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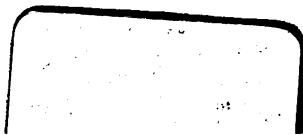
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HISTORICAL RECORD

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1ST CORNWALL

(DUKE OF CORNWALL'S)

ARTILLERY VOLUNTEERS.

BY

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“One and All.”
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1885.



P R E F A C E .

SEEING recently in the *Volunteer Service Gazette* that historical accounts of two Volunteer Corps had been written by their respective Adjutants, it struck me that a record of the 1ST CORNWALL ARTILLERY VOLUNTEERS could not fail to be of some interest to many members who have served, or are still serving, in the same. I feel that many apologies are due for the apparent presumption on my part in undertaking such a task, considering the short time I have had the honour of being attached to the Corps, and that my period of service will soon expire; still I have endeavoured, from the materials I have at hand to refer to, to compile a faithful record of the Brigade from the date of its formation up to the present time. There is no doubt that such a work is far more difficult in a Corps so peculiarly situated as the 1st Cornwall Artillery, in which all the Companies are outlying (there is, I believe, only one other Brigade which has a larger number of outlying Batteries), and where, in consequence, each has (and always will) considered itself

more or less of the nature of a distinct body. There being so much expense involved in bringing them together on any occasion, that one Battery knows very little of another; still I have attempted to amalgamate the whole in one short history.

I fear the following notes may prove somewhat dry reading, but I have been dependent to a great extent on the bare official documents for my information; and no attempt has been made to do more than collect, in a convenient form, whatever has been thought worthy of record.

Anyone perusing them is requested to remember, moreover, that they were compiled at odd moments, snatched from the usual orderly-room duties, at all times heavy, and which appear to be daily on the increase. Consequent on the consolidation of the Brigade, considerably more work has devolved upon the Headquarters. It is trusted, however, these notes may serve at times as a useful book for reference; should it prove so, it will fully compensate for the time bestowed in arranging the facts together in this form.

B. A. M.

PENZANCE,

March, 1885.

THE HISTORY
OF
THE 1ST CORNWALL ARTILLERY VOLUNTEERS.

THE idea of volunteering for the defence of their country against invaders is no new one to Englishmen ; when the Spanish Armada threatened our shores, the people sprang to arms, ready to face any odds for the safety of their hearths and homes.

In 1798, the inhabitants of this island were thoroughly aroused by the successes and menaces of Bonaparte, and by 1803 there were about 335,000 Volunteers, almost double the number of the Regular Army ; and it must be remembered that the population of the United Kingdom was not half what it is to-day.

The constitution of the Volunteers at this period was not nearly the same as that of the present day, but it was the same spirit that moved them. In the Appendix will be seen the numbers furnished by Cornwall about this time.

After half a century's tranquillity the peace of Europe was again disturbed, and it was impossible to say what turn affairs might not take.

As early as 1854, Rifle Clubs were formed in various parts of England, but the Government declined their services. During the next few years, the writings of several eminent professional men drew the attention of the nation to the defenceless state of our coasts, and to the increasing power of foreign navies. About

the same time, too, several warlike and aggressive pamphlets were published on the other side of the Channel, which roused the suspicions of the English. The Press advocated the formation of Volunteer Regiments, and the Government, obeying the will of the people, decided to aid the movement. On the 25th of May, 1859, General Peel, then Secretary of State for War, issued a circular authorising the formation of Volunteer Corps. Immediately on the Royal Consent being obtained, the nation again sprang to arms.

Cornwall does not appear to have been behindhand; on referring to the table of precedence in the Army List, it will be seen she stands sixth, out of a total of 62, of which Northumberland holds the proud position of being first.

The first Company of Artillery Volunteers in the county was raised at Padstow (owing mainly to the exertions of Charles Prideaux Brune, Esquire, of Prideaux Place); the date of acceptance of service being the 12th of September, 1859. Considering the size of the town, and its somewhat remote situation, it is particularly creditable to the inhabitants that they should be the first to offer their services in the defence of their native shores. The maximum establishment of the Company was fixed at 80; this included three Officers.

Padstow was not long allowed to possess the only Artillery Company in the county; and, before the end of the year, five more Corps were added, the first of these being a Company at Looe, the date of acceptance being the 30th of September, or only 18 days after Padstow; this was followed by two Companies, one at Fowey and one at Charlestown, sanctioned on the 12th and 28th of October, respectively; and two Sections, with an establishment of 29, were formed from the miners at the Par Consols and West Fowey Consols Mines on the 21st and 29th of December.

1860. On the 20th of February, the services of a Section at

Polruan were accepted, being the seventh Corps formed ; and on the 2nd of the following month, a Company was sanctioned at Hayle, being the first Artillery Corps in the western division of the county.

On the 28th of the same month, another Section, the ninth, or Fowey Consols Mine, was added. It will therefore be seen that between the 12th of September, 1859, and the 28th of March, 1860, a period of little over six months, Cornwall could boast of no less than five Companies and four Sections of Artillery Volunteers.

In March of this year, the undermentioned Officers, viz. :— Captains Brune, Essell, and Banks ; 1st Lieutenants Tredwen, Sobey, and Banks ; 2nd Lieutenants Pearse, Hicks, and Kernick ; Hon. Assistant-Surgeons A. A. Davis and W. H. Box, attended the Levée the Queen held for Volunteer Officers. It is possible one or two others were present, but the fact is not recorded.

The dress adopted at first for the Volunteer Artillery, on the recommendation of Lord Vivian, then Lord-Lieutenant of the County, consisted of a knitted woollen blue jersey, somewhat longer but very similar to that worn by Cornish fishermen. It was braided at the bottom and round the collar and cuffs with red, and on the chest the Cornish arms, fifteen balls, and the motto "One and All," were worked in red. The trousers were of blue cloth with broad red stripe, exactly as now worn ; the cap of a similar description to that still in use, except that it had a peak attached. A black leather waist-belt completed the uniform. No other Artillery Corps in the kingdom was, it is believed, dressed in this perhaps somewhat peculiar, but at the same time most thoroughly serviceable and comparatively inexpensive costume.

All the before-mentioned nine Corps, with the exception of No. 8 Company (Hayle), wore the jersey as described above ; the latter adopted the uniform as then generally approved of for the Volunteer Artillery in the country. This consisted of a blue cloth tunic, very similar to that still in use, but without the red

collar, and that the Austrian knot on sleeve was of black square cord; for the Officers this was traced in and out with red braid. The cap was of the same pattern as that worn by the other Companies, except that it was loose and not set up. The Officers' had a silver cannon in front.

The tunic before long became the uniform of all the Volunteer Artillery in the county, as will be seen hereafter.

In the Appendix are given the Dress Regulations, as approved of at a meeting held at Bodmin on the 30th of November of this year.

The names and dates of commissions of the first Officers appointed to the Volunteer Artillery were as follows, viz :—

No. 1, Padstow—

Captain C. G. P. Brune	- - -	17 September, '59.
1st Lieutenant J. Tredwen	- -	do.
2nd Lieutenant H. Pearse	- -	16 October, '59.
Honorary Assistant-Surgeon H. Marley		5 January, '60.

No. 2, Looe—

Captain C. W. Riley (late R.N.)	-	11 November, '59.
1st Lieutenant E. Campbell (retired Surgeon in Army)	- - -	do.
2nd Lieutenant J. Grigg	- - -	do.
Honorary Assistant-Surgeon W. T. A. Pattison	- - - - -	2 January, '60.

No. 3, Fowey—

Captain W. F. Essell (late R.N.)	-	24 October, '59.
1st Lieutenant W. T. Sobey	- -	do.
2nd Lieutenant R. Hicks	- - -	do.
Honorary Assistant-Surgeon A. A. Davis		16 December, '59.

No. 4, Charlestown—

Captain B. Banks	- - - -	31 October, '59.
1st Lieutenant W. T. Banks	- -	do.
2nd Lieutenant R. T. Kernick	- -	26 December, '59.

No. 5, Par Consols—

Lieutenant F. Puckey	- - -	23 December, '59.
Honorary Assistant-Surgeon W. Pace		9 February, '60.

No. 6, West Fowey Consols—

Lieutenant E. Dunstan	- - -	4 January, '60.
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No. 7, Polruan—

Lieutenant J. Scott	- - -	27 February, '60.
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No. 8, Hayle—

Captain W. Husband	- - -	2 April, '60.
1st Lieutenant J. Pool	- - -	do.
2nd Lieutenant N. J. West	- - -	do.

Captain Riley and Lieutenant Campbell resigned their commissions 3 April, '60; 2nd Lieutenant Grigg succeeding to the command; Robert Thomas and James Bishop becoming 1st and 2nd Lieutenants.

On the 24th of May, 1860, Lieutenant-Colonel Walter Raleigh Gilbert, of The Priory, Bodmin, was gazetted to the command of the Brigade. Colonel Gilbert had previously served in the Royal Artillery from 1831 to 1855, during three years of which period he held the appointment of Adjutant in the Royal Horse Artillery, in which branch he served during almost the whole of his career in the Regular Forces. He had recently retired, and been appointed Chief-Constable of the County of Cornwall; he would not therefore accept the command of the Volunteer Artillery until he had obtained the sanction of the Magistrates; this was given unanimously at the Quarter Sessions held in April of this year. On a report being made by the Chairman on that occasion to the Lord-Lieutenant, he received the following reply from Lord Vivian :—

“ MY DEAR SIR,

“ The resolution you have kindly forwarded to me is very gratifying, as proving that I did not miscalculate the approval of the ratepayers to the appointment of Colonel Gilbert to a

“ command within the County, which will in no degree, as I believe, interfere with the performance of his duties as Chief-Constable, but for which command he is before all others qualified.

“ I feel that the County ought with me to esteem Colonel Gilbert’s acceptance of the command as a sacrifice of any spare time he may have for the public good, and as he accepts this appointment without fee or reward, I hold that we of the County are under obligation to him.

“ Yours faithfully,

“ VIVIAN.”

Colonel Gilbert notified to the then nine Companies his appointment in the following memorandum:—

“ CORNWALL VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY,

“ Brigade Office,

“ 16 *June*, 1860.

“ Memo. :—

“ Lieutenant-Colonel Gilbert has the honour to announce to the different Volunteer Artillery Companies in this County, that he has been appointed to the Command of the 1st Brigade.

“ It was not without considerable hesitation he accepted such a responsible post, as due regard was to be had to his other important official appointment. He trusts, however, by a due economy of time on his part, seconded, as it will be, by the zeal and energy of his brother Cornishmen, he shall be able to devote sufficient thought and attention to so important a command.

“ W. R. GILBERT, *Lieut -Col.*,

“ *Comdg. 1st Brigade Cornwall A. Vols.*”

How ably and conscientiously Colonel Gilbert has carried out the duties of his position, the official reports on the Brigade, and

the respect in which he is held by every member of the same, fully attest.

On the 31st of May, a notification was received from the Lieutenancy Office, Bodmin, that the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th Cornwall Artillery Volunteer Corps had been united in a Brigade for Administrative purposes, with a Staff consisting of 1 Lieutenant-Colonel and 1 Adjutant; the Brigade to be numbered as the 1st in the County of Cornwall, the several Corps composing it retaining their present numbers and designations in the County Force.

On the 8th July, a communication was received from the War Office, through the Lord-Lieutenant, stating that Her Majesty had been graciously pleased to accede to the request of the Artillery Volunteers of Cornwall being permitted to fire a Royal Salute on the occasion of the embarkation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales for Canada, at Plymouth. Colonel Gilbert at once detailed the following detachments from the first four Companies, viz. :—

Padstow	2	Officers,	30	Non-commissioned	Officers and
					Gunners.
Looe	1	„	10	„	„
Fowey	1	„	10	„	„
Charlestown..	1	„	10	„	„

The largest number being furnished from Padstow in consideration of its holding the senior position in the county.

On the following day a telegram was received from the General Officer Commanding in the District, to the effect that the Prince would arrive that evening at Plymouth, leaving the next morning at daybreak. No time was to be lost; so, despatching mounted messengers to the Batteries, Colonel Gilbert proceeded to Plymouth to await them. I think I cannot do better than describe what took place in Colonel Gilbert's own words, and therefore have copied in full his official report to the Lord-Lieutenant :—

“ BODMIN,

“ MY LORD,

“ 11 July, 1860.

“ I have the honour to report to your Lordship that a salute was fired by the Cornwall Artillery Volunteers yesterday morning, at Mount Edgcumbe, at four o'clock, on the departure of H.R.H. the Prince Consort from Plymouth in the Royal Yacht; and that, at seven o'clock, another Royal Salute was fired by the Volunteers on the departure of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales for Canada; and I cannot conclude this report without stating to your Lordship that nothing could exceed the zeal and loyalty shown on this occasion by Captain Brune's Company, No. 1, of Padstow; Captain Grigg's Company, No. 2, of Looe; and Captain Essell's Company, No. 3, of Fowey. These Volunteers, after probably a hard day's work, found their way (most of them 15 miles) to their nearest station on the railway, and arrived by last train, 10 p.m., at Plymouth. They paraded together at 11 o'clock that night, when I gave them the order to parade again at half-past two the following morning; and on my going on parade at that hour, every Officer, Non-commissioned Officer, and Gunner was present. I assure your Lordship their appearance and discipline were perfect, and I cannot report too favourably of them. I regret to be obliged to add that not an Officer or man of No. 4 Company, Captain Banks, at Charlestown, was present, although requested to send one Officer and ten Non-commissioned Officers and Gunners.*

“ I have the honour to be,

“ &c., &c.

“ W. R. GILBERT, *Lt.-Col.*,

“ *Comdg. C.A.V.*

“ The Right Honourable

“ Lord VIVIAN.”

* It would appear from subsequent correspondence, that this was due from pressure of work, and not any want of loyalty.

The following extract from a Brigade Order, issued on the same date, may also not be out of place :—

“ * * * * * To Captain Brune’s Company, No. 1, at Padstow; to Captain Grigg’s Company, No. 2, at Looe; and to Captain Essell’s Company, No. 3, at Fowey. The Commanding Officer begs to give his best thanks for the highly creditable and soldierlike appearance of the Volunteers, and their steadiness on parade, on the march, in the boats, and when firing the two Royal Salutes; and the Commanding Officer will not fail to report in the most favourable terms to the Right Honourable the Lord-Lieutenant of the County the high opinion he entertains of the zeal and efficiency of these Companies.”

From the War Office the following letter was received by the Lord-Lieutenant :—

“ V.
“ Cornwall Artillery,
“ 37.

“ WAR OFFICE,
“ 14th July, 1860.

“ MY LORD,

“ I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship’s letter of the 12th instant, forwarding Lieutenant-Colonel Gilbert’s report of the Salute fired on the departure of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales from Plymouth, and to express to you my gratification at the zeal and loyalty displayed by the Cornwall Artillery Volunteers on that occasion.

“ I have the honour to be,

“ My Lord,

“ Your Lordship’s obedient Servant,

“ SIDNEY HERBERT.”

“ The Lord VIVIAN,

“ &c., &c.”

It must be borne in mind that the Volunteers had never seen a

field-gun before. They had, therefore, to receive a certain amount of instruction in drill before firing the Salute.

On the 24th August authority was received from the War Office, through the Lord-Lieutenant, to raise the 7th Corps (Polruan) from a Section to a Sub-division; and on the 8th of September two new Corps were added—a Sub-division at St. Buryan, or, as it was then called, “The Land’s End Artillery,” which became No. 10 in the Brigade, and a Company at St. Ives, or No. 11,* the former being raised to a Company on the 6th of November following; the undermentioned Officers receiving appointments in the above, viz. :—

William Smith, as 2nd Lieutenant, in No. 7; dated 11th October.

Charles Dacres Bevan, as Captain, in No. 10; dated 6th November.

Robert Snaith Hichens, as Captain, No. 11.

James Newman Tremearne, as 1st, and

Charles Granville Grenfell, as 2nd Lieutenant, in No. 11; the last three dated 8th November.

On the 15th November Mr. Robert Edyvean, who, until then, had held a commission in the Royal Miners’ Artillery Militia, was appointed Adjutant to the Brigade; his commission as such to bear date 27th September, 1860.

On the 21st November a communication was circulated by the War Office, stating that a gratuitous supply of small-arm ammunition would be made annually, at the following rates, viz. :—

10 Rounds Blank Cartridge	} For each effective for his	
70 „ Ball „		first year.
98 Percussion Caps ...		
50 Rounds Ball Cartridge	} For each effective after	
55 Percussion Caps ...		his first year.

The circular very properly added “that it was to be clearly

* The actual dates of acceptance appear to be Land’s End Corps, 4th July, 1860, and St. Ives Corps, 20th August, 1860.

“ understood that practice with the carbine is secondary in importance to Artillery exercise.” It is desirable that this fact should never be lost sight of by the Volunteer Artilleryman. The carbines had been issued in the previous month at the rate of 50 per cent. It would appear at this time that no member was allowed to practise with ball-cartridge, unless passed by the Adjutant in the Manual and Firing, or, as it was then called, the “ Platoon Exercise,” and it is perhaps desirable that this regulation should be again enforced. The country was at this time divided into Districts, to each of which an Assistant-Inspector was appointed; Wilts, Dorset, Devon, Cornwall, and Somerset forming the 4th or South-Western Division, under Major Hume, whose Headquarters were Bristol. All correspondence on the following subjects, viz. :—Rifle ranges, Government arms, questions of Drill and Drill-instructors, and other subjects of a purely local or professional kind, was to be referred to this Officer; with the exception of matters relating to Artillery stores, &c., which was to be forwarded, as hitherto, to the Officer Commanding Artillery in the District.

Colonel Gilbert made an application this year that a six-gun Battery should be erected at Hayle, considering that it was a place which might be of great importance to an enemy, and which, from its defenceless state, might easily be taken; the authorities at the War Office, however, urged that a committee had visited Hayle in the year 1858, and given it as their opinion, that the place was sufficiently protected by the difficulties of the navigation in its vicinity.

On the 6th December the following communication was received from the Lieutenancy Office, with reference to a meeting held at Bodmin on the 30th November, to consider the desirability of a change of uniform, viz :—

“ * * * * * His Lordship approves the adoption of the uniform by the Officers of the Artillery Volunteers, but it must clearly be understood that the Non-commissioned Officers and

“privates of all the Corps must, when paraded together, wear the “jersey, this having been the uniform which his Lordship in the “first instance approved.

“The overcoat* subsequently adopted may however be worn by “any Corps when paraded separately.”

1861. On the 14th of January of this year, a Circular was published by the War Office, showing the amount of gun ammunition which would be allowed for practice; the following was the proportion sanctioned, viz:—

Per Battery	{	Shot 80: Blank 100: Shell 20.
Per Sub-division	{	Shot 45: Blank 60: Shell 15.
Per Section	{	Shot 30: Blank 40: Shell 10.

The rate for small-arm ammunition was also slightly altered from that allowed by the circular of the previous November; it was now fixed at

For each effective for his first year of service	} Ball 70: Blank 10: Caps 98.
For ditto after his first year of service	} Ball 50: Caps 55.

In addition to the above, 70 rounds of Ball and 79 Caps were allowed to be purchased for each effective after his first year of service.

On the 17th of January, Commanding Officers were informed that the remaining 50 per cent. of Artillery rifled carbines were now available for issue. They appear to have been received by the 1st Cornwall Artillery Volunteers in the following March.

On the 25th of January notification was received that Her Majesty had been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of

* This should, more correctly, have been described as a tunic.

the commission held by Captain Essell in the 3rd Cornwall Artillery Volunteer Corps.

On the 16th of the following month Mr. R. B. Searle was appointed Honorary Assistant-Surgeon in the 10th (St. Burian) Company; the letter announcing the same stating " * * * that " this appointment can by no possible contingency carry pay, and " that it will cease whenever the Corps is called out for actual " service, or becomes entitled to a Medical Officer of substantive " rank."

This notification appears in the case of all Medical Officers' appointments at this time, but it is now embodied in the Volunteer Regulations.

On the 25th of the same month Mr. William Pace was appointed Honorary Assistant-Surgeon to the 9th (Fowey Consols) Corps. Mr. Pace was at the time holding the same position to the 5th (Par Consols) and 6th (West Fowey Consols) Corps, having been appointed thereto on the 13th February, 1860.

On the 6th March, the first Gun Practice in the Brigade appears to have taken place at Hayle, where the 8th Battery, under Captain Husband, had recently laid down a temporary platform. The practice was conducted by Lieutenant-Colonel Gilbert, assisted by the Adjutant.

On the 22nd, a communication from the Lieutenancy Office was received, stating that the 10th (Land's End) Company, the 11th (St. Ives), and the 12th (Marazion), had been united to the 1st Administrative Brigade of Cornwall Artillery; the last one having just been formed. The actual date of acceptance appears to have been the 30th of January.

On the 1st April, 1st Lieutenant William Thomas Sobey was appointed Captain to No. 3 Company, *vice* Essell, resigned. On the 6th, Captain Charles Glynn Prideaux Brune resigned his commission as Captain of the 1st (Padstow) Company, and was gazetted Major to the Brigade. The following Officers were also gazetted the same day to the newly-formed Company at Marazion, viz :—

John St. Aubyn Esq., M.P. (now Sir John St. Aubyn, Bart.); Thomas Willis Field to be 1st, and John Laity to be 2nd Lieutenant.

On the 17th April, the order for the abolition of the jersey appears to have been issued, as will be seen from the following extract of a letter addressed to the Officer Commanding the 1st Battery :—

“ BRIGADE OFFICE,
“ 17th April, 1861.

“ SIR,

“ I am directed by Lieutenant-Colonel Gilbert, Commanding “ C.A.V., to inform you that he has received the sanction of the “ Lord-Lieutenant for the total abolition of the frock as “ originally worn by the Brigade, and to state that should it be “ the desire of No. 1 Battery to adopt the tunic, the whole and “ not a portion will be allowed to wear it, and that should an idea “ be entertained of selling the frock, the emblems on the breast “ must be destroyed before doing so. &c., &c., &c.”

The peak which had hitherto been worn on the cap was also done away with, and the following order was published on the 20th of the same month—

“ I am directed by Lieutenant-Colonel Gilbert, Commanding “ 1st Brigade, Cornwall Artillery Volunteers, to inform you that “ as it is the wish of the Brigade, with but one or two exceptions, “ the peak of the cap at present worn should be abolished, to “ request you will inform the Battery under your command the “ same will be discontinued from this date; a small flat button of “ red cloth being worn in the centre of the crown or top for the “ Gunners and figured for Officers, of the same pattern as the “ Royal Artillery.

“ I have, &c., &c.,

“ ROBERT EDYVEAN.

“ The Brigade.”

“ *Adjutant.*”

On the 18th, Hon. Assistant-Surgeon Arthur Austen Davis resigned his commission as such in the 3rd (Fowey) Battery, and was appointed Surgeon to the Brigade on the same day; also Mr. Samuel Short was appointed 1st Lieutenant in the 3rd Battery in succession to Sobey, promoted.

On the 24th, Captain Joseph Grigg resigned the command of the 2nd (Looe) Battery, 1st Lieutenant Robert Thomas being promoted to fill the vacancy; and on the same day also, 2nd Lieutenant Richard Hicks resigned his commission in the 3rd (Fowey) Battery.

On the 15th of May, the following Officers' appointments in No. 1 Battery (Padstow) were notified:—

1st Lieutenant John Tredwen to be Captain, *vice* Brune, promoted.

2nd Lieutenant Hender Pearse to be 1st Lieutenant, *vice* Tredwen, promoted.

William Martyn Richard to be 2nd Lieutenant, *vice* Pearse, promoted.

On the 22nd May, the 6th (West Fowey Consols) Corps was incorporated with the 5th (or Par Consols), thus forming one Battery; the following Officers being appointed, viz. :—

Charles E. Treffry, as Captain.

Lieutenant Dunstan, as 1st Lieutenant.

Lieutenant Puckey, as 2nd Lieutenant.

The first named being the only new commission, Mr. Treffry was at the time a 1st Lieutenant in the Royal Cornwall and Devon Miners' Artillery Militia.

The 13th of the following month, William Hicks was appointed 2nd Lieutenant in the 3rd Battery, *vice* R. Hicks, resigned. On the 21st the Lord-Lieutenant wrote as follows to the Officer Commanding the Brigade :

“ GLYNN, BODMIN.

“ SIR,

“ The Secretary of State for War having called my attention
 “ to the fact that in several instances Volunteer Corps have
 “ assembled under arms for various purposes unconnected with
 “ parade, drill, or rifle practice, I have the honour to inform you that
 “ no such assemblies are in future to take place in this County
 “ without my previous approval.

