

These men were selected by their respective commanding Officers as being, from their position and habits, likely to be competent to fill future vacancies among the ranks of the commissioned Officers.

This Battalion was divided into four Companies commanded by Officers from the 1st or Officers' Battalion, recommended by the Lieutenant Colonel of the Battalion, and approved of by the Commandant.

Two Subalterns were also told off in a similar manner to each Company.

In the Officers' Battalion the Captains and Subalterns of Companies were at first changed daily, but as much inconvenience arose from this arrangement they were latterly kept on for several days together.

The following is a list of the Staff of the Camp, and Field Officers and Staff of Battalions:—

- 1 Commandant, Colonel H. J. Hallows. (Capt. H. M. 15th Regt.)
- 1 Quartermaster General. Lieut. Col. W. B. Robinson, (Quartermaster General N. B. Militia.)
- 1 Brigade Major, Lieut. and Adj. Jno. M'Murray, (H. M. 15th Regiment.)
- 1 Paymaster, Major R. D. James, (N. B. Militia.)
- 1 Medical Officer, Dr. Livingstone, 2nd Battalion Saint John County Militia.
- 1 Quartermaster, (Acting,) Qr. Master Wm. Fraser, (H. M. 15th Regiment.)
- 1 Garrison Sergeant Major, Mr. J. Hewitson, (late H. M. 2nd Regiment.)
- 1 Quartermaster Sergeant, Col. Sergt. T. M'Kenzie, (H. M. 64th Regiment.)

First Battalion or Officers Corps.

- 1 Lieut. Colonel, A. C. Otty, St. John Vol. Batt.
- 1 Major, C. W. Raymond, 1st Bat. Carleton.
- 1 Adjutant, Capt. & Adj. D. Wilson, 1st Batt. York.
- 1 Sergt. Major, Color Sergt. Templeton, H. M. 49th Regiment.

Second Battalion Service Militia.

- 1 Lieut. Colonel, Jas. A. Inches, 4th Batt. Charlotte.
- 1 Major, W. M. Jarvis, 2nd Batt. Saint John.
- 1 Adjutant, Capt. & Adj. Jno. Evans, Queen's N.B. Rangers
- 1 Sergt. Major, Color Sergt. Thos. Quinn, H. M. 10th Regiment.

The Sergeant Majors were appointed to the Battalions from the staff of regular Drill Instructors attached to the Provincial Militia.

The following were the rates of pay of each rank:—

Field Officers and Adjutants, 3 dollars a day, and 1 dollar a day for forage.
 Captains, 3 dollars a day.
 Subalterns, 1½ dollars a day.
 Officers serving as Privates in the 1st Battalion, 1½ dollars a day.
 Sergeants, 75 cents and rations.
 Corporals, 60 cents and rations.
 Privates, 50 cents and rations.

Making a total during the Camp of about \$19,000.

Divine Service was performed every Sunday by Clergymen from Saint John, (who kindly volunteered their services,) and the following is a list of the numbers of the different religious persuasions in the Force:—

Church of England, 225.
 Methodists and Baptists, 145.
 Presbyterians, 93.
 Roman Catholics, 34.

The drills, &c. took place at the undermentioned hours, throughout the whole continuance of the Camp:—

Reveille at 5 A. M.	Drill from 3 to 5 P. M.
Drill from 6 to 7.30 A. M.	Tea at 5 P. M.
Breakfast at 8 A. M.	Retreat at 6.30 P. M.
Drill from 10 to 12 noon.	Tattoo at 9.30 P. M.
Dinner at 1 P. M.	Lights out at 11 P. M.

On the 30th June the Oath of Allegiance was administered by Your Excellency to the Staff Officers, and on the 2nd July it was administered to the Officers and Men.

Of the Officers assembled there were several who understood their drill very well, and these were successfully employed in imparting instruction to others. There were but few among the men who had received any instruction in drill.

The day's drill was divided as follows:—

From 6 to 7.30 A. M., and from 10 A. M. to 12 noon, manual and platoon exercise, and Company drill under Officers commanding Companies.

From 3 to 5 P. M., Battalion drill under Officers commanding Battalions, and Brigade drill under the Commandant.

The routine of the Camp was carried on according to the system practised in the Regular Army, as also the interior management of the Battalions, each of which had its Officers of the day and Orderly Sergeants and Corporals.

