

APPENDIX "B."

GARRISON ARTILLERY

Instructional Camp, McNab's Island, Halifax, 1896.

Lieut.-Col. Montizambert, R.C.A., Inspector of Artillery, who was in command of the camp, reports as follows, viz. :—

The camp was formed on the 14th Sept., and attended by detachments from the 1st Regt., C.A., until the 26th Sept. From the 26th Sept. to 6th Oct. detachments from the Mahone Bay, Digby and Yarmouth Companies were instructed in camp.

A total number of 86 N.C.O. and men from the 1st R.C.A. ; 25 N.C.O. and men from the Mahone Bay and Digby Companies, and 12 from the Yarmouth Company attended at camp.

The duties of medical officer were satisfactorily performed by Surgeon Major Almon, 1st Regt. C. A., for the first two days, and subsequently by Surgeon C. Jones, 1st C.A., and Staff Surgeon Lt.-Col. Tobin. D.S.G. Capt. Benson, R.C.A., acted as camp adjutant and quartermaster, and Lieut. Cayley, R.A., as chief instructor, assisted by four sergeants, R.A.

Lieut. Cayley's reports are attached :—The gun practice was held at York redoubt from 9-in. R.M.L. guns at a moving target towed by a steamer ; it was interrupted on several occasions by fog and inclement weather.

All the officers were instructed in turn in the exercise of administrative details of command, and in the use of the depression range finder. Gun-layers were also specially instructed and required to qualify as such before actual practice. The conduct of the troops in camp was very good, and they bore the excessive cold and heat without any complaint.

From Chief Instructor, Artillery Militia Camp, to Commandant, Artillery Militia Camp :—

HALIFAX, Oct. 6th, '96.

SIR,—

The first fortnight's course was disappointing. Though within easy reach of Halifax very few men turned up, and those were rather weedy and very young. Only two complete gun detachments could be formed ;

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