“ The Volunteer Corps have also, in certain cases, been called
 “ out in aid of the civil power, on the occurrence of local distur-
 “ bances ; I have to inform you that it is inexpedient that this force
 “ should be so employed. I have further to request that you will
 “ give directions to the Commanding Officers of all Volunteer Corps
 “ composing your Brigade, not to assemble their Corps for drill,
 “ or any other purpose, between the issue of a Writ for, and the
 “ termination of the Election in the County or Borough in the
 “ neighbourhood of their Headquarters, or during the progress of
 “ any Municipal Election in any town to which they belong.

“ I am, Sir,

“ Yours obediently,

“ VIVIAN.”

“ Lieutenant-Colonel GILBERT,
 “ 1st Brigade, C.A.V.”

A few days later Lord Vivian again writes :

“ GLYNN,

“ June 27th, 1861.

“ Lord Vivian has much pleasure and satisfaction in notifying
 “ to the Artillery Volunteers of Cornwall that his Royal Highness
 “ the Prince of Wales has been graciously pleased to sanction the
 “ adoption by the Corps of the designation of ‘The Duke of
 “ Cornwall’s Artillery Volunteers,’ and that Her Majesty has
 “ approved of the Corps assuming this title.

“ Lord Vivian feels well assured that this honour will, if possible,

“ still further stimulate the zeal of which the Artillery Volunteers of this County have given evidence since their formation.

This notification was received with some little disappointment, as it had been confidently anticipated and hoped that the title would have been “ Duke of Cornwall’s *Royal Artillery Volunteers.*” An appeal through the Lord-Lieutenant proved unsuccessful, as the following letter will show :

“ LIEUTENANCY OFFICE, BODMIN,
“ 10th July, 1861.

“ SIR,

“ I am directed by the Lord-Lieutenant to inform you that having again submitted to the Secretary of State for War the request that the Cornwall Artillery Volunteers may receive the designation of the ‘ Duke of Cornwall’s Royal Artillery Volunteers,’ Lord Herbert informs his Lordship that he could not advise the Queen to grant the title ‘ Royal ’ to the Artillery Volunteers of Cornwall (that distinction having been refused to several Corps) as great dissatisfaction would be thereby created, therefore the title to be adopted can only be the one assigned by the last letter of the Secretary of State, dated the 25th ultimo, which has been already notified to you.

“ I have the honour to be, &c., &c.,

“ JNO. BASSET COLLINS.

“ Lieutenant-Colonel GILBERT,

“ Commanding C. A. V.”

On the 27th of June, Captain Hichens resigned the command of the 11th (St. Ives) Battery, and the following promotion and appointment were made, viz. :—

2nd Lieutenant Grenfell to be Captain.

William Hichens to be 2nd Lieutenant.

On the 6th of the following month, further promotions and appointments were gazetted as follows, viz. :—

2nd Cornwall Artillery Volunteer Corps (Looe)—

2nd Lieutenant Bishop to be 1st Lieutenant, *vice* Thomas, promoted.

Henry Trestrail to be 2nd Lieutenant, *vice* Bishop, promoted.

10th Cornwall Artillery Volunteer Corps (St. Burian)—

Richard Mitchell Roberts to be 1st Lieutenant.

Samuel Harvey, Junior, to be 2nd Lieutenant.

12th Cornwall Artillery Volunteer Corps (Marazion)—

William George Congdon to be Honorary Assistant-Surgeon.

On the 10th of August a notification was received from Devonport, that an extra gun would be sanctioned for St. Just, where many of the members of the 10th (St. Burian) Corps resided, it being found almost impossible for them to attend drill with any regularity at the latter station.

On the 3rd September a communication from the Lieutenancy Office stated that Adjutant Robert Edyvean would be permitted to serve with the rank of Captain, commission to bear that date.

On the 6th of the month the local papers reported that a Salute of sixteen guns had been fired at St. Ives, in honour of a marriage, and on the 13th, that another Salute had been fired at Fowey, on the passing of the "Sir Walter Raleigh" from Plymouth, into the harbour. Enquiry was at once made from the Brigade Headquarters, for "taking a step so contrary to the General Orders of the 1st January, 1845, and instructions from the Officer Commanding, R.A., in the Western District, dated 15th July, 1861." It appears from the report of the Commanding Officer in each case that there was no truth whatever in these statements; there was certainly practice with blank ammunition on the days in question, but it had no connection in any way with any events which might have been going on in those places.

On the 28th, Mr. Stephen Clogg was appointed Honorary Assistant-Surgeon to the 2nd Duke of Cornwall's Artillery Volunteers at Looe, commission to bear date 25th September, 1861.

The Volunteer Association of the County having offered some prizes to be competed for by the Volunteer Artillery, a Meeting of the Brigade was held at the Battery at Charlestown on the 4th of October, which was largely attended, both by members of the Corps and the public. 200 rounds of shot for the 24-pounders, smooth-bore, were applied for; for which, by the way, a claim of £200 was afterwards made; the only plan by which this could be met was by stoppages from the next year's supply; however, on the 3rd July, 1862, the War Office consented to withdraw the charge.

The conditions under which the Prize firing was carried out will be seen in the Appendix. That the Meeting was a success, the Brigade Order below fully attests.

“The Brigade at Charlestown yesterday was most creditable
 “to all, and Lieut.-Colonel Gilbert begs to thank those Officers,
 “Non-Commissioned Officers, and Gunners, who attended, for
 “their smart and soldierlike appearance, clearly convincing the
 “Commanding Officer that the Artillery Volunteers of Cornwall
 “are determined to be a credit to their County and not to be
 “excelled by any Volunteer Corps in England. The manner in
 “which the guns were worked by the different detachments was
 “perfect, and although the prizes were carried off by the two
 “youngest Batteries in the Brigade, yet the firing from all was
 “very good, and elicited throughout the day the constant approval
 “of the Lord-Lieutenant of the County, and the Field Officer
 “of the Royal Artillery, who acted as umpire.

“The Commanding Officer cannot conclude this Order, which
 “he directs to be read to each Battery on Parade, without
 “thanking Captain Banks and the Officers, Non-commissioned
 “Officers and Gunners of the Charlestown Battery, for the neat

“appearance of their Battery, Magazines, &c., &c., and for the arrangements they made to meet every emergency, not only as regards targets, but also in respect to the Commissariat.”

On the 22nd, Honorary Assistant-Surgeon W. Pace resigned his commission as such in the 5th and 9th (Par and Fowey Consols) Corps and was appointed Assistant-Surgeon to the Brigade.

On the 30th November, 1st Lieutenant John Newman Tremearne resigned his commission in the 11th (St. Ives) Battery; and the following promotion and appointment were made, viz:—

2nd Lieutenant William Hichens to be 1st Lieutenant, William Cade to be 2nd Lieutenant; commissions to bear date 30th November, 1861.

During this year carbine ranges for several of the Batteries were inspected and approved; the Inspecting Officer for the eastern ones being Captain Barnett, Adjutant of the 2nd Cornwall Rifle Volunteers, and in the west, Captain Carew, Adjutant of the 1st Cornwall Rifle Volunteers. Sites for practice batteries were selected at most of the stations, platforms laid, and magazines erected.

The Lord Lieutenant of the County inspected several of the Batteries at their own stations, accompanied by Lieutenant-Colonel Gilbert. They were also inspected by Colonel Maberly, R. A. Instructions for Camps to be formed at Aldershot and Shorncliffe for a limited number of Volunteers were issued by the War Office during the later part of the year.

1862. On the 13th January a return was called for from the War Office, as to the cost of uniforms of Volunteer Corps; each Battery was required to furnish a statement as to the price paid for tunic, trousers, forage cap, waist-belt with pouches, and stock; from which it appeared that the average price was £3 10s. 1d. Tunics running from 30/0 to £2, trousers 15/0 to 20/0, caps 3/3 to 4/6, belts with pouches 10/6 to 13/0, stocks 1/0 to 1/6. The St.

Ives Battery certainly paid 3/0 for this much-abused article of dress, but it must, in their case, have been made of some expensive material.

On the 17th an application was made that the 7th (Polruan) Sub-division might be attached to the 3rd (Fowey) Battery, Captain Sobey to be Captain Commandant; but the War Office replied, that the article 84 of the Volunteer Regulations was only applicable to cases in which a small Corps was desirous of being attached to a large one, so as to benefit by the services of the Adjutant of the latter, and that as the 3rd and 7th Corps could both benefit by the services of the Adjutant of the 1st Administrative Brigade of Cornwall Artillery Volunteers, there would appear to be no object in such attachment, but that, at the same time, there would be no objection to the incorporation of the 7th with the 3rd Corps so as to form one Battery. This was not however agreed to, and it will be seen later on that the 7th Corps, having obtained sufficient members, became a complete Battery itself.

On the 30th, Lieutenant James Scott resigned his commission in the 7th (Polruan) Corps; in fact it was in consequence of this Officer's resignation and the refusal of 2nd Lieutenant Smith to take over the command, that led to the application referred to above being made.

On the 7th February a carbine range for No. 1 (Padstow) Battery was approved of by the War Office, and on the 25th of the same month, one for the 2nd (Looe) Corps; the Inspecting Officer in each case being Captain Barnett, Adjutant, 1st Cornwall Rifle Volunteers. On the 8th of the following month, one was also approved of for the 9th (Fowey Consols).

On the 15th March a printed circular was issued from the War Office to all Volunteer Corps, calling attention to the regulation which provided that an Adjutant "is not to take any part in the "Non-military or financial affairs of the Corps, Brigade, or "Battalion to which he belongs."

Application was made on the 24th of this month to break up the 10th Corps into two Sub-divisions, one to be at St. Burian, and one at St. Just; it being found impossible for the members at the latter station to attend drill at their Head-quarters. It being seen, however, that, even after deducting the members at St. Just, there remained more than the minimum number allowed for a Battery, a request to cancel the first application was made, and that the 10th Battery (St. Burian), might be retained as such, and a new sub-division formed at St. Just. This arrangement was finally approved, and on the 4th October, 1862, a notification was received that Her Majesty had been pleased to accept the service of a Sub-division of Artillery Volunteers at St. Just, to be numbered the 13th Cornwall Artillery Volunteer Corps; the following officers being appointed to the same, viz. :—

Samuel Harvey to be 1st Lieutenant, Richard Thomas to be 2nd Lieutenant, R. B. Searle to be Honorary Assistant-Surgeon. Commissions dated 26th September, 1862. Lieutenant Samuel Harvey resigning his commission as 2nd Lieutenant, and Mr. Searle as Honorary Assistant-Surgeon in the 10th Battery, to enable them to take service in their new Corps.

On the 25th of March, a communication was received from the War Office, in answer to an enquiry from Captain Edyvean, relative to his holding the position of Borough Alderman, stating it was not considered expedient that a municipal office should be held by an Adjutant of Volunteers. This is now clearly provided for by paragraphs 88 and 89 of the Volunteer Regulations for 1884.

On the 9th of May, a Brigade Order was issued, by which members were, provided they obtained leave in writing from the Officer Commanding their Battery, permitted to take their arms to their own home after drill, this had previously been forbidden by the Lord Lieutenant.

On the 15th, Assistant-Surgeon W. P. A. Pattison resigned his commission in the 7th (Polruan) Corps. And on the 26th,

Surgeon A. A. Davis' resignation was notified as accepted, and his appointment as 1st Lieutenant to the 7th (Polruan) Corps gazetted, commission to bear date 24th May, 1862.

On the 7th of August, it was notified from the Lieutenancy Office that Mr. Banfield T. Vivian, had been appointed Honorary Assistant-Surgeon in the 8th (Hayle) Corps. Commission dated 6th August, 1862. And on the 4th October, that Mr. Henry Hodge had been appointed 2nd Lieutenant, and Mr. Henry Grenfell, Honorary Assistant-Surgeon in the 10th (St. Burian) Battery. Commissions dated 26th September, 1862.

On the 29th October, Colonel Gilbert applied, through the Lord Lieutenant, that a second Major might be appointed to the Brigade, submitting at the same time the name of Major Shadwell Morley Grylls, who was then on half-pay from the Royal Artillery, and was residing at Helston. Colonel Gilbert, in making this application, pointed out that, by direction of the War Office, no practice could take place unless an Officer serving, or who had served, in the Royal Artillery was present, which meant a considerable tax on his time. Notification was received on the 25th of the following month that Major Grylls' appointment was approved. Commission to bear date 23rd November, 1862. A Carbine Prize Shooting for the 8th, 10th, 11th, and 12th Batteries, was held at Carn Boscawen on the 22nd October, and the following Brigade Order was issued the next day :—

“ The Commanding Officer begs to thank the Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, and Gunners, who attended the Carbine Prize Shooting yesterday at Carn Boscawen, for their soldierlike appearance and for the very creditable shooting made by them, notwithstanding the very unfavourable state of the weather and the distances many had to come to the range.

“ This more than ever convinces the Commanding Officer that the Artillery Volunteers of this County are determined against all obstacles to perfect themselves in the use of the weapons entrusted to them, so the Commanding Officer con-

“ fidently hopes that by a steady attendance at drill and a strict attention to the instructions given them, the Artillery Volunteers of this County will be second to none in the United Kingdom.”

On the 6th of December a communication was received from the Lieutenancy Office, stating that, Her Majesty had been graciously pleased to approve and accept the services of the 7th (Polruan) Cornwall Artillery Volunteer Corps as a Battery, the undermentioned Officers being promoted and appointed, viz. :—

1st Lieutenant Arthur Austen Davis, to be Captain.

2nd Lieutenant William Smith, to be 1st Lieutenant.

Walter William Wreford, to be 2nd Lieutenant.

Commissions dated 5th December, 1862.

On the 30th December, the resignation of Major Charles G. Prideaux Brune was accepted; in forwarding this Officer's resignation, Colonel Gilbert writes—“I do so with extreme regret, believing as I do that the Volunteer Service will lose a very valuable and efficient Officer.”

Fifty pounds were granted by the County Association this year to be competed for by the several Batteries at their respective stations, and, in addition to this, a Ladies' Prize and Silver Medal were competed for by the Brigade at Charlestown, on the 21st July. The conditions will be seen in Appendix. Lieutenant-Colonel Crofton was the Inspecting Officer this year.

1863. An extra gun for drill purposes having been applied for, for the Hayle Corps, as the members were obliged to proceed nearly two miles to the practice Battery on the Towans, had been refused by the War Office; Colonel Shuttleworth, R.A., wrote on the 6th of January to the Deputy Adjutant-General, Royal Artillery, Horse Guards, as follows :—

“ If the Government are disposed to modify their decisions in

“ any case, no Corps can deserve to be included in such modification more than the 8th Corps at Hayle, who have made excellent use of the means of instructions placed at their disposal by the country.”

The result was, that shortly afterwards an unserviceable 24-pounder, smooth bore, was issued to the Battery.

On the 24th of February a Brigade Order was circulated, requesting that every Battery would parade and fire a Royal Salute on the 10th of March, on the occasion of the marriage of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

On the 31st of March a circular was issued from the War Office, stating that, as it had been found expedient to appoint an additional Assistant Inspector upon the Staff of the Volunteer Force, a redistribution of the various counties into Districts had consequently become necessary. Cornwall formed part of the 4th District, the other counties in the same being Devon, Dorset, Gloucester, Somerset and Wilts. Lieutenant-Colonel Hume, unattached, being the Assistant Inspector.

The County of Cornwall Volunteer Association having voted a sum of £55 to be divided into prizes for competition among the Artillery Volunteers, Colonel Gilbert applied, on the 1st May, that 50 rounds of 24-pounder ammunition might be forwarded to Hayle on or before the 25th of the following month. Colonel Gilbert concludes his letter with these words—“ I would beg further to add that I am fully satisfied it is very desirable for the well-being and efficiency of the Volunteer Artillery Service that the different Batteries should be brought together for this purpose ; not only does it increase emulation amongst Volunteers, but it tends much to smarten and perfect them in their drill.”*

On the 27th June, notification was received that the resignation

* The meeting took place at Hayle, on the 2nd July following. The first prize was won by Charlestown, the second by St. Ives, third by Padstow, fourth by Hayle, and fifth by St. Ives.

of 1st Lieutenant William Hichens of the 11th (St. Æves) Corps had been accepted, and that the following promotion and appointment in the same had been made, viz. :—

2nd Lieutenant William Cade, to be 1st Lieutenant.

Robert Snaith Hichens, to be 2nd Lieutenant.

Commissions dated 23rd June, 1863.

On the 21st July, application was made by Colonel Gilbert that, Captain and Adjutant Edyvean might be allowed to superintend the gun practice of the various Batteries, which request was duly approved of by the Major-General commanding the Western District.

In the following month, authority was given to lay two platforms, and to construct a magazine and side-arm shed at Sennen Cove for the 10th (St. Burian) Battery. An extra gun was also granted to this Battery on the 31st October, to be placed at Carn Boscawen, where there was one already in position.

On the 12th of September a circular was issued by the War Office to Commanding Officers of Artillery Volunteers, relative to the rules to be observed by Adjutants while conducting Artillery practice, in which it was laid down that—

“ The Adjutant should be either himself in immediate superintendence of each gun as it fires; or, should he leave the gun for the purpose of recording the effect of the shot, should depute an Officer to be in immediate superintendence of the gun, who, before repeating the Adjutant's word of command to fire, should satisfy himself and be responsible that the gun is clear.”

“ The men in the Battery should all have certain places told off to them for the purpose of observing the effect of the shot, and no man should, under any circumstances, be permitted to leave the place which has been allotted to him.”

And, on the 25th, the following District Order was issued by the Major-General Commanding the Western District, viz.—

“ The practice of firing salutes from local Batteries being con-

“trary to Regulations and extremely dangerous, the Major-General Commanding the District desires that (except from those Batteries which are named in Her Majesty’s Regulations), no salutes are to be fired from Government Batteries without his special sanction in writing.”

On the 13th of October it was notified that Her Majesty had been pleased to approve of the 9th (Fowey Consols) being incorporated in the 5th (Par Consols) Cornwall Artillery Volunteer Corps, which was to be divided into a Battery and a Section, the maximum establishment to be 114, including a Captain Commandant. On the 20th of the same month, 1st Lieutenant Samuel Sampson resigned his commission as the same in the 9th Corps. On the 7th of November, 2nd Lieutenant Francis Puckey resigned his commission in the 5th (Par Consols) and Jonathan Peter was appointed in his place. Commission dated 5th November, 1863. On the 14th December, Sergeant Anderson, Coast Brigade, Royal Artillery, and Instructor to the 2nd (Looe) Battery, was appointed Sergeant-Major to the Brigade of Duke of Cornwall’s Artillery Volunteers. This was the first appointment of the kind in the Brigade. Lieutenant-Colonel Childs, R.A., was the Inspecting Officer this year; he visited each Battery at its own Station. The inspections commenced on the 7th, and terminated on the 17th of July.

1864. On the 6th April, the following appointment in the 4th (Charlestown) Cornwall Artillery Volunteers, was notified, viz. :—

Moncke Mason to be Honorary Assistant-Surgeon; commission to bear date, 5th April, 1864.

On the 23rd of the same month, attention was called by the War Office to the fact that the 4th (Charlestown) and 5th (Par Consols) were considerably below their establishments, and intimating that unless they were able to complete their numbers up to the minimum allowed by regulation within three months, steps would be taken to reduce them. It will be seen hereafter that

the 5th (Par) Corps was reduced from a Battery and a Section to one Battery, whilst the 4th (Charlestown) was able to recruit in sufficient numbers to avoid reduction.

On the 7th June, 2nd Lieutenant Walter William Wreford resigned his commission in the 7th (Polruan) Corps, and the following appointment was made, viz. :—William Slade to be 2nd Lieutenant, *vice* Wreford; commission to bear date 3rd June, 1864.

On the 5th of October, Captain Charles Edward Treffry resigned his commission in the 5th (Par Consols), and the following appointment was gazetted, viz. :—

Nicholas Këndall, M.P., to be Captain, *vice* Treffry; commission to bear date 5th October, 1864.

The War Office having asked on the 24th September whether there was any reason why the 5th Corps should not be reduced from a Battery and a Section to one Battery, and Colonel Gilbert being unable to offer any objection, the reduction was, on the 8th of November, ordered to be carried out.

On the 30th of November an additional 32-pounder smooth-bore gun was granted to the 12th (Marazion) Battery, for the use of the members residing at Goldsithney, about two miles from the Headquarters.

The annual inspections were held from the 12th to the 23rd of July, Lieutenant-Colonel Childs, R.A., being the Inspecting Officer.

The prizes offered by the County Association were competed for at the gun practices of the different Batteries.

1865. On the 7th of February of this year 2nd Lieutenant Robert Snaith Hichens' resignation of commission in the 11th (St. Ives) Battery was accepted.

On the 13th attention was called to the fact that the 7th (Polruan) and 12th (Marazion) Batteries were considerably below the minimum establishment, and if not brought up to the required number within three months, orders would be given for their

reduction. The 7th Corps was able, within the time specified, to report that the necessary strength had been reached, but the 12th was less fortunate; in fact, on the 20th July it was notified to the War Office, through the Lord Lieutenant, that the Battery only then consisted of 3 Officers, 3 Sergeants, 1 Trumpeter, and 26 rank and file; consequently on the 14th of August the order was received, directing that it was to be reduced to a Sub-division.

On the 13th it was also notified from the District Office, Devonport, that an additional instructor would be granted for the 10th (St. Burian) Battery, in consequence of the scattered state of this Corps, to be stationed at Sennen; but he was recalled shortly afterwards, owing to a falling off in the numbers.

On the 1st of March Colonel R. R. Bruce was appointed Assistant Inspector of the 4th District, *vice* Lieutenant-Colonel Hume, whose period of service had expired.

On the 14th a meeting of the Officers was held at Truro, to consider the advisability of adopting a head-dress for full dress, but it was decided to postpone any alteration for the time. It was agreed at this meeting to hold a Wing-drill at each end of the County during the year; the one in the east to take place at Par and to consist of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 7th Batteries, the one in the west to be at Treveddow, which the 8th, 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th were to attend. The former was held on the 30th of June, the latter on the 1st of the same month.

On the 23rd March it was notified that Captain Arthur Austen Davis had resigned his commission as such in the 7th (Polruan) Battery, and the following appointment was made, *viz*:—Arthur Austen Davis, M.D., to be Surgeon in the 1st Administrative Brigade, Cornwall Artillery Volunteers, commission to bear date 20th March, 1865. The undermentioned Officers were at the same time gazetted, *viz*:—

Richard Francis Treweeke to be 2nd Lieutenant in the 11th (St. Ives) Corps, *vice* Hichens, resigned; commission to bear

date the 18th March, 1865; and William Henry Hinks to be Captain, *vice* Davis, resigned; commission dated 20th March.

On the 8th of May, it was notified that the resignation of Captain Baker Banks, 4th (Charlestown) Battery, had been accepted, and the following promotion and appointments were made, viz:—

1st Lieutenant William Tonkin Banks to be Captain, *vice* Banks, resigned.

2nd Lieutenant Richard Treffry Kernick to be 1st Lieutenant, *vice* Banks, promoted.

Richard Harris Williams to be 2nd Lieutenant, *vice* Kernick, promoted.

Commissions to bear date the 6th of May, 1865.

And on the same day, also, Honorary Assistant-Surgeon Moncke Mason resigned his commission, being succeeded by John Penberthy Berryman. And Captain William Husband's resignation was also accepted in the 8th (Hayle) Battery, the following promotion and appointments taking place:—

1st Lieutenant John Pool to be Captain, *vice* Husband, resigned.

2nd Lieutenant Nicholas James West to be 1st Lieutenant, *vice* Pool, promoted.

Francis Harvey to be 2nd Lieutenant, *vice* West, promoted.

Commissions to bear date 6th May, 1865.

The honorary secretary of the Devon County Volunteer Association wrote, on the 26th of May, that it was proposed to hold a Brigade Field-day of the Volunteer Forces of Devonshire, on Roborough Downs, on the 2nd of August, and expressed a wish that those in Cornwall would join them. It was, however, found impracticable for the Artillery Volunteers of this county to do so.

On the 22nd of July, the Prince of Wales proceeded in one of the Royal Yachts from Plymouth to St. Michael's Mount. Instructions were given for Royal Salutes to be fired as the yacht

passed Looe, and as she entered Fowey harbour, where it was thought she would put in. Captain Thomas, 2nd (Looe) Battery, makes his report in the following words:—

“ LOOE,

“ *July 22nd, 1865.*

“ SIR,

“ I have the honour to inform you that, in obedience to your request, I assembled the Corps under my command at the battery at day-break this morning (Assistant-Surgeon Clogg being present).

“ The Royal Yacht ‘Osborne’ passed off the Port about five, close in shore, and we fired a Royal Salute, which was acknowledged on board the yacht by the running up of the Royal Standard at the main.

“ At the conclusion three cheers were heartily given for the ‘Queen’—our own ‘Duke and Duchess’ of Cornwall.

“ I am happy to say the firing passed off without the slightest mishap, and the time was well kept.

“ The men mustered strong for the occasion, and did their duty to my entire satisfaction.

