

Letters to the Editor.

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CHIN STRAPS.

SIR,—As there appears to be some doubt in the service as to whether the chin strap should or should not be worn with the peaked forage cap, you will oblige by quoting regulations referring to the matter.

Yours truly,
FORAGE CAP.

16th April, 1892.

[The chin strap should not be worn with the peaked forage cap. We cannot, however, at present quote any published Regulation bearing upon the point; and would like to hear from any of our readers who can do so.—EDITOR.]

OTTAWA RIFLE CLUB.

The second weekly spoon competition of the club, on Saturday, 30th April, was still more trying than the first. The wind was very strong and puzzled many of the old shots. The Snider was used. The third and fourth shoot will be with the Martini-Henry. The spoon winners were: Dr. Hutchison and J. E. Hutcheson, dessert and tea spoon, 1st class; J. G. Lyon and Senator McInnis, tea spoon each in 2nd and 3rd class respectively. The leading scores were:—

	200	500	600	Total.
Dr. G. Hutchison	28	27	26	81
J. E. Hutcheson	29	19	25	73
Thomas McJanet	25	26	19	70
J. H. Ellis	28	24	18	70
J. G. Lyon	20	25	24	69
L. G. Perkins	23	18	27	68
R. Moodie	24	25	19	68
C. S. Scott	24	20	21	65
G. Blatch	21	24	20	65
E. D. Sutherland	28	22	14	64
Senator McInnis	17	20	26	63
R. J. Taylor	24	23	15	62
R. N. Slater	25	14	21	60
H. LeB. Ross	21	19	20	60
J. A. Armstrong	27	16	17	60

Militia General Orders (No. 7) of 22nd April, 1892.

No. 1.—CAMPS OF INSTRUCTION FOR ACTIVE MILITIA.

(1.) The following Corps of Active Militia will, subject to further revision, assemble for training in camps at the places herein stated on the dates to be notified hereafter.

Military District No. 1, at London, Ont.
No. 1 Company, Infantry School Corps.
1st Regiment Cavalry.
London Field Battery.
21st, 22nd, 27th, 29th and 32nd Battalions.

Military District No. 2, at Niagara, Ont.
No. 2 Company, Infantry School Corps.
2nd Regiment Cavalry.
1st Brigade Field Artillery.
Hamilton Field Battery.
Welland Field Battery.
Toronto Field Battery.
12th, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th and 77th Battalions.

Military Districts Nos. 3 and 4.
"A" Battery, R.C.A., at Kingston, Ont.
Durham Field Battery do
Kingston Field Battery do
Gananoque Field Battery do
40th and 46th Battalions do
3rd and 4th Regiments Cavalry at Belleville, Ont.
Prescott Troop Cavalry at Belleville, Ont.
Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, at Ottawa, Ont.
Ottawa Field Battery, at Ottawa, Ont.
43rd Battalion do
Military District No. 5, at Compton, Que.
1 Officer and 30 N.C.O. and men, No. 3 Company, I. S. Corps.
5th Regiment Cavalry.
Shefford Field Battery.
52nd, 54th, 58th, 60th and 79th Battalions.
Military District No. 6, at St. Johns, Que.
Remainder No. 3 Company, I. S. Corps.
6th Duke of Connaught Own Hussars.
64th, 76th, 80th and 83rd Battalions.
Military District No. 7, at Lévis, Que.
"B" Battery, R.C.A.
Quebec Field Battery.
23rd, 61st, 70th, 87th and 89th Battalions.
Military District No. 8, at Sussex, N.B.
No. 4 Company, I. S. Corps.
8th Princess Louise N.B. Hussars.
73rd and 74th Battalions.
Military District No. 9, at Aldershot, N.S.
King's Troop Hussars.
72nd, 78th and 94th Battalions.
Military District No. 12.
P. E. Island Brigade Gar. Artillery.
82nd Battalion.

(2.) The following Corps of Active Militia are permitted to carry out their drill at their Regimental Headquarters:

Military District No. 1.
7th Battalion.
Military District No. 2.
Governor General's Body Guard.
2nd, 10th, 13th, 38th and 48th Battalions.

