

Three companies of the first Annapolis cheerfully marched long distances to muster ; 20, 16 and 15 miles respectively.

Captain Well's company paid 60 cts. per man to go from Annapolis to Bat. muster at Paradise by rail. If not against precedent, I recommend this to be repaid on the Captain's requisition.

I have to recommend that the company on the Annapolis side of Bear River, Captain Harris, No. —Company, 1st Annapolis Regiment, be detached from that command with the ulterior view of forming the wing of a battalion in Digby County. Bear River is thirty miles away from Paradise, head-quarters 1st Annapolis, and 17 miles from Annapolis, beyond which railway communication will not reach, whereas Digby is only two or three hours march from Bear River.

I have to notice that while several officers of Militia have heretofore gratuitously allowed their land for training, persons not connected with the force are usually not so liberal, next year two, if not three, of these musters will be in camp, and the pasture lands used will suffer very materially from the constant marching of the men, I trust due consideration will be given to this, and a proper remuneration will be given for the use of the land.

Also, that in some instances, captains of companies experience much real inconvenience, from using rooms in their dwelling houses for armouries in lack of public ones.

I have to represent that a reasonable rent should be allowed them besides contingent for care of arms.

The same things will recur more or less in other county districts.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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OFFICE OF DEPUTY ADJUTANT GENERAL,

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 20th, 1869.

Sir,—Enclosed are submitted the Reports of the Majors of Brigade of Divisions 1, 2, and 3 of this District.

The new organization has not been joined with alacrity, but the quota of this District is now full with a margin beyond, for casualties.

The totals, all ranks, except officers give 4125 gazetted, and 812 not gazetted.

I shall await instructions before forwarding any more rolls beyond this number.

As seen by Lt.-Col. Read's report, No. 3. Division presents the chief portion of rolls of men not yet accepted.

As for some time, it was doubtful whether our quota would be filled, the first Rolls in, were forwarded as they were received.