“ I have the honour to be,

“ &c., &c.,

“ ROBT. THOMAS,

“ *Captn. No. 2 Battery,*

“ To the O.C.

“ D.C.V.A.,

“ Bodmin.”

“ *D.C.V.A.*

Royal Salutes were fired by the 3rd and 7th Batteries on the arrival of the yacht in Fowey harbour, and the members afterwards, in conjunction with the 4th and 5th Batteries, formed a Guard of Honour on the landing of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales.

On the 25th of the same month, the 8th, 10th, 11th, and 13th Batteries* formed a Guard of Honour when the Prince and Princess of Wales visited Botallack Mine, when the following Brigade Order was issued :—

“ The Commanding Officer has much pleasure in notifying to the Brigade that he has received from the Lord Lieutenant his Lordship’s high approval of the appearance and the services of the Volunteers of the Brigade, during the recent visit of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales in Cornwall.

“ The Commanding Officer cannot allow this opportunity to pass without congratulating the Brigade on having gained the above favourable opinions of His Lordship, and begs, on his own behalf, to thank them for the readiness with which they responded to his orders, the strength of their parades, and the clean soldier-like bearing and steadiness under arms.

“ The Commanding Officer, owing to the distance of No. 1 Battery from the railroad, and from either of the points of disembarcation of their Royal Highnesses, did not call on them to join in this royal demonstration, as he thought it would not be right to put them to so great an expense as their going to either of the points would have entailed; but he is quite satisfied, from his experience of their conduct on a former and similar occasion, that had he done so, they would have readily responded to the call.

“ The Commanding Officer was also glad to find, from the Officer Commanding No. 2 Battery, that they did not allow this opportunity of showing their loyalty to pass without firing a Royal Salute on the ‘ Osborne ’ passing Looe at daybreak on the morning of the 22nd, as directed by him.”

It should also be mentioned that the 10th (St. Burian) Battery fired a Royal Salute from their battery at Sennen, on their return from Botallack, where they had formed part of the Guard of Honour.

* The 12th (Marazion) Battery formed a Guard of Honour at the Mount.

On the 10th of October, it was notified that the resignation of 2nd Lieutenant Henry Trestrail, in the 2nd (Looe) Battery, had been accepted, and that the following appointment had been made, viz. :—

George Kerswill to be 2nd Lieutenant.

And on the 7th of the following month, Captain John St. Aubyn resigned his commission as such in the 12th (Marazion) Corps, which, having, as noted previously, been reduced to a Sub-division, was no longer entitled to an Officer of that rank.

On the 6th of December, 2nd Lieutenant W. M. Richards resigned his commission in the 1st (Padstow) Battery, and Thomas Langford Seaton was appointed in his place—commission dated 6th December, 1865.

Lieutenant-Colonel Millman, R.A., was the Inspecting Officer this year.

The Prizes offered by the County Association were again competed for by the Batteries at their respective stations.

The 1st (Padstow) Battery entered this year for the Simultaneous Prize Shooting of the National Artillery Association.

1866. On the 16th of February of this year a letter, signed by John Pool, Captain of No. 8 (Hayle) Battery; Charles G. Grenfell, Captain, No. 11, (St. Ives); and Thomas W. Field, 1st Lieutenant, No. 12 (Marazion), was received by the Officer commanding the Brigade, requesting him “to convene a meeting “of the Officers to entertain the desirability of establishing an “annual Carbine Match for the several Batteries forming the “Brigade; and to discuss any other matters that may be brought “before the meeting.” A Brigade Order was in consequence issued, calling a meeting at the Royal Hotel, Truro, for the 12th of March. There were present on this occasion—

Lieutenant-Colonel Gilbert,
 Captain Sobey, No. 3 (Fowey),
 „ Banks, No. 4 (Charlestown),
 Lieutenant Peter, No. 5 (Par),

Captain Hinks, No. 7 (Polruan),
 „ Pool, No. 8 (Hayle),
 Lieutenant Hodge, No. 10 (St. Burian),
 Captain Grenfell, No. 11 (St. Ives),
 Lieutenant Laity, No. 12 (Marazion),
 „ Thomas, No. 13 (St. Just).

It was resolved that the Annual Meeting of the Western Batteries for Carbine Prize Shooting should be extended to the Brigade generally; to take place after Midsummer-day in each year; 20 per cent. of efficient from each Battery were to compete; the payment being 5*s.* per man, in addition to which, each Battery was to subscribe 10*s.*, to form a Battery Prize, whether competing or not.

The first shooting was to take place at Par, and the following meetings to be held alternately in the Eastern and Western Divisions of the County.

The Annual Meeting of the Officers was thus originated, and has continued up to the present time.

On the 7th of April attention was called by the War Office to the fact that the 5th (Par) and 10th (St. Burian) Corps were considerably below their establishments, and directing their reduction, unless able within three months to increase their numbers. Colonel Gilbert was, however, able to report in the following September that they were up to the minimum strength.

On the 23rd of the same month it was notified that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales had been graciously pleased to contribute the sum of thirty guineas to the funds of the Cornwall Volunteer Association.

On the 25th of May 1st Lieutenant Edward Dunstan resigned his commission to the 5th (Par) Battery; and the following promotion and appointment were made, viz. :—

2nd Lieutenant Jonathan Humphrey Peter to be 1st Lieutenant *vice* Dunstan, resigned.

Benjamin Mannel to be 2nd Lieutenant, *vice* Peter, promoted.

The Brigade assembled for Prize shooting for the first time on the beach, at Par, on the 31st July, in accordance with the resolution passed at the Officers' meeting at Truro; each Corps sending the maximum number allowed to compete by the rules, as drawn up at that meeting. The shooting was remarkably good; and the Brigade, at the termination of the day, was warmly congratulated by the Commanding Officer.

The distances were 100, 200, and 300 yards, five rounds at each range. The highest score was made by Corporal Snell, of the 2nd (Looe) Battery, who obtained 50 points, and won the first prize. Sergeant Jilbert, of No. 10 (St. Burian) also made 50 points, but his score at the longest range was below that of Corporal Snell's. Twenty prizes were given, ranging from £4 10s. to 5s.

On the 8th of August Captain Tredwen (Padstow) wrote to the Officer commanding the Brigade, suggesting that instead of each member firing one shot for the County Association Prize, the ammunition should be divided amongst the detachments. The best shooting detachment to receive £3; the best drilled one £1 15s., and 5s. to the man having made the highest number of drills.

On the 10th September Samuel Mason, M.D., was appointed Honorary Assistant-Surgeon in the 3rd (Fowey) Battery.

On the 26th, a communication was received from the War Office, authorizing the removal of the two 32-pounder smooth-bore guns from Sennen to Newlyn, for which, application had a short time previously been made; owing to the falling off in the numbers of the 10th (St. Burian) Battery, these were no longer required at the former station. In the same letter it was further notified that the scale of ammunition for the 1st Administrative Brigade Cornwall Artillery Volunteers would be raised from 60 rounds of shot and 15 shell to 100 rounds of shot and 25 shell per Battery.*

* It appears that the 1st Cornwall Artillery received an extra supply of ammunition to enable them to compete for the prizes offered by the County Association.

On the 4th of December, the War Office called attention to the apparently excessive amount of the Adjutant's travelling claims, and Mr. Maclean was instructed to proceed to Cornwall with a view of seeing whether some reduction could not be effected. It does not appear to have been realized by the War Office authorities that many of the Batteries are a considerable distance from the railway, and that, in consequence, the Adjutant is obliged to resort to posting to a large extent. The only result of Mr. Maclean's report was, that authority was given to pay only eight visits to the Batteries in the year, instead of twelve, as laid down in the Volunteer Regulations. The Inspecting Officer for the year was Major Brendon, R.A., the Batteries being seen as usual at their respective stations. The prizes given by the County Association were competed for at the different gun practices of the various Batteries.

New Carbine Ranges for the 5th (Par) and 7th (Polruan) were inspected and approved during the year by Captain Barnett, Adjutant, 2nd Cornwall Rifle Volunteers.

1867. On the 9th of February, the Secretary of State for War called attention, through the Lord Lieutenant, to the fact that the 12th (Marazion) Corps only consisted of 18 members, and stated that, unless the numbers were increased, it would be reduced from a Sub-division to a Section; fortunately, however, Colonel Gilbert was able to report in the following September that a large number of recruits had been enrolled, and to apply that, instead of any reduction taking place, it might be raised to a Battery.

On the 13th of the same month, a similar communication was received with reference to the 13th (St Just) Corps, but in this case also exertions were made, and a request went forward that it might become a Battery.

On the 16th of April, it was notified that the resignation of

Captain John Pool in the 8th (Hayle) Battery had been accepted, and the following promotions and appointments were made, viz. :—

1st Lieutenant Nicholas James West to be Captain, *vice* Pool, resigned.

2nd Lieutenant Francis Harvey to be 1st Lieutenant, *vice* West, promoted.

William Hambley to be 2nd Lieutenant, *vice* Harvey, promoted.

Commissions to bear date 13th April, 1867.

The Annual Meeting of the Officers was held at the Royal Hotel, Truro, on the 23rd of this month. It was decided that the Carbine Shooting should take place on the 18th September, and that the Wing Drills should be held at Hayle on the 21st June for the Western Batteries, and at Tywardreath, near Par, for the Eastern ones on the 27th of that month.

On the 10th of July, it was notified that 1st Lieutenant Richard Michell Roberts had resigned his commission in the 10th (St. Burian) Battery, and the following appointment was made in consequence, viz. :—

Samuel Higgs to be 1st Lieutenant; commission to bear date 10th July, 1867. And on the same date, 1st Lieutenant William Smith resigned his commission in the 7th (Polruan) Corps, and the following promotion and appointment were made, viz. :—

2nd Lieutenant William Salt Slade to be 1st Lieutenant, *vice* Smith, resigned.

Joseph William Trudgeon Butson to be 2nd Lieutenant, *vice* Slade, promoted.

Commissions to bear date 10th July, 1867.

Also on the same date in the 12th (Marazion) Battery, 2nd Lieutenant John Laity resigned his commission, Robert Edward Michell Millett being appointed to succeed him.

On the 7th of August, the following promotion and appointment in the 10th (St. Burian) Battery were made, viz. :—

2nd Lieutenant Henry Hodge to be 1st Lieutenant, *vice* Roberts, resigned.

Samuel Higgs to be 2nd Lieutenant, *vice* Hodge, promoted.

Commissions to bear date 3rd August, 1867.

The latter Officer's appointment as shown just above being cancelled.

On the 17th of August, Captain Thomas, 2nd (Looe) Battery, wrote to the Officer commanding the Brigade, requesting that as the Battery were unable to use their guns this year, owing to a new site having to be found, the £5 granted out of the County Association Funds might be given as carbine prizes. This, however, was not sanctioned, the Officer commanding stating that he did not feel himself justified in allowing the money to be competed for by other means than the big guns, and that it would, therefore, be withheld until such time as the Corps would be able to compete in the usual way.

On the 30th September, a communication was received from the Lieutenancy Office, stating that Her Majesty had been graciously pleased to approve of the increase of the establishment of the 12th Duke of Cornwall's Artillery Volunteer Corps from a Sub-division to a Battery, and that the following promotions and appointment would therefore take place, viz. :—

1st Lieutenant Thomas Willis Field to be Captain.

2nd Lieutenant Robert Edward Michell Millett to be 1st Lieutenant, *vice* Field, promoted.

Ambrose Oxley Michell to be 2nd Lieutenant, *vice* Millett, promoted.

On the 13th November, 1st Lieutenant Jonathan Humphrey Peter resigned his commission in the 5th (Par) Battery, and the following promotion and appointment were made :—

2nd Lieutenant Benjamin Mannel to be 1st Lieutenant, *vice* Peter, resigned.

John Polkinghorne to be 2nd Lieutenant, *vice* Mannel, promoted.

On the 14th, authority was received to raise the 13th (St. Just) Corps from a Division to a Battery, and the following promotion and appointment were made, viz. :—

2nd Lieutenant Richard Thomas to be Captain.

John Barwis to be 2nd Lieutenant, *vice* Thomas, promoted.

On the 18th of the same month, 1st Lieutenant Hender Pearse resigned his commission in the 1st (Padstow) Battery, and 2nd Lieutenant Thomas Langford Seaton was promoted in his place.

On the 25th, it was notified that the new site for a practice Battery at Looe had been approved, the old one, where three guns were mounted, being obliged to be abandoned, owing to the cliff falling away and threatening its destruction.

On the 28th December, 1st Lieutenant James Bishop resigned his commission in the 2nd (Looe) Battery, being succeeded by 2nd Lieutenant George Kerswill.

The carbine shooting was held this year at Penzance, on the 18th September, the ranges and number of rounds being the same as in the previous year. The first prize of £5 being won by Gunner Burgess, of the 8th (Hayle) Battery, Sergeant Jilbart of St. Burian again taking second place, both men making a score of 50 points, but the latter made only 14 hits as against 15 by the former. The first Battery prize was won by the St. Ives Battery. The Annual Inspections were made this year by Lieutenant-Colonel Green, R.A.

The prizes of the County Association were awarded as before for big gun practice, which was carried out at the stations of the different Batteries.

The cap ornament, a gun, was ordered to be discontinued during the year.

1868. On the 11th of January a letter was received from the War Office, enclosing one which had been written by the Mayor of Penzance to the Secretary of State for War, enquiring into the circumstances under which a number of Volunteers of the

10th (St. Burian) Cornwall Artillery, had mounted guard with loaded carbines at the Grebe Battery, Penzance, on Sunday night, the 5th of January. It appears, from the official report of Colonel Gilbert, that about six o'clock on the evening mentioned, Captain Bevan, who lived some six miles from Penzance, received a message from one of his Lieutenants living in the town, that an American Brigantine had anchored close to Mount St. Michael, under very suspicious circumstances, and when boarded by the Captain of the Coastguard, had refused to produce his papers or to say where bound to; also that the Mayor of Penzance had received threatening letters, and that the Corporal of the Royal Artillery in charge of the Grebe Battery had received orders from Plymouth to watch it by day and night, and not to leave it at any time. Captain Bevan had himself also heard that two strange men had attempted to land at Lamorna Cove. Under these circumstances, having four guns at Newlyn (about a mile from Penzance) with the necessary stores and a quantity of ammunition, as well as 37 carbines, totally unprotected, Captain Bevan, with another Officer and eight men, came into Penzance, bringing with them about 20 carbines and ball-cartridges. Having lodged these at the Grebe Battery, and placed the men under the command of the Non-commissioned Officer of the Royal Artillery, he proceeded to Newlyn, where he was met by a Serjeant and eight men from Penzance; these he placed in charge of his own stores. The guards remained on duty until seven o'clock in the morning, when, seeing that everything was quiet, Captain Bevan dismissed them, directing only one man to pay an occasional visit to the battery. No further notice of this affair appears to have been taken. The War Office certainly wrote on the 7th of February, enclosing a second letter from the Mayor of Penzance, and asking Colonel Gilbert if he wished to make any remark on it; which however he did not, but merely referred to his official report. No comments were made by the War Office; the authorities apparently considered that Captain Bevan was

fully justified in taking the steps he did for the protection of the artillery stores entrusted to his charge.

On the 25th of March, the third Annual Meeting of the Officers was held at the Royal Hotel, Truro. It was resolved that the number of competitors from each Battery should be 12 per cent. of the Efficientes on the last annual returns, instead of 20 as before. It was also resolved that a vote of thanks be given to Captain Field, for the able way in which he carried out the arrangements at the last meeting.

On the 9th of April, information was received that two 32-pounder smooth-bore guns would be issued, to replace the 24-pounders then at Looe, where a new Battery was in course of construction.

A Battalion drill for the Eastern Batteries was held at Tywardreath, on the 25th of June. A similar drill for the Western ones was held at Trengwainton, on the 6th of the following month, on which occasion Mr. T. S. Bolitho, the owner of the property, most kindly provided refreshments on the ground for all the members.

On the 22nd of August, application was made that the Headquarters of the 10th Battery might be removed from St. Burian to Newlyn—the numbers having fallen off considerably at the former station, and many recruits having been enrolled at the latter. On the 19th of the following month, it was notified from the Lieutenancy Office that the Secretary of State for War had been pleased to approve of the proposed change; owing apparently to local objections, the change did not actually take place until some years later.

On the 23rd of September, the third Annual Carbine Shooting was held at Par. All the Batteries competed, the ranges and number of rounds at each were the same as before, viz.—100, 200, and 300 yards, five rounds at each. The first Prize was won by Gunner Frost, of No. 3 (Fowey) Battery, with a score of 51 points; Gunner Osborne, of No. 1 (Padstow), made the same

number of points, but his score at the longest range was not so good; he therefore only took the second Prize. The Battery Prize was won by No. 1 (Padstow). Twenty Prizes (not including the Battery Prize) were given, ranging from £4 10s. to 5s.

On the 29th of October, it was notified from the Lieutenancy Office that Her Majesty had been graciously pleased to approve the following appointment in the 1st Administrative Brigade, Duke of Cornwall's Artillery Volunteers:—Henry Grenfell to be Assistant-Surgeon; the letter adding that there would be no objection to this Officer continuing to hold his commission as Honorary Assistant-Surgeon in the 10th (St. Burian, or now Newlyn) Battery.

On the 17th December, Captain William Henry Hinks resigned his commission in the 7th (Polruan) Battery, and was succeeded by William Smith.

On the 21st of the same month, Reginald Arthur Peter was appointed 2nd Lieutenant in the 2nd (Looe) Battery, *vice* Kerswill, promoted.

The Batteries were inspected this year by Major Davis, R.A., during the month of September.

1869. On the 10th of March, it was notified that the resignation of Captain Nicholas Kendall, of the 5th (Par) Corps, had been accepted, and the following appointment was made, *viz.*:—

John Whitehead Peard to be Captain, *vice* Kendall, resigned; commission to bear date 9th March, 1869. Captain Peard was well known as "Garibaldi's English Colonel."

On the 23rd of the same month, the fourth Annual Meeting of the Officers was held at the Royal Hotel, Truro. It was resolved at this meeting, that the number of competitors should again consist of 20 per cent. of each Battery of efficient, reckoned from the last annual returns. Colonel Gilbert offered a prize of £3 as a second Battery prize.

On the 20th of May, a communication was received from the

District Office, stating that the 125 rounds per Battery hitherto supplied to the Brigade, would be discontinued, and that the issue would in future be limited to 75 rounds per Battery, 60 of these to be shot and 15 shell.

On the 26th of this month, it was notified that Captain Charles Dacres Bevan's resignation of his commission in the 10th (Newlyn) Battery had been accepted, and the following appointment in the same Corps made, viz. :—

Charles Campbell Ross to be Captain, *vice* Bevan, resigned.

The War Office wrote on the 3rd of July, approving of a Carbine Range for the 3rd (Fowey) Battery, provided that the following suggestion of the Inspecting Officer (Major Barnett, Adjutant, 2nd Cornwall Rifle Volunteers) were carried out, viz. :—

“In conclusion, I have to add that, in my opinion, some arrangement should be made between the Officers commanding 3rd and 5th (Par) Corps for the use of the range on alternate days. The practice of both Corps at the same time should not be permitted.”

The range had previously been approved for the 5th Corps; what was now proposed was to place a target for the 3rd Battery about 10 yards from the one already in position.

On the 20th of July, the appointment of Sergeant Denison, Coast Brigade, Royal Artillery, as Acting Sergeant-Major to the 1st Cornwall Artillery Volunteers was approved, such appointment to date from 19th of May, 1869, he having performed the duty from that time, on the discharge to pension of Sergeant-Major Anderson; Sergeant Denison was then acting as Instructor to the 3rd (Fowey) Battery.

The fourth Annual Carbine Competition was held at Penzance, on the 27th of this month; all the Batteries, with the exception of No. 4 (Charlestown), competed. The ranges and number of rounds the same as in former years, viz. :—5 rounds at 100, 200, and 300 yards. The first prize was won by Lieutenant Hambley of No. 8 (Hayle) Battery with a score of 52 points. The first

Battery prize was won by No. 8 (Hayle), the second by No. 1 (Padstow). There were 30 individual prizes, ranging from £5 to 5s.

On the 28th, 2nd Lieutenant Joseph W. S. Butson resigned his commission as such in the 7th (Polruan) Corps, and the following appointment in the same was made, viz. :—

Arthur Percy Davis to be 2nd Lieutenant, *vice* Butson, resigned.

On the 9th of August, a Battalion drill was held at Gram-pound Road. The following Brigade Order was issued on the next day, viz. : “ The Commanding Officer cannot allow yesterday’s “ Brigade drill to pass over without expressing to the Volunteers “ his satisfaction at all that took place, with one exception, namely, “ the marching past in open column; everything else was well “ done, and he now takes this opportunity of thanking Officers, “ Non-commissioned Officers, and Gunners for their steadiness “ and attention on parade.”

On the 13th of December, 1st Lieutenant William Cade resigned his commission in the 11th (St Ives) Battery.

Major Govan, R.A. was the Inspecting Officer this year.

1870. On the 14th of February, a Court of Enquiry was ordered by the Lord Lieutenant to assemble at Lostwithiel, to investigate charges made against Captain Sobey of No. 3 (Fowey) Battery. It will be remembered that in the previous year a range had been approved for this Battery, adjoining that used by No. 5 (Par), on the understanding that the Officer commanding No. 3 was to communicate with the Officer commanding No. 5 when he wished to practise; this Captain Sobey neglected to do, and on being remonstrated with by the Officer commanding the Brigade, wrote in an insubordinate and un-courteous manner.

The result of the Court of Enquiry was that on the 8th of March, a communication was received from the War Office, stating that the authorities were of opinion that the charges

preferred had been fully substantiated, and that Her Majesty had been pleased to dispense with the services of Captain Sobey. It is much to be regretted that such a step should have been forced on the authorities, as Captain Sobey was one of, if not the first Volunteer in the County.

On the 6th of April, it was notified that the following resignations had been accepted, viz. :—

1st Lieutenant Francis Harvey in the 8th (Hayle) Battery.

Captain Charles Granville Grenfell and 2nd Lieutenant Richard Francis Treweeke in the 11th (St Ives) Battery.

1st Lieutenant Robert E. M. Millet in the 12th (Marazion) Battery.

And the following promotions and appointments made in the same Corps, viz. :—

2nd Lieutenant William Hambley to be 1st Lieutenant, *vice* Harvey, resigned.

John Tremearne to be Captain, *vice* Grenfell, resigned.

Richard Cogar to be 1st Lieutenant, *vice* Cade, resigned.

Charles Curnow to be 2nd Lieutenant, *vice* Treweeke, resigned.

2nd Lieutenant Ambrose Michell to be 1st Lieutenant, *vice* Millet, resigned.

On the 23rd of April, the fifth Annual Meeting of the Officers was held at the Royal Hotel, Truro.

On the 3rd of May, 1st Lieutenant Richard Treffry Kernick resigned his commission in the 4th (Charlestown) Battery, and the following promotion and appointment in the same were made, viz. :—

2nd Lieutenant Richard Harris Williams to be 1st Lieutenant, *vice* Kernick, resigned.

Alfred Luke to be 2nd Lieutenant, *vice* Williams, promoted.

On the 5th of the same month the following promotion and appointment were notified in the 3rd (Fowey) Battery.

2nd Lieutenant William Hicks to be Captain, *vice* Sobey, whose services had been dispensed with.

William Stribley Lacey to be 2nd Lieutenant, *vice* Hicks, promoted.

Commissions to bear date 4th May, 1870.

The fifth Annual Carbine Competition was held on the range of the 11th and 12th Companies, 1st Cornwall Rifle Volunteers, at Truro, on the 5th of July. All the Batteries except No. 4 (Charlestown) competed; number of competitors same as in previous year, that is to say, 20 per cent. of Efficient on the last annual returns. The ranges and number of rounds at each were also the same; viz.:—five rounds at 100, 200, and 300 yards. The first Individual Prize was won by Gunner Martin, of No. 3 (Fowey) Battery, with a score of 52; Gunner Mollard of No. 13 (St. Just) made the same number of points, but his score at the longest range was not so good. The first Battery Prize was won by the 13th (St. Just) Battery with an average of $40\frac{1}{4}$, and the second (Colonel Gilbert's) Prize by the 8th (Hayle) Battery, with an average of $38\frac{8}{15}$. There were 28 Individual Prizes, ranging from £5 to 5s.

On the 8th of this month, the Officer commanding No. 5 (Par) Battery wrote to report the death of Honorary Assistant-Surgeon Pace, belonging to that Battery. And during the same month, the death of Captain John Tredwen of No. 1 (Padstow) Battery was also reported.

On the 23rd of the month, a Wing drill was held at Penzance for the Western Batteries, followed on the 1st of August by a Battalion drill at Grampond Road, in which all took part.

