

REGISTER OF TARGET PRACTICE—continued.

THIRD MATCH. Number of Targets fired at, three. Ranges, 500 and 600 yards. Two shots at each Range, any position. 23rd November, 1876.

BLACK TARGETS.

RANK AND NAME.	WHITE SIGHTS.				WHITE SIGHTS.				BLACK SIGHTS.				BLACK SIGHTS.					
	200 Yards.			Total Points.	300 Yards.			Total Points.	400 Yards.			Total Points.	—			Total Points.		
	Points per Shot				Points per Shot				Points per Shot				Points per Shot					
	1	2	3		1	2	3		1	2	3		1	2	3			
	2nd Class Sergeant E. Jones	...	...	0	0	...	0	0	0	...	0	3	2	...	5	0	3	...
Constable T. Cassidy	...	...	0	0	...	0	0	0	...	0	0	0	...	0	0	0	...	0
Constable W. H. Kelly	...	...	3	4	...	7	0	0	...	0	4	2	...	6	0	0	...	0
Constable W. Murry	...	...	0	2	...	2	0	0	...	0	0	0	...	0	4	2	...	6
Constable W. H. O'Neill	...	...	0	2	...	2	0	0	...	0	0	0	...	0	0	0	...	0
Constable G. Smith	...	...	3	0	...	3	0	0	...	0	0	0	...	0	3	0	...	3
						14				0				11				12

WHITE TARGETS.

2nd Class Sergeant E. Jones ...	2	0	...	2	0	3	...	3	3	4	...	7	0	0	...	0
Constable T. Cassidy ...	0	3	...	3	0	0	...	0	2	2	...	4	3	0	...	3
Constable W. H. Kelly ...	0	2	...	2	4	0	...	4	3	0	...	3	3	3	...	6
Constable W. Murry ...	2	2	...	4	0	2	...	2	0	2	...	2	2	0	...	2
Constable W. H. O'Neill ...	0	3	...	3	0	0	...	0	0	4	...	4	0	0	...	0
Constable G. Smith ...	2	4	...	6	2	0	...	2	2	2	...	4	0	0	...	0
				20				11				24				11

Total Points: Black sights on white target, 303; white sights on white target, 262; black sights on black target, 239; white sights on black target, 249.

REGISTER OF JUDGING-DISTANCE PRACTICE, testing SOALL'S Principle of Range Finding.

RANK AND NAME.	CORRECT DISTANCE IN YARDS.								Total Points. 1st Practice.	CORRECT DISTANCE IN YARDS.								Total Points. 2nd Practice.
	120		200		300		400			500		100		230		330		
	Ans. 1	Pts	Ans. 2	Pts	Ans. 3	Pts	Ans. 4	Pts		Ans. 1	Pts	Ans. 2	Pts	Ans. 3	Pts	Ans. 4	Pts	
Constable J. L. Croker ...	150	0	270	0	310	2	500	0	2	590	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Constable F. Carthy ...	300	0	400	0	438	0	450	0	0	500	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Constable J. Henderson ...	110	2	250	0	340	0	370	1	3	500	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Constable F. F. McLean ...	100	0	350	0	500	0	520	0	0	600	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Constable W. H. O'Neill ...	120	3	230	0	300	3	500	0	6	600	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Constable T. O'Connell ...	150	0	180	0	350	0	400	2	2	550	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Lieut.-Colonel W. C. Lyon .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	550	0	120	2	280	0	450	0	2
Captain J. McPherson ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	600	0	80	0	300	0	500	0	0
Captain Marshall ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	500	2	90	0	300	0	400	0	2
J. C. Soall ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	90	0	300	0	400	0	0

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REPLY to the REPORT of BOARD of OFFICERS, held at Hamilton, Waikato, 22nd November, 1876.

Auckland, 25th January, 1877.

THE undersigned has to express his regret at his not being made aware of the statements and objections contained in the report at the time the Board sat, so that he might have been enabled to answer them there and then; but as a period of near two months elapsed before he obtained a sight of or knowledge of them, he feels compelled to reply, which he does with the greatest respect.

And first, he begs to say the last paragraph of the report does not state, "That in his letter to Lieut.-Colonel Lyon, dated 13th November, 1876, the undersigned made it a *sine qua non* that money prizes should be obtained for the men, as an inducement for them to do their level-best under both systems; he feeling certain that, without some inducements to the men to obtain the highest aggregates, their prejudices would be sure to bias them in their firing.

The matches referred to in paragraph marked F as not necessary, the undersigned considered the most important. But as the weather was so extremely hot, and the members of the Board were so indisposed to proceed to the range, he of course could not press them.