

CANADA.



MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS.

HEAD QUARTERS.

Ottawa, 24th June, 1869.

GENERAL ORDERS.

VOLUNTEER MILITIA.

No. 1.

In order to adapt the system of paid drill instruction of the several corps of Volunteers to the requirements of the force consequent upon the regulations relating to drill for the current financial year, the following scale of allowances are authorized to take effect from and after the first day of July, 1869:

For instruction in drill of each Troop of Cavalry... \$40 per annum.

For the instructor of each Field Battery of Artillery, who will also act as Caretaker of the Battery Stores. \$200 per annum.

For each Battery of Garrison Artillery or Company of Engineers or Infantry... \$40 per annum.

The above allowances to be paid to the Captain of the Troop or Company, as the case may be, except those for corps in City or Town Battalions,

The allowance for such Batteries or Companies as are in Brigades of Garrison Artillery or Battalions of Infantry in cities and towns will be paid to the officer commanding the Brigade or Battalion to enable him to provide instruction for the corps.

RURAL CORPS.

For drill instruction of Rural Brigades of Garrison Artillery or Battalions of Infantry, including Provisional Brigades or Battalions of not less than four Batteries or Companies, there will be allowed each Commanding Officer thereof (in addition to the forty dollars per annum to be paid to the Captains as above, for drill instruction of the several Batteries or Companies), for each Battery or Company, included in the strength of the Brigade or Battalion... \$25 per annum.

Commanding Officers of corps to have the appointment and control of instructors and to be responsible for the drills.

Allowances for drill instruction as above will be paid at the end of each half year,

viz: on the 31st December and 30th June, to the commanding officer of each corps upon their respective certificates as to performance of service for which payment is required, approved by the Deputy Adjutant General of the District, stating that the corps has had the services of a competent instructor during the period for which the claim is made, and that such corps is efficient as regards drill.

No allowance is authorized by law for payment for instruction of Drill Associations nor for drill instruction in Colleges or Grammar Schools.

General Orders No. 1 of 25th January, No. 1 of 1st February, No. 1 of 15th March, and No. 1 of the 26th July, 1867, are hereby cancelled.

CARE OF ARMS.

No. 2.

Forty dollars per company per annum, and sixty dollars per Troop of Cavalry per annum, will be allowed to the Captain or Commanding Officer, as the case may be, for the care of the arms of such corps as are not kept in public armouries under charge of caretakers paid by the Department of Militia and Defence.

POSTAGE AND STATIONARY.

No. 3.

The Commanding officer of each Battalion will be allowed five dollars per company for each efficient company in his Battalion to cover the expenses of stationary, postage, &c., during the year, and payment thereof will be made at the end of the financial year on the usual certificate of the Deputy Adjutant General of the District.

BANDS.

No. 4.

Such Battalions of Volunteers as perform the annual drills, are reported efficient, and have maintained efficient bands during the year, will be entitled to participate in the appropriation for efficient bands, the distribution of which will be made prior to the 30th June, 1870.

DRILL.

No. 5.

The following regulations apply to such Corps as may be permitted to perform the days of annual drill at their local headquarters, at times most convenient to themselves.

1. Proficiency in the following course of drill to the satisfaction of the Inspecting Officer will be necessary in order to qualify the corps for inspection.

For Artillery.

2. Squad and Company Drill, including the manual and platoon Exercise and Gun drill in cases where Artillery corps are supplied with guns.

For Cavalry.

3. Cavalry Sword Exercise and mounted and dismounted Troop and Squadron Drill as laid down in the Cavalry regulations.

For Infantry and Rifles.

4. Squad and Company drill, including the Manual and Platoon Exercise, skirmishing as a Company and simple manoeuvres in Battalion drill, as laid down in the "Field Exercises of Infantry."

5. Each day's drill to consist of 2 drills of 1½ hours each, or if found more convenient to the men, a drill of 1½ hour will be allowed to count for half a day's drill, at which drills not less than one-half the actual strength and at least one commissioned officer of the Company shall have attended.

6. The Brigade Majors shall make semi-annual, and the Deputy Adjutant General annual inspections of the Corps in their respective Divisions and Districts.

7. Corps authorized to perform the days of annual drill in Camp, will be governed by the special instructions issued relating thereto.

TARGET PRACTICE.

No. 6.

1. The allowance of ammunition for practice by corps armed with the Snider Enfield Rifle, during the year ending June 30, 1870, will be 30 rounds of ball and 15 rounds of blank, for each man actually effective, and the same may be drawn upon requisition of Commanding officers through the Deputy Adjutant General of the District.

2. Under no circumstances, shall practice with Ball Cartridges be engaged in by Volunteers without the men being in uniform and under the command of an officer or non-commissioned officers who shall be held responsible for the proper conduct of the party.

3. After firing, at target practice, Commanding Officers will require every man to clean his own rifle before returning it to the Company's arm racks.

4. Volunteers are forbidden to tamper with or injure the arms issued for their use. Should alterations or repairs be required, they must be effected by a competent armourer or mechanic.

5. Officers commanding corps are required to keep careful and accurate returns of all Target Practice in accordance with the forms which will be provided from the office of the Adjutant General of Militia and may be obtained upon application to the Brigade Major in each Division.

6. Officers commanding corps will be careful that each Volunteer under their command shall within each year fire at target practice the number of rounds authorized for such purpose, and he will see that no individual volunteer expends more of the practice ammunition than his fair share.

7. Ammunition authorized for annual target practice is not to be used at rifle matches.

PURCHASE OF EXTRA AMMUNITION.

No. 7.

Officers in command of Corps who may require extra Ball Ammunition, are informed that the price of Snider Enfield Ball Ammunition is \$24.00 per one thousand rounds