

this two paces on each flank (120 inches), and we have a total space of 201 inches required, whereas the normal interval of six paces is only 180 inches. But if the members of the colour party only occupy the old space of 24 inches each there will be room enough and a little to spare. It is not clear whether, when there is no colour party, the left guide of the right centre will, the battalion being halted, be in his ordinary place in the supernumerary rank, or on the left of the front rank of his company. The rear ranks are at 60 inches distance from each other, instead of 30 inches as formerly; and it will be remembered that there will be no equalising of companies or sizing, unless each section or sub-section is sized by itself. Two paces behind the rear ranks come the supernumerary ranks, consisting of the section or sub-section commanders (non-commissioned officers), who act as guides and markers when required. Each section or sub-section commander, when not acting as guide or marker, is in rear of the centre of his command. One pace in rear again is the line of subaltern officers, each in rear of the centre of his half company; and in the centre of the line of subalterns, directly in rear of the centre of the battalion, is the Sergeant-Major. Seven paces in rear again are the Major, the Adjutant, and the non-combatant Staff Officers—the Major and Adjutant in rear of the centre of the right and left half battalions, and the Staff Officers and Staff Sergeants in rear of the centre of the battalion. Behind them again come the pioneers, the signallers (if any), the drums or bugles, the band, the cyclists, the machine guns, transport waggons and mules, and the stretcher section.

The following are the regulations for the future of the battalions in column:—

Arrangement of companies.—The companies will be formed either in company or quarter column. In company column each company is placed at a distance equal to its own breadth and six paces from the one immediately in front of it, measuring from the heels of the front rank of the one, to the heels of the front rank of the other. A quarter column is formed with the companies at ten paces distance, measured as above.

Colour party.—In rear of the leading centre company, its front aligned with the line of subalterns, covering the fourth, fifth, and sixth files from the directing flank.

Posts of mounted officers.—The Commanding Officer will be two paces from the directing flank of the leading company; the Major two paces from the centre of the outer flank of the leading half battalion, and the Adjutant in a similar position on the outer flank of the rear half battalion.

Posts of Staff Officers and Staff Sergeants.—If on parade, the Staff Officers (Quartermaster, &c.) will be two paces from the outer flank of the leading com-

pany in line with the front flank. The Staff Sergeants in a similar position in line with the rear rank.

Posts of pioneers, band, and drums (or bugles).—The pioneers, drums (or buglers), and band will be placed ten paces from the outer flank of the column, the pioneers in two, the band and drums in four ranks each. The drums (or buglers) will be four paces from the pioneers, and the band four paces from the drums (or buglers); the ranks of each to be at two paces distance from one another. An interval of a pace between each man.

The first rank of the pioneers and the last rank of the band should be equidistant from the front and rear of the column.

The Bandmaster will be two paces in front of the centre of the band, the Sergeant-Drummer (or bugler) two paces in front of the centre of the drums (or bugles).

Post of Sergeant-Major.—Two paces from the outer flank of the front company of the rear half battalion.

Post of cyclists and machine gun.—In line, ten paces from the outer flank of the second company from the front, machine gun nearest the battalion.

Posts of regimental transport and stretcher section.—In line, on the outer flank of the second company from the rear, mules nearest the battalion. The stretcher section four paces in rear of the regimental transport.

Signallers.—If on parade as such, they will be placed between pioneers and drums (or buglers) at similar distances and intervals.

The other arrangements do not call for much remark. Referring to Part II., Company Drill, will show that the commander of the section nearest to the directing flank will move up to the first rank to act as guide to the company. Each Captain will be three paces in front of the centre of his company.

(To be continued.)

A lifeboat of aluminum has recently been built at Stralsund.

The German service papers are complaining of the cutting down to the extent of 5,870,000 marks of the estimates for naval purposes by the Budget Committee of the Reichstag, in spite of the urgent representations of the Imperial Chancellor. This is a severe defeat for the government.

The Royal Procurator of Ail-la-Chapelle has begun a prosecution against the Director of the public library at that place on the charge of *lese majeste*, in allowing an American newspaper containing an article speaking disrespectfully of the Emperor William in the reading room of the library. The Director pleads that it is impossible to read all of the 351 papers received at the library daily, for the purpose of discovering their contents.



R. M. C. Club Notes.

No. 1.

LIEUT. KENNETH J. R. CAMPBELL.

SIXTH DRAGOON GUARDS.

Quebec, 7th April, 1892.

In November last the above mentioned officer was appointed one of Her Majesty's Deputy Commissioners and Vice-Consuls in the Oil River Protectorate and the adjoining native territories.

Mr. Campbell arrived at Bonny, West Africa, in January last, and is now residing on board ship, it being considered a better plan and more healthy than building a Vice-Consul's residence on shore. A hulk was purchased and anchored out in the stream, roofed in from bow to stern with corrugated iron and somewhat resembling the "Aurora" when she wintered in Quebec. The cabin is built on the poop with a verandah on each side and forms a comfortable residence.

Bonny is situated about 6 miles from the mouth of the river bearing the same name and the boat in question is moored some 300 yards off the town. The Vice-Consular Court and the offices of the customs are on board; enabling him to have a complete supervision over their administration.

Mr. Campbell is provided with a gig (6 oared) and 6 sturdy blacks (Kroomen) to pull it, besides 20 men to look after the ship and pull the other boats for boarding purposes, etc., when ships come in.

The Kroos are a tribe that live on the coast of Liberia, and are really the workers of the coast. They leave their country for a year at a time. They are the blacks who are employed to do the hard work on board the men o' war on the West African station and very good fellows they are in a boat.

At Bonny there is nearly always a nice breeze from the sea as the prevailing wind is from the south. In Old Calabar it is frightfully hot as it is about 40 miles from the mouth of the river of the same name and there being a bend below the town they get no breeze.

Mr. Campbell passed an examination for Captain in London, last November, attaining the higher standard of proficiency, entitling him to a special certificate.

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