

Changed position on right Company of the centre Battalion, left thrown back.

Advanced in Echelon of Companies from right of whole line. Wheeled  $\frac{1}{2}$  circle to right and formed square on front Companies of Battalions.

On the afternoon of the 24th July the Militia Force marched into the country under the command of the Commandant. The Officers Corps formed the advanced guard and skirmished where the ground was sufficiently wide to admit of a Company in extended order. No. 7 Company 2nd Battalion formed the rear guard.

On the 27th July Your Excellency addressed the Militia quartered at the Camp, and complimented them highly on the progress they had made and their good conduct while at the Camp. A General Order to the same effect was also read to them and ordered to be published.

I refrain from making any remarks as to the greater progress made by some of the Companies in Battalion and Company drill. Wherever a Company was more proficient than others I invariably found that there was some more experienced Officer or Drill Instructor attached to that Company than I was able to appoint to others; or that a greater number of Volunteers or men who had been already drilled belonged to the Company.

That every officer and soldier tried his best to excel I am perfectly confident, and neither the Brigade Major nor myself ever had to complain of want of attention on the part of any person quartered at the Camp. The number of available Drill Instructors was very limited for so large a body of men, and to Colonel Cole, 15th Regiment, I am greatly indebted for assistance in this as well as in many other respects.

On the 28th July the Militia returned to their homes.

All which is respectively submitted to Your Excellency.

H. J. HALLOWES, *Capt. 15th Regt.*

*Colonel Commandant Camp of Instruction.*

5th August, 1865.

[ Enclosure 1. ]

Captain Moody, Acting Quartermaster General, to Colonel Hallowes.

*Fredericton, 5th July, 1865.*

SIR,—His Excellency the Commander in Chief having been pleased, on the 6th ult., to direct me to undertake the arrangements for providing accommodation for the men of the Provincial Militia, who are now to be assembled in a Camp of Instruction in Fredericton, I have the honor to report to you, for His Excellency's information, the steps which I have taken in endeavouring to carry out my instructions.

Before the date above mentioned, it had been decided that the Exhibition Building and Agricultural Society's Grounds should be hired by the Government, for the purpose of a Camp, &c. A lease has since that time been signed, which gives possession of them up to the 15th August. As the Buildings are on that day to be delivered up in the same state (wear and tear, and fire, excepted,) as when the Government first entered on them, it has been of course my object to make as few alterations as possible. In one range of the out-buildings, I have made accommodations for 159 men, at very trifling cost, and room can easily be found (temporarily, if not permanently,) for 56 more in the same place. As nearly all the other out-buildings are, more or less, out of repair, I deemed it best to put as many men as possible in the Exhibition Building itself. I have accordingly provided for 393 men in the galleries, and for 228 men on the ground floor; 621 in all. Should it prove on trial that so large a number cannot with due regard to health and convenience, be accommodated in that building, it will be easy to provide at 2 day's notice, for 100 or 150 men in other parts of the grounds, at a cost probably not exceeding 40 cents a head.

I have (with Mr. J. H. Reid's consent,) temporarily removed a sufficient number of windows from the Dome and other parts of the building, to ensure, I hope, complete ventilation.

The men who sleep in the galleries, will mess at the tables arranged in the west transept—those on the ground floor at tables generally close to their beds, so that rations need never be carried up stairs. The centre of the building and the south transept are left clear. This will be found, probably, on wet days, a convenient place for guard mounting, or parade.

Under the galleries I have arranged two orderly rooms, (one for each Battalion,) Paymaster's Office, Quartermaster's Store, and a Reading Room. I have applied to the Editors of most of the Provincial Newspapers, for copies of their papers for the use of the men, and in most cases my request has been readily complied with.

Buckets to be used in case of fire, are placed at the heap of each staircase, and I would suggest that it should be the duty of some Non-Commissioned Officer daily to see that they are kept filled.

The Buglers will be lodged separately in another part of the grounds.

Five tents, which will accommodate 25 or 30 men, have been pitched at the west of the building, and if necessary more can be obtained. The whole number provided for is stated in the margin, (824.)

Each man has been provided with a straw mattress and bolster, a rack for his rifle, and a place to hang his clothes.

The Field Officers, the Company Officers, and those composing the Officers' Company, will be accommodated either in tents, or in a portion of the "Horticultural Building," which has been partitioned off for that purpose. The remainder of that building will be suitable for an Officers' Mess, should they decide on establishing one.

The Hospital marquee, and tent for the Medical Officer, have been pitched towards the farther end of the Track.

The "Ticket Office" outside the Exhibition Building has been converted into the main guard, and a passage made connecting it with the rear of the building. The picket guard is at the old entrance into the Agricultural grounds.

Commissariat store, cooking houses, washing places, latrines, &c., have also been provided.

As there was but one well on the grounds, and that one in an inconvenient situation, I endeavoured to make one nearer the building, but failed to obtain water. I was more successful fifty yards farther off, and as the expense was trifling I determined to sink another well, and by this means shall, I trust, have obviated all necessity for hauling water from other places. There are now about 4½ feet of water in each well.

A building in the corner of the Track, close to but yet outside the Agricultural grounds, has been allotted for a Canteen, and I have granted the privilege of keeping it to Mr. James Doran, who, besides retailing beer and porter, is to keep a general store of articles likely to be required by the men. Mr. Doran is bound under heavy penalties not to sell spirits.

It may, perhaps, not be out of place for me here to remark, (for the fact is one of great importance to the discipline and good order of the Camp,) that his Worship the Mayor has assured me that he will not allow any licenses to issue for Taverns in that part of the City, during the continuance of the Camp.

I circulated in Saint John and Fredericton a printed notice, calling for tenders for the supply of rations. I have accepted the tender of Messrs. George Hatt and Sons. The scale adopted for rations is the same as that for Her Majesty's Troops here, excepting that an increased amount of tea is substituted for the allowance of milk.

I came to the conclusion that although the men might fairly be called on to cook their own rations, and that the learning to do so might be considered as part of the training of a soldier, yet as the object of the Camp of Instruction was to thoroughly drill as many men as possible, that it would be desirable to provide for the cooking without taking men (two or three per Company,) constantly off duty, if it could be done at a moderate rate. I was, however, for so long a time unable to come to any satisfactory arrangement, that I was compelled to make preparations for enabling the men to cook for themselves. I have, however, now made an agreement with Mr. Baxter, which involves but little extra cost, and which will, I hope, work satisfactorily. The rations are to be cooked in a manner similar to that adopted by Her Majesty's Troops here; one third of the meat daily is to be roasted or baked. Though I have confidence in Mr. Baxter's wish and ability to fulfil his contract satisfactorily, I have yet thought it prudent to reserve to myself the right of terminating the agreement, and of, in that case, obtaining temporary possession of all the stoves and cooking apparatus.

Having been directed to obtain 1000 tunics and caps, according to a previously determined pattern, I found myself