On the 1st of August, it was notified from the Lord Lieutenant's Office that the resignation of Lieutenant George Kerswill in the 2nd (Looe) Battery had been accepted by Her Majesty, and the following promotion and appointment were made in the same Corps, viz:—

2nd Lieutenant Reginald Arthur Peter to be 1st Lieutenant, *vice* Kerswill, resigned.

Robert Thomas Thomas to be 2nd Lieutenant, *vice* Peter, promoted.

Commissions to bear date 28th July, 1870.

On the 13th of September, it was notified that Stephen Clogg, then serving as Honorary Assistant-Surgeon in No. 2 (Looe) Battery, had been appointed Assistant-Surgeon in the 1st Administrative Brigade, Cornwall Artillery Volunteers, *vice* Pace, deceased. Commissions to bear date 10th August, 1870.

And further, that Her Majesty had been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the commissions held by Samuel Mason as Honorary Assistant-Surgeon to No. 3 (Fowey) Battery, and to approve of his appointment in the same capacity in No. 5 (Par).

On the 28th of the same month, it was notified that the resignation of 1st Lieutenant Samuel Short, in the 3rd (Fowey) Battery, had been accepted, and the following promotion and appointment in the same Corps were made:—

2nd Lieutenant William Stribley Lacey to be 1st Lieutenant, *vice* Short, resigned; and Frank Bennett Williams to be 2nd Lieutenant, *vice* Lacey, promoted.

Commissions to bear date 24th September, 1870.

And on the same day, also, the following promotion and appointment in the 1st (Padstow) Battery were notified:—

1st Lieutenant Thomas Langford Seaton to be Captain, *vice* Tredwen, deceased. William Henry Martyn to be 2nd Lieutenant, *vice* Richards, resigned.

Commissions to bear date 24th September, 1870.

By Reserve Forces Circular of the 1st of November, it was announced that the special Capitation Grant of £2 10s. would be issued, on account of Officers and Sergeants who were able to pass a certain examination, and who obtained a Certificate of Proficiency. Captain Field, of No. 12 (Marazion) Battery, wrote, on the 8th of the month, to request that he might, with the Officers and Sergeants under his command, present themselves before a

Board, in order to obtain the grant before the end of the year. On the 21st of the same month, the Officer Commanding No. 5 (Par) Battery, made a similar request for the Sergeants of his Corps. Notice however being shortly afterwards received that the period for earning this extra Capitation Grant would be extended to the 31st March following, the Officer commanding the Brigade decided to postpone these applications for the present.

During the latter part of the year, one of the guns on charge of the 12th (Marazion) Battery was removed to Ludgvan, a village two miles off, where several members resided.

Colonel Anderson, R.A., was the Inspecting Officer for the year.

The County Association Prizes were again awarded for gun practice at the stations of the different Batteries.

A Range for the 10th (Newlyn) Battery was approved of by the War Office during the year.

1871. On the 29th of January, the Rev. Handfield Noel Purcell, was gazetted Honorary Chaplain to No. 3 (Fowey) Battery.

During this month a Brigade Order was issued, calling for the names of all Officers who were prepared to present themselves for examination for Certificates of Proficiency. Boards were held at Hayle on the 13th of March for the Officers of the Western Batteries, and on the 14th at Par for those of the Eastern ones, Colonel Grant, R.A., being the Examining Officer. On the 20th, it was notified that the undermentioned had been awarded Certificates, viz. :—

Captains Field, Thomas, and Ross, and Lieutenants Hodge and Barwis. It was subsequently notified that, Captains Banks and West and Lieutenant Luke would also be considered as having passed, as they had done well in the Artillery subjects.

On the 10th of February, the resignation of 2nd Lieutenant Samuel Higgs, of No 10 (Newlyn) Battery, was forwarded to the

Lord Lieutenant, and the following promotion and appointments were at the same time submitted for approval, viz. :—

2nd Lieutenant W. H. Martyn, No. 1 (Padstow) Battery, to be 1st Lieutenant, *vice* Seaton, promoted; George T. A. Staff to be 2nd Lieutenant, *vice* Martyn, promoted.

Walter Henry Borlase to be 2nd Lieutenant, *vice* Higgs, resigned.

On the 28th, the name of the Rev. Paul Bush was submitted as Honorary Chaplain to No. 2 (Looe) Battery.

On the 25th of March, the resignation of 1st Lieutenant S. Harvey, of No. 13 (St. Just) Battery, was forwarded to the Lord Lieutenant, and the following promotion and appointment were at the same time submitted, viz. :—

2nd Lieutenant John C. Barwis to be 1st Lieutenant, *vice* Harvey, resigned.

Arthur Hodge James to be 2nd Lieutenant, *vice* Barwis, promoted.

On the 15th of April, the name of the Rev. John Downes Hawksley, Perpetual Curate of Par and Biscovey, was submitted as Honorary Chaplain for No. 5 Battery.

The sixth Annual Meeting of the Officers was held at the Falmouth Hotel on the 18th of May. It was resolved at the meeting that each Battery should send 12 men to compete at the Annual Competition. It was also suggested that Colonel Grylls (Major in the 1st D.C.A.V.) should be asked to give a Prize as a third Battery Prize, which he kindly consented to do.

On the 12th of July, it was notified that an extra gun would be granted for the 1st Battery, to be placed at St. Issey. Owing to the death of a large ship-builder at Padstow, a number of hands were thrown out of employment, which obliged the Officer commanding the Battery to extend his recruiting area; this had led to the formation of a detachment at St. Issey.

On the 17th of July, the sixth Annual Carbine Competition was held at Penzance, on the range of the 1st Company D.C.R.V.

All the Batteries, with the exception of No. 2 (Looe), No. 4 (Charlestown), and No. 7 (Polruan), competed; 12 members from each. The ranges were, as before, 100, 200, and 300 yards, five rounds at each. The first Individual Prize was won by Captain Thomas of No 13 (St. Just) Battery, with a score of 53 points, which was higher than any previous year. The first Battery Prize was taken by No. 13 (St. Just), with a score of 504 points; the second (Colonel Gilbert's) by No. 11 (St. Ives), with a score of 473; and the third (Colonel Grylls') by No. 8 (Hayle), with 467 points. There were thirty Individual Prizes, ranging from £5 to 5s.

On the 18th of July, the Rev. A. H. Ferris was appointed Honorary Chaplain to No. 4 (Charlestown) Battery.

On the 27th, the following Brigade Order was issued:—

“The Colonel Commanding, considering the present system of awarding the Prizes given by the County Association very unsatisfactory, has decided to distribute the money this year in three Prizes. The first Prize of £2 to be awarded to the smartest, cleanest, and best gun detachment at drill.

“The second Prize of £1 to the smartest N.C.O., third Prize to the smartest Gunner.

“All members competing for these Prizes must be Efficient.”

“The Colonel Commanding will inspect each Battery before the 1st of December next, and award these Prizes.”

On the 19th of August, authority was received from the War Office to enrol 50 supernumeraries on the 1st (Padstow) Battery, as the maximum establishment had been reached, and a large number of young men were willing to become members.

On the 30th of December, the following resignations were forwarded, through the Lord Lieutenant, viz.:—

Robert Thomas, Captain of No. 2 (Looe) Battery, and Robert T. Thomas, 2nd Lieutenant of same; John Tremearne, Captain, Richard Cogar, 1st Lieutenant; the last two belonging to No. 11 (St. Ives) Battery.

The following promotion and appointment were submitted at the same time, viz. :—

1st Lieutenant R. A. Peter to be Captain, *vice* Thomas, resigned.

J. G. Anderson to be 2nd Lieutenant, *vice* R. T. Thomas, resigned.

Colonel Wallace, R.A., was the Inspecting Officer for this year.

The competition for the County Association Prizes was carried out at the different stations, as directed by the Brigade Order of the 27th July, 1871, before referred to.

1872. On the 3rd of January, it was notified that Mr. John Medley Doble had been appointed 2nd Lieutenant in the 12th (Marazion) Battery. And on the 10th of the same month, 1st Lieutenant R. A. Peter was gazetted Captain to No. 2 (Looe) Battery.

It having been proposed to enrol certain persons at Torpoint for service with the Devonshire Corps, Colonel Gilbert, in answer to an enquiry from the Lord Lieutenant, wrote, on the 13th of February, that he did not consider it desirable that there should be a number of armed men residing in the County, over whom no control of any sort could be exercised; should, however, a Corps be formed and united administratively to a Devonshire Brigade, there would cease to be any objection.

On the 18th of April, orders were received from Devonport that all correspondence, which had previously been addressed to the Assistant-Inspectors of Districts, would, in future, be forwarded to the Inspecting Officer of Auxiliary Artillery in the District. These appointments had just been made, and Colonel Vesey, R.A., had taken over the duties for this District.

The seventh Annual Meeting of the Officers was held at the Royal Hotel, Truro, on the 9th of May. It was decided at this meeting, in addition to fixing the date of the Carbine Shooting, &c., that the money granted by the County Association Fund, should be divided into the following Prizes, viz., £16, £12, £8, £5, and £3; that a certain number of points should be allotted to

the various subjects at the Annual Inspection, and the Prizes awarded to the Batteries making the highest totals. It was further agreed that all Officers attending the Annual Meeting should afterwards dine together; all Officers to pay for dinner only, whether present or not.

On the 6th of July, the resignations of 1st Lieutenant W. S. Lacey, of No. 3 (Fowey), and of the Rev. J. Downes Hawksley, Honorary Chaplain of No. 5 (Par) Battery, were forwarded to the Secretary of State of War; and, on the same date, the name of 2nd Lieutenant J. G. Anderson, of No. 2 (Looe) Battery, was submitted for promotion to 1st Lieutenant, *vice* Peter, promoted.

The seventh Annual Carbine Competition took place at Par on the 23rd of July; all the Batteries, except No. 7 (Polruan), were represented, 12 members from each; the ranges were 100, 200, and 300 yards, five rounds at each. The first Individual Prize was won by Gunner William Rowe of No. 13 (St. Just) Battery, with a score of 52 points; Gunner William Ellis, of the same Battery, made the same score, but he was one point less at the longest range; Lieutenant Barwis, of the same Battery, took the third place. The first Battery Prize was again taken by No. 13 (St. Just), with a score of 550, as against 504 in the previous year; the second (Colonel Gilbert's) by No. 8 (Hayle), with a score of 509, and the third (Colonel Grylls') by No. 12 (Marazion), with 506 points. There were 30 individual prizes, ranging from £5 to 5s.

On the 26th of July, authority was received from the War Office to remove the Headquarters of the 10th Battery from Newlyn to Penzance, but a proposal to make the detachment still at St. Burian and the Headquarters separate Corps was not sanctioned.

On the 14th of August, Colonel Gilbert reported to the War Office the resignation of Captain Peard, of No. 5 (Par) Battery; and, on the 21st, that of Captain West, of No. 8 (Hayle) Battery,

submitting at the same time the name of Mr. F. Harvey as his successor.

On the 28th of September, the resignation of 1st Lieutenant William Hambley of No. 8 (Hayle) Battery was reported; and, on the same day, the name of Henry Harvey Trevethick was submitted as 2nd Lieutenant in the same Battery.

Early in September, the resignation of Captain Ross, of No. 10 (Penzance) Battery, was gazetted; and, on the 6th of December, the Officer commanding the Brigade reported that of Captain William Hicks, of No. 3 (Fowey) Battery.

On the 30th of December, the appointment of Sergeant Malcomson, R. A., who was acting as Instructor to No. 8 (Hayle) Battery, as Sergeant-Major to the Brigade, in succession to Sergeant-Major Denison, discharged to pension, was approved.

Colonel Vesey, R.A., was the Inspecting Officer for the year. He issued a special report on each Battery, in which he speaks very favourably of several, but more especially of No. 13 (St. Just) and No. 8 (Hayle). At the Annual Inspection, the Prizes of the County Association were awarded. Agreeably with the resolution passed at the Annual Meeting of the Officers, a number of points were given to several subjects, as follows, viz., Gunnery and Gun Drill, 200; Carbine Drill, 50; Company Drill, 50; Cleanliness, 100; Discipline, 100; Attendance at Drill, 100; Interior Economy, 50; Efficiency of Sergeants, 100; General Efficiency, 100. The 13th (St. Just) Battery won the first Prize with a total of 740 points; No. 8 (Hayle), the second with 715; No. 10 (Penzance), the third, with 655; No. 12 (Marazion), the fourth, with 645; and No. 4 (Charlestown), the fifth, with 565 points. This system of awarding the Prizes has been carried out ever since, and is found to work exceedingly well, and leads to a very keen competition among the various Batteries.

The breech-loading Snider Carbine was issued to the Brigade during this year.

I regret that I have been unable sometimes to give the exact

date of an Officer's commission; it appears to have been no longer notified from the Lieutenancy Office, but merely published in the *London Gazette*, of which, unfortunately, no official record has been kept. Where the exact date is not known, I have given that of the letter submitting the name for promotion or appointment, as the case might be.

1873. On the 13th of February, the resignation of 1st Lieutenant R. H. Williams, of No. 4 (Charlestown) Battery, was reported to the War Office, and at the same time the name of 2nd Lieutenant Alfred Luke was submitted to fill the vacancy.

On the following day, the name of 2nd Lieutenant Henry Harvey Trevethick was forwarded as 1st Lieutenant, in No. 8 (Hayle) Battery, *vice* Hambley, resigned, but on the 15th of March it was requested that this recommendation might be cancelled, and that the vacancy might be filled by Mr. George Henry Eustice, who had formerly held a commission in the 1st Duke of Cornwall's Rifle Volunteers; Mr. Trevethick reverting to 2nd Lieutenant at his own request. The date of commission of 1st Lieutenant G. H. Eustice appears in the Army List as 31st May, 1873. On the 26th of March, Arthur Percy Davis, who was then holding a commission as 2nd Lieutenant in No. 7 (Polruan), was gazetted as Captain to No. 3 (Fowey) Battery, *vice* Hicks, resigned.

On the 26th of April the resignation of Lieutenant J. G. Anderson, of No. 2 (Looe) Battery, was reported, and the name of Mr. Nathaniel Hearle was submitted in his place, who was gazetted on the 31st of the following month.

The eighth Annual Meeting of the Officers was held at the Royal Hotel, Truro, on the 7th of May. It was resolved at this meeting that the number of competitors at the Carbine Shooting should be 20 per cent. from each Battery, reckoned from the last annual return of efficient; that the £38 10s. granted by the County Association should be divided into the following Prizes,

viz. :—£13, £10, £8, £5, and £2 10s.; and further, that the tunic worn by the Brigade should have a scarlet collar.

After the meeting the Officers dined together, as agreed to at the last Annual Meeting, Colonel Grylls presiding in the absence of Colonel Gilbert, who had unfortunately broken his leg a short time previously. The Dinner has become an annual event ever since. On the 13th of May, Colonel Gilbert reported to the War Office the resignation of Colonel Grylls, who had held a commission as Major in the 1st D.C.A.V. since the 23rd of November, 1862.

On the 14th, in answer to a communication received from the Inspecting Field Officer of Auxiliary Artillery, respecting the distribution of the different Batteries of the Brigade among the defences of Plymouth, and as to the practicability of their assembling at the same for the purpose of instruction in the drill of the ordnance with which the forts were armed, Colonel Gilbert wrote, suggesting the Corps should be detailed as follows, viz. :—No. 1 (Padstow) and 5 (Par) to Cawsand; No. 2 (Looe), No. 3 (Fowey), and No. 4 (Charlestown) to Picklecombe.

No. 7 (Polruan) to the Garden Battery; No. 8 (Hayle) and 13 (St. Just) to Devonport lines.

No. 10 (Penzance), No. 11 (St. Ives), and No. 12 (Marazion), to Pendennis Castle and St. Mawes.

But at the same time, although the object aimed at was most desirable, he did not see how it would be possible, without considerable pecuniary assistance, to bring, and maintain when there, the Batteries at the Forts to which they might be told off to.

On the 17th a Brigade Order was issued, directing, in accordance with the resolution passed at the Annual Meeting, that a scarlet collar should be substituted for the blue one then worn on the tunic, and also that chevrons of the regulated pattern of scarlet should be worn on the caps of Corporals and Bombardiers. It was also ordered that the Proficient badge (a silver star with the numeral of the Corps) was to be worn in the centre, under the

crown and gun, but above Austrian knot on each arm. Auxiliary Force Circular, clause 39, directed that a Badge of Efficiency was to be worn by all men who were returned as Efficient in the last annual return, such badge to consist of a ring of silver lace, three quarters of an inch wide, round the sleeve of the right arm, above the cuff, passing over any other lace or embroidery, and should not be in the form of a chevron.

During this month a 64-pounder R.M.L. gun was forwarded to the 2nd (Looe) Battery, and two of the same nature to No. 10 (Penzance). These were the first rifled guns issued to the Brigade. In the following month a letter was received from the Officer commanding the Royal Artillery at Pendennis Castle, thanking the Volunteers for the assistance they had rendered in mounting these guns, especially alluding to the services of Captain Peters, No. 2 Battery, and Lieutenant Williams, No. 3 (Fowey), where two guns had been landed for the Government Coast Battery.

On the 12th of June, Colonel Gilbert reported the resignation of the Rev. Paul Bush, Honorary Chaplain of No. 2 (Looe) Battery, submitting at the same time the name of the Rev. Arthur Kemble for the vacancy. The date of commission of the latter is shown in the Army List as the 8th of October, 1873.

On the 14th, the name of Edward G. Davenport, of Tregenna Castle, St. Ives, was submitted as Captain of No. 11 Battery, *vice* Tremearne, resigned (the only Officer then belonging to the Corps, Lieutenant Curnow, being superseded at his own request), and E. M. Fitzgerald as Sub-Lieutenant.

On the 28th, the resignation of Lieutenant W. Slade, of No. 7 (Polruan) Battery, was reported.

On the 30th of July, the eighth Annual Carbine Competition was held at Penzance, on the range of the 1st Company, D.C.R. Volunteers. All the Batteries, except No. 7 (Polruan), competed, sending 20 per cent. on the last annual returns of Efficients. The first Individual Prize was won by Bombardier Davey, of No. 13 (St. Just) Battery, with a score of 55 points; Sergeant Jilbert,

of No. 10 (Penzance) made the same score, but his total at the longest range was not so good, and he therefore took the second prize. Fifty-five points was higher than the score of any previous year, the highest hitherto was 53, made by Captain Thomas, of No. 13 (St. Just), in 1871; with the same score he now only took the third prize. The 1st Battery Prize was won by No. 8 (Hayle), with 11 men; average, 44.54; the second, by No. 11 (St. Ives), with 10 men; average, 44.50; the third, by No. 10 (Penzance), with 16 men; average, 42.81. The 13th (St. Just) Battery made the same average as No. 10, but had 20 misses, as against 16 of the latter, and was therefore counted out. There were 40 individual prizes, ranging from £5 to 5s.

On the 10th of August, a Brigade Order was issued, calling the attention of Officers to the fact that those who had not obtained certificates of proficiency, and whose commissions dated prior to April, 1872, would be obliged, by Reserve Force Circular, Clause 9, Section 43, to pass an examination at the Annual Inspection, the examination being conducted without written questions; and if the Officers could drill fairly, and understood the ordinary detail of drills, they would be awarded certificates.

On the 21st of August, permission was given by the War Office for Volunteers to attend drill in plain clothes; such permission not to extend to Sergeant Instructors, nor to the drill of outlying Corps when visited by the Adjutant. Where a detachment was drilling in a Government Fort or Battery, a Volunteer was to be posted at the entrance, to prevent persons who were not members of the Corps from coming in.

On the 13th of September, the resignation of 1st Lieutenant B. Mannell, of No. 5 (Par) Battery, was reported to the War Office, and, on the 16th, the name of Mr. John Renton was submitted as Sub-Lieutenant in No. 7 (Polruan) Battery, *vice* Slade, resigned.

On the 25th of November, the name of Mr. Thomas Hawken was submitted as Sub-Lieutenant in No. 1 (Padstow) Battery,

vice 2nd Lieutenant Staff, whose resignation was reported on the 6th of this month, The Army List shows Mr. Hawken's commission as dated 17th December, 1873.

On the 9th of December, observations were received from the War Office on the Annual Inspections. His Royal Highness, the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief, considered that, with the exception of two Corps, all the others were very satisfactory.

Colonel Vesey, R.A., was the Inspecting Officer for the year. The prizes given by the County Association were awarded on the same principle as in the previous year; the first prize was won by No. 8 (Hayle), with 815 points, out of a possible 850; the second, by No. 12 (Marazion), with 735; the third, by No. 13 (St. Just) with 725; the fourth, by No. 10 (Penzance), with 645; and the fifth, by No. 2 (Looe), with 635 points.

Permission was obtained this year for the Officers and Sergeants of the Brigade, under command of the Adjutant, to attend at Plymouth, for a week's course of instruction in gunnery. This, with one or two exceptions, has been carried out annually ever since.

1874. On the 14th of January, in answer to an enquiry from Devonport, Colonel Gilbert wrote that he did not consider it would be advisable to amalgamate the 3rd (Fowey) and the 7th (Polruan) Corps, as proposed, but would recommend that the former should remain as a Battery, and that the latter should be reduced to a Sub-Division, which recommendation was shortly afterwards carried into effect. Captain Smith had written a few days previously, saying he should be happy to retain command of No. 7, in the rank of 1st Lieutenant.

On the 21st of February, the resignation of Lieutenant Nathaniel Hearle, of No. 2 (Looe) Battery, was reported to the War Office.

On the 26th of March, a communication was received from the War Office, calling attention to the fact that both the 3rd (Fowey) and 11th (St. Ives) Corps were below the minimum

strength allowed for a Battery, and directing a report to be made within two months on their state; however, both were enabled shortly afterwards to complete their establishment to the required number.

On the 30th of April, Colonel Gilbert, in answer to an enquiry from the Inspecting Field Officer of Auxiliary Artillery, as to the amounts paid to Sergeant Instructors for care and repair of arms, &c., wrote giving the required information, and concludes his letter as follows:—

“ * * * * * I beg to call your attention to the very small
 “ allowance granted annually to the Volunteers for the purpose of
 “ providing them with clothing, drill, orderly and store rooms,
 “ and armouries; also for the proper care of arms and care and
 “ preservation of clothing, which latter, from the constant changes
 “ in the Volunteers, is a continual cause of expense. The duties
 “ of the orderly-room are so excessive that a Commanding Officer
 “ can seldom devote sufficient attention to them to give satis-
 “ faction to the Commanding Officer of the Brigade and the War
 “ Departmental Offices through which his official correspondence
 “ passes; and not having sufficient time to satisfactorily perform
 “ these duties, they (the Commanding Officers of Batteries) pay
 “ their Instructors various sums from the Capitation Grant and
 “ from their own means, and in many instances give the In-
 “ structors free quarters.

“ The payments amount to a very considerable sum, and this,
 “ with the additional qualifications now required from Volunteer
 “ Officers, is, I fear, the means of so many Corps being without
 “ Officers—the responsibility and expense being more than they
 “ care to undertake with the smallness of the sums at their dis-
 “ posal. I would venture to suggest that Commanding Officers
 “ of Corps should be allowed annually a certain sum, to be
 “ applied to the payment of an Instructor as Orderly-room Clerk,
 “ provided that at the expiration of the 12 months his conduct
 “ has been such as to merit it; and, in case of misbehaviour, the

“ whole or part should be forfeited, and the grant withheld on
 “ the report of Officers Commanding Batteries, Commanding
 “ Officer of Brigade, or the Adjutant. By this means, the labour
 “ of the Commanding Officers of Batteries would be considerably
 “ reduced, and the office duties probably performed in a much
 “ more satisfactory manner.”

The ninth Annual Meeting of the Officers was held at the Royal Hotel, Truro, on the 1st of June. It was decided that 20 per cent. from each Battery should compete at the Annual Carbine Shooting. The Officers dined together after the meeting, in accordance with the resolution passed in 1872.

On the 19th of June, a report was made to the War Office that Serjeant Isaac Bloomfield, C.B.R.A., Instructor to No. 11 (St. Ives) Battery, had been selected as Serjeant-Major to the Brigade, in succession to Serjeant-Major Malcomson, promoted to Master-Gunner.

On the 11th of July, the Commanding Officer wrote to Captain Banks, of No. 4 (Charlestown), and Captain Field, of No. 12 (Marazion), asking those Officers whether they wished to be recommended for the rank of Major in the Brigade, and stating that he made them the offer in recognition of the great attention and efficiency in which they had carried out their several duties, to the entire satisfaction of the Inspecting Officers and himself. On the 10th of the following month, Colonel Gilbert submitted the names of these two Officers to the authorities. Captain William Tonkin Banks to be Major, *vice* Grylls, resigned; and Captain Thomas Willis Field to be junior Major—the latter appointment never having been filled up since the formation of the Brigade. These Officers were gazetted on the 5th of September, 1874.

