

On the afternoon of Friday, July 2nd, I proceeded to London to complete arrangements at Wimbledon, having first issued an order that the Team would pursue the usual course as to going into camp, but if any member of the Team felt that he would be "physically weakened" by camp-life, a personal application to remain out should be made to the officer commanding.

It has been claimed that the supposed exposure in camp had the effect of impairing the powers of marksmen, and, as the point had been agitated, I deemed it my duty in the interest of the Association to add to the comfort of the Team in every way, and was forced to an additional expenditure in flooring the tents, which certainly added greatly to the comfort of the occupants of the camp.

As the few who had permission to remain out of camp, although good marksmen, fell far behind what was expected of them in the matches, I infer that camp-life at Wimbledon has the reverse effect of what they anticipated, and I would suggest that for the future it should be an established rule of the Association that those who go to Wimbledon as marksmen and representatives of the Active Militia of Canada, should reside in camp. The Canadian Camp has always been a centre of attraction to visitors, and the personal representation of the Canadian Militia upon Wimbledon Common is most important from a public or national point of view: if the Team as a body were allowed to remain out of camp, under the plea of physical weakness, it would reflect seriously upon the physique of Canadians generally, as well as on that of the Defensive Force of the country.

General Sir Garnet W. Iseley, Quarter-Master General, upon application kindly placed at our disposal the ranges at Wormwood Scrubs on Friday and Saturday, the 9th and 10th of July. I thought it most desirable to give the Team the opportunity of practicing on a range and in an atmosphere similar to that at Wimbledon, and accordingly gave directions for the Team to proceed to Putney, on Thursday, by the Midland Railway, and, on arrival, quartered them at the Oxford House Hotel until Saturday afternoon.

On Saturday, the 10th of July, at 6.30 p. m., everything being in readiness, the Team went into camp at Wimbledon.

The success of the Team as prize-winners, although not up to their expectations, was not so very far behind that of previous years. In the "Queen's," at the two first ranges, Private S. Graham, of the 25th Battalion, succeeded in scoring 66, and placing himself thirteenth in the list, the highest score being 68. Quarter Master Sergeant Stenhouse, of the P. W. R., scoring 64; but when the hour for the Team to fire at the 600 yards range came, the weather was most unfavorable and quite destroyed their prospects. I would suggest for the future that in the "Queen's," and in some of the other matches, the Executive Committee of the National Rifle Association be asked that the Canadians be not all squadded to shoot at the same hour, but that they may be so distributed