

ANNUAL REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE MILITIA FOR 1872.

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In conclusion, I would respectfully bring before you, for your favourable consideration, the great want experienced by the whole Toronto force, in not having any drill shed:—It is during the winter evenings, that the different corps have hitherto assembled for drill purposes, and for recruiting their respective companies, it is a want now much felt and experienced, there being no convenient place in which the officers, non-commissioned officers or men can assemble, for regimental matters or drill purposes.

I have the honor to be sir,
Your most obedient servant,
WM. L. DURIE, Lt. Col.
Deputy Adjutant General, District No. 2.

MILITARY DISTRICT NO. 3.

The Militia in this District are under the command of Lieut. Colonel J. Jarvis, C. M. G., Deputy Adjutant General, who reports for my information as follows, on the state of his command.

Head Quarters,
October 29th, 1873.

Sir,—I have the honor to inform you that the quota of active Militia required to be furnished from the District under my command is 4,603 officers and men.

The total annual strength of the force when mustered at the time of the annual drill of 1872-73, was 3,152; being 285 officers, and 2,867 non-commissioned officers and men.

There were 1,451 officers and men wanting to complete the quota, but in this deficiency of officers and men are included three Garrison Batteries, one company Engineers and the Lakefield Troop of Cavalry, none of which performed annual drill at all this year.

The Durham Field Battery, and the four Garrison Batteries in Military District No. 3 were ordered to join the Gunnery School at Kingston, on various dates. The Engineer Company having no equipment yet, was not required to turn out; nor the Lakefield Troop of Cavalry being newly organized, and having no equipment.

The Durham Field Battery and the Port Hope Garrison Battery, in all 75 officers and men and 11 horses, performed annual drill at the School of Gunnery for 16 days; but the other three Batteries did not turn out at all.

The active militia of the District consists of the following corps, which at the time of the annual drill turned out as follows:

Nine Troops of Cavalry, of which eight turned out.

Two Field Batteries of Artillery, both turned out.

Four Garrison Batteries of Artillery, of which one turned out.

The Company of Engineers did not turn out.

Ten battalions of Infantry all of whom turned out.

The permanent and divisional staffs of the district were all in camp.

S. P. JARVIS Lieut. Col.
Commanding Military District No. 3.

The annual drill was performed in accordance with General Orders of 31st May, 1872, and in the following order:

The troops arrived in camp on the 10th June 1872, with the exception of the Colborne Troop of Cavalry, recently formed. This troop marched 85 miles by road in three days, and joined the camp at four p. m., on the 21st June.

As some corps did not reach the camping ground until late in the night of the 18th June, the whole of the 20th was given up to pitching tents, preparing kitchens and latrines, telling off guards and pickets, and forming a military police. The staff were employed in making out duty rosters, issuing camp equipage, rations and forage, posting guards and sentries, and receiving "states" of the various corps in order to make out ration returns.

On the 21st June, the Cavalry were mustered by the District Paymaster in my presence, the infantry battalions and the Field Battery of Artillery being occupied in preliminary drill under their respective officers.

On the 22nd of June, all the infantry battalions were similarly mustered, the Cavalry and Field Battery being exercised by their officers on their private parades.

On the 23rd June, Divine service was performed to all the various persuasions in camp by their respective clergy. Some of the infantry battalions marched to churches in the city.

On the 24th June the Kingston Field Battery was mustered. The other corps were occupied in squad drill from six to eight a. m. At 10 a. m. commanding officers paraded their battalions, and again broke them up for squad and company drill until noon at three p. m. the several corps again fell in in private parades. Some marched out with their bands to Barrieffield Common, and were exercised in company and Battalion drill, others remained in camp and repeated the exercises of the morning.

These preliminary drills were left entirely to the judgment of commanding officers of corps—the Brigadiers superintending the training, assisted by their respective staff officers.

On the 25th of June the same system was pursued as on the previous day, but brigadiers took command of their brigades in the afternoon.

On the 26th June the whole division paraded in review order on Barrieffield Common at nine a. m. for inspection by the Deputy Adjutant General commanding the camp. After the inspection, the entire force having the Cavalry formed as advance and rear guards, marched through Kingston and back to camp by one p. m.

Brigadiers again handled their brigades in the afternoon on Barrieffield Common, superintended by the officer in command and the divisional staff.

On the 27th June the Division was formed up at nine a. m. and went through a field day under the officer in command. One brigade supporting and afterwards relieving the other. In the afternoon brigadiers again exercised their brigades independently.

On the 28th June the Adjutant General of Militia made his first inspection of the force which was furnished on this occasion with blank ammunition. The Brigades advanced against an imaginary enemy supposed to be moving towards Catarqui bridge and the City of Kingston, and attacked and repulsed them on the heights in their front, and the Cavalry manoeuvred in two

bodies on the flanks, and the Field Battery of Artillery also supported the attack on either flank by a cross fire on the advancing enemy.

On the 29th June the Division was exercised in marching past the saluting base in column and quarter column, until the dinner hour. This being Saturday, there was a roll call in the afternoon, the men cleaning up their arms and accoutrements, airing the tents, and removing the straw and blankets, &c.

On the 30th June Divine service was performed, as on the previous Sunday, every officer and man in camp attending, except the sick and those on guard and picket.

On the first of July—the Dominion day—His Excellency the Governor General accompanied by the Adjutant General of Militia, and His Excellency's personal staff arrived by special train from Ottawa at 12 o'clock. The camp was visited and inspected. The Division paraded at 2 p. m. for His Excellency's inspection.

After the general salute and march past, the Division was manoeuvred by the Adjutant General in person until 4 p. m., when the prizes and badges for target practice were presented to the prize winners by His Excellency the Governor General.

On the 2nd July the force was employed in preparing to hand over the camp equipage in their possession, and receiving their pay from the District paymaster, through commanding officers of battalions and regimental paymasters, signing acquittance rolls &c.

On the 3rd July, at five a. m., the steamer *Rochester* left the dockyard wharf with the 16th "Prince Edward" Battalion, and the Picton Troop of Cavalry.

One company of the 48th Lennox and Addington Battalion, were conveyed to Amherst Island by a regular passage boat at three p. m. Another company of the same corps went by train to Napanee at the same hour. The remainder of the 48th and the whole of the 47th Battalions drove in wagons to their company headquarters during the day, at such hours as their commanding officers arranged.

The 15th and 49th Battalions, both from Belleville, departed by Grand Trunk Railway, at 9 a. m.

The 46th and 57th Battalions proceeded to Port Hope and Peterborough by Grand Trunk Railway, at 7 p. m.

The whole of the Cavalry of the 6th Brigade Divisions—four troops—marched to the Grand Trunk depot before dark, and were conveyed by special train at 9 p. m., to Cobourg, Port Hope, and other places on that route.

On the 4th July the 14th, Prince of Wales Own Rifles, marched from camp at six a. m., to their headquarters in the city.

The 40th and 45th Battalions left by train at seven a. m., for Cobourg and Bowmanville.

I have much pleasure in bringing to your notice the punctuality, order and regularity with which all these embarkations were conducted.

The acting Quartermaster General made arrangements with the railway officials, who fulfilled their share of the operations in a most satisfactory manner, a matter of no slight importance on a road with but one line of rails, and where the regular traffic was not impeded.

The Kingston Field Battery was on every occasion attached to the Division, and acted in support. On the 2nd of July, they performed shot and shell practice at floating targets in the river, and on the 3rd July