Military Districts Nos. 3 and 4.
Cobourg Battery Garrison Artillery.
Governor General's Foot Guards.
14th, 15th and 57th Battalions.

Military District No. 5.
Montreal Field Battery.
Montreal Brigade Garrison Artillery.
1st, 3rd, 5th and 6th Battalions.
53rd Battalion.

Military District No. 6.
65th Battalion.

Military District No. 7.
Q. O. C. Hussars.
No. 2 Battery, Quebec G. A.
Nos. 1 and 2 Batteries, Lévis G. A.
8th and 9th Battalions.

Military District No. 8.
Newcastle Field Battery.
Woodstock Field Battery.
New Brunswick Brigade Gar. Artillery.
Brighton Company Engineers.
62nd Battalion.
Saint John Rifle Company.

Military District No. 9.
Sydney Field Battery.
Halifax Brigade Garrison Artillery.
Digby, Mahone Bay, Pictou and Yarmouth Batteries Garrison Artillery.
63rd and 66th Battalions.

Twelve days' pay of their respective ranks will be issued to all officers, N.C. officers and men of the Active Militia called out for training in 1892-93 by General Order, whether at local Headquarters or in District Camps.

The establishment for which pay will be drawn are as follows:

Troops of Cavalry, 45 officers, N.C. officers and men, and 35 horses.
Companies of Infantry and Engineers, and Batteries of Garrison Artillery, 45 officers, N.C. officers and men.

Regimental Staff Sergeants to be included in the above.

The following Field and Regimental Staff Officers will be in addition to the above establishment, viz:—

- 1 Lieut.-Colonel Commanding.
- 2 Majors.
- 1 Adjutant.
- 1 Quartermaster.
- 1 Paymaster.
- 1 Medical Officer.

By Command,

WALKER POWELL, Colonel,
Adjutant General of Militia, Canada.

Militia General Orders (No. 8) of 29th April, 1892.

No. 1.—PERMANENT CORPS.

Issue of Clothing.

The following changes in the issue of clothing to Permanent Corps will take effect from the 1st May, 1892.

1. Two serge jackets will be issued in the second year of the soldier's service instead of a tunic, and an alternate issue of one tunic and one serge jacket, or two serge jackets will be continued during the remainder of his service.

2. No special clothing or distinctive marks will be allowed for privates of the Infantry School Corps employed as bandsmen.

3. Clothing will be issued on fixed dates twice a year as follows:

(a.) "Summer issue" to be made on the 1st April and taken into wear on the 1st May, consisting of—

- 1 serge jacket.
- 1 tunic or second serge jacket.
- 1 pair summer trousers.
- 1 pair summer boots.
- 1 forage cap.

(b.) "Winter issue" to be made on the 1st September and taken into wear on the 1st October, consisting of—

- 1 pair cloth trousers.
- 1 winter cap.
- 1 pair winter boots.

The interval of one month is allowed to admit of the clothing being fitted, to the satisfaction of the officer commanding the Troop, Battery or Company, before being taken into wear.

4. Men who become entitled to new clothing in the period between the 1st May and 1st October, 1892, will receive the summer issue as soon as possible after the first named date. Those who become entitled to the issue between the 1st October, 1892, and the 1st May 1893, will receive the winter issue for wear on the first named date, and the summer issue similarly on the latter date.

5. Recruits joining during the course of a summer period will be given the complete summer issue. Those joining during the winter period will be given the summer issue (with the exception of summer trousers) in advance. Tunics will in no case be issued to recruits during the period of probation fixed by paragraph 23, Regulations for Permanent Corps.

6. Soldiers whose term of service expires within either of the above mentioned periods will not be issued in advance with new clothing in respect of their uncompleted term of service.

No. 2.—PRISONERS.

When a prisoner is sent from one station to another under escort, the record of his confinement is to be sent with him, the record being a certified copy of the Guard report.

By Command,

WALKER POWELL, Colonel,
Adjutant General of Militia, Canada.