

Field Batteries of Artillery.—In camps where two or more batteries are present the officer in command of camp will arrange for them to be brigaded and trained together under the senior Artillery officers, until fit to be worked with the other branches of the service.

The gallop past will be discontinued by Field Batteries of Artillery, until further orders.

Ammunition.—Each Field Battery of Artillery will be allowed 100 rounds, and each Garrison Battery 20 rounds of Blank Ammunition, for Exercise and Practice.

Ammunition previously issued for exercise and practice, and not expended by the corps, to be deducted from the number of rounds authorized to be issued this year.

ARTILLERY PRACTICE.

Field Batteries 9-pr. R. M. L. guns.—16 competitors as marksmen, to be selected by the Officer commanding the Battery, from the best instructed non-commissioned officers and men, to fire 3 rounds each, viz:

1 common shell, percussion fuze.....	16
2 shrapnel shell, time fuzes.....	32
Trial shots—Common shell, percussion fuze.....	2
Total.....	50

The above rounds to be fired deliberately, and the results of each signalled from the range (about 1,400 yards).

The eight competitors making the highest scores in above practice, to fire four rounds each, viz:

1 common shell, percussion fuze.....	24
2 shrapnel shell, time fuzes.....	8
Trial shots—Common shell, percussion fuze.....	2
Total.....	34

Total rounds per Battery..... 84

Garrison Batteries.—The number of rounds allowed, to be expended as follows:—8 marksmen, selected as above, to fire—when S.B. guns are used—5 rounds each, viz:—

3 solid shot.....	24
1 common shell, with time fuze.....	8
1 shrapnel shell, with time fuze.....	8
Trial shots and instruction—solid shot.....	4
Total.....	44

64-32-pr. R. M. L. Guns.—Eight competitors to be selected by the officer commanding the battery from amongst the best and most efficient n. c. officers and men, to fire two rounds each, viz:—

1 common shell, plugged.....	8
1 shrapnel shell, time fuze.....	8
Trial shots—common shell plugged.....	2
Total.....	18

The above rounds to be fired deliberately, and the result of each shot signalled from the range. Range to be at least 1,600 yards.

The four competitors making the highest score at above practice to fire three rounds each, viz:—

2 common shell plugged.....	8
1 shrapnel shell, time fuze.....	4
Total.....	12

Total rounds..... 30

When 40-pr. R. B. L. guns are used in the preliminary practice each competitor will fire

1 common shell plugged.....	8
2 shrapnel shell, time fuze.....	16
Trial shots—common shell plugged.....	2
Total.....	26

And in subsequent competition—

3 common shell.....	12
1 shrapnel shell.....	4
Total.....	16
Total rounds per Battery.....	42

Officers are not eligible as competitors, but should act as instructors, and note the result of each man's shooting.

Annual gun practice of Field Batteries will be held at Toronto and Quebec, under arrangements similar to those in force for the past two years; the Inspector of Artillery will make the necessary arrangements.

CORPS ARMED WITH RIFLES.

Twenty rounds of ball and twenty rounds of blank ammunition for practice, under the provisions of paragraphs 421 to 430 inclusive of the R. and O. 1883, will be allowed to each man authorized to drill.

TARGET PRACTICE.

Too much care cannot be devoted to musketry instruction. It must be carried out in every camp.

Target practice affords proof of the attention bestowed on position drill and aiming drill. Company officers are reminded that the former of these drills can be carried out with advantage during the first morning parade daily, and by individual men when lying down "at ease."

Each man must expend, under supervision of the musketry instructor and senior company officers present, the number of rounds of ball ammunition authorized for that purpose, and no man is to use more than his share of the Government allowance, viz., twenty rounds.

In carrying out target practice, every man will fire 5 rounds at 200 yards, standing; 10 rounds at 400 yards, kneeling, and 5 rounds at 500 yards, any military position.

"Standing," "kneeling," and "lying down," as defined in the position drill, are the recognized military positions.

