

which fired at a target 4 feet by 6 feet, whilst Welland fired at one 8 feet by 6 feet. Does not Capt. Bliss think that *that may account for some falling off*, and that *the conditions were not the same*?

About the use of telephones and signalling. The flag system is run on this false principle: A man fires, and if within bounds, either common or shrapnel, he is told *the value* of that shot; if outside limits, he is informed of the *number of yards*, which he is under or over, shrapnel or common limits.

Think for one moment. Can Capt. Bliss when at the guns rapidly transpose, or rather turn, the *signalled value* of a shot into the *distance*, under or over? Does the average competitor, officer, n.c.o., or man, know the diagram, for he must have it at his fingers' end to be able to accurately convert values into distances. Does he know where 2 ends for common, and 4 begins? Does he know where common limits end, or shrapnel commences? The telephone is as superior to signalling as the present rule for finding length of fuze is to the Crimean one of sawing it off at so many "thumbs."

L. HOMFRAY IRVING.

Toronto, 19th April, 1889.

Regimental News.

A CRACK COMPANY.

No. 7 Company of the 27th Battalion had a very successful entertainment in the town hall, Sarnia, on the 19th ult. The unique nature of the affair may be judged from the following programme:

Part 1.—1. General Salute and Inspection, No. 7 Company (Presenting medal to successful competitor at target practice, by Lieut. Kittermaster); 2. Reading—"The Eagle's Rock, or the Might of a Mother's Love," Mrs. G. L. Phillips; 3. Club Swinging—"The Daughters of the Regiment"; 4. Selection—Instrumental, Children's Orchestra Band, (Philp family); 5. Squad Drill and Physical Training—Boys' Ever-Ready Cadet Corps; 6. Reading—Rock scene from Ingomar, Miss Malew Lawrence.

Part 2.—1. Calisthenic Exercises—Daughters of the Regiment; 2. Reading—Mrs. G. L. Phillips; 3. Tableaux—"Roll Call, Before and After the Battle," No. 7 Company; 4. Company Drill—Boys' Ever-Ready Cadet Corps; 5. Reading—"Lasca," Miss Malew Lawrence; 6. Fancy Drill—"The Daughters of the Regiment; Grand Finale Assembly—No. 7 Company; The Daughters of the Regiment; Boys' Ever-Ready Cadet Corps. "God Save the Queen."

The large audience were delighted with the entertainment provided, and on the part of the company the satisfaction was great also, for they netted over eighty dollars, which goes into the company fund, and will be used in buying ammunition for target practice and giving the men extra comforts while in camp.

In his report on the camp of No. 1 district for 1888, the Deputy-Adjutant-General, Lieut.-Col. Smith, said of this company: "The regiment" (the 27th Lambton Battalion) "was in a creditable state, and its No. 7 Company, under Capt. Ellis, was far before any other company in camp, as regards both appearance and training. Indeed, if all the militia were like this company, there would be very little to be desired."

OTTAWA.

Lord Stanley paid the Governor-General's Foot Guards the compliment of inspecting them at the drill hall, Ottawa, on the evening of Wednesday the 1st inst., and on the following evening he inspected the Ottawa City Company (No. 1) of the 43rd Rifles. His Excellency was accompanied on these visits by Major-General Sir John Ross, the officer commanding the British forces in North America, who is for a few days a guest at Rideau Hall.

Colour-Sergeant Hugh McCarthy of the Governor-General's Foot Guards, died on Tuesday, 30th April, from consumption, the result of exposure while serving in the Northwest in 1885, with the Guards' Sharpshooters. He was twenty-three years of age. He was buried with military honours, on Thursday, 2nd May, the fourth anniversary of the fight at Cut Knife, in which the Sharpshooters were engaged. A firing party was supplied by his Company, No. 5, and six Sergeants of the regiment acted as pall bearers. Sergeant McCarthy had been ailing ever since his return from the Northwest, and was in receipt of a pension in consideration of this. He was exceedingly popular in the regiment, and an efficient soldier, being not only proficient in drill but one of the most promising young shots.