The ninth Annual Carbine Competition was held at Par, on the 20th of July. All the Batteries, except No. 2 (Looe), No. 4 (Charleston), and No. 7 (Polruan), entered. Twenty per cent. on last annual returns of Efficientes competed. The first Individual

prize was won by Gunner Trengrove, of No. 8 (Hayle) Battery, with a score of 56 points (the highest score yet reached); Lieutenant Eustice, of the same Battery, also made the same total, but his score at the longest range was one point less than Gunner Trengrove's, and he therefore took the second place. The first Battery Prize was won by No. 8 (Hayle), with 16 men, average 48; the second (Colonel Gilbert's) by No. 11 (St. Ives), with ten men, average 45·23; No. 13 (St. Just), came third, with 16 men, average 44·43.

The ranges were as before, 100, 200, and 300 yards, five rounds at each.

On the 12th of October, the appointment of Sergeant John Blackmore,* R.A., Instructor to No. 2 (Looe) Battery, as Sergeant-Major to the Brigade, in succession to Sergeant-Major Bloomfield, discharged to pension, was reported to the War Office; the appointment to bear date 13th August, 1874.

On the 24th, the names of Sub-Lieutenants Thomas Hawken, of No. 1 (Padstow), and John Renton, of No. 7 (Polruan), were submitted for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant, in accordance with Reserve Force Circular, 1874, clause 22, which laid down that Subaltern Officers would, on appointment to the Auxiliary Forces, bear the rank of Sub-Lieutenant, and would receive probationary commissions. After attending two Annual Inspections, and passing the prescribed examination, they were to be promoted to Lieutenants, and their commissions as such were to bear the dates of their original appointments as Sub-Lieutenants. Where a Sergeant who had held a Certificate of Proficiency for two years in that rank was recommended for the rank of Officer, he was to be appointed to the probationary rank of Sub-Lieutenant until reported on at the next Inspection. If the Inspecting Officer informed the Commanding Officer, and stated in his report that the Officer was qualified for promotion, he was to be promoted to

* This Non-commissioned Officer commanded the escort of General Gordon on his proceeding to join the Chinese Army.

the rank of Lieutenant, without further examination, on being recommended by his Commanding Officer.

Sub-Lieutenants Hawken and Renton came under the latter part of the above clause.

Colonel Vesey, R.A., was again the Inspecting Officer for the year. In his report to the Officer Commanding the Brigade he says—

“ Having concluded the inspections of the Corps composing the Brigade under your command, I must express my satisfaction at being able to report that in general the state of efficiency is still higher than last year. Those Corps on which I then reported very favourably have as a rule maintained their position, and some others have improved very much. This I attribute to increased exertions of the Officers and Sergeants, supported by the goodwill of the men.

“ I find that several Corps have made considerable progress in using the gyn, and mounting and dismounting guns by other methods.

“ The large attendance of Officers and Sergeants at Plymouth this year showed their desire to become proficient in those exercises. I trust that during the ensuing year all the Corps in the Brigade will devote much attention to these drills, to which I shall give more time at the next inspections. I am sure you will agree with me that the best Corps have proved to be those in which the Sergeants have undertaken the instruction of their detachments, and not left it to the Drill Instructor, who should watch the drills, and point out mistakes, but not interfere unnecessarily. Some of the Sergeants are very proficient in this respect, and their gun detachments are by far the best. I should be glad to see the same system established in all the Corps. I should also wish to see the Officers take a more active part in the drills; it is my intention to call upon all the Officers next year to show their ability to instruct in the various duties, and drill the detachments in slow time. I do

“ not expect much in either Company or Carbine drill, but I
 “ think that the Officers should be able to put the men through
 “ the manual exercises and a few simple movements without
 “ hesitation. In several instances I did not find this to be the
 “ case, and the men would have done better but for the Officers.
 “ I would suggest that the Company and Carbine drills be few,
 “ but that the instruction be invariably undertaken by the Officers,
 “ who will thereby become familiar with the details, and have
 “ confidence in themselves as commanders.

“ In conclusion I beg to congratulate you on general highly
 “ satisfactory state of your Brigade.”

I have, &c.,

G. H. VESEY, *Col., R.A.,*

Comdg. Aux. Artillery,

1st. Sub. District.

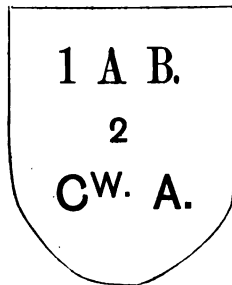
The Prizes granted from the funds of the County Association were awarded at the Annual Inspection as follows, viz. :—

First Prize, £13, to No. 8 (Hayle) Battery, which gained 805 out of a possible 850 points, (the subjects and numbers of points allotted being the same as in the previous years); second Prize, £10, to No. 12 (Marazion), with 735 points; third Prize, £8, to No. 13 (St. Just), with 715; fourth Prize, £5, to No. 2 (Looe), with 705; and the fifth Prize, £2 10s., to No. 10 (Penzance), with 700 points.

The second Plymouth course for Officers and Sergeants was held this year from the 14th to the 19th of September, and was attended by 16 Officers and 28 Sergeants, under the command of Captain and Adjutant Edyvean. The railway fare and a daily allowance of 5s. to Officers and 3s. to Sergeants was granted from the Brigade Funds, where asked for and considered necessary for expenses while so detached from their stations.

By Reserve Force Circulars issued during the year, it was laid down that Volunteers were to wear on their shoulder straps the

initials of their County, and the number of their Corps in the County, and if they belonged to a Corps in an Administrative Regiment, the number also of their Brigade or Battalion; Light Horse Artillery, Engineers, and Mounted Rifle Volunteers were also to wear letters denoting the branches of the Service to which they respectively belonged; thus for the Cornwall Artillery it was to be, say for the 2nd Battery:—



1875. On the 4th of January, the death of Captain Edward G. Davenport, of No. 11 (St Ives) Battery, which had occurred in the previous month, was reported to the War Office. And on the same day, the resignation of Captain Field, of No. 12 (Marazion) Battery, was forwarded; this Officer, having been gazetted Major on the 5th of September, 1874, now gave up the command of the Battery. The name of Lieutenant A. O. Mitchell was submitted in the place of Captain Field, and he was gazetted on the 30th of January, 1875; on the same day appeared the promotion of Lieutenant Polkinghorne to the command of No. 5 (Par) Battery, *vice* Peard, resigned.

On the 19th of March, the resignations of Captain Smith, Supernumerary, No. 7 (Polruan), and of Lieutenant Borlase, of No. 10 (Penzance), were reported to the Secretary of State for War, and the name of Sub-Lieutenant E. M. Fitzgerald was submitted as Captain of No. 11 (St. Ives), *vice* Davenport, resigned, Lieutenant Curnow being superseded at his own request.

On the 24th of April, the death of Major W. T. Banks was reported.

The tenth Annual Meeting of the Officers was held at the Royal Hotel, Truro, on the 28th of May, the Officers dining together in the evening.

On the 2nd of July, the resignation of Captain T. Langford Seaton, of No. 1 (Padstow) Battery, was reported to the War Office and the following promotions and appointment were submitted, viz. :—

Lieutenant W. H. Martyn to be Captain, *vice* Seaton.

Sub-Lieutenant T. Hawken to be Lieutenant, *vice* Martyn, promoted.

And Mr. William Langford Allport as Sub-Lieutenant, *vice* Hawken.

The tenth Annual Carbine Competition was held at Penzance, on the range of No. 1 Company, 1st D. C. R. V., on the 28th of July. All the Batteries except No. 7 (Polruan) entered, 20 per cent. of each taken from annual returns of Efficientes. The ranges were as before 100, 200, and 300 yards, 5 rounds at each. The first Individual Prize was won by Lieutenant Barwis, of No. 13 (St. Just), with a score of 56 points. Sergeant Sidley, of No. 11 (St. Ives), and Gunner Johns, of No. 8 (Hayle), were second and third with 55, and four others made 53. It will be seen from this that the shooting had considerably improved with the newer weapon (the Snider B.L. Carbine), as in a former year a score of 50 had taken the first Prize. The first Battery Prize was won by No. 8 (Hayle), with 16 men and an average of 48.81; the second (Colonel Gilbert's) by No 2 (Looe), with 10 men, average 46.4; the third (Major Field's) by No. 13 (St. Just), with 16 men, average 43.93. There were forty Individual Prizes, ranging from £5 to 5s. The Battery Prizes were £5, £3, and £2.

On the 23rd of August, the name of Captain R. Thomas of No. 13 (St. Just) was submitted as junior Major, *vice* Banks, deceased.

On the 9th of October, Philip S. Slade was gazetted Sub-Lieutenant in No. 7 (Polruan), *vice* Slade, resigned.

On the 24th of December, the name of Mr. James H. Nicholas was submitted as Sub-Lieutenant in the 2nd (Looe) Battery, *vice* Anderson, resigned.

Colonel Bolton, R.A., was the Inspecting Officer for the year, he writes on the 2nd of November as follows:—

“ With reference to the Annual Inspection of the Brigade under your command, the general ‘turn-out’ and appearance of the Corps on Parade as a rule was ‘excellent;’ some time was taken in getting all the men on to the Parade near the Battery 11th Corps (St. Ives), but I have no doubt that this will be remedied on the next occasion.

“ The gun drill of the 2nd, 8th, 10th and 12th Corps* was excellent, and the others were all very fair.

“ The 8th (Hayle) Corps was, I consider, the best in this respect, and as regards the 7th Corps (Polruan), I would wish more attention to be paid to the detail of the gun drill.

“ The attendances at drill were very good generally throughout the Brigade.

“ The proficient Sergeants, questioned as to drill, &c., answered as a rule remarkably well; thus, I think, reflecting great credit on the Adjutant and the several Instructors. The arms inspected were very well kept. There appeared to be a general wish throughout all ranks to do their work well, and as regards the class of Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers who attended at Plymouth, I consider that, not only will they derive benefit themselves, but that their having been there will be of advantage to the Brigade.

“ I have much pleasure in conclusion, in informing you that I consider the Brigade under your command to be generally in a ‘Very Efficient’ state, marking the zeal of the Officers,

* Looe, Hayle, Penzance and Marazion.

“ Non-Commissioned Officers, and Gunners. I have the honour to request that the receipt of this letter may be acknowledged.

“ I have, &c.,

“ J. L. BOLTON,

“ *Col. Comdg. Aux. Arty.*”

The Prizes given by the County Association were awarded at the Annual Inspection as follows, viz :—

First Prize, £13, to No. 8 (Hayle) Battery, with 810 points out of a possible 850 (the subjects being marked as in the two previous years).

Second, £10, to No. 12 (Marazion), with 730.

Third, £8, to No. 10 (Penzance), with 687.

Fourth, £5, to No. 2 (Looe), with 685.

Fifth, £2 10s., to No. 13 (St. Just), with 660 points.

The third Plymouth Class was held from the 6th to the 11th of September, and was attended by nine Officers and 28 Sergeants, under the command of Captain and Adjutant Edyvean, as before. The Class was most highly complimented by Colonel Bolton, R.A., previous to leaving, not only for their efficiency, but also for their great attention to the drills, their appearance, and demeanour throughout. The Sergeants were highly complimented for their discipline and conformity to the regulations, both in and out of Barracks, and the Inspecting Officer, who attended daily, expressed himself as being much pleased at so large an attendance and the good results of such a course.

1876. On the 8th of January, Mr. Philip Marrack was gazetted Sub-Lieutenant to No. 10 (Penzance), *vice* Borlase, resigned.

On the 29th of March, Mr. James Thomas was gazetted Sub-Lieutenant to No. 3 (Fowey) Battery.

A Brigade Order issued on the 30th of April called attention

to the alterations in uniform described in Reserve Force Circulars, 1874, clause 38, and directed that the Officers and Sergeants should accordingly wear silver lace, and that the belts should be changed from black to white for the future.

The eleventh Annual Meeting of the Officers was held at the Royal Hotel, Truro, on the 25th of May; the Officers dining together after the meeting.

On the 28th of this month, the resignation of Captain E. M. Fitzgerald, of No. 11 (St. Ives), was reported to the War Office. And on the 7th of the following month, the death of Honorary Assistant-Surgeon W. G. Congdon, of No. 12 (Marazion) Battery, was notified to the Authorities. In the letter reporting this Officer's death, it is stated that, though appointed by War Office letter dated the 2nd of July, 1861, his name had never appeared in the Army List. The name of Mr. W. R. Trezise was submitted in the room of Honorary Assistant-Surgeon Congdon, and he was gazetted on the 19th of July, 1876.

Mr. William T. Lovering was on the 5th of July gazetted as Sub-Lieutenant to No. 4 (Charlestown) Battery.

The eleventh Annual Carbine Competition was held at Par on the 1st of August, all the Batteries except No. 4 (Charlestown), No. 7 (Polruan), and No. 11 (St. Ives), were represented by 15 per cent. on the last annual returns of Efficientes. The ranges were as before, 100, 200, and 300 yards, 5 rounds at each. The first Individual Prize was won by Corporal Broad, of No. 8 (Hayle), with a score of 56 points; he was followed by five others making 53 each. The first Battery Prize was taken by No. 8 (Hayle) with 12 men, average 49; the second (Colonel Gilbert's) by No. 13 (St. Just), 10 men, average $45\frac{7}{10}$; the third, by No. 1 (Padstow), 12 men, average $45\frac{7}{12}$; the fourth, by No. 2 (Looe), 8 men, average $43\frac{7}{8}$; the fifth, by No. 10 (Penzance), 12 men, average $43\frac{6}{12}$. The third and fourth Prizes on this occasion were given by Majors Field and Thomas, the fifth by Mr. Wakefield. There were 32 Individual Prizes, ranging from £4 to 5s.

On the 17th of October, Lieutenant Alfred Luke was recommended as Captain to No. 4 (Charlestown) Battery, *vice* Banks, deceased, and he was gazetted on the 15th of the following month.

On the 23rd of October the resignation of Honorary Assistant-Surgeon R. B. Searle, of No. 13 (St. Just), was reported to the War Office.

Colonel Bolton, R. A., was again the Inspecting Officer for the year; there is no trace of any report made by him direct to the Officer commanding.

The Prizes given by the County Association were awarded at the Annual Inspection, 100 points were added this year for "smartness all round," making the total 950. The first Prize, £10, was won by No. 8 (Hayle), with 870 points; the second, £8, by No. 10 (Penzance), with 830; the third, £6, by No. 12 (Marazion), with 740; the fourth, £5, by No. 2 (Looe), with 735; the fifth, £3 10s, by No. 13 (St. Just), with 695; the sixth, £2 10s., by No. 3 (Fowey), with 655; the seventh, £2, by No. 7 (Polruan), with 650; the eight, £1 10s., by No 1 (Padstow), with 645 points.

The Plymouth Class was held this year from the 4th to the 9th of September, and was attended by 14 Officers and 33 Sergeants, under the command of Captain and Adjutant Edyvean, as before.

1877. On the 2nd of March the sanction of the War Office was given to remove the Headquarters of the 10th Battery from Newlyn to Penzance, and at the same time permission to enrol 50 supernumeraries was granted.

On the 10th, the resignation of Lieutenant Barwis, of No. 13 (St. Just), was reported to the Authorities.

On the 2nd of May, the War Office directed that the 11th (St. Ives) Battery was to be reduced to a Division, as the numbers had been considerably reduced, and there appeared to be no hope of any improvement in that respect.

The resignation of Honorary Assistant-Surgeon S. Mason,

belonging to No. 5 (Par) Battery, was reported on the 4th, and the name of Mr. R. B. Hill was submitted for the vacancy.

The twelfth Annual Meeting of the Officers was held on the 8th of June at the Queen's Hotel, Penzance; the Officers dining together in the evening. It was decided at this meeting that Honorary Officers should pay a share of the Dinner, whether dining or not, thus placing them on the same footing as the others, who had always been subject to this rule.

The twelfth Annual Carbine Competition took place at Penzance on the range of the 1st Company D.C.R.V., on the 31st of July.

It appears to have been rather badly attended, the 3rd (Fowey), 4th (Charlestown), 5th (Par), 7th (Polruan), and 11th (St. Ives) Corps not being represented; 15 per cent. of the remaining Batteries competed; the ranges were 100, 200, and 300 yards as before, five rounds at each. The first Individual Prize was won by Gunner Johns, of No. 8 (Hayle), with a score of 49 points, the lowest score that had ever taken the first Prize. The first Battery Prize fell to No. 2 (Looe), with 8 men, average $45\frac{3}{4}$; the second (Colonel Gilbert's) to No. 13 (St. Just), with 10 men, average 43; the third to No. 1 (Padstow), with 12 men, average $42\frac{8}{12}$; the fourth to No. 8 (Hayle), with 12 men, average $42\frac{8}{12}$. The third and fourth Prizes were given on this occasion by Majors Field and Thomas.

On the 5th of September, Lieutenant Hodge was gazetted Captain of No. 10 (Penzance), *vice* Ross, resigned.

Colonel Heberden, R.A., was the Inspecting Officer for the year, and saw all the Corps during September.

The Prizes given by the County Association were awarded at the Annual Inspection as follows; first Prize, £7, to No. 8 (Hayle), with 875 points out of a possible 950 (the same total as last year); the second, £5, to No. 10 (Penzance), with 800; the third, £4, to No. 13 (St. Just), with 725; the fourth, £3, to No. 2 (Looe), with 680; the fifth, £2 10s., to No. 12 (Marazion), with 650; the sixth,

£2, to No. 4 (Charlestown), with 610; and the seventh, £1 10s., to No. 5 (Par), with 605 points.

On the 3rd of November a letter was received from the War Office, through the Authorities at Devonport, containing the remarks of His Royal Highness the Field-Marshal Commanding-in-Chief on the report of the Inspecting Officer, in which attention was called to the state of the 11th (St. Ives) Corps, which was considered very unsatisfactory, and in its present condition by no means an acquisition to the Brigade, and a report was ordered to be made as to the advisability of reducing the same.

On the 7th November Colonel Gilbert wrote saying he did not see any chance of it becoming an Efficient Corps again, and advised its being disbanded, which, it will be seen, was shortly afterwards carried into effect. On the 13th of December the resignation of Sub-Lieutenant Nicholas, of No. 2 (Looe) Battery, was officially reported.

There was no Plymouth Class this year, owing apparently to want of funds.

1878. On the 13th of March the name of Mr. Thos. N. Grigg was submitted as 2nd Lieutenant in No. 2 (Looe) Battery, *vice* Nicholas, resigned.

On the 3rd of May the resignation of Lieutenant J. M. Doble, of No. 12 (Marazion) Battery, was reported to the authorities, and on the same day the name of Mr. William Stewart Treve-thick was submitted as 2nd Lieutenant to No 5 (Par), *vice* Polkinghorne, promoted.

On the 7th of the month the following communication was received:—

“WAR OFFICE,

“3rd May, 1878.

“SIR,

“I am directed by His Royal Highness the Field Marshal

“ Commanding-in-Chief, to inform you that the Queen has been
 “ pleased to approve the disbandment of the 11th (St. Ives)
 “ Corps, Cornwall Artillery Volunteers.

“ I have, &c.,

“ E. W. BULWER,

“ *Major-General,*

“ For Inspector-General Auxiliary Forces.”

“ GENERAL OFFICER,

“ Commanding West District.”

Thus ceased to exist a Battery which had at one time been reported by an Inspecting Officer as being “ one of the finest and best drilled Corps in the kingdom.” Colonel Gilbert announced the disbandment in a Brigade Order as follows:—

“ The Officer commanding the Brigade begs to notify to Officers
 “ commanding Batteries that he has received authority for the
 “ disbandment of No. 11 Battery (St. Ives), under his command,
 “ and in promulgating this order for their information to express
 “ his regret at having been obliged to recommend such a step
 “ towards a Corps which only a year or two since was regarded as
 “ one of the best disciplined and efficient in the District. This
 “ step has resulted from general inefficiency, diminished numbers,
 “ and non-attendance at drill.”

The thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Officers was held at Webb’s Hotel, Liskeard, on the 3rd of June, the Officers dining together as usual in the evening.

On the 24th of July Mr. Godby Richardson was gazetted 2nd Lieutenant in No. 5 (Par) Battery.

The thirteenth Annual Carbine Competition was held at Par on the 30th of July; all the Batteries were represented, 15 per cent. on the last annual returns of Efficients being sent from each. The ranges on this occasion were only 200 and 300 yards, seven shots at each. In all former Competitions the shooting had commenced

at 100 yards, and the number of rounds, five at each distance. The first Individual Prize was won by Sergeant-Major Kissell, of No. 10 (Penzance) Battery, with a score of 46 points, Gunner John Brewer of No. 1 (Padstow) made the same total, but his score at the longest range being one point less, he took the second place. The first Battery Prize was won by No. 1 (Padstow) with 12 men, average 38·75; the second (Colonel Gilbert's) by No. 2 (Looe), with 8 men, average 37·50; the third by No. 5 (Par), with 8 men, average 37·12; the fourth by No. 10 (Penzance), with 12 men, average 36·58. The third and fourth Prizes were given by Majors Field and Thomas. There were 33 Individual Prizes, ranging from £4 to 5s.

On the 9th of October the resignation of Acting-Surgeon R. B. Hill, of No. 5 (Par) Battery, was officially reported.

Colonel Heberden, R.A., was again the Inspecting-Officer this year. The Prizes granted by the County Association were awarded at the Annual Inspection as follows, viz. :—first Prize, £7, to No. 8 (Hayle) Battery, with 850 points out of a total of 950 (the subjects being marked as in the two preceding years), the second, £5, to No. 10 (Penzance), with 795; the third, £4, to No. 13 (St. Just), with 785; the fourth, £3, to No. 2 (Looe), with 705; the fifth, £2 10s., to No. 1 (Padstow), with 705; the sixth, £2, to No. 5 (Par), with 645; and the seventh, £1 10s., to No. 4 (Charlestown), with 615 points. The 2nd (Looe) Battery and No. 1 (Padstow) Battery obtained the same number of points, but the Inspecting Officer considered No. 2 Battery, from its having always held so good a position, and having this year gained more marks for “smartness” and “company drill,” entitled it to the position given above.

The Plymouth Class was held from the 9th to the 14th of September, and was attended by nine Officers and 27 Sergeants, under the command of the Adjutant, as before. In addition to repository exercises, one day in the week was set apart to visiting the various defences in the Sound.

1879. On the 6th of February, the resignation of the commission held by Major Richard Thomas as Major in the 1st Cornwall Artillery Volunteers was submitted to the War Office ; but at the same time requesting that he might be allowed to retain his commission as Captain of No. 13 (St. Just) Battery.

On the 8th of the same month, the resignation of 2nd Lieutenant W. S. Trevethick, of No. 5 (Par) Battery, was reported.

On the 18th of this month, a letter was issued from the War Office to the Commanding Officers of all Volunteer Corps, through General Officers, on the subject of amalgamation. As this marks an important epoch in the history of the Volunteer Force, it has been given in full.

“ WAR OFFICE, PALL MALL,

“ 18th February, 1879.

“ SIR,

“ I am directed by H.R.H. the Field Marshal Commanding-
“ in-Chief to forward for your information the enclosed copy of
“ the report recently presented to the Secretary of State by the
“ Committee appointed to enquire into the organization of the
“ Volunteer Force.

“ Your attention is more particularly invited to paragraph 12
“ of the 2nd report, in which the Committee strongly recommend
“ the amalgamation of small Battalions and the formation of large
“ Regiments in towns.

“ The principle of this recommendation has been approved by
“ the Secretary of State, who has desired me to request that,
“ with a view of its being carried out, you will consult with the
“ Officers Commanding Volunteer Corps within your Command,
“ and, in due course, submit scheme for the contemplated amalga-
“ mation.

“ The Secretary of State is not insensible of the difficulties
“ which beset the question, and he confidently trusts Commanding
“ Officers will assist him in a manner which he feels can only be

“ adopted by means of the willing and hearty co-operation of all those whom the change will concern.

“ In submitting your proposals, you will be good enough to show in each case what establishment will meet the requirement of the consolidated Corps, and where the Headquarters could be conveniently fixed.

“ Officers who may become supernumerary, will, if they wish it, be allowed to remain, and be eventually absorbed into the new establishment.

“ A list of surplus arms and stores should also be furnished, and separate communications as to their disposal should be made to the Local Ordnance Store Officer.

“ A form, in which it is requested that the proposal should be submitted for the Secretary of State's consideration is enclosed.

“ I have, &c.,

“ J. W. ARMSTRONG,

“ *Lieutenant-General.*

“ The GENERAL OFFICER,
“ Commanding Western District.”

Extracts from the Second Report of the Committee appointed to enquire into the Financial State and Internal Organization of the Volunteer Force of Great Britain, paragraph 12 :—

“ About one half of the Force appears to have no difficulty in finding space for drill grounds or rifle ranges ; but a large number of Corps experience that difficulty in a marked degree. It was elicited in the oral evidence that considerable economy and other advantages might be obtained under this head by amalgamation of small Battalions in towns.

