

The Military Court which investigated the history of the disaster to the French army at Langroun, during the Tonquin war, has acquitted Col. Bingen, who had charge of the French troops, from all blame of the disaster.

A rifle volunteer drill-hall, built at a cost of £6,000, and which provides standing accommodation for over 10,000 persons, was opened at Portsmouth, England, on Monday, 18th January, by General Sir George Willis.

MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS OF 12TH FEBRUARY, 1886.

NO. 1—WOUNDED OR INVALIDED MILITIAMEN.

Deputy adjutants-general are requested to communicate with Wounded or Invalided Militiamen, North-west Service, in their respective districts, with a view to such receiving the benefit of the allowances payable to officers and men, provided for by paragraphs 995-998 of General Orders (14) 9th July, 1885, pending the issue of pensions requiring the sanction of Parliament.

NO. 2—ACTIVE MILITIA.

8th Reg. Cavalry—To be major, Capt. and Brevet Major William Otty, C.C., from the adjutancy, vice Armstrong, transferred to and promoted in the N. B. Brig. Gar. Art.

Montreal Brig. Car. Art.—Quarter-master Capt. George Forbes is hereby placed on the retired list.

No. 1 Batt. Levis Car. Art.—To be capt., Lieut. Jos. A. S. Martineau, G.S., vice Charles Léon Hamel, deceased.

1st Batt. Governor-General's Foot Guards.—Adverting to No. 4 of General Orders (2), 8th January, 1886, in which the resignation of Lieut. Arthur Percy Sherwood is accepted, add, "and he is at the same time transferred to and promoted in No. 1 Co., 43rd Batt."

1st Batt.—To be capt., from 27th Nov., 1885, Lieut. Claude de Bellefeuille Leprohon, M.S., vice Sincennes, retired. To be capt., from 23rd Dec., 1885, Lieut. George Faulkner Cooke, S.I., vice Edward Kirk Greene, who retires retaining rank.

3rd Batt.—To be 2nd lieut., Andrew Bell, M.S. (formerly 2nd lieut. No. 2 Co., 54th Batt.), vice William Garie Goodhough, who resigns.

6th Batt.—Lieut.-Col. Robert Gardner retires retaining rank.

14th Batt.—Capt. Chas. Davidson Kerr retires retaining rank.

21st Batt.—To be surgeon, Henry Raymond Casgrain, M.D., vice Richard Carney, who resigns.

35th Batt., No. 6 Co.—The headquarters of this company are hereby changed from "Ivy" to "Huntsville."

36th Batt.—To be lieut.-col., Major and Brevet Lieut.-Col. Richard Tyrwhitt, M.S., from 35th Batt., vice Scott, retired.

No. 1 Co.—Lieut. Thomas Graham Ballentyne resigns.

43rd Batt., No. 1 Co.—To be capt., from 8th Jan., 1886, Lieut. Arthur Percy Sherwood, M.S., from 1st Batt. G.G.F.G., vice William Andrew Dickson Lees, who resigns.

66th Batt.—Lieut. John Stanley Esson resigns. To be 2nd lieuts., prov., Thomas Edmond Davison, vice Cartwright, transferred to 47th Batt.; Sergt. Andrew King, vice Stevens; Lance Corporal Henry Frederick William Fenwick.

87th Batt., No. 5 Co.—Lieut. Edmond Watters retires retaining rank.

93rd Batt.—Paymaster George Ephraim Church having the relative rank of capt. to have the honorary rank of major from 21st June, 1885.

CONFIRMATION OF RANK.

2nd Lieut. Levi Borden Donkin, S.I., No. 2 Co., 93rd Batt., from 11th December, 1885.

2nd Lieut. Edward Guy Stayner, S.I., 66th Batt., from 31st January, 1886.

NO. 3—CERTIFICATES GRANTED.

SCHOOL OF CAVALRY.

First-Class Short Course—Grade B.

Sergeant C. D. Richardson, 3rd Provisional Regt. Cavalry.
do T. G. W. Bedford, 40th Regt. Cavalry.

SCHOOLS OF INFANTRY.

First-Class Short Course—Grade A.

2nd Lieut. E. L. Wedderburn, 8th Regt. Cavalry.
do L. B. Donkin, 93rd Battalion.

First-Class Short Course—Grade B.

Sergeant J. Hill,	66th Battalion.
Lance Corporal J. G. Neadham,	66th do
do L. J. Power,	66th do
Colour Sergeant H. J. Fletcher,	67th do
Lance Sergeant A. McLaughall,	82nd do

Second-Class Short Course—Grade B.

Private E. Bayers, 66th Battalion.
do L. H. Troup, 66th do

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