Russia has lately been pressing the Turkish Government for the payment of the war indemnity, long overdue.

Prince Kraft zu Hohenlohe-Ingelfingen says: "In our later wars the pursuit by cavalry came to a stop as soon as they lost the certainty that they were followed by the infantry."

The Rifle.

OTTAWA RIFLE CLUB.

The second weekly spoon competition of the Ottawa Rifle Club took place at the Rideau range on Saturday, 27th April. It was fired with Martini rifles at 200, 500 and 600 yards, seven shots at each range. There were three spoons offered, one in each class, and these were won by Messrs. Hutcheson, Cox and Lightfoot, respectively, the last named tying with C. S. Scott, and winning the tie, which was shot off. The leading scores were:

J. E. Hutcheson (1st sp.)	26	29	32	87	T. C. Boville	30	23	22	75
Major H. F. Perley	25	30	31	86	T. McJanet	30	25	20	75
Lieut. J. W. O'Grady	29	30	27	86	E. Coste	24	21	25	70
Lieut. E. D. Sutherland	27	28	28	83	S. Short	20	28	22	70
T. Carroll	28	28	25	81	R. Moodie	29	21	19	69
Capt. S. M. Rogers	30	27	24	81	N. Macfarlane	25	27	16	68
Lt. Col. W. P. Anderson	28	23	28	79	H. Pratt	28	12	25	65
Capt. C. F. Cox, (2nd sp.)	23	30	26	79	Dr. G. Hutchison	24	19	20	63
J. H. Ellis	28	31	19	78	J. P. Nutting	28	11	23	62
F. C. Lightfoot (3rd sp.)	30	24	23	77	W. A. Jamieson	27	14	21	62
C. S. Scott	27	38	22	77	W. G. Dial	20	22	20	62
F. W. Smith	33	29	14	76	W. McKay	26	22	12	60

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1. A KEY TO INFANTRY DRILL, 1889; p.p. 80. Limp Cloth, 2nd edition, post free 1s. 6d. Inscribed to Gen. Viscount Wolseley, Adjt.-General.

This little handbook contains all the changes made in the infantry drill, and will be found a useful and welcome companion to the red book itself. It is the aim of these notes to give, in a comparatively small compass, the pith of these extensive and important changes. The sections are each taken in the order in which they now come, and the numerous alterations, both in company and battalion drill, are given in the fullest detail, so that instead of having to peruse the new drill book for the changes, they can, by the aid of this key, be seen at a glance. The mastery of the contents of the drill book, without such a book as the one compiled by Capt. Malton, is a much more difficult matter than one would suppose, as it takes time and trouble to find out just *where* and just *what*, the changes are. With this handbook, the task is reduced to a minimum. The contents of the work are:—Synopsis of the changes in drill; definitions; squad company, battalion, brigade and division drill; manœuvre and route marching; tactics as influenced by fire; advance and rear guards and outposts; skirmishing, attack and defence and umpire regulations; conduct of operations by night.

3. THE DUTIES OF MARKERS IN DRILL—By Capt. W. D. Malton. Paper, pp. 28, post free 6d.

This book is also revised so as to contain the changes in Infantry Drill. Every n.c.o. should possess a copy. The work embraces all the movements done in company, battalion and brigade drill, and at inspections, and gives the directions as to what is done by markers at each word of command, so that at a glance each marker can see where he should be, what he should do, on what word of command he should move, and what word of command he should give. No marker who has carefully read and studied this little work should ever make a mistake on parade.

4. A MANUAL FOR MAJORS AND ADJUTANTS—By Capt. W. D. Malton. Limp cloth. Pp. 52. With plates. Post free 1s.

This, like the hand book for markers, gives the duties as well as the proper post of the field officers and adjutant (together with the words of command to be given by them) in drill and manœuvre. It is illustrated with plates showing the principal movements and the posts of these officers. It deals with battalion and brigade drill, inspections, reviews, manœuvre and route marching, advanced and rear guards, skirmishing and attack, shelter trench exercise, funerals, movement of troops by railway, encampments, duties in garrison and camp.