

ORGANIZATION AND WORKING OF CAMP.

Titles and Duties of Officers.

Commandant. 20. The Trentham Camp is controlled by a military officer known as the Camp Commandant, who is responsible, through his executive officers, for the whole conduct of the camp. For the purpose of this inquiry the principal executive officers are the Principal Medical Officer, the Camp Quartermaster, and the Supply and Transport Officer. The Principal Medical Officer up to the end of June was the senior Medical Officer attached for duty with the Expeditionary Forces in camp. There was therefore no continuity of medical control. Since the advent of the D.M.H. a permanent P.M.O. has been in charge of the camp and hospitals. The duties of the Principal Medical Officer in camp are to watch the health of the troops, to draw attention to errors and defects in sanitation likely to affect their health, to keep the D.M.S. advised by returns as to the state of health, to take all safeguards for the prevention of diseases, and to treat all the sick.

Quarter-master. 21. The Camp Quartermaster at Trentham is responsible for the requisitioning, storage, and issue of all material, including clothing and equipment, for the troops entering and leaving camp. He is responsible for the organization of the camp, including cleanliness and sanitation, and the control of the cookhouses apart from food-supplies.

Supply and Transport Officer. 22. The Supply and Transport Officer is responsible for obtaining and distributing food, forage, fuel, and light.

Sanitary Officer. Since the 23rd June, 1915, a medical man has acted as permanent Sanitary Officer.

Names of military officers. 23. The officers who have held posts in connection with the camp are as follows :—

Camp Commandant	...	...	Colonel Potter.
Camp Quartermaster	...	...	Captain McCristell.
Supply and Transport Officer	...	...	Lieutenant Petty.

Names of P.M.O.s and periods of office. Those who have held the post of Principal Medical Officer are :—

From October to December, 1914	...	Colonel McKillop.
From December, 1914, to 13th February, 1915	...	Major Holmes.
From 13th February to 17th April, 1915	...	Major Fyffe.
From 17th April to 19th May	...	Major McGuire.
From 19th May to 12th June	...	Major McAra.
From 12th June to 29th June	...	Major Stout (acting).
Since 29th June as Permanent Principal Medical Officer	...	Colonel Morice.
Sanitary Officer since 23rd June	...	Major Finch.
Sanitary Officer since 4th July, 1915	...	Major Sydney Smith.

Duties of P.M.O. 24. Taking the duties of the Principal Medical Officer and his staff in more detail, we find that he is assisted in carrying out his duties by regimental officers and by Medical Officers attached to the Field Ambulances and other details. These Assistant Medical Officers are responsible under the P.M.O. for the inspection and examination of all sick troops, their treatment while in camp, and their transportation from camp to any hospital.

Names of Assistant Medical Officers and periods of office. 25. The following were Assistant Medical Officers under the P.M.O. during the following periods :—

Captain Ferguson	...	From 20th May to 14th July.
Captain Harrison	...	From 1st June to 14th July.
Major Stout	...	From 20th May to 12th June, and from 29th June to 14th July. He also acted during part of this time as Sanitary Officer.

Sick-parades. 26. For the purpose of inspection and examination, those men reporting sick through their non-commissioned officer are paraded at what is known as the sick-parade. The sick-parade takes place at the medical lines, which con-