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### The Late Staff-Sgt. Curzon.

TORONTO, 19th August.—On Thursday last Staff-Sgt. Curzon, of "G" Company, Royal Grenadiers, died after a severe illness of three weeks' duration; he suffered a great deal of pain, but was thought to be improving until a day or two before he died, when he took a sudden change for the worse and went off very suddenly in the end. He was buried with full military honors by the Grenadiers. The regiment, commanded by Major Harrison, paraded at the drill shed at 1.45 p.m., and marched to 5 Washington Ave., the home of the dead soldier, and were there met by a detachment of the Toronto Field Battery and the gun, commanded by Sergt.-Major Wordman. The gun carriage was drawn up in front of the door ready to receive the honored dead, which was borne out by Staff-Serjts. Jos. Dent, H. Johnson, W. Dale, F. Kitchener, A. Taylor and T. Mitchell, all of whom had served with him in the North-West campaign. The coffin was placed on the gun carriage and draped with the Union Jack, on top of which was placed the sword, belt and busby of the dead hero. The cortege then proceeded by way of Huron and Bloor streets to the Church of the Redeemer, where the full burial service was read by the Revs. Dr. Sweeney and Mr. Kuhring, after which the funeral procession moved to Mount Pleasant cemetery by Bloor and Yonge streets. The order of procession was as follows:—

- Firing party of 20 non-coms. and men under Col.-Sgt. Fowler.
- Full band and drums of the regiment.
- Gun carriage and coffin.
- Remainder of regiment.
- Representatives from other regiments.
- Carriages.

When the procession arrived at the cemetery the firing party formed up opposite the grave, and the beautiful service of the Church of England was read, after which three volleys were fired over the grave, and the earth closed over one of the best men who has ever worn the Queen's uniform.

The deceased joined the Queen's Own Rifles in 1877 and served with them for three years when, on the reorganization of the 10th Royals in 1880, he transferred to them, and was immediately promoted to the rank of sergeant. In the year 1884 he was made color-sergeant of the company, which position he held till he left the regiment in the autumn of 1886, when he went to reside for a time in the United States. On his return to Toronto in 1887 he was prevailed upon to take his old position in the regiment, the man who had filled his position meanwhile willingly making room for him. In 1888 he was given a position on the staff and held it till the time of his death. In 1885 he was one of those chosen to represent Canada at Wimbledon, but preferred going on service to the North-West, where he served as color-sergt. in No. 4 service company. He was again chosen to go to Wimbledon in 1889, and on this occasion went with the Canadian twenty. During the charge at Batoche he noticed a sergeant of one of the Midland companies bleeding to death from a severed artery; he immediately stopped the bleeding and carried the man to a place of safety, although the bullets were flying like hail. For this he received great praise, and some officers took steps to secure the Victoria Cross for him, but when spoken to on the subject by general Middleton he said that "lots of men had done quite as much as he had, and to give them the Cross also." When very young he sustained a slight injury to the eye, and the hardships to which he was exposed in the North-West necessitated the entire removal of it, but he utterly refused to make application to the Government for a pension. He was a lithographic artist by profession, but he was also an amateur

water color artist of no mean ability, as he had finished two large pictures, "The Battle of Batoche," and "The Grenadiers Crossing the Saskatchewan at Fish Creek," and was engaged at a third, which was to be an improvement on the first named of the above.

He was a good soldier, a conscientious non-commissioned officer and a christian man, respected by superiors and beloved by all.

### The Military Rifle League.

Below will be found the detailed scores reported for the seventh and last match of the League series, fired on the 9th of August. Though three weeks have elapsed, no less than fifteen score sheets are yet wanting, and two of the teams have not even sent their totals, either by wire or mail.

[SEVENTH MATCH, FIRED 9TH AUGUST. 100, 500 AND 600 YARDS, SEVEN SHOTS, SNIDER RIFLES.]

