

The camp at Shoeburyness was well and systematically arranged, many improvements having been suggested by the capable Secretary of the N. A. A., Major Vane Stow, and carried out under his supervision. The work began each morning at five o'clock. Detachments had to report at the office before and after each competition, and an immense amount of work was accomplished in a few days without confusion or delay. The place is admirably situated for the work, as the tide goes out about four miles, allowing of firing either over water or over sands.

The firing of the huge 10 inch guns was most interesting, but we did not enter for this competition. The drill with the 16 pounders was very similar to that with our 9 pounder Field Guns, but the scales on the sights are differently arranged. The practice at moving targets representing infantry and cavalry charging towards the guns was a novel sight to us.

In Repository Competitions, in which so much was expected of us, we took third place in the "A" shift, out of nine teams which had entered.

We competed in the "B" shift because we had entered, but with small hope of winning when we saw the methods adopted by our competitors and allowed by the umpires. Our instructors at Quebec had been interpreting the new drill book literally, and thought that no means could be adopted in repository work except strictly as laid down therein. The R. A. umpires held, however, that a drill book of ordinary size could not