“ It was, at the same time, urged that great difficulties would be experienced in carrying out this amalgamation ; but the evidence given on this head shows the great economy and military advantages which have resulted from it in the City of Edinburgh. Headquarters, Rifle Ranges, and Drill Halls

“ form the chief burden of expenditure. In small Battalions, the
 “ burden is necessarily very heavy, whereas, in large Corps, where
 “ the cost is spread over a greater number of Efficients, the
 “ expense is more easily borne. The Committee, therefore,
 “ strongly recommend the amalgamation of small Battalions, and
 “ the formation of large Regiments in towns. They are freely
 “ sensible of the difficulties attending these amalgamations ; but,
 “ looking at the spirit evinced by the Officers from the large
 “ provincial towns, who gave evidence before them, they cannot
 “ but think these difficulties can be overcome. As, doubtless, the
 “ circumstances vary in every town, they venture to suggest that
 “ the General Officers Commanding Districts be directed to put
 “ themselves in communication with Officers Commanding Volun-
 “ teer Corps, with a view to carrying out the amalgamation in a
 “ manner suitable to each town.”

It is to be regretted that no copy of the Form mentioned in the War Office letter appears to have been made, but it would seem, from a communication dated the 10th of April, that the Commanding Officer considered the proposed scheme of amalgamation was scarcely applicable to a Brigade so peculiarly situated as the 1st Cornwall Artillery Volunteers, in which all the Corps are so very widely scattered, the extreme Eastern and Western Batteries being about 80 miles apart. It will be seen that the amalgamation scheme was not carried into effect throughout the kingdom until the Spring of the following year.

On the 3rd of May, Mr. Thomas Branwell was gazetted 2nd Lieutenant in No. 12 (Marazion) Battery, *vice* Doble, resigned ; and on the 31st Mr. George Reginald Harrison was also gazetted to the same Battery in the same rank.

During this month, a communication was received from the Quartermaster-General's Office, stating that it was proposed to form a Camp for Volunteer Artillery at Fort Staddon, Plymouth, in the following July, and requesting to know if the 1st Cornwall Artillery were desirous of joining the same. However, the Officer

commanding the Brigade replied on the 20th of May that no portion of the Corps would be able to attend, owing generally to the great commercial depression and the difficulty of obtaining employment, and thus preventing members from absenting themselves for so long a period. The 1st Battery (Padstow), under the command of Captain W. H. Martyn, certainly volunteered to join the camp, but the Officer commanding the Brigade, considering that the Corps had then no full dress head-dress, and no valises, and that they had not the regulation buff-belts, and looking at the great expense involved, did not feel justified in acceding to their wish.

The fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Officers was held at the Union Hotel, Penzance, on the 17th of June, the Officers dining together in the evening.

The Annual Carbine Competition was held on the range of the 1st Company, 1st D.C.R.V., at Penzance, on the 6th of August; all the Batteries, but No. 3 (Fowey) and No. 7 (Polruan), were represented; 15 per cent. of Efficient, reckoned from the last annual returns, being sent from each. The ranges were as in the previous year, viz., 200 and 300 yards, seven rounds at each. The first Individual Prize was won by Sergeant Honey, of No. 2 (Looe) Battery, with a score of 48 points. The first Battery Prize went to No. 2 (Looe), with eight men, average 40·37; the second (Colonel Gilbert's), to No. 1 (Padstow), with 12 men, average 38·83; the third (Major Field's), to No. 8 (Hayle), with 11 men, average 38·27. There were 33 Individual Prizes, ranging from £3 10s. to 5s. The Battery Prizes were £5, £3, and £2.

On the 2nd of October, Captain and Adjutant Edyvean's name was submitted to the War Office for the honorary rank of Major, in accordance with Clause 205, Army Circulars, 1879, which laid down that Adjutants appointed before the 22nd of February, 1871, while serving, might, provided they had served a total period of 20 years, be granted the honorary rank of Major when recommended by their Commanding Officer and the General Officer

commanding the District. Captain Edyvean had, previous to his appointment in the 1st Cornwall Artillery, served 14 years in the Royal Cornwall and Devon Miners' Artillery Militia, so that he had now completed upwards of 23 years' service.

On the 31st of October, it was notified from the War Office that His Royal Highness the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief had approved of the undermentioned Officers, viz., Lieutenant-Colonel Gilbert and Surgeon Clogg, of the 1st Administrative Brigade, Cornwall Artillery Volunteers, retaining their commissions, although they had reached the age laid down by the Regulations for retirement.

The Inspecting Officer for the year was again Lieutenant-Colonel Heberden, R.A., Commanding Auxiliary Artillery in the District, and the report of the Inspection appears to have been very satisfactory. The Prizes of the County Association were awarded as follows, viz., first Prize, £7, to No. 8 (Hayle), with 801 points out of a total of 950, (the subjects being marked as before); the second, £5, to No. 10 (Penzance), with 761; the third, £4, to No. 2 (Looe), with 704; the fourth, £3, to No. 1 (Padstow), with 698; the fifth, £2 10s., to No. 13 (St. Just), with 678; the sixth, £2, to No. 12 (Marazion), with 667; and the seventh, £1 10s., to No. 4 (Charlestown), with 629 points. Points were deducted for errors, delays, carelessness, and want of neatness in official returns. In promulgating the result of the competition, the Brigade Orders (referring to returns) state that "great credit is due to Nos. 1, 2, and 10 Batteries,* for their correctness, neatness, and being forwarded to Headquarters when due."

The Plymouth Class was held from the 15th to the 20th of September, and was attended by 13 Officers and 31 Sergeants. In calling for the names of those who would be able to attend, the Commanding Officer informed them "that from the usefulness and the information gained by those who have attended this course, he will increase the daily allowance of both Officers and

* Padstow, Looe, and Penzance.

“Sergeants from 5s. and 2s. 6d. to 10s. and 5s. when present during that period, upon the distinct understanding that this rate will not be supplemented in any possible way by the Officers, nor that the funds of the Corps suffer thereby.”

One day of the course was as usual set apart to visiting the forts in the Sound, and the stowage of ammunition, making up of cartridges, &c., at Bull Point.

1880. On the 14th of March, the resignation of 2nd Lieutenant J. N. Grigg, of No. 2 (Looe) Battery, and the death of Honorary Assistant-Surgeon J. P. Berryman, of No. 4 (Charlestown), were officially reported to the War Office. The name of Mr. William Mason was submitted as Acting-Surgeon in the place of Honorary Assistant-Surgeon Berryman, and he was gazetted on the 24th of April following.

It will be remembered that in the previous year the Authorities had proposed a scheme of amalgamation for the Volunteer Force.

It would seem that a large number of Corps did not look with favour at first on this plan of consolidation of Administrative Regiments, but it appears from a War Office communication dated 16th April, 1880, that at length, out of 151 Regiments, no less than 95 waived their objections and fell in with the wishes of the Government. In the case of the Regiments (56) which still urged objections to consolidation, these objections were referred to a Departmental Committee which reported that they might be classified under three heads:—

- I.—The great distances from Headquarters of the various outlying Corps.
- II.—The issue of the Capitation money through the Commanding Officers of the Consolidated Corps, and the management of the Finances of the various Corps.
- III.—The taking away of the status of Commanding Officers of small Corps, and the risk of private subscriptions falling off.

The Committee considered with regard to No. I., that the

distance from Headquarters of the various outlying Corps would be in no way affected by consolidation, which would merely convert an outlying Corps into an outlying Company.

No. II. appeared to have been fully answered by a former letter from the War Office, which stated that, although of course the Capitation Grant would be paid to the Officer Commanding the Corps still there would be no objection to that Officer handing it over to the Captains of Companies, whom he would hold responsible for the proper administration of the money.

As regards the third class of objections, although it was quite true that the title of Captains of outlying Corps, who were then styled Commanding Officers, would be altered, still it was not considered that consolidation would alter the social status or military rank of these Officers, and this objection should not be allowed to stand in the way of a change of organization which had been decided upon for the greater efficiency of the service as a whole.

The Secretary of State therefore hoped that the objections would now be removed, and that he would be able to consolidate the remaining Corps without delay.

On the 22nd of April, Colonel Gilbert replied to this communication, stating that, after corresponding with the Officers Commanding Corps of Duke of Cornwall's Artillery Volunteers under his command, who, after the further explanation contained in the War Office letter, consented to the consolidation, he fully concurred with and recommended the same.

On the 4th of May, the following letter was issued from the War Office, which finally disposed of the question:—

“AMALGAMATION.”

“Sir,

“With reference to recent correspondence regarding the consolidation of the Volunteer Force, I am directed by H.R.H. the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief to inform you that the

“ Secretary of State has approved of the consolidation being
 “ carried out gradually by Counties.

“ The accompanying arrangements have accordingly been
 “ approved for the County of Cornwall.

“ You will be good enough to communicate the Secretary of
 “ State’s decision to the Regiment, and the necessary alterations
 “ will be duly recorded by all concerned.

“ The Officers now serving on the Staff of the Administrative
 “ Regiment, and in the various Corps composing it, will be
 “ considered to have received commissions of the same rank and
 “ date in the new consolidated Corps, and those of them who are
 “ supernumerary to the establishment will be absorbed as
 “ vacancies occur.

“ For the present, the Secretary of State has decided that
 “ Administrative Regiments, when consolidated, shall take the
 “ numbers of the Senior Corps composing them, but you will be
 “ at liberty to re-open the question of numbering of any particu-
 “ lar County at a later date.

“ The following Corps will accordingly cease to exist as
 “ separate Corps, and will become numbered Batteries of the
 “ new consolidated Corps, viz., the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th,
 “ 10th, 12th, 13th Cornwall Artillery Volunteer Corps.

“ I have, &c.,

“ J. KINGTON,

“ *Major-General,*

“ *D.A.G.A.F.*

“ THE GENERAL OFFICER,

“ Commanding Western District.”

The following is a copy of the enclosure referred to in the
 letter:—

“ The 1st Administrative Brigade Cornwall Artillery Volunteers
 “ has been consolidated into a single Corps, with Headquarters

“ at Bodmin. The Corps will be numbered the 1st Cornwall
 “ (Duke of Cornwall’s) Artillery Volunteers, and its maximum
 “ establishment will consist of 9 Batteries and 1 Division, thus
 “ divided :—

“ 1 Lieutenant-Colonel,
 “ 2 Majors,
 “ 9 Captains,
 “ 10 Lieutenants,
 “ 5 2nd „
 “ 1 Adjutant,
 “ 1 Quarter-Master,
 “ 1 Surgeon,
 “ 769 Of all ranks, divided into nine Batteries and
 one Division.”

The following minutes appear on the War Office letter :—

“ To O. C. Auxiliary Artillery 1st West. Sub-District.

“ Noted and returned. Attention is called to Horse Guards’
 “ letter herewith, dated 4.5.80, No. 1117, stating that certain
 “ Corps will cease to exist as “Separate Corps,” and become
 “ numbered Batteries. The question is asked why the 1st Bat-
 “ tery is not mentioned, as without it there would be but 8
 “ Batteries and 1 Division, whereas enclosure gives as maximum
 “ establishment 9 Batteries and 1 Division.

“ W. R. GILBERT,

“ *Lieut.-Colonel,*

“ Bodmin,

“ *Commanding 1 D.C.A.V.*

“ 7.5.80.”

“ O. C. 1 D.C.A.V.

“ Your Corps now consists of so many Batteries; you may
 “ number them from 1 upwards; the Corps takes the number of
 “ the 1st Corps, but what was the 1st Corps, viz. (Padstow

“ Corps), will become No. 1 Battery; you will therefore have 9 Batteries and a Division. In numbering them you should retain the old numbers as far as possible, but must not exceed the number 10.

“ H. HEBERDEN,

“ *Lt.-Colonel, R.A., and Colonel*

“ *Comdg. A. A. 1st W.S.D.*

“ 11.5.80.”

On the 28th of May, a further communication was issued from the War Office, bearing on the subject of consolidation, which, being of rather an important nature, it has been thought advisable to quote in full:—

“ Consolidation. Private Debts.

“ V.

“ HORSE GUARDS,

“ Somerset.

“ WAR OFFICE, S.W.,

“ 28th May, 1880.

“ 1522.

“ Sir,

“ With reference to your communication of the 18th ultimo, I am directed by the Field Marshal Commanding-in Chief to acquaint you that the Captains of the several Companies of a consolidated Corps of Volunteers will continue to be responsible for all private debts, in the same manner as they were responsible as Officers commanding Corps; the private funds of the Companies being administered by them under capitation laws framed in accordance with the rules of the Consolidated Corps.

“ I have, &c.,

“ W. LASCELLES,

“ *D. A. for A. G.*

“ The GENERAL OFFICER,

“ Commanding W. D.”

In consequence of the consolidation of Corps it was proposed by the War Office that the Muster-roll books, hitherto kept by the several Corps, should be sent to the Headquarters of the Consolidated Corps, where they would remain as the Muster-roll of the Regiment until the date of the Instructions which it was contemplated to issue; after that date, one book only was to be kept at the Headquarters of the Consolidated Corps by the Adjutant, who was to take it with him on his visits to outlying Companies, and then obtain the signatures of men enrolled since his last visit. This system had been found to work satisfactorily in the 1st Berkshire Rifle Volunteer Corps, which was consolidated in 1874.

Commanding Officers were requested to give their opinion as to this proposal.

In compliance with this request, Colonel Gilbert wrote that he did not consider that the system could be satisfactorily worked in Corps so scattered as the 1st Cornwall Artillery Volunteers.

It appeared that the Regiment named in the letter (the 1st Berkshire Rifles) had not any outlying Corps, and therefore all books, &c., were on the spot; but in Cornwall it would necessitate the Adjutant always travelling about with two Muster-roll books, the Headquarters one to insert the names of all recruits, and the old Battery one to strike off such as might have left the Corps. The system would necessitate the attendance of every recruit either before or after drill, to sign his name, and as the gun Batteries, (the places of assembly) in many instances are some distance from the drill halls, difficulties would often arise; besides which, the Adjutant might pay several visits to a station before he would see some of the recruits. Beyond this, it was represented that the Adjutant's duties on his visits would be severely taxed in having to carry with him these books (it might also have been pointed out that it would have been impossible to carry them when mounted), thus causing his return to Headquarters even later than at present.

Such a system would further tend very quickly to destroy the Muster Roll book.

The Muster Roll books were subsequently called in from the Batteries, and one for the Brigade compiled from them, but they were shortly afterwards re-issued. By the Volunteer Regulations it is enacted that the signature of a Volunteer to the enrolment form (which was brought into use in 1881) constitutes enrolment, all particulars of which are entered in the Brigade Muster Roll book, and a number is assigned to the man; the same particulars are also entered in a Battery Muster Roll book, which is signed at the time of enrolment.

On the consolidation of the 1st Cornwall A. V., several of the Batteries were re-numbered: the first five remained as before, that is to say, Padstow was No. 1, Looe No. 2, Fowey No. 3, Charlestown No. 4, Par No. 5, but Polruan, formerly No. 7, now became No. 6. (It will be remembered that the West Fowey Consols Corps was originally No. 6, but became amalgamated with No. 5 (Par) on the 22nd of May, 1861. No. 8 (Hayle) became No. 7; No. 10 (Penzance) became No. 8. The Fowey Consols, the original No. 9, was incorporated with No. 5 (Par) on the 13th of October, 1863. No. 12 (Marazion) became No. 9, and No. 13 (St. Just) No. 10. The St. Ives Corps, originally No. 11, had been disbanded on the 3rd of May, 1878.

On the 20th of May, the following detail from No. 7 (Hayle) Battery, viz: 3 Officers, 60 N.-C. Officers and Gunners, proceeded to Truro to fire a Royal Salute on the occasion of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, who was accompanied by the Princess, laying the foundation stone of the new Cathedral. The following troops furnished Guards of Honour, viz:—The Royal Cornwall Miners Artillery, the Royal Cornwall Rifle Rangers, the 1st Cornwall Rifle Volunteers, and the 4th Cornwall Rifle Volunteers. After the ceremony a review was held at Trelisk, but the Hayle Battery did not take part in

the same, as they were required to fire a second Royal Salute (the first was fired on the arrival of the Prince at the Cathedral enclosure in the morning) on the departure of their Royal Highnesses from Truro in the evening.

The field-guns used on the occasion were supplied from Pendennis Castle, Falmouth.

The Hayle Battery was selected to represent the first Cornwall Artillery Volunteers in consequence of the high position they had held in the Brigade for several years past.

This was the fifth occasion on which the 1st D.C.A.V. had fired a Royal Salute in honour of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The first time was at Mount Edgcumbe on the 10th of July, 1860, on the departure of H.R.H. for Canada; the second on the passing of the Royal Yacht off Looe on the 22nd of July, 1865; the third on the same date by the 3rd (Fowey) and 7th (Polruan) Batteries as the Yacht entered Fowey Harbour; the fourth by the 10th (St. Burian) Corps from their Battery at Sennen, when the Prince and Princess visited Botallack Mine. And in addition to the above, the 12th (Marazion) Battery fired salutes on their arrival and departure at St. Michael's Mount.

The fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Officers was held at Webb's Hotel, Liskeard, on the 15th of June, the Officers dining together as usual in the evening.

On the 19th of June the resignation of Captain Luke, of No. 4 (Charlestown), was reported to the Authorities.

The fifteenth Annual Carbine Competition was held at Par on the 19th of July; all the Batteries entered and were represented by 15 per cent., reckoned from the last annual returns of Efficientes. The ranges were 200 and 300 yards, 7 rounds at each.

The first Individual Prize was won by Sergeant Beatt, of No. 1 (Padstow), with a score of 46 points. The first Battery Prize was taken by No. 10 (St. Just), with 12 men, average 37·83. The second (Colonel Gilbert's), by No. 7 (Hayle), with 10 men, average 36·7. The third (Major Field's), by No. 2 (Looe), with 8 men,

average 36.62. There were 40 Individual Prizes, ranging from £3 10s. to 5s. The Battery Prizes were £5, £3, and £2.

On the 25th of July, the name of Mr. Richard Harris Williams was submitted as Captain of No. 4 (Charlestown), *vice* Luke, resigned; Lieutenant Lovering being superseded at his own request. Mr. Williams was gazetted on the 21st of August following; he had previously held a commission in the same Battery as Lieutenant.

In September the Brigade sustained a great loss in the death of the esteemed Adjutant, Major Edyvean. Although he had been out of health for some considerable time, still a chill caught at Plymouth, where he was attending on duty in command of the usual annual class of Officers and Sergeants appears to have been the immediate cause of his death. On the 23rd of September the following Brigade Order was issued:—

“ The Commanding Officer cannot allow the sad event of the death of Major and Adjutant Edyvean to pass, without recording in the Brigade Orders his sense of the great loss he, as well as the Brigade, has sustained. In Major Edyvean, the Brigade had an Adjutant who always was to be found at his post and who always, and with great tact, most zealously and efficiently discharged the very difficult duties devolving on an Adjutant of Volunteers. The Commanding Officer is sure he is only expressing the unanimous feeling of the Artillery Volunteers when he says that every Officer, Non-commissioned Officer, and Gunner, must feel in the death of Major Edyvean, they have lost a friend and an Officer, whose chief objects were the efficiency and credit of the Brigade.”

A record of service of Major Edyvean is given below.

2nd Lieutenant in the Royal Cornwall and Devon Miners Regiment of Militia, 25th of February, 1846; Lieutenant, 11th January, 1854; Captain, 28th May, 1860; Adjutant, Duke of Cornwall's Artillery Volunteers, Commission dated 24th November, gazetted, 27th September, 1860. Temporary rank

as Captain in Her Majesty's Land Forces, dated 25th February, 1874; Honorary Major, October, 1879. Embodiment in the Royal Cornwall and Devon Miners Regiment of Militia during the Crimean War, from the 15th of January, 1855, to 27th of May, 1856, and present at every training of the Militia from its first enrolment.

On the 3rd of November, Captain John Peverell Rogers, Royal Artillery, and owner of Penrose, near Helston, in the County, was appointed Adjutant in the room of Major and Adjutant Edyvean.

Colonel Heberden, R.A., was again Inspecting Officer for the year. The result of the Inspection appears to have been very satisfactory. The County Association Prizes were awarded as follows:—

First Prize, £7, to No. 7 (Hayle), with 845 out of 950 points; second, £5, to No. 8 (Penzance), with 755; the third, £4, to No. 10 (St. Just), with 740; the fourth, £3, to No. 9 (Marazion), with 705; the fifth, £2 10s., to No. 1 (Padstow), with 700; the sixth, £2, to No. 2 (Looe), with 680; and the seventh, £1 10s., to No. 5 (Par), with 595 points.

The Plymouth Class was held from the 6th to the 11th of September, and was attended by 11 Officers and 30 Sergeants; one day was as usual devoted to visiting the Forts and Bull Point.

The following General Order was specially issued during the year:—

“H.R.H. the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief has received the Queen's commands to convey to the Volunteers of Great Britain Her Majesty's congratulations on the completion of the twenty-first year of the existence of the Force.

“The Queen has watched with much interest the steady progress of the Force since its formation; and its present numerical strength, high training, and discipline, have elicited Her Majesty's unqualified satisfaction. While regretting that it has not been found possible to hold a Review this year, the

“ Queen hopes that an opportunity may present itself at no distant period, which will enable Her Majesty to inspect the Volunteers in Windsor Great Park.”

1881. On the 25th of February, it was notified from War Office that only one Band would be recognised for each consolidated Volunteer Corps; that it was not contemplated that any portion of the Capitation Grant should be applied to the expenses connected with the Band; and thirdly, that Bands were not allowed to detached Companies, and any expenses incurred for musicians by outlying Companies must be defrayed by private subscription.

On the 1st of March, it was announced from the War Office that Captain B. A. Milne, of the Royal Marine Artillery, had been nominated for the Adjutancy of the 1st Cornwall Artillery Volunteers, in the place of Captain J. P. Rogers, R.A., who had been permitted to resign the appointment. Captain Milne was ordered to proceed to Bodmin at once to take up his duties in anticipation of his appointment being notified in the *London Gazette*. Captain Milne had previously held the Adjutancy of his own Corps from April, 1877, to October, 1879, when he vacated it on promotion. He received permission on the 20th of April to reside at Penzance, instead of Bodmin, the Headquarters of the 1st Cornwall Artillery Volunteers.

On the 9th of March, permission was granted for the Volunteer Forces to assume the new pattern shoulder-strap, denoting the rank of the wearer.

On the 2nd of April, a Brigade Order was issued, calling attention to the fact that, since the consolidation of the Brigade, Officers Commanding Batteries were not empowered to discharge Non-Commissioned Officers or Gunners. A discharge form was to be prepared by the Battery, and forwarded to Headquarters for signature, which, on being returned to the Officer Commanding, would be the authority for striking the name off the Battery Muster Roll.

On the 13th of April, it was notified that Lieutenant-Colonel P. E. Hill, R.A., had been appointed to command the Auxiliary Artillery in the District, in the place of Colonel Heberden, who resigned the appointment.

On the 6th of May, a communication was issued from the War Office, stating that Her Majesty had been graciously pleased to signify her intention of reviewing the Volunteer Force at Windsor about the end of the following month, and a return of the probable numbers was called for. Looking at the very great expense which would be involved, and not having the necessary funds to meet the same, it was decided that the Brigade could not be represented on this occasion.

The Review was held in July, and the following General Order was specially issued on the 11th of that month :—

“ The Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief, having received
 “ the Queen’s commands to express the gratification and pleasure
 “ with which Her Majesty yesterday reviewed so large a force of
 “ her Volunteer Troops in the Great Park at Windsor, and Her
 “ Majesty’s entire satisfaction with the soldierlike appearance
 “ and bearing of all ranks, His Royal Highness desires, without
 “ delay, to notify Her Majesty’s commands to the Forces.

“ The troops reviewed consisted of 96 Battalions, besides the
 “ Royal Naval Artillery and the Honourable Artillery Company,
 “ and the whole comprised 111 Corps, amounting to upwards of
 “ 52,000 Officers and Men, representing the Volunteers of all parts
 “ of England and Wales.

“ The concentration, and the subsequent dispersal to their
 “ homes, of so large a body in so short a time would have been
 “ impossible without proper subordination and strict obedience to
 “ orders; and, judging by the punctual performance of the
 “ Railway Service, as well as by his own observation of the
 “ Battalions, from the time of their arrival to the close of the
 “ Review, His Royal Highness is satisfied that the discipline and
 “ endurance of all ranks would do credit to troops employed on

“ permanent service, and are worthy of the highest commendation.

“ The Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief was most favourably impressed with the military bearing of the Officers and Men, both off and on parade, and His Royal Highness begs to thank the Volunteers of all ranks, the General and Staff Officers of the Force, the Medical Officers attached to the Field Hospitals, and the Staff Officers for Railway Service, for the accurate and successful performance of their respective duties.