At the conclusion of the individual firing a classification is to be made, when those who have obtained 40 points will be classified as first-class shots; those obtaining 30, but failing to obtain 40, as second-class shots, and those failing to obtain 30, as third-class shots. At 200 yards the targets shall be 4 feet wide, having a bull's eye 1 foot diameter, centre 3 feet diameter, outer remainder of target. At 400 yards and 500 yards, target 6 feet wide, bull's eye 2 feet diameter, centre 4 feet diameter, outer remainder of target.

Value of Points.—Outer, black disc or flag, 2; centre, black and white disc or flag, bull's eye, white disc or flag, 4. The signal for danger or cease firing is in all cases to be a red flag; in no case is a shot to be fired when the danger flag is up at the marker's butt.

No man is ever to load until all is clear for him to fire, and if it becomes necessary for any purpose to cease firing, any man whose rifle is loaded will at once unload until the order is given to resume practice.

EXAMINATIONS.—During the drills the commanding officer of the camp will test the qualification of the officers of each corps for the performance of their several duties—Company officers in the drill of their Company or Battery and Field officers and Adjutants in the drill of their Battery, Battalion or Brigade, as the case may be. The respective officers to be called out separately, to give words of command, and explain the nature of required movements.

A confidential report is to be made for headquarters by the Commanding Officer of the camp, in which his opinion as to the qualification of each officer and the test to which he has been subjected is to be clearly stated.

PAY AND INSPECTIONS.

The Deputy Adjutant General in each district will see that the expenditure for drill is kept within the appropriation, and to that end will take steps to select, in the manner indicated, from corps in his district, to make the maximum strength authorized for drill. The corps not selected, and which cannot be paid, are hereby relieved from the performance of drill during the year 1885-86.

The Deputy Adjutant General of each district will notify the commanding officer of each corps detailed for drill, as well as those which cannot be paid; also a detail of the steps he has taken to make the selections.

The Deputy Adjutants General are directed to forward a statement to Headquarters showing the dates on which corps in their respective districts will complete drill and be ready for inspection.

Before any corps receives pay, the commanding officer shall be required to certify in his own hand writing, at the end of the pay list of his corps, that each officer, non-commissioned officer and man for whom pay is demanded, was *actually present* with his corps and performed the number of days of drill for 1885-86 specified opposite his name.

The attention of Staff Officers, Commanding Officers of all arms and Captains of Troops, Batteries and Companies is specially called to the form of certificates they are required to append in writing at the foot of pay lists. They will be held responsible by the Department that these pay lists are correct; they must therefore see that the number of days' drill entered thereon opposite the names of officers, non-commissioned officers and men are only for such days drill, as each such officer, non-commissioned officer has actually performed with his corps during the year for which payment is demanded. If any person performs less than the authorized number of drills with his corps, he is to be paid for the actual number of days' drill he has performed in such manner.

The inspections of all corps on completion of drill are to be made in the field during the day time.

At inspections great stress is to be laid on the cleanliness of arms, the correct fitting of accoutrements, and the manner in which guards and sentries perform their duties, and as regards the knowledge of their men as well as of their company drill, by company officers and non-commissioned officers.

Cleanliness of all parts of the camp and its neighbourhood must be attended to, and reported on by inspecting officers.

Before the men are dismissed, the names on the service roll are to be called in presence of the inspecting officer, who, before certifying to the pay-list must compare such names with those on the pay-list and see that each person for whom pay is claimed is vouched for as entitled to receive it.

In his annual report, the Inspecting Officer is to specify that he has complied with this order, and is also to state the result.

In order that a full report may be made for Parliament, relating to the drill and training for the fiscal year 1885-86, all drill for which payment will be made must be completed before the first day of December, 1885, and the reports of Deputy Adjutants General of Districts must be transmitted to head-quarters not later than the 5th of that month.

The Inspector of Artillery will arrange for a continuous tour of inspection in the Maritime Provinces. Batteries of Artillery in these Provinces will complete their drill prior to the 3rd October.

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