

the drill and target practice in eight clear days. I may add that, in twenty four hours after the authority was received, this troop was under canvas, which speaks volumes for the energy of the officers, and the zeal of the men.

I inspected the troop on the 10th July, when I found everything to my entire satisfaction. The horses were very fair; the men, both in physique, appearance and cleanliness, were unobjectionable; and the drill as detailed in the tabular return, most creditably performed.

*Ottawa Troop of Cavalry.*

The Ottawa Troop of Cavalry—Captain Nicholas Sparks—mustering two officers, forty non-commissioned officers and troopers and forty-two horses, went into camp with other corps at Ottawa, on the 9th September, and performed the drill in eight clear days. I inspected this troop on the 15th September. The horses were very good, the men clean and soldierly, and paraded most creditably, showing marked improvement since last year. The drill as detailed in tabular return, was very fairly performed. The day being exceedingly wet, and pouring rain during the inspection, the troop had not a fair chance to show all, or what they really could do. Owing to the repairs which were going on at the rifle ranges, preparatory to the meeting of the "Dominion of Canada Rifle Association," this troop had not an opportunity of performing the prescribed course of target practice. The day after my inspection, I saw the men being practiced at dismounted skirmishing drill, with blank ammunition. They are of a superior class, and the troop reflects much credit upon all connected with it.

Before leaving the cavalry, I would remark that, it is a very popular arm of the service, and as a rule, filled by the yeomanry of the country, who ride their own horses, and as it appears to be very desirous to secure the services of this class of our population, I beg to again urge that permission may be given to organize a sufficient number of troops in this district to form a regiment.

*Ottawa Field Battery of Artillery.*

The Ottawa Field Battery—Captain John Stewart—mustering three officers, sixty nine non-commissioned officers, and gunners and drivers, with fifty horses, went into camp with other corps at Ottawa, on the 9th September, and performed the drill in eight clear days. Accompanied by Lt. Colonel French, Inspector of Artillery, I inspected this battery on the 16th September. When I say that the corps more than maintained its former reputation, is perhaps all that need be said. The driving, the field movements and standing gun drill as detailed in tabular return, together with the route marching over rough ground, was most creditable, while the shot and shell practice returns, show the men equally efficient.

I may hear state that, the authorized number of horses are not considered sufficient to work a battery of this description.

*Ottawa Brigade of Garrison Artillery.*

Nos. 3 and 5 Batteries of the O.B.G. Artillery, being rural corps, were, by special permission, allowed to perform their drill in camp at Ottawa, with other corps. The other five batteries of this brigade, being city corps, are performing the drill at head quarters, and will probably not have completed before the end of June next.

These two batteries went into camp on the 9th September, under the command of Major Egleson, whose staff was composed of Captain Cluff, Acting Adjutant, the assistant Surgeon, and three Staff Sergeants.

(To be continued.)

DOMINION OF CANADA.



MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS.

HEAD QUARTERS.

Ottawa, 2nd June, 1874.

GENERAL ORDERS (13).

No. 1.

ACTIVE MILITIA.

It having been decided to reduce the strength of the Active Militia Force to 20,000 Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and men for purposes of drill and pay for the year 1874-75, the following corps, gazetted but not yet equipped, are hereby removed from the list of the Active Militia :

- No. 5 Troop (Bayfield) 1st Regt. of Cav'y (l).
- No. 6 " (Stratford) do do do.
- Colborne Troop of Cavalry.....O.
- Lakefield do.....O.
- Cornwall do.....O.
- Stormont do.....O.
- Kingston Engineer Company.....O.
- No. 3 Troop, Quebec Squadron of Cavalry, Q.
- Beauce Field Battery of Artillery,....Q.
- Bonaventure Marine Company.....Q.
- New Carlisle do.....Q.
- No. 9 Company (Peel) 67th Battalion of Light Infantry.....N.B.
- No. 10 Company (Wilmot) 67th Battalion of Light Infantry.....N.B.
- Winnipeg Rifle Company.....Man.
- Headingley do.....Man.

And the officers of these corps are also hereby removed from the list of officers of the Active Militia.

No. 2.

The following Corps reported disorganized are removed from the List of those entitled to drill for the year 1874-75. The Deputy Adjutant General of the District interested, will take immediate steps for the return of the arms, accoutrements, and other articles of equipment in possession of those Corps into District Stores :

- Infantry Company, St. Placide, Q., Captain Routhier.
- do St. Benoit, Q., Captain Dumouchel.
- do St. Eustache, Q., Captain De Bellefeuille.
- No. 2 Co'y (Trois Pistoles) Temiscouata, Prov. Battalion, Q., Capt. Légaré.
- " 2 " (St. Jérôme de Matane) Rimouski Pro. Batt., Q., Cap. Larochelle.

No. 3.

The following Corps which were under 30 non Commissioned Officers and men at the drill of the current year, 1873-74, are hereby removed from the List of the Corps entitled to pay on completion of the Annual Drill for 1874-75.

Mil. Dist.

- No. 1 Goderich Battery Garrison Artillery. Capt. Thompson.
- No. 1 Co'y. (Southampton) 32nd Batt. Capt. Bigger.
- " 2 " (Kincairdine) 32nd Batt. Capt. Barker.
- " 3 " (Lucknow) 32nd Battalion, Capt. Sellery.
- " 2 " (Wingham) 33rd Batt. Capt. Willson.
- " 4 " (Clinton) 33rd Battalion, Capt. Murray.
- " 9 " (Dungannon) 33rd Batt'n, Capt. Mallough.
- No. 2 No. 5 Co'y (Sutton) 12th Battalion, Capt. Wyndham.
- " 7 " (Milton) 20th Battalion, Capt. Rixon.
- " 3 " (Caledonia) 37th Batt'n, Capt. Thorburn.
- " 4 " (Hagarville) 37th Batt'n, Capt. Glenn.
- " 7 " (Galadonia) 37th Batt'n, Capt. Whidden.
- " 8 " (Mount Healy) 37th Batt. Capt. Musson.
- No. 3 No. 4 Co'y (Kingston) 14th Batt'n,
- " 1 " (Cobourg) 40th Battalion, Capt. Gravely.
- " 5 " (Coldsprings) 40th Batt'n, Capt. Gifford.
- " 4 " (Portsmouth) 47th Batt'n Capt. H. R. Smith.
- No. 4 No. 1 Co'y (Hazledean) 43rd Batt'n, Capt. Kemp.
- " 2 " (Huntly) 43rd Battalion, Capt. Homes.
- " 7 " (Manotick) 43rd Battalion, Capt. Cook.
- " 9 " (Vernon) 43rd Battalion, Capt. McGregor.
- " 3 " (Burrill's Rapids) 56th Batt. Bt. Major Campbell.
- " 5 " (Ottawa) 56th Battalion, Capt. McCuaig.
- " 6 " (North Augusta) 56th Batt. Capt. Checkley.
- No. 5 No. 4 Co'y (Lachute) 11th Battalion, Capt. Simpson.
- " 2 " (Huntingdon) 50th Batt'n. Capt. McDonald.
- " 4 " (Durham) 50th Battalion, Capt. Cairns.
- " 5 " (Atheleston) 50th Batt'n, Capt. Anderson.
- " 7 " (St. Jean Chrysostom) 51st Batt., Capt. Livingston
- " 6 " (Bolton) 52nd Battalion, Capt. Mooney