“ His Royal Highness's thanks are also due to the Railway Authorities for their hearty co-operation and untiring exertions, without which so large a concentration of troops could not have been effected.”

Her Majesty held a similar Review for the Scotch Volunteers in August, on which occasion 40,000 assembled ; or nearly double the force which paraded before her in Scotland in 1861.

On the 1st of June, Edwin Charles Langford was Gazetted as 2nd Lieutenant, and appointed to No. 4 (Charlestown) Battery.

The sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Officers was held at the Union Hotel, Penzance, on the 14th of June, the Officers dining together, as usual, in the evening.

The resignation of the Rev. A. Kemble, Acting Chaplain to the Brigade, was officially reported on the 15th.

On the 17th, John Bray Polkinghorne was Gazetted as 2nd Lieutenant, and appointed to No. 5 (Par) Battery.

On the 27th of June, a communication was issued from the War Office, stating that it was intended to form a camp for Volunteer Artillery at Portsmouth during the summer, in which the 1st Cornwall Artillery were invited to take part ; very few members, however, gave in their names as wishing to attend ; added to which, the state of the funds did not justify the Officer Commanding in accepting the invitation.

The death of Acting Surgeon W. R. Trezise, attached to the 9th (Marazion) Battery, which occurred on the 19th of July, was officially reported on the following day to the War Office.

The sixteenth Annual Carbine Competition was held at Penzance on the 2nd of August on the range of the 1st Company 1st D. C. R. V. All the Batteries, except No. 1 (Padstow) and No. 6 (Polruan), were represented, 15 per cent. on the last annual return of Efficientes from each. The ranges were 200 and 300 yards, seven shots at each range. The first Individual Prize was won by Corporal Rowe, of No. 10 (St. Just) Battery, with a score of 42 points. Gunner Warren, of No. 8 (Penzance), Sergeant Honey, of No. 2 (Looe), and Bombardier Mathews, of No. 5 (Par), all made the same total, but, by the rules of the meeting, they were classed in the above order. The first Battery Prize fell to No. 7 (Hayle), with 11 men, average 37·00; the second (Colonel Gilbert's) to No. 10 (St. Just), with 12 men, average 36·41; the third (Major Field's) to No. 3 (Fowey), with 8 men, average 35·25. There were 29 Individual Prizes, ranging from £3 10s. to 5s. The Battery Prizes were £5, £3, and £2.

On the 15th of August, it was notified that the St. Buryan Detachment of the Penzance Battery would be treated (as regards travelling allowance) as a separate Battery, and be granted the 5s. per head to defray the expenses of proceeding to gun practice, St. Buryan being situated more than five miles from the Battery.

On the 16th, the *London Gazette* contained the following, viz. :—

“Volunteers—Artillery—1st Cornwall Corps. Lieutenant Colonel Walter R. Gilbert is granted the honorary rank of Colonel; the services of Lieutenant Godby Richardson are dispensed with; the Rev. Edward Douglas Jones to be Acting Chaplain.”

Colonel Gilbert was granted the honorary rank, in consideration of having served upwards of 25 years, his services in the Royal Artillery counting towards it; in fact, he had served 24 years in that branch of the Service before being appointed to the command of the 1st Cornwall Artillery.

The services of Lieutenant Richardson were dispensed with, in consequence of his leaving the country, without giving official notice of his wish to resign his commission.

On the 30th of this month, the *Gazette* announced that Captain Hodge, of No. 8 (Penzance), had resigned his commission, and that he was permitted to retain his rank and wear the uniform of his Corps on his retirement, he having served the required 15 years as a Commissioned Officer. The same *Gazette* also announced the resignation of Lieutenant Thomas Branwell of No. 9 (Marazion) Battery. These resignations to bear date the 31st August, 1881.

During this month a 64-pounder R.M.L. gun was issued to No. 7 (Hayle) Battery, and another to No. 10 (St. Just), in consequence of a special recommendation by the Inspecting Officer of the previous year. Colonel Heberden, in answer to an enquiry from the War Office, wrote on the 11th of February, 1881:—

“ * * * * * The Batteries I referred to in my last Annual Report as deserving of a 64-pounder R.M.L. gun were the Hayle Battery (since granted a rifled gun), and the St. Just Battery, which is a very efficient Battery, and I think deserving of this recognition.”

The War Office stipulated that the rifled gun granted to Hayle should be also used by the neighbouring Battery at Marazion.

On the 1st of September, the name of Mr. J. Mudge was submitted as Acting Surgeon to No. 9 (Marazion) Battery in the room of Acting Surgeon Trezise, deceased. The appointment was gazetted on the 16th of the month.

On the 13th, it was notified in Brigade Orders, that Quartermaster-Sergeant Miners, of No. 9 (Marazion) Battery, had been appointed Brigade Quartermaster-Sergeant. There had previously been a Quartermaster-Sergeant to each Battery, but, since the consolidation of the Brigade, no Non-Commissioned Officers had, as yet, received appointments on the Staff of the same.

On the 29th, Lieutenant P. Marrack was gazetted Captain, *vice* Hodge, resigned, and posted to No. 8 (Penzance) Battery.

On the 1st of October, it was notified that the Capitation Grant would be paid on account of Acting Surgeons and Acting Chaplains of Volunteer Corps, provided they attend the prescribed number of drills.

On the 10th, application was made to form a new Battery at Falmouth, but it was not sanctioned by the authorities; although a subsequent appeal proved successful, as will be seen hereafter.

On the 25th of November a Brigade Order was issued respecting the number of Sergeants allowed to each Battery. Previous to the consolidation of the Brigade, five Sergeants were allowed to each Battery, but the establishment was now fixed at one Quartermaster-Sergeant, one Trumpet-Major, nine Battery Sergeant-Majors, 31 Sergeants—total 42. This gave three Sergeants to each Battery, in addition to the Battery Sergeant-Major, and two to the Division (Polruan), leaving three Sergeants to be disposed of; the Colonel Commanding decided to distribute these as follows: one to Padstow, as being the strongest of the Eastern Batteries, and having an outlying detachment at St. Issey; one to Charlestown, as being the next strongest in the Eastern Division, and one to St Just, the strongest Battery in the Western Division (with the exception of Penzance, which, being over the maximum establishment of a Battery, having War Office authority to enrol Supernumeraries, was entitled to bear an additional Sergeant). The Sergeant granted to Charlestown was to be an ordinary Stripe Sergeant, borne on the strength of the Brigade in lieu of a Trumpet-Major; there being no Brigade Band, a Non-Commissioned Officer of that class was not required. All Supernumerary Sergeants were to be gradually absorbed.

Lieutenant Colonel P. E. Hill, R.A., was the Inspecting Officer for the year, and the Inspections were, on the whole, very satisfactory. In awarding the Prizes granted by the County Associa-

tion the number of points was somewhat increased, 300 points being given for attendance instead of 100, as hitherto; that is to say, 100 points were assigned to each grade, Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and Gunners, thus making a total of 1150; of this number, No. 7 (Hayle) Battery made 970, and took the first Prize, £7; No 8 (Penzance), 920, second Prize, £5; No. 10 (St. Just), 910, third Prize, £4; No. 4 (Charlestown), 870, fourth Prize, £3; No. 9 (Marazion), 865, fifth Prize, £2 10s.; No. 2 (Looe), 840, sixth Prize, £2; No. 1 (Padstow), 750, seventh Prize, £1 10s.

A sum of 14s. was also granted to each Battery, to be divided into three Prizes of 7s. 6d., 4s., and 2s. 6d., to be awarded to the three rank and file Non-Commissioned Officers and Gunners passing the best examination in questions on ammunition, gunnery, &c. This examination was held by the Adjutant at his visits in the month following the Annual Inspections.

The Plymouth Class was held from the 5th to the 10th of September, and was attended by 11 Officers and 29 Sergeants. One day in the week was set apart to visiting the forts in the Sound, and in going through the magazines and workshops at Bull Point.

Surgeon H. Grenfell presented himself for examination at the Station Hospital, Devonport, during the week, and was the first Medical Officer in the Brigade who obtained the prescribed Certificate of Proficiency.

This year saw the whole Brigade equipped with the buff waistbelts; the last Battery obtained from the Royal Army Clothing Depôt what were described as "part worn" R.A. belts; these were in very good condition, and at a price considerably lower than the articles could have been got from the usual contractors.

An application was received during the year from a gentleman at St. Ives to re-establish a Battery at that place; Colonel Gilbert, accompanied by Captain and Adjutant Milne, accordingly visited the town to make enquiries; finding a difficulty existed in obtaining

the service of Officers, it was decided that no further steps were warranted in the matter.

1882. On the 14th of January Mr. John Nicholls and Mr. G. T. Olver were gazetted Lieutenants, and were posted to No. 8 (Penzance) Battery.

The seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Officers was held at the "White Hart" Hotel, St. Austell, on the 17th of May; after fixing date, &c., for Annual Carbine Competition, and arranging other matters, rules for the Brigade were drawn up, which were shortly afterwards submitted to, and approved of by, the War Office. Prior to the consolidation of the Corps, each Battery had its own distinct set of rules, although practically differing very little from one another.

On the 4th of July, Mr. William Henry Christoe was gazetted Lieutenant and posted to No. 5 (Par) Battery; Mr. Christoe had formerly held a commission, first as Captain and afterwards as Quartermaster, in the 1st Cornwall Rifle Volunteers.

The seventeenth Annual Carbine Competition was held at Par on the 25th of July, all the Batteries being represented, except No. 6 (Polruan), 15 per cent. from each, reckoned from last annual returns of Efficientes. The ranges were 200 and 300 yards, seven shots at each. The first Individual Prize was won by Corporal Oats, of No. 10 (St. Just), with a score of 45 points, Sergeant Nicholas and Gunner Davey, of the same Battery, following with 44. The first Battery Prize was taken by No. 10 (St. Just), with 11 men, average 40·81; the second (Colonel Gilbert's) by No. 1 (Padstow), with ten men, average 39·30; the third (Major Field's) by No. 7 (Hayle), with ten men, average 38·7. Ten out of the 11 competitors from St. Just secured Individual Prizes. The Individual Prizes numbered 33, ranging from £3 10s. to 5s. The Battery Prizes were £5, £3, and £2.

On the 2nd of September a Battalion Drill was held at St. Erth for the four Western Batteries, Hayle, Penzance, Marazion,

and St. Just; the total number on the ground was 197. Considering that the Batteries had not met together for many years, the drill was very creditable.

On the 6th of November, application was made to disband the Division at Polruan. There were then only enrolled at that station, one Lieutenant, one Trumpeter, and 11 rank and file, and owing to depression in the ship-building trade, there appeared little hope of the numbers increasing. It was pointed out in the official letter that any members who wished to remain on could be transferred to No. 3 (Fowey) Battery, situated on the opposite side of the harbour.

The *London Gazette* of the 27th of October announced that Surgeon H. Grenfell had been granted the honorary rank of Surgeon-Major, he having served upwards of 20 years as a Commissioned Officer. The same *Gazette* also contained the appointment of Acting Surgeon Thomas St. Patrick Tuckey, who was posted to No. 5 (Par) Battery. The two commissions above to bear date 28th October, 1882.

On the 17th of November, it was further notified in the *Gazette*, that Captain Richard Thomas, of No. 10 (St. Just), had been granted the honorary rank of Major, and Surgeon Stephen Clogg that of Surgeon-Major; and in the *Gazette* of the 24th of the same month, Surgeon A. A. Davis also received a step of honorary rank. These three Officers, having all served upwards of 20 years, became entitled to a step of honorary rank in accordance with Clause 171, Army Circulars, 1881. Lieutenant-Colonel Hill, R.A., Commanding Auxiliary Artillery in the Western District, was Inspecting Officer for the year, and the report on the Inspections was very satisfactory. In awarding the prizes of the County Association the number of Prizes was again increased, 100 being now added for Repository drill, thus making a total of 1250; of this number, the 7th (Hayle) Battery gained 965 and won the first Prize, £7; No. 10 (St. Just) took the second Prize, £5, with 940; No. 8 (Penzance) and No. 4 (Charlestown)

tied with 925 and divided the third and fourth Prizes, £3 10s. each; No. 2 (Looe) took the fifth Prize, £2 10s., with 880; No. 9 (Marazion) the sixth, £2, with 845; No. 5 (Par) the seventh, £1 10s., with 765 points.

In the Repository Exercise, the shift to be performed was to dismount the gun down the rear on watered skids, place the gun on short skids, slew gun and carriage and remount again by par-buckling up the side. The 9th (Marazion) Battery performed the operation in the shortest time, 10½ minutes, but lost points on account of drill.

Three Prizes, 7s. 6d., 4s., and 2s. 6d., were again awarded in each Battery to the Gunners (or junior Non-Commissioned Officers) passing the best examination in questions on gunnery, &c. The examination took place at the first visit of the Adjutant after the Annual Inspection.

The Plymouth Class was held from the 4th to the 9th of September, and was attended by 10 Officers and 27 Sergeants under command of the Adjutant. One day in the week was set apart, as before, to visiting the Forts and Bull Point. Acting Surgeon W. Mason presented himself for examination during the week and obtained the prescribed Certificate for Proficiency for Medical Officers.

The daily allowance of the Officers was reduced to 5s.

The Brigade was represented this year for the first time since its formation, at the Camp of the National Artillery Association at Shoeburyness by one B. S. Major (J. Hayes) and eight rank and file, selected from No. 7 (Hayle) Battery, in consideration of the position it had held in the Brigade for several years past. This detachment unfortunately were not successful in winning a Prize at the Meeting, but were well spoken of, both as regards their drill and general appearance whilst in camp. Colonel Hastings, Commandant School of Gunnery, concludes his official report of the Camp in these words:—"In conclusion, I am happy to say that the experience of the past five years shows that the

“ Volunteer Artillery Force has steadily progressed from year to year in discipline, bearing, and knowledge of their weapons, and use of stores and material, and I look upon them as a valuable and dependable body of men.”

During the year, Colonel Hill, R.A., Commanding Auxiliary Artillery in the District, recommended that the Headquarters of the Brigade should be changed from Bodmin to Penzance, pointing out in his letter that, whereas there was no Battery at or near the former place, there was one at the latter, and three others within a small radius from the same. The War Office called for a return, showing the travelling expenses which would be incurred by the Adjutant in paying a visit to each Battery, in the first instance starting from Bodmin, and in the second from Penzance; by which it appeared that a considerable reduction would be effected by residing at the Western end of the County. The War Office, however, considered that before making any change, the Commanding Officer's opinion should be obtained; Colonel Gilbert thereupon replied, calling attention to the fact that Bodmin had been fixed upon as the Headquarters on the formation of the Brigade by the Lord Lieutenant of the County, and that in the event of an Adjutant being unmarried, he would in all probability be anxious to avail himself of the Mess at the Depôt of the 32nd Regimental District. The Authorities therefore decided against the proposed change.

An application for two 40-pounder B. L. guns, one to be placed in each division of the County and to be moved from station to station as required, at the expense of the Corps, was put forward during the year, but proved of no avail.

A General Order was issued this year, stating that it had been decided to insert in the *Official Army List* the War Services of any Officers now serving in the Auxiliary Forces, who might have been engaged in active operations in the field with the Regular Army, and calling for returns from all Corps.

By General Order 144, also issued during the year, all Sergeant

Instructors serving on their Army engagement, who had completed 21 years' service, were to be promoted Battery Sergeant-Majors.

1883. The *London Gazette* of the 14th of February announced the resignation of Lieutenant C. E. Langford of No. 4 (Charlestown) Battery; and on the 9th of March that of Lieutenant G. A. Eustice, of No. 7 (Hayle). The latter Officer was permitted to retain his rank and wear the uniform of the corps on retirement, he having served upwards of 15 years as a Commissioned Officer, counting his service in both the 1st Cornwall Rifle Volunteers and 1st Cornwall Artillery.

On the 10th of March it was notified that the Secretary of State for War had approved of the Division at Polruan being disbanded and a Battery being raised at Falmouth, the establishment of the 1st Cornwall Artillery being increased to 10 Batteries from the 1st of April, 1883. A Brigade Order issued on the 15th of March directed that the remaining members of No. 6 (Polruan) would be transferred to the strength of No. 3 (Fowey), and that all stores would be taken over by that Battery.

On the 4th of April Mr. F. H. Harvey's appointment as Lieutenant was notified in the *Gazette* and he was posted to No. 7 (Hayle) Battery, and on the 13th the resignation of Lieutenant Renton, of No. 6 (Polruan), was announced in the same.

On the 14th Mr. Arthur St. John Lane was gazetted Lieutenant and Mr. William King Bullmore Acting Surgeon, and were both posted to the newly-raised Battery at Falmouth. On the 20th Mr. Charles Adalbert Tucker was also gazetted Lieutenant and posted to the same.

The eighteenth Annual Meeting of the Officers was held at the Union Hotel, Penzance, on the 24th of April. It was decided at this meeting that steps should be at once taken to procure helmets for the Brigade; prior to this, there had been no full dress head-dress, except in one Battery which had worn the busby. The Officers, as usual, dined together in the evening.

The disbandment of Polruan Division led to a re-numbering of the Batteries; the first five, Padstow, Looe, Fowey, Charlestown, and Par remained unchanged, but No. 7 (Hayle) became No. 6; No. 8 (Penzance), No. 9 (Marazion), No. 10 (St. Just) also moving up one place. The new Battery at Falmouth becoming No. 10.

On the 2nd of May, Lieutenant Christoe was promoted Captain and posted to No. 10 (Falmouth); Captain Christoe was at the time borne on the strength of No. 5 (Par) Battery.

The eighteenth Annual Carbine Competition was held at Penzance on the range of the "A" Company, 1st D.C.R.V., on the 24th of July. All the Batteries, except the newly-raised one at Falmouth, were represented, 15 per cent. of Efficients, reckoned from last annual returns, being sent from each. In the case of the Falmouth Battery, the numbers were to be taken from the quarterly returns, rendered on the 30th of June, but as the members had been unable to have any practice with the carbine, no team could be formed. The ranges were as before, 200 and 300 yards, seven shots at each. The first Individual Prize was won by Corporal Rowe, of No. 9 (St. Just), with a score of 44 points. The first Battery Prize went to Fowey, with seven men, average 36·85; the second (Colonel Gilbert's) to No. 2 (Looe), with eight men, average 36·12; the third, (Major Field's), to No. 9 (St. Just), with ten men, average 35. There were 40 Individual Prizes, ranging from £3 10s. to 5s. The Battery Prizes were, as usual, £5, £3, and £2.

A Battalion drill for the four Western Batteries, Hayle, Penzance, Marazion, and St. Just was held in the Cricket-field, Penzance.

On the 28th of July, the *Cornish Telegraph*, in referring to the event, says:—"The weather was beautifully fine, and the scene "was a gay and animated one, for the men appeared for the first "time in their new helmets, which have a smart and soldierly "appearance, and there was a large gathering of spectators, "several ladies being accommodated with seats at the saluting-

“ point. The Batteries came on the ground, with their bands playing martial airs, the following being their strength :—

	Officers.	Sergts.	Rank & File.	Total.
“ Hayle	3	5	53	61
“ Penzance	2	5	61	68
“ Marazion	2	5	49	56
“ St. Just	2	5	50	57

“ In addition to this total of 242, there were on the ground, Major Field, Surgeon-Major Grenfell, Captain and Adjutant Milne, R.M.A., and four Sergeant-Instructors. In the absence of Colonel Gilbert, owing to the illness of a relative, Major Field was in command, and Adjutant Milne drilled the Battalion.

Then follows a list of movements performed, which it is unnecessary to repeat here, and the account concludes with these words : “ Considering the few opportunities the Batteries have of meeting together for Battalion Drill, the movements were most creditably performed. The marching in line was the weakest point.”

A similar Drill was held on the 15th of September for the same Batteries at Trevethoe, in the grounds of Sir John St. Aubyn, M.P. ; the numbers present on parade were, 10 Officers, 23 Sergeants, and 184 rank and file ; total, 217.

On the 18th of the same month, a Battalion Drill was held at Par, in the field in which the Practice Battery of the 5th Battery is situated, for the Eastern Batteries, Padstow, Looe, Fowey, Charlestown, Par, and Falmouth. The numbers on parade were : 18 Officers, 28 Sergeants, and 239 rank and file ; total, 285. Considering the very unequal strength of the Batteries, and that the greater number by far had never before drilled in a Battalion, the various movements were very creditably and steadily performed.

On the 2nd November, the *Gazette* announced the resignation of Surgeon and Honorary-Surgeon Major A. A. Davis, who was

permitted to retain his rank, and wear the uniform of the Brigade, on his retirement. The resignation of Surgeon-Major Davis was alluded to in Brigade Orders of the 8th of November, as follows:—

“ It is with much regret that the Commanding Officer notifies to the Brigade the retirement of Surgeon-Major Davis, after a service of nearly 24 years. The Commanding Officer always found in Surgeon-Major Davis a most zealous officer ; and when the Battery at Polruan was without a Captain, Dr. Davis at once came forward and was Gazetted Captain of it, and performed the duties to the entire satisfaction of the Commanding Officer. Colonel Gilbert can only say, in conclusion, that he wishes Dr. Davis every happiness on his retirement.”

Surgeon and Honorary-Surgeon Major Grenfell became the Senior Surgeon in the Brigade, consequent on the resignation of Surgeon-Major Davis.

On the 27th of November, the resignation of Lieutenant G. T. Olver appeared in the *London Gazette*. Lieutenant Olver belonged to the 7th (Penzance) Battery ; and on the 28th of the following month, that of Lieutenant G. R. Harrison, of No. 8 (Marazion), was announced.

Lieutenant-Colonel P. E. Hill was again the Inspecting Officer for the year, and the result of the Inspections was very satisfactory. In awarding the Prizes from the County Association funds, the number of points was the same as in the previous year, namely, 1,250 ; of this number, the 6th (Hayle) Battery obtained 1,000, and won the first Prize of £7 ; No. 7 (Penzance), took the second Prize, £6, with 985 ; No. 9 (St. Just) the third, £5, with 930 ; No. 4 (Charlestown) the fourth, £4, with 915 ; No. 2 (Looe) and No. 8 (Marazion) tied with 875 points, and divided the fifth and sixth Prizes, £3 5s. each ; the St. Burian Detachment of No. 7 (Penzance), which throughout the year had been working as a distinct Corps, and which had been inspected separately, took the sixth Prize, £2, with 835 points ; No. 1 (Padstow) won the seventh Prize, £1 10s., with 775 points.

In the Repository Competition, the operation to be performed was the same as in the previous year; the following Batteries attempted the shift: Looe, Charlestown, Par, Hayle, Penzance, Marazion, and St. Just; the Hayle Battery completed the work in the shortest time, viz., 6 minutes, 14 seconds; the St. Just Battery coming in second, in 6 minutes and 45 seconds. The gun, however, in the second case, was 7 cwt. heavier. Considering that the operation was, in nearly every instance, carried out in a very confined space, the time occupied was very fair.

No Prizes were offered this year for theoretical knowledge, as the experience of the two former years showed that although three or four men in each Battery read up the various subjects, and passed a most creditable examination, the majority of the members did not take the interest in the matter which it was expected they would have done.

The Plymouth Class was held from the 3rd to the 8th of September, and was attended by five Officers and 26 Sergeants; it was found impossible from the state of the funds to make any allowance to the Officers, who only received therefore their bare travelling expenses, and the daily allowance to Sergeants was reduced to 3/6.

The Brigade was again represented at the Camp of the National Artillery Association, at Shoeburyness, by one B.S. Major (R. Williams), and eight rank and file from the St. Just Battery. The Detachment, unfortunately, did not succeed in winning a Prize, but they brought back, what was perhaps more to be desired, a high character of their discipline and conduct whilst in Camp, as the following letter will show:—

“ BLACKHEATH PARK, S.E.,

“ To the Officer Commanding

“ 22nd August, 1883.

“ 1st Cornwall Artillery Volunteers.

“ SIR,

“ Having acted as Adjutant of the 2nd Provisional Brigade
“ during the second week of the Camp at Shoeburyness, I wish

“ (although in no way officially authorised to do so) to bring to
 “ your notice the excellent conduct of the Detachment of the 1st
 “ Cornwall Artillery Volunteers (St. Just), under the command
 “ of B.S. Major Williams.

“ They were always orderly in their conduct, and punctual on
 “ parade, thus showing a good example to others.

“ They formed the 1st Detachment of No. 1 Battery in the 2nd
 “ Brigade, and as they fell in close to my Brigade Office, I had
 “ frequent opportunities of observing them.

“ My sole reason for writing to you is, that with Volunteer
 “ Troops my experience has taught me that praise for soldier-like
 “ conduct, when well deserved, is well bestowed, and acts as an
 “ incentive to others to do their duty in like manner. Should I
 “ act in the capacity of Adjutant of Brigade next year, I hope I
 “ may meet the St. Just men again; more orderly and well
 “ conducted men I could not wish to command. I only regret
 “ that that their success in winning Prizes was not as great as
 “ their conduct deserved. Of their drill I cannot speak personally,
 “ as my duties confined me pretty closely to camp, so it did not
 “ come under my observation.