13th Batt.....	316	315	315	946
45th Batt. Bowmanville team.....	312	317	297	926

#### FIFTY-THIRD BATTALION

Staff Sergt. C. H. Clark.....	4455555—33	5555545—34	4444456—29	96
Pte. G. Morkill.....	5555454 33	3445554—30	4545454—31	94
Pte. J. Jordan.....	5455444—31	4454454—30	4445554—31	92
Lieut. R. J. Spearing.....	5555455—34	4445554—31	4045545—27	92
Corp. A. S. Byrd.....	4445444—29	4055555—29	4455554—32	90
Sergt. W. Bloomfield.....	4344445—28	4555454—32	4545345—30	90
Pte. R. B. Robinson.....	4444545—30	4242545—26	5445445—31	87
Surg. A. N. Worthington.....	4443434—26	5545243—28	4545544—31	85
Sgt. A. Martin.....	4555545—33	5504555—29	0553424—23	85
Pte. J. D. Bush.....	3544445—29	5523455—29	4224054—21	79
Totals.....	306	298	285	890

#### FIFTY-FOURTH BATTALION.

Lieut. M. H. Healy... 32 33 31 96	Capt. J. W. O'Grady... 28 31 26 85
Stf. S. E. A. Cleveland... 32 31 28 91	Stf.-Sgt. A. Pink..... 31 29 24 84
Pte. L. Swallow..... 28 29 29 86	Capt. S. M. Rogers... 28 26 29 83
Major L. Thomas..... 29 29 28 86	C.-Sgt. T. C. Boville... 30 26 27 83
Pte. W. Andrews..... 28 28 27 83	Pte. C. S. Scott..... 29 28 26 83
Bdsm. A. Witty..... 28 29 26 83	Lt. E. D. Sutherland... 28 28 24 80
Pte. E. Swallow..... 28 28 26 82	Pte. J. D. Taylor..... 28 24 26 78
Pte. M. H. Harvey... 28 25 26 79	Capt. W. A. Jamieson... 24 26 23 78
Bdsm. B. Whalen..... 29 24 26 79	Maj. A. P. Sherwood... 30 28 18 76
Major E. Bernard... 28 20 25 73	Major J. Wright..... 28 21 22 71
Totals..... 290 276 272 838	Totals..... 289 267 245 801

#### FORTY-THIRD BATTALION, FIRST TEAM.

#### FORTY-FIFTH BATTALION LINDSAY TEAM.

Pte. W. Passmore..... 29 31 27 87	Capt. G. F. Thompson... 29 26 32 87
Pte. D. Sinclair..... 32 27 27 86	Pte. C. T. Burns..... 28 29 30 87
Major S. Hughes..... 32 30 24 86	Stf.-Sgt. W. A. Lordly... 32 29 23 84
Stf.-Sgt. J. Robinson... 30 27 28 85	Major F. H. Hartt.... 29 29 23 81
Pte. J. H. Oliver..... 30 31 23 84	Lieut. J. L. McAvity... 31 25 22 78
Stf.-Sgt. R. H. Sylvestre 29 29 25 83	Pte. J. A. Ewing..... 26 25 26 77
Pte. J. H. Southeran... 29 28 21 78	C.-Sgt. E. Wetmore... 29 27 19 75
Lieut. J. A. Williamson... 24 30 19 78	Lieut. S. B. Lordly... 28 25 15 70
Pte. J. Perry..... 25 27 24 76	Sgt.-Major D. Connolly 25 26 18 69
Capt. E. H. Hopkins... 28 26 22 76	Corp. A. R. Lordly... 28 23 15 66
Totals..... 293 286 240 819	Totals..... 285 264 225 774

#### SIXTY-SECOND FUSILIERS.

#### HALIFAX GARRISON ARTY, FIRST TEAM.

Bmbr. J. Campbell... 28 30 24 87	Lieut. J. Lanskill..... 30 31 27 88
Bmbr. A. Fader..... 28 28 30 86	Corp. T. P. Hamon... 30 26 23 79
Sgt. Major J. Spencer... 29 32 24 85	Lieut. A. Elliott..... 31 28 20 79
Capt. J. Maxwell..... 30 29 25 84	Stf.-Sgt. A. Bell..... 27 23 28 78
Lieut. H. Flowers..... 29 29 25 83	Sgt. G. Thompson.... 29 27 22 78
Stf.-Sgt. W. T. Harris... 28 25 28 81	Stf.-Sgt. J. H. Simpson 30 23 24 77
Sgt.-Major S. Case..... 29 28 24 81	Lieut. F. Brown..... 27 28 21 76
Lieut. J. S. Dimock... 30 31 18 79	Stf.-Sgt. A. G. Ronan... 32 27 17 76
Capt. E. D. Adams... 29 26 21 76	Stf.-Sgt. W. J. Graham 29 20 22 71
Capt. H. J. Harris... 30 28 16 74	Lieut. A. Curran..... 28 17 20 65
Totals..... 290 286 240 816	Totals..... 293 250 224 767

#### TWELFTH BATTALION.

#### 96TH BATTALION..... 816