaution of having them cleaned out by the Quartermaster, and inspected by the doctor before marching in. A capital place for bathing was within a few hundred yards. A deficiency of camp equipment in store caused me some inconvenience the first day, I had but eight tents and two marquees to march in with; I proceeded, however, rather than change the day fixed upon. There was an old building on the ground, which I knew would give shelter in case of necessity. Camp Tilley, at St. Andrews, should have furnished the tents, and I attended it to make arrangements for their prompt transmission, but owing to heavy dew or some cause they were behind time two days. I had to borrow 75 haversacks from the 5th Cavalry to complete.

I would here beg to submit that the allowance of 25 cents for cooked rations (marching in) should hereafter be put at the disposal of the commanding officer, who could then make proper arrangements for the first day's subsistence of the men. As it was in this instance the only men who were really fed on the first day, were the men of Captain Hazen's company, who followed the suggestion made in the Regimental Order, in regard of the cooked rations. Some desired to save the 25 cents; some to quarter on neighbours; some carry a lot of rubbish, the consequence is, when left to themselves, they are so badly subsisted they are unfit for work.

I beg to enclose, for the information of the same officer, a copy of Regimental Order, and which was found almost sufficient for the whole regulation of the camp.

The Government allowance for rations proved quite sufficient; in fact, there is a surplus in the hands of the Paymaster, and which I have detained there until satisfied that all the ration bills are paid, when, if it still remains, I will request the respective companies to place it at the disposal of the Quartermaster, in consideration of the efficient way in which he discharged his duties.

You will be able to inform the Major General Commanding of the use made of our time when you inspected us. The drill was proceeded with throughout the whole period of the camp in the order of the red books. The target practice was performed the last four days of the camp.

Though the Storekeeper kindly furnished targets, and an excellent range offered at one side of the race course, I preferred to avoid the possibility of casualty by marching the target party, two companies per day, to the permanent range at "Drury's," some five miles from camp. As the Assistant Surgeon had to accompany them, I beg to submit that horse allowance should be granted that officer, and of the incidental charges of the camp for which Government makes no provisions, namely, hire of the ground, cleaning wells, &c., I submit respectfully an appropriation of \$40 should be made therefor.

The Storekeeper only claims a deficiency of one blanket and two pin bags in respect of this camp.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. R. MACSHANE, Lt. Col.

Commanding 62nd Battalion.

The Deputy Adjutant General,
Military District No. 8.

Fredericton, N. B.

Regimental Order by Lieut. Col. MacShane,
Commanding 62nd Battalion.

St. JOHN, N.B., July 7th, 1875

1. In accordance with District Orders, dated at Fredericton on the 8th day of June last past, the 62nd Battalion will assemble at their barracks on Monday, the 19th inst., at 8 a.m., preparatory to marching into camp at Torryburn on that day. If, owing to a deficiency of camp equipage, a few days postponement should have to take place, reasonable notice will be given in Orders.

2. The Quartermaster will place himself in communication with the District Storekeeper, Lieut. Col. Evans, with a view to arrange with that officer for receiving camp equipage one day previous to that fixed for camp. A tent part of one man per company will be detailed for that duty, who, together with the Quartermaster and Quartermaster Sergeant, will receive an extra day's pay for receiving the camp equipage and raising the