

the Telegraph Station and clerk's house being about all the buildings. Saskatoon (afterwards an hospital station) is about 15 miles from this place. The day turned out bad with showers of rain and snow. Shortly after 2 p. m., the 10th Royal Grenadiers marched into camp—they having followed us up from Troy—and were received by all of our fellows with the greatest enthusiasm. As lots of our fellows knew Toronto they were soon hand and glove with them, and a jolly lot of fellows the "Royals" turned out to be, most of them were big, strapping fellows, who looked fit for anything. Among them I saw Staff-Sergt. Mitchell, the crack Wimbledon rifle shot, whose arm was covered with shooting badges. Lieut.-Col. Lord Melgunde, with Captain French, Major Bolton and a party of mounted men went out scouting around this afternoon, captured a party of three Indians, spies from Batoche, who, on being surprised about twelve miles from our camp, said they were hunters, but upon finding that some of our scouts understood "Cree" they quickly changed their conversation into the Sioux language. Their arms consisted of one Winchester repeating rifle, and two shot guns, and in their possession were found a small pocket mirror, such as is used by the Indians for signalling purposes, and a fairly accurate map of our camp, showing where our guns were placed. On being brought into camp they were viewed with great curiosity—being the first hostiles we had yet seen. After being interviewed by the General they were kept prisoners and handed over to Bolton's Horse for safe keeping. One of them turned out to be "White Cap's" son, and was afterwards found killed at Batoche.

Our force now consisted of the following corps:—

"A" Battery, R. C. A.,	106	Officers, N. C.	Officers and Men.
Winnipeg Field Battery,	65	"	"
"C" School of Infantry,	40	"	"
90th Battalion,	296	"	"
10th Royal Grenadiers,	250	"	"
Bolton's Mounted Inf'try	60	"	"
French's Scouts,	25	"	"

In all 842 of all ranks, staff not included.

If the above figures are wrong I hope that the mistake will be pardoned. At any rate they are fairly correct. Snow fell heavily to-night. Next day (Sunday) turned out a fine day. General orders of the day complimented all ranks on their good behaviour, and issued in detail a set of signals which would enable our forces to distinguish friends from foes in case of a brush with the enemy. Late this evening an order was issued to break the column up into two divisions, one division going up the north side, and another division to advance up the south bank in the direction of Prince Albert. On Monday a lot of the battery men went out firing and had a great time and lots of fun skirmishing about the prairie. The