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 ADDENDUM No. 2 TO ANNUAL REPORT ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE  
OF CANADA FOR YEAR 1880.
 

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 ACTIVE MILITIA ATTACHED FOR INSTRUCTION TO ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE, JUNE, 1880.
 

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 From Lieut-Colonel E. O. Hewett, R. E., Commandant Royal Military College, to  
Major-General R. G. A. Luard, President Royal Military College and Commander  
of Militia.

 ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE,  
KINGSTON, 13th November, 1880.

SIR,—1. By minute Adjutant-General 10th June, 1880, the Engineer Corps of the 2nd and 5th Military Districts were placed under the Commandant Royal Military College for discipline and instruction while in camp at the Royal Military College, Kingston.

2. The 2nd District corps arrived in camp at the College on the 25th June, and left on the 2nd July, 1880.

The 5th District Engineer Corps arrived on the 24th June and left on the 1st July, 1880.

3. I intentionally left great latitude to the senior officer of the combined corps, and interfered as little as possible with the arrangements of either corps, not only because they had, I believe, been in camp together before, but in order to ascertain what degree of organization, system and knowledge existed.

4. Certain general directions and orders were given by me to the senior officer of the combined corps for the conduct of camp, and these were generally complied with.

5. The usual daily camp states were, however, not forwarded with the regularity and completeness which should have been.

6. The interior economy and detail discipline of the camp I left to the senior officer of the combined corps. This officer did not bring to my notice any serious breaches of discipline, and from my own observation, and from general report, I have pleasure in recording the good conduct and discipline of the men of both the 2nd and 5th District corps equally within camp, and in the neighborhood of it.

7. Having specified the general nature of instruction in military engineering, I detailed the Professor Military Engineering, Royal Military College, (Major Walker, R.E.) to make detail arrangements for carrying it out, and to superintend the actual instruction. In this duty, Major Walker was assisted by Captain Sankey, R.E., and Sergeant-Major Birtles, late R.E., respectively instructor and N.C.O. instructor of military engineering at the College.

8. The practical instruction given to, and the work performed by the Engineer Militia, consisted of—

The construction of shelter trenches, gun-pits and splinter-proofs. Obstacles, such as entanglements, *chevaux de frise*, military pits, placing wall in a state of defence, fougasse or stone mine, single deep sap, tracing first parallel and four-gun batteries, extending working parties, detailing tasks and reliefs, use of explosives, signalling, fixed and floating bridges.

The ordinary infantry drills were also practised every day, and both corps took part, and acquitted themselves satisfactorily in a general review of troops in the 3rd District on Dominion Day.

9. Lectures were also given by Major Walker, R.E., Captain Sankey, R.E., and by Major Jones, R.A. (Professor Military History at Royal Military College), and, had the period of training of the militia been more extended, and so admitted of it, these officers were prepared to give further instruction in this manner.

I may here remark that the officers and non-commissioned officers named, although at the time specially engaged in both instruction and examination at the College, devoted several hours a day to work with the militia.