

Three Rivers Provisional Battalion.

Co.	Pts.
No. 2, Sgt. A. Caron	32
No. 3, Sgt. A. A. Laferriere	35
No. 4, Corp. Morrison	27

Rawdon Independent Company.

Co.	Pts.
No. 1, Pte. S. Harkness	28
No. 2, Sgt. B. Morgan	35

In the Brigade Division the arms and equipments are in good order. The great coats issued in 1869 are in fair order. A new issue of tunics, trousers and forage caps were supplied during the month of June last to the following corps :

Joliette Provisional Battalion.

Co.	Tunics.	Trousers.	For.	Caps.
Nos. 1 and 4	110	110	110.	110.
" 2 and 3	110	110	110.	110.

Rawdon Independent Company.

No. 1	55	00	55.
" 2	55	55	55.

By the above return it will be seen that No. 1 Company—Rawdon—was not supplied with trousers.

The following corps were at the annual drill at Berthier Camp, in the following number;

	Officers.	Men.
Joliette Provisional Batt. of Infantry	12	58
Three Rivers	14	2
Rawdon Independent Company		
No. 1	2	3
" 2	3	37
	31	199

On the 5th July I visited the Arthabaska-ville Camp, under command of Lieut. Col. De Bellefeuille, Brigade Major. The camp was beautifully situated on high grounds. The camp looked remarkably well. This was the largest camp in district No. 6. The men had also a soldierly appearance and went through a few movements with great credit to themselves and their officers.

This camp was composed of officers and men of the 6th Brigade. This brigade as at present organized, should number 64 officers and 1,100 men. The muster roll, taken immediately on arrival in camp, showed a total of 54 officers and 449 men. Wanted to complete—10 officers and 651 men.

The brigade was composed of two battalions. No. 1 Battalion, commanded by Lt. Colonel Barwis, was composed of the 55th Megantic Light Infantry; and the 2nd Battalion, commanded by Captain de Foy, in the unavoidable absence through sickness of Major St. Jacques, consisted of the St. Hyacinthe Provisional Battalion and the independent companies of this brigade.

The Commandant of the camp, Lieut. Colonel de Bellefeuille, in his report to me says:

"The conduct of the officers and men was most praiseworthy, owing mainly to the total absence of spirituous liquors.

"The rations, both in quality and quantity, left nothing to be desired. The officers and men were completely satisfied.

"The arms and accoutrements in camp were in good order. I cannot say so much of the uniform, which I found after three years wear to be in a very bad state. It will

be absolutely necessary to issue new ones. "I am sorry to inform you that, in spite of all my endeavors I have been unable to organize any troop of cavalry. I would, therefore, request the authorities to accede to the wish and request (which has already been transmitted to Ottawa) of the 55th Megantic, commanded by Lieut. Col. Barwis, to be converted partly as mounted rifles and partly as field battery. The battalion being composed of good farmers, there would therefore be no difficulty in obtaining good horses and the men, being thoroughly acquainted with the country, so far as the lines, would prove very serviceable as scouts."

On the 9th July I proceeded to inspect the Beauharnois Camp, commanded by Lt. Col. d'Orsonnens, Brigade Major 4th Brigade Division. It would be necessary here to observe that this camp was held under great disadvantages. The independent companies of the Division were camped at St. Eustache. Two of the battalions that were represented at Beauharnois Camp were without uniforms, and one of them had neither arms nor accoutrements. The last one the "Voltigeurs de Chateauguay," had at camp merely its officers and a small number of non commissioned officers.

The rest of the companies, although weak, gave proof of good will, and the conduct of the men was admirable in all respects.

Here is the list of the force when I inspected the camp:

	Officers.	Men.
64th Batt.	20	144
65th Batt.	15	77
Independent Company, St. Jean Baptiste village	3	36
Independent Company, de Beauharnois	2	14
76th Battalion, non commissioned officers	20	42
Staff	6	—
Total	66	318

In lieu of this small number of men, has the cadres been complete, without counting the 76th, which had just been gazetted, we should have had 770 men and 46 officers without the staff.

TARGET PRACTICE.

Best shot in District; Sgt. B. Morgan, No. 2 Rawdon Company—35 points.

The firing at target was rather indifferent, they had not the proper ranges for 600 yards.

Lieut. Colonel d'Orsonnens, in his report to me says:—"I attribute much of this want of success to a bad system of recruitment. The officers are disheartened, because they cannot fill the 'cadres' of their companies. The volunteers who served to day are the same in most cases as those who have served some fourteen years.

St. Eustache Camp.—I visited this camp on the 11th July, which was under the command of Major Napoleon Lebranche. Part of three companies were encamped there as follows:

	Officers.	Men.
St. Placide Company	2	14
St. Benoit	2	7
St. Eustache and Staff	2	14
Total	8	35

The drill in this camp was conducted in

accordance with General Orders of 31st May last, excepting with regard to target practice. The whole of the men had concluded the firing at 200 yards, when the practice was interrupted by boats loading a little distance in rear of the target. There being no other range available, the prescribed course could not be adopted.

I deem it here my duty to thank specially Lieut. Colonel Hanson, Lieut. Colonel d'Bellesfeuille, Lieut. Colonel d'Orsonnens, and Major Napoleon Lebranche, for the soldierly manner in which the camps over which they had command were laid out.

About the 9th of this month, a well attended and highly contested rifle match took place at Riviere du Loup, in Lieut. Colonel Hanson's Division. I shall forward you a report of same as soon as I receive it.

I forward you with this a Return showing the last issue of clothing to corps of Active Militia in Military District No. 6.

I shall now conclude this, perhaps too long report by repeating what I have already said in former reports, and say that the only means of keeping up "corps" to their established strength and a proper force in the District, is the "Ballot."

I remain Sir, yours truly.

A. C. DELOBINIÈRE HARWOOD,

Lieut. Colonel, D. A. G.,

MILITARY DISTRICT No. 6.

The Adjutant General of Militia, Ottawa.

MILITARY DISTRICT, No. 7.

The Militia in this District are under the command of Lieut. Colonel L. A. Casault, C. M. G., Deputy Adjutant General, who reports for my information as follows on the state of his command:—

HEAD QUARTERS,

QUEBEC, 31st October, 1872.

Sir,—I have the honor to inform you, that the quota of Active Militia required to be furnished from the district under my command, is (5,012) five thousand and twelve, officers and men.

The total nominal strength of the force in the district where the respective corps gazetted complete to their established strength as authorized, would be (4,610) four thousand six hundred and ten.

The total actual strength of the force when mustered at the time of the annual drill for 1872 and 1873, was 2,283; the Cavalry, Garrison Artillery and Eighth Battalion, total nominal strength 654, composed chiefly of men living by the trade of the port, found it next to impossible to drill during summer, and have asked leave to drill during the winter months;—there are 1,673 officers and men wanted to complete.

The New Carlisle, Trois Pisto's Matane, St. Urbain companies have failed to reorganize after their first term of service, I would beg to recommend that they be struck off the Roll of Active Militia to make room for others offering their services.

The Maria, Metapedia and Carleton Companies are nominally authorized, but have never been armed, equipped or clothed, and are waiting to be placed by the Department in a position to discharge their duties as volunteer companies.