

During the past year the whole of the Q.F. shooting (excepting at Lyttelton) has been carried out by night.

The Chief Instructor of Artillery has visited each centre during the training season, in order to insure uniformity of system and drill.

The training-camps have been held under similar conditions to previous years—i.e., each company holding a company training-camp, but no Brigade camps have been held. It is proposed that company camps be abolished, and that in future all companies of a district undergo annual training in camp at the same time, in order that battle practice may be carried out and defence schemes rehearsed, and Staff Officers thereby get an opportunity of learning their duties. At present far more attention is devoted to company service practice than to battle practice. If, however, brigade camps were held in place of company camps, battle practice would receive the consideration due to its importance.

Under the new scheme, the establishment of Garrison Artillery companies has been reduced to 100, the previous establishment of 156 having been found too large to efficiently train, with the limited material available.

There has been a considerable change in the *personnel* of the officers during the past year, but their keenness and desire to learn their duties is beyond all praise.

The N.C.O.s are not, on the whole, such good Instructors as they might be, owing to the work of training the men, which should be the special duty of the company N.C.O.s, being carried out by R.N.Z.A. Instructors.

The efficiency and shooting records of each company is shown by the following tables :—

Return showing Standard of Efficiency of the N.Z.G.A. for the Year 1909–10.

District	Company.	Staff.	N.C.O.s. and Men in Gunnery.	Range-finding.	Signalling.	Gun-laying.	Trumpeters.	Fort-manning.	Discipline during Camp.	Attendance at Camp.	Strength of Company.	Electricians.	Engine-driving.	Number passed in Semaphore Signalling.	Total Percentage for 1909–10.	Class awarded for Shooting.	Efficiency Grade of Company for 1909–10.
Auckland	No. 1	46.0	61.2	74.5	92.0	89.8	3.0	85	46.0	63	50.0	53.7	31.8	..	81.4	2nd	"A."
	No. 2	47.0	75.2	87.7	93.6	95.7	4.5	90	45.0	82	50.0	38.1	31.4	24	86.5	3rd	"B."
	No. 3	40.0	62.3	84.4	89.0	96.1	3.9	75	25.0	78	50.0	13.0	32.30	..	76.0	N.C.	"C."
Wellington	No. 1	42.0	82.0	84.5	90.0	93.0	4.3	90	45.0	87	50.0	..	..	17	88.4	1st	"A."
	*No. 2	35.0	90.8	95.6	96.0	89.7	3.8	90	49.5	99	39.0	..	..	66	91.1	1st	"A."
	†No. 3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Canterbury	No. 1	35.0	85.0	94.4	84.0	89.0	3.5	95	49.0	79	50.0	..	..	29	87.9	1st	"A."
	No. 2	40.0	88.4	95.2	93.6	93.0	4.0	93	40.0	84	39.2	32.8	15.6	28	84.0	1st	"A."
	No. 1	40.0	85.0	92.1	89.0	93.0	3.75	85	35.0	68	50.0	46.8	45.2	30	85.7	1st	"A."
Otago	No. 2	44.0	86.0	90.0	85.0	97.3	3.5	..	43.0	70	50.0	..	..	44	86.8	1st	"A."
Westport	No. 1	35.5	79.8	..	80.0	89.7	4.3	..	50.0	80	40.0	..	..	33	82.7	N.C.	"B."

* Awarded Challenge Shield for highest standard of efficiency for 1909–10. † Organized for electric-lighting duties only.

TABLE A.—Results of Coast Artillery Practice for the Year 1909–10.

Com-pany.	Division.	Company Commander.	Figure of Merit.								Remarks showing Order of Merit.
			6 in. B.L.	8 in. B.L.	6-pr. Q.F.	12-pr. Q.F.	Total Figure of Merit for B.L.	Total Figure of Merit for Q.F.	Figure of Merit awarded to Company.	Class awarded for Shooting.	
No. 1	Canterbury ..	Capt. Gill ..	1.307	1.029	0.857	..	1.196	0.972	1 121	1st	1st
No. 2	Otago ..	Major Dodds ..	..	..	1.021	..	..	1.021	1.021	1st	2nd
No. 2	Wellington ..	Capt. Ellis ..	1.010	..	..	..	1.010	..	1.010	1st	3rd
No. 2	Canterbury ..	Capt. Rattray ..	0.934	Nil	0.900	..	0.934	0.900	0.922	1st	4th
No. 1	Otago ..	Major Frederic ..	1.011	..	0.666	..	1.011	0.666	0.896	1st	5th
No. 1	Wellington ..	Capt. Somerville	0.745	0.678	1.123	0.536	0.711	0.927	0.716	1st	6th
No. 1	Auckland ..	Capt. Greenhough	0.497	..	0.811	..	0.497	0.811	0.601	2nd	7th
No. 2	Auckland ..	Capt. Potter ..	..	0.507	0.584	Nil	0.507	0.584	0.532	3rd	8th
No. 3	Auckland ..	Capt. Morran ..	0.374	..	0.546	..	0.374	0.546	0.431	N.C.	9th
No. 1	Westport ..	Capt. Cottrell ..	..	..	0.043	0.507	..	0.351	0.351	N.C.	10th