The Orders were issued daily to each Battalion and given out as usual to the Orderly Sergeants of Companies.

Regimental picquets of three men per Company paraded at Retreat and Tattoo.

A Brigade Guard of 1 Subaltern, 1 Sergeant, 2 Corporals, and 18 Privates, and a Detached Guard of 1 Sergeant, 1 Corporal, and 6 Officers, mounted daily. Sentries were posted round the Camp to prevent the men leaving Barracks after tattoo.

A Field Officer and Garrison Captain were told off daily, and

visited the Guards by day and night. Their reports were sent to the Major of Brigade with the Guard Reports.

A Police Force was established under the command of the Provost Sergeant.

The duty of this Force was to prevent acts of petty theft in the Camp, and to stop every irregularity that came under its notice.

A Non-Commissioned Officer was always in the Canteen to prevent drunkenness, &c.

The prisoners were brought before their Commanding Officers at 9 A. M., and punished by stoppage of pay, or confinement to Camp, according to the nature of their offence. The number of prisoners was very small, and the crimes were never of so grave a nature as to entail severe punishment. It was not found necessary to assemble a single Court Martial during the existence of the Camp, and I cannot speak in too high terms of the conduct of both Officers and Men.

I have not mentioned the Buildings, Tents, Rations, or Cooking, as all information on these points is given in the Reports of the Quarter Master General.

Colonel Harding, C. B., 22nd Regiment, commanding Troops in New Brunswick, inspected the Camp on the 19th July, and after having seen the Militia drilled in Brigade by the Commandant, and in Battalion and Manual and Platoon exercise by the Field Officers of Battalions, expressed himself fully satisfied with the progress made in drill as well as the accommodation, rations, &c.

On Saturday the 21st July, Col. Harding brigaded the Militia with the Royal Artillery and H. M. 15th Regiment from Saint John. After marching past the whole Force changed position to the left, and advanced, the 15th Regiment skirmishing, and the Militia in line. The ground was very rough, and several obstacles of a large description were passed, but during this manoeuvre, as well as during the several others ordered by the Colonel Commanding during the day, the Militia acquitted themselves in a most creditable and soldierly manner.

On the 21st July I issued the following Brigade Order, which expressed my own satisfaction with the conduct and proficiency of the various Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and Privates under my command:—

Brigade Orders by Colonel Hallows, Commandant of the Camp.

Camp of Instruction, Torryburn, 21st July, 1866.

No. 2. His Excellency the Commander in Chief has been pleased to order that the Camp of Instruction shall be broken up on Tuesday next.

The Commandant takes this opportunity to thank Lieutenant Colonels Otty and Inches, and the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and Men under their command, for the cheerful and willing manner in which they have from the commencement obeyed all orders and instructions from time to time given them.

The Commandant is perfectly satisfied with the progress made by both Battalions in drill, and that they should after so short a period of instruction have acquitted themselves so well in the field when brigaded with regular troops, reflects the greatest credit on both Officers in command of Battalions and on those who under them instructed the troops in the more simple but equally essential elements of drill.

The quick and regular manner in which the Troops turned out on the occasion of a night alarm, shows that the interior discipline of the Battalions has been well carried out, and the very small number of prisoners that have been brought before the Commanding Officers is highly creditable to the men.

In bidding farewell to the troops, the Commandant recommends those who are not so situated as to be able to gain instruction from a regular Drill Instructor, to meet (even if only in small numbers) and drill one another in turn, always being careful to be guided strictly by the book in every detail, as the slightest departure from the rules laid down soon becomes a confirmed bad habit which is most difficult to remove.

By order.

(Signed) JNO. M'MURRAY,
 Major of Brigade.

On the 23rd 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.

On the 24th July the Militia started for their homes.

All of which is respectfully submitted to Your Excellency.

H. J. HALLOWES, Capt. 1-15th Regt.
 Commandant Camp of Instruction.

6th August, 1866.

The Quartermaster General of Militia to the Adjutant General of Militia.

Quartermaster General's Office,
 St. John, N. B. 14th July, 1866.

SIR,—I have the honor to report, for the information of His Excellency the Commander in Chief, that on the 11th day of June ultimo, I received instructions to provide Huts for the accommodation of 300 Officers and 200 Men to be assembled on the 27th of the same month at a Camp of Instruction at Torryburn, on the grounds of the Saint John Pleasure Association, about six miles and a half from this City.