

These two battalions are amongst the best in the District.

The Garrison Batteries at Port Hope and Trenton have also failed as yet to put in their drill this year. No reason has been assigned.

The Commandant of the Schools of Gunnery at Kingston accompanied me on my inspection of the other two Garrison Batteries at Napanee and Cobourg. He examined them in garrison gun drill, and expressed approval of the manner in which the exercises were performed by the gun detachments, and in which his questions were answered; but they were recommended to attend the School of Gunnery in future, and obtain a more perfect and extended knowledge of artillery duties than their own limited means of instruction now enable them to attain.

The total amount of money distributed amongst the several corps for efficient bands of music was :

In the 6th Brigade Division..... \$475  
do 7th do ..... 500

Total in the District ..... \$975  
The amount granted in aid of the Rifle Associations was \$225, as follows :—  
6th Brigade Division..... \$75  
7th do ..... 75  
Hastings Association ..... 75

Total..... \$225  
The state of the arms and clothing reported upon in the tabular statement (from 106 a) refers to the equipment seen in the camps, and at the armouries of other corps only who performed drill and were inspected at their own headquarters, which is of course a portion only of arms and clothing in possession of the force.

In the month of October a report was forwarded to me of the loss by fire of the clothing of No. 2 Company, 15th Battalion "Argyle Light Infantry," at Belleville on the 3rd of that month. This clothing was kept by the Captain in his office in the market building for their better preservation, while the arms and accoutrements of the company in the armoury were uninjured.

The report of the captain as sent to me is enclosed herewith.

The instructions issued for the recall of all arms and clothing in possession of the men are being carried out by commanding officers of corps, but up to the present date the half yearly inspections by the Brigade Majors have not been completed, and I am therefore unable to make a more accurate report at present of the equipment generally.

I have the honour to be, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
S. P. JARVIS, Lieut.-Col.  
Deputy Adjutant General,  
Military District, No. C.  
The Deputy Adjutant General of Militia,  
Ottawa.

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THE CAMP, KINGSTON,  
July, 3rd, 1874.

Sir:—I have the honor to report that the corps have performed their annual drill, in the camp just ended, for 1874 and 1875, under my command, as officer commanding the 7th Brigade Division, according to the District Orders dated June 17th, 1874.

The Camp was laid out and was conducted in strict accordance with the regulations and orders for drill, guards, targets practice, &c.

The brigade field movements were very creditably performed.

It affords me great pleasure to be able to

report most satisfactorily on the conduct of every officer present, and that I was most ably seconded by the officers in command of battalions.

The target practice was most ably conducted under the superintendence of Capt. Byrne, the Musketry Instructor.

The Supply Officer, Captain Gordon, was most attentive and diligent in the discharge of his onerous duties.

To the Brigade Major, Lieut. Col Phillips, I am indebted for much valuable aid and assistance in carrying out the various duties incident to the command intrusted to me.

The total actual strength of the force in camp is appended to this Report.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
ALFRED A. CAMERON, Lt.-Col.  
Commanding Kingston Camp.  
The Deputy Adj. General,  
Commanding Military District No. 3,  
Kingston.

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Cobourg, July 22nd, 1874.

Sir,—As senior officer and Commandant at the brigade camp for the present year, recently formed at Cobourg under the authority of District Orders, dated June 17th, 1874, I have the honor to report that the camp composed of the corps with commanding officers was duly formed on the 22nd ultimo.

The ground, selected just outside the northern limits of the town, was well adapted to purposes of encampment, being convenient, cheerful and remarkably healthy; there being very few cases of sickness, and those of only the mildest type.

The drill and exercises were conducted, as nearly as possible, in accordance with the directions laid down in the District Orders, and general camp duties and routine were carried on with as much strictness as can be in the case of raw troops brought together for so brief a period.

Of the general conduct of officers and men I cannot speak in too high terms, and, considering the shortness of the time afforded for actual work (only nine days exclusive of Sunday and the Days of marching in and out), and the comparatively large number of the recruits in the ranks, the progress in drill was very satisfactory. Indeed the change made in the Field Battery (at field drill for the first time) was something remarkable.

In this connection I must say that the reduction in the number of men per troop and company for drill purposes I strongly approve of, and would wish to see the reduction carried still further, provided it could be accompanied with a corresponding increase in the number of drills and the greater consequent efficiency of the company and battalion staff.

The difficulty experienced in horsing volunteer batteries, a subject of general complaint amongst Artillery officers, was entirely absent in the case of the Durham Battery; indeed Captain Graham brought with him more than the regulation number of horses. With the battery there were some very fine teams, and in general its horses, and those of the cavalry in camp, were all that could be desired.

From the Brigade Staff I received every assistance, each of its members seemed the right man in the right place. The prompt and satisfactory issue of supplies by Captain Van Ingen could not have been better performed by any Control Officers in the regular service. Captain Johnston is a most painstaking and intelligent musketry instructor, and on this occasion

proved the value of the special training received by him some years ago; while Major McDermid discharged the duties of Camp Quartermaster in a way that showed him to be a reliable and trustworthy officer.

The relationship existing between the Brigade Major and myself forbids and reference to him, beyond the fact that the credit of any success arising from preliminary arrangements is altogether his.

To the officers commanding corps my thanks are due for the cheerful, ready, and soldier like support which on all occasions I received from them.

The supplies were of the best the season could afford. The meat, though thin, was always sweet and of good quality, and the bread, furnished by Shepherd, of Port Hope, was excellent. Indeed, as regards the supplies, no complaint whatever was made.

The transport arrangements, both by the Grand Trunk and by the Cobourg and Peterborough roads were all that could be desired, securing, as they did, early arrivals and departures.

There was no casualty of moment to report. The weather during the whole period was very pleasant, and on marching out all ranks seemed well satisfied with the camp and every thing connected with it.

The payment of officers according to rank was appreciated, as was also the increase of ten cents a day in the pay of the rank and file.

With respect to the conveniences provided for the troops it may not be amiss to say that at the commencement of the camp a post office was established at the Brigade Office under the immediate charge of the Brigade Clerk, the transport branch of the service being performed by a mounted orderly, with mail bags kindly lent by Mr. Sykes the obliging Cobourg Postmaster. Postage stamps too were kept on sale, and everything done to secure prompt and satisfactory communication with home and friends.

The Montreal Telegraph Company, with characteristic enterprise and at no small expense, laid a wire in connection with the line on the Peterborough Railway, and established an office in one of our circular tents lent them for the purpose; this, I need hardly say, proved a great convenience to many.

I shall fail in my duty did I not mention the very great pleasure and profit afforded to all ranks in camp by the Cobourg Young Men's Christian Association, who, at considerable cost to themselves, erected a building on the ground, and supplied, gratis to all, an abundance of reading and a liberal stock of writing materials, with all necessary facilities for correspondence; and I am happy to say that very many of the men availed themselves of this kindness, and also attended in large numbers the evening religious meetings held in the Association building. I would recommend that an appropriation to assist and encourage this object should annually be placed in the Militia estimates, and that steps should be taken to give such certainty and permanence to these rooms as would make them a part of our camping system.

I beg to close this imperfect report by recommending that the month of June be fixed for the drill period in this section of the Dominion. All interests considered, no other month of the year is as convenient for the employer and employed, and no other month affords as good practical results in respect to the comfort of the men and the economy of the time set aside for the training. I have said that this month should be fixed, that is, the members of the force should, months before, when and