“ I have the honour to be,

“ Sir,

“ Your obedient Servant,

ROBERT SHORTEDE,

Captain 3rd K.A.V.,

late Adjutant 2nd Prov. Brigade.



Colonel Fox Strangways, R.A., Commandant, School of Gunnery, concludes his Official Report on the Camp in the following words.

“ When every deduction has been made for shortcomings, the
 “ Volunteer Artillery stands out as a most valuable Force, animated
 “ by a spirit which has carried it to a high point of perfection, and
 “ which shows no sign whatever of abating. This perfection has

“ been reached by close and unremitting attention to drill, carried
 “ out in most cases after a hard day’s work, protracted through
 “ a great part of the year, and exercised without the support and
 “ applause of the public, which is a great help to the Rifle
 “ Volunteers. The men who have done this deserve recognition,
 “ deserve liberality in the supply of stores, of which they have
 “ shown they can make good use, and deserve to have more
 “ opportunities of drilling with and practising from the heavy
 “ guns they would have to use when their services were called for.”

During this year, application was made that the St. Burian Detachment of the Penzance Battery might become a distinct Division, it being found impossible for the Officer Commanding the Battery to exercise a proper amount of supervision, and owing to the distance apart of the two Detachments, the members rarely met together except at the Annual Inspection. The Authorities, however, declined to grant the request; it will be seen that a second appeal was made in the following year, which it is hoped will prove more successful.*

1884. The *London Gazette* of the 26th of February notified that Lieutenant-Colonel and Honorary-Colonel W. R. Gilbert had resigned his commission, and was permitted to retain his rank and wear the uniform of the Corps on his retirement.

This announcement was received by the Brigade with much surprise, as the members had not anticipated anything of the kind, and the deepest regret was expressed on every side; however, on the earnest solicitations of Lord Mount Edgcumbe and Lord Morley, the Under-Secretary of State for War, Colonel Gilbert consented to withdraw his resignation, and the *Gazette* of the 14th of March contained the good news that the resignation notified in the *Gazette* of the 26th ultimo had been cancelled. Colonel Gilbert therefore resumed his post—*Long may he remain in it.*

* Authority has since been received for a distinct Division to be formed from 1st April, 1885.

On the 4th of March, Battery Sergeant-Major John Hammond, Royal Marine Artillery, then serving as Instructor to No. 6 (Hayle) Battery, was appointed Acting Sergeant-Major to the Brigade, in succession to Sergeant-Major Blackmore, discharged to pension, and was transferred to Penzance for duty in the orderly room, and as Instructor to No. 7 Battery.

The *London Gazette* of the 15th of April announced the resignation of Lieutenant Lane, of No. 10 (Falmouth), and the appointment of Mr. C. W. Robinson, who was posted to the same Battery.

The nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Officers was held at the "White Hart" Hotel, on the 30th of April. It was suggested at this meeting by Captain Peter, that looking at the great expenses to which the Batteries are put in sending a team, and the difficulty in some cases in getting one together at all, that individual shooting should be substituted for the present team shooting. It was feared, however, that were this carried out, it would tend to break up the Brigade Competition entirely, and it was consequently decided that no change should be made. The Officers dined together, as usual, in the evening.

The nineteenth Annual Carbine Competition was held at Par on the 8th of July, all the Batteries except No. 10 (Falmouth) being represented, 15 per cent. on last annual returns of Efficientes being sent from each. The ranges were, as before, 200 and 300 yards, seven shots at each.

The first Individual Prize was won by Quartermaster-Sergeant Beatt, of No. 1 (Padstow), with a score of 45 points. The first Battery Prize was taken by No. 6 (Hayle), with nine men, average 37·77; the second by No. 9 (St. Just), with ten men, average 37·3, and the third by No. 2 (Looe), with eight men, average 37·00. There were 32 Individual Prizes, ranging from £3 10s. to 5s. The Battery Prizes were, as before, £5, £3, and £2, the last two being given, as usual, by Colonel Gilbert and Major Field.

There was a large attendance of Officers. The Competitors numbered 84.

On the 8th of July, it was notified in the R.A. District Regimental Orders, that Lieutenant-Colonel Newman, R.A., had assumed command of the Auxiliary Artillery in succession to Colonel Hill, whose period of service had expired. On the 19th of July a portion of the Corps, consisting of 11 Officers, 26 Sergeants, and 187 rank and file, total, all ranks, 224, the whole under the command of Major Field, proceeded by special train to Devonport, where they were, in conjunction with the 1st and 2nd Devon Artillery Volunteers, to form part of the 2nd Provisional Brigade (the 1st Provisional Brigade, consisting of the 1st Glamorgan and 1st Gloucester Artillery Volunteers, had left for their respective stations in the morning), under command of Colonel Adams, 1st D.A.V.

The 1st Cornwall and 1st Devon were quartered in the North Raglan Barracks, the 2nd Devon were located part under canvas, and part in the fort at Staddon Heights.

The 1st Cornwall, which was composed of detachments from each Battery, were formed for parade purposes and discipline into four Batteries of about equal strength, and were lettered I., J., K., and L., in the Provisional Brigade, the Commanding Officers being Captains Martyn, Polkinghorne, Marrack, and Christoe.

On the following day, Sunday, the 1st Devon and 1st Cornwall attended the Church Parade at the Garrison Chapel, Devonport, with the other troops in the Garrison.

During the week the Brigade paraded daily about 8.30 a.m. (the exact time was altered from day to day), and after being told off into gun detachments, proceeded either in H.M.S. "Harpy," furnished by the Admiralty, and in government launches direct to the forts, or else, crossing the harbour, marched through Mount Edgumbe, returning to barracks about 3 p.m. each day; after dinner, with the exception of the usual guards and fatigues, the men were free for the rest of the day.

The first two days were devoted to instruction in the drill of the nine-inch and ten-inch R.M.L. guns, and the following three

to the complete manning and working the guns, including the supply of ammunition, &c., in Forts Bovisand, Picklecombe, and Drake's Island. On three mornings during the week, early parades were ordered before breakfast, and a short time spent in company and battalion movements.

The 1st Devon and 1st Cornwall were inspected on the Saturday morning, by Colonel Sir William Hamilton, commanding Royal Artillery in the District. The Inspecting Officer having been received with a general salute, proceeded to make a searching inspection of the ranks; the Brigade then broke into Column to the right, and marched past in Column; line having been re-formed, Colonel Hamilton addressed the Volunteers, complimenting them both on their behaviour in barracks, and their energy and intelligence at drill.

The 1st Cornwall marched out of Barracks, headed by the Pipers of the 92nd Highlanders (whose Commanding Officer most courteously placed their services at the disposal of Major Field) in the afternoon, and returned by special train to their respective stations, having spent a most instructive and enjoyable week. With the exception of a severe attack of diarrhœa, from which a considerable number of men suffered during the first few days, due probably to the change of diet, the health was generally good, and the members appeared to appreciate their experience of barrack life.

The Officers of the Brigade are not likely soon to forget the extreme courtesy and hospitality received at the hands of all the Officers of the Royal Artillery with whom they were brought in contact. The success of the meeting was also due in a great measure to the energy and kindness of Quartermaster Kelly, R.A., who in addition to his usual duties was called upon to superintend the issue of rations, &c. to the Volunteers.

A military correspondent writing to the *Times* gives a good account of the work done at Plymouth, which it has been thought well to repeat here.

“ In the Western District a very sensible and proper use has
 “ recently been made of the Artillery Volunteers, upwards of 1,000
 “ of whom have been quartered in barracks at Devonport, and
 “ instructed in manning and working some of the great Forts which
 “ guard Plymouth Sound. The force assembled was divided into
 “ two Provisional Brigades. The first, under the command of
 “ Colonel Hill, C.B., included the Worcester, Gloucestershire,
 “ and Glamorgan Corps, and was present in the garrison from
 “ the 12th to the 19th of July; the second, under the command of
 “ Colonel H. C. Adams, and composed of the 1st and 2nd Devon,
 “ and the 1st Cornwall Corps, relieved the first Brigade on the
 “ 19th and remained till the 26th. In all about 1,200 men were
 “ present, and the course of instruction laid down by the
 “ Commanding Officer of the Royal Artillery comprised drill
 “ work with heavy guns and working the ammunition supply in the
 “ Forts at Picklecombe, Bovisand, and Drake’s Island. The
 “ ordinary duties incidental to barrack life were performed in a
 “ creditable manner by the Volunteers, who found their own
 “ guards and night picquets and were made responsible for the
 “ cleanliness and tidiness of their rooms and the proper main-
 “ tenance of discipline. There was little or no crime, and on their
 “ departure Colonel Sir William Hamilton, commanding the Royal
 “ Artillery at Plymouth, was able to compliment them on their
 “ behaviour both in barracks and at their drills.

“ In order that the most might be made of the short time at the
 “ disposal of the Volunteers, the whole of the details had been
 “ carefully worked out beforehand by Sir William Hamilton, and
 “ with such exactness had this been done that the men, many of
 “ whom had never previously seen a fort in their lives, were at
 “ their posts on the guns and in the magazines below within a
 “ few minutes of their leaving the ground on which they were
 “ formed up. In less than an hour the service of ammunition was
 “ being worked with sufficient regularity to prove that after a
 “ little practice these men would be able to serve the guns on two

" tiers as smoothly and rapidly as could be desired—a very
 " satisfactory result when it is remembered that for a fort like
 " Picklecombe a total of 600 of all ranks is required. It should
 " also be borne in mind that the service of ammunition requires a
 " great deal of supervision, and has to be conducted systematically
 " and carefully from the magazines underground, so as to insure
 " the right projectiles and charges being supplied to the right guns.
 " Moreover, this was, we believe, the first occasion in which one of
 " these forts had ever been fully manned and worked after this
 " fashion; for at Plymouth, as in most of our great fortresses at
 " home, the Royal Artillery can never muster enough gunners to
 " work half the guns in a fort of this nature.

" In a country where the army at home is but the shadow of
 " an army, and the garrison Artillery is but the shade of a
 " shadow, it is obvious that a great body of men, roughly trained
 " no doubt, but still trained to the use of arms, must be an
 " important factor in the problem of home defence. If Plymouth
 " be taken as an instance, probably 7,000 gunners from the
 " western counties could be drafted in case of necessity to man
 " the defences, and the results obtained in the recent experiment
 " prove how rapidly they could be made efficient. The
 " employment of Volunteers for coast defence has been advocated
 " before in these columns, and it is certain that they would have
 " to be so employed. What is required now is that they should
 " not only have their places allotted to them on paper, but that
 " they should for a few days in every year have an opportunity
 " of being present in those places, and of carrying out their duties
 " accordingly. This, of course, means money, but the cost
 " would be small in comparison with the advantages obtained, and
 " it is to be hoped that the War Department may find a way to
 " organize a regular system of annual instruction on the basis.

The Non-Commissioned Officers and men received the govern-
 ment rations of bread and meat; in addition to this, 3s. 3d. a head
 was paid to Mr. Hawkes of Devonport for breakfast, tea, and

vegetables, and 2d. per head for cheese, which the men took with them every day in their havresacks; 11s. 6d. was further paid to each Non-Commissioned Officer and man as compensation for loss of wages.

No allowance was granted to the Officers,* although it was thought at the time that they would have received the field allowance, as laid down in paragraph 945 of the Volunteer Regulations, but it was notified by the Authorities that this only applied when under canvas. The Officers' expenses were heavy, as they included not only the messing, but the furnishing of quarters and ante-rooms. The sum of £110 10s. was received from the War Office, being at the rate of 10s. a head for all ranks, in accordance with paragraph 942 of the Regulations. The actual expense incurred by the Brigade Funds on account of the Camp was £61 10s. 11d.

This was the first occasion on which the Corps had ever been represented in camp or barracks since its formation, with the exception of the gun detachments sent to Shoeburyness in 1882 and 1883.

A Battalion drill for the Western Batteries, Hayle, Penzance, Marazion, and St. Just, was held in the Cricket-field, Penzance, on the 13th of September. The numbers present on parade were 10 Officers, 44 Sergeants, 152 rank and file, total, all ranks, 206. Colonel Gilbert was received with a general salute, and after inspecting the ranks, the drill was conducted by the Adjutant.

On this occasion, for the first time since the formation of the Corps, a stretcher party, furnished by No. 7 (Penzance) Battery and under the superintendence of Surgeon-Major Grenfell, accompanied the Battalion.

Lieutenant-Colonel Newman was the Inspecting Officer for the year, and the result of the Inspections was very satisfactory, many of the Batteries being very highly spoken of. In awarding

* Authority has since been received for them to be paid lodging allowance at the same rate as Militia Officers.

the Prizes granted by the County Association, 300 points were added for attendance at Adjutants' parades, 100 for each rank, Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and Gunners, thus bringing the total number of points it was possible to make up to 1550; of this number, No. 6 (Hayle) obtained 1355, and won the first Prize, £7; No. 7 (Penzance) and No. 9 (St. Just) tied with 1220 points, and divided the second and third Prizes, £4 10s. each; No. 2 (Looe) made 1205, and took the fourth Prize, £3; No. 10 (Falmouth), 1155, fifth Prize, £2 10s.; No. 4 (Charlestown), 1145, sixth Prize, £2; and St. Burian Detachment, 1140, seventh Prize, £1 10s.

In the Repository drill, it was decided, in order to guard as much as possible against accidents, to award 75 points to the manner in which the drill was performed, and to give only 25 for time. The operation was the same as in the previous year; the quickest time was made in No. 6 (Hayle) Battery, 6' 10", St. Just coming next with 8' 15", but in this case the gun was 7 cwt. heavier. Nine Batteries and the St. Burian Detachment attempted the shift. The Fowey Battery, having no appliances for par-buckling, were to be allowed to count gyn drill in lieu, but the members did not avail themselves of the offer.

Only 54 members, out of a total of 676, were absent from the Annual Inspection, these, in a large number of cases, could not possibly have attended, being employed at a distance from their station.

There was no Plymouth Class this year, there being no funds available, the expenses of the Camp in July having been a severe drain on the Brigade account.

During this year, Ambulance Classes were formed in three or four of the Batteries, on the suggestion of Surgeon-Major Grenfell, who brought forward the motion at the Annual Meeting of the Officers. A stretcher was purchased by the Brigade, and two have very recently been issued on loan from the Military Hospital, Devonport. It is hoped that, before long, some of the

members will pass the required examination, and have the right to wear the prescribed Geneva badge.

The Brigade was represented this year by a detachment consisting of two Serjeants (W. Woolcock and W. Woodfield) and 7 rank and file, selected from No. 7 (Penzance) Battery, at the Camp of the National Artillery Association. They were unsuccessful in winning a Prize. It is most desirable that the same men should be sent every year, as everything is strange to a new detachment, and the chances are certainly against them winning a Prize, but it was felt that perhaps more benefit would arise to the Brigade at large if each Battery were allowed an opportunity of sending the men; added to which, an incentive is given to the Batteries to render themselves more efficient, the right of sending the detachment belonging to the Battery which gains the highest place at the Annual Inspection, provided it has not already exercised the privilege. Thus, for the ensuing year, the 2nd (Looe) Battery claims the right, if only the necessary funds can be obtained. The cost of sending a detachment to the Camp amounts to about thirty pounds. The number of prizes offered by the National Association are certainly small, considering the number of competing detachments; thus, in 1884, during the week when the 1st Cornwall were in Camp, there were present 90 gun detachments, only five Prizes were given for the 64-pounder R. M. L. (the only gun with which the members of this Brigade are familiar) competition, and ten for the 40-pounder R. B. L. gun, the complicated breech arrangement and drill of which the members were totally ignorant of, and in which they had to receive a certain amount of instruction before they were able to practice.

Colonel Fox-Strangways, R.A., Commandant School of Gunnery, in his official report of the Camp, remarks:—

“ The conduct of the Force leaves little to be desired. There is
 “ a thoroughly sound self-respecting spirit in all ranks, a con-
 “ spicuous attention to orders and care to improve in knowledge,
 “ which makes the maintenance of discipline easier year by year.

“Some irregularities, committed by a few men, were noticed in the report of the Camp Commandant, but the high military spirit shown by the Volunteer Artillery generally may be relied on to prevent any serious breach of discipline.”

Special Prizes, amounting to £8, were offered this year by the County of Cornwall Volunteer Association, which were competed for on the 2nd of June, at the ranges on Cardinam Moor, near Bodmin. The first Prize was won by Gunner Olver, of No. 2 (Looe) Battery, with a score of 39 points.

Thirty M.-H. Rifles were issued to the Brigade during the year, being at the rate of three per Battery, for the purposes of practising for Wimbledon. Several of these have, however, since been returned, as it appeared that few members were likely to compete at the National Rifle Association Meetings; there being also no gratuitous ammunition supplied for these weapons was also another reason for not retaining them.

In the early part of the year, a proposal was made for manning the defences in the country by the Volunteer Artillery, it being desirable that a more extended use should be made of this valuable force; the War Office were therefore anxious that each Corps should supply detachments of men who were willing to be drilled in, and become efficient in, the use of the 10-inch (18-ton) gun, so that the Government might have a thoroughly reliable force at hand to man the forts in case of hostilities. The rules for the manning of Coast Batteries by Volunteer Artillery were:—

The Corps detailed for a work was to engage to maintain two efficient detachments, at least, for each gun.

To drill at these guns at least six times in the year, be inspected at them by the O. C. Auxiliary Artillery, and their efficiency specially reported on.

Before exercising at the guns, application was to be made to the O. C. R. A., who would cause the necessary stores to be issued, and afterwards returned into store by the R. A.

The guns only to be used for gun drill, and not for mounting

and dismounting, &c., unless specially requested by the O. C. R. A.

The trained detachments to be allowed to fire the station-practice ammunition; annual practice might also, if desired, be carried out from these guns when possible.

The 1st Duke of Cornwall's Artillery Volunteers were to be detailed to the Coast Batteries at Padstow, Fowey, and St. Ives, and also the defences at Pendennis Castle, Falmouth. A report was called for, stating in what way each of the ten Batteries was to be primarily instructed.

St. Ives, Pendennis, St. Mawes, Fowey, and Padstow R.A. Batteries, or with their own appliances, were to be utilised as most convenient.

And, further, what Batteries could be brought annually to Plymouth, where there are defences requiring as many as 600 men to man them fully, but which might be manned partially, according to the number of men available; the time of year and probable numbers were to be fully reported upon.

The Commanding Officer, in compliance with the above, reported that three of the Batteries, viz., Padstow, Fowey, and Falmouth, already drilled at, and carried out their practice in, Government works; and that two others (Charlestown and Par) fired their rifle gun ammunition at Pendennis Castle; and there appeared no reason why the 6th (Hayle), and, if necessary, the 8th (Marazion) Battery, should not practise at the St. Ives Coast Battery. This arrangement would leave only three Batteries in the Brigade who would not be connected, in some way, with Government defences, and these might, if desirable, proceed to Pendennis Castle; but, at the same time, it was considered that the practice could be carried out more efficiently, in many respects, at their own Headquarters.

While feeling assured that the Volunteer Artillery, as a body, would esteem it an honour in every way to be recognised in this manner, and detailed to take a definite part in the defence of certain positions, the Commanding Officer was of opinion that

the scheme could not be carried out, unless considerable pecuniary assistance was forthcoming; and that he felt certain that it would be impossible for any Batteries to leave their stations on six different occasions during the year, although every endeavour would be made to meet any plan proposed by the Authorities.

At the close of the year, the War Office called for a statement, showing the probable expenses which would be involved in carrying out the above-mentioned scheme, and to what extent Corps were willing to accept it. In complying with this request, it was pointed out, it would be impossible to agree definitely to any proposal, as, owing to depression in trade and other causes, it had happened that strong and most efficient Corps had entirely disappeared. It is much to be hoped, however, that something will really come of the scheme, and that, before long, the Volunteer Artillery will find themselves holding that position in the country which undoubtedly they have earned, after a faithful service of over a quarter of a century, and which they have proved themselves in every way worthy of occupying.

The subject of firing rights was also raised during the year, it being proposed to obtain Parliamentary Powers where necessary; and a report was called for, to show at what stations it was desirable in any way to restrict the public within certain limits. As regards the 1st Cornwall Artillery, with the exception of an occasional interruption by fishing boats, little difficulty is experienced in carrying out the Annual Practice.

Application was again made for the St. Burian detachment of the 7th (Penzance) Battery being recognised as a distinct division, which it is hoped will prove more successful.*

The Cornwall Artillery, and I think the county at large, may look back with no small degree of pride to their past history. They have ever borne a high character for their efficiency; and this is all the more creditable, when its scattered state, and the size

* Authority since received for it to become a distinct Division from the 1st of April, 1885.

of the places in which many Batteries have been raised, are considered, rendering it far more difficult to maintain the numbers and to keep pace with Corps in more populous and favourably situated towns. The constant change of members makes the task still harder. Since the formation of the Brigade up to the 31st of December, 1884, upwards of 4,800 members have been enrolled, yet the annual returns remain much the same. Owing, also, to depression in mining and other industries, emigration is continually causing a heavy drain on the population. At the last census, it was found that upwards of 33,000 persons (and these, of course, principally young and active men) had left the county to seek their fortunes in other lands. Cornwall may, therefore, indeed be proud to show at the end of a quarter of a century since the movement originated, a Volunteer force of upwards of 2,500 men. Although fewer in number than she possessed in 1806 (*see Appendix*), still the Volunteers of to-day are far better educated, better armed, and more efficient in every respect, than their forefathers.

The following extract from the *Western Morning News* of the 29th of January, 1885, may be interesting, as showing the steady increase and present number of the Force in the United Kingdom:—

“ ENGLAND’S VOLUNTEER FORCE.

“ The full returns of the Volunteer organisation have now been prepared, and show a total of 214,000 men, which is unprecedented in the annals of the organisation. There has been no extra incentive to account for the advance, which gives the country 5,000 more citizen soldiers than it possessed at the close of the previous official year, which now terminates on the 31st of October; and the only apparent explanation for the increase is the fact that the force is gradually becoming more recognised. Of this total, in round numbers, of 214,000, nearly 208,000 are returned as Efficient, the per-centage of Efficient going up from

96·69 to 97·01. There are, as nearly as can be ascertained, about 6,000 Officers who have earned the extra Capitation Grant for Proficiency, and the number of Sergeants similarly qualified is 12,300, an increase of 200. The non-Efficient return, which has exhibited a steady decrease for many years, is still further reduced, the number of men who, through various causes, did not carry out the Government requirements being brought down to a trifle under 6,400. The small contingent of Light Horse, while not losing ground, does not make any appreciable advance. In the Artillery arm, which it is no secret the authorities are anxious to develop as much as possible, the year's record is exceptionally good, the total strength being estimated at about 39,500 for 59 Corps. This is an increase of about 1,200. The Efficients also correspondingly increase from 37,000 to 38,000. The Engineer Volunteers, represented by 16 Corps, including the Engineer and Railway Transport Volunteers, consisting of the principal engineers and traffic-managers, also show steady improvement, the total strength advancing from 9,222 to 9,480, and the Efficients from 8,856 to 9,130; 719 Officers and Sergeants hold Certificates of Proficiency, as against 619, and 8,116 of all ranks were at the Annual Official Inspection. The Infantry, of course, shares the improvement observable all round. There are 211 Corps of this arm in Great Britain. The total strength is estimated at nearly 165,000, an increase of over 3,000; the Efficients, 160,000, against 156,000; Proficient Officers, 4,490, against 4,428; and Sergeants, 9,400, against 9,300. Middlesex (including the City of London and Tower Hamlets) makes the largest return of enrolled strength, viz., 26,361, and next to this comes Lancashire with 26,016."

On the following day, the same journal also says of the Volunteers:—

"Those, who some twenty-five years ago, when the Volunteer movement sprang into existence, predicted for it a brief and inglorious career, must be now agreeably surprised to find how sadly mistaken they were in their estimate of its value, as

well as at the dimensions which the movement has since assumed and maintained. In its earlier days, no secret was made of the opinion held by many people, that when the novelty of the thing had worn off, so also would the Volunteers as an institution disappear 'like the baseless fabric of a dream.' But the very opposite has been the fact. The success and the development of the Volunteer movement in this country, has been in inverse ratio to the expectations once formed of it, and in no part of the kingdom has this success been more marked than in the West of England."

It is acknowledged on all sides that the Volunteer Force might become far more efficient, were the funds at the disposal of the Officers only larger. It is found almost impossible to carry on the work with the present Capitation Grant, and necessitates constant appeals to the public, to whom the readiness with which the Volunteers have recently offered their services, not only for garrison duty at home, but, if required, for active service abroad, must be a sufficient proof, if any was wanting, that the existence of such a force tends to give a greater feeling of security on all sides.

No one will question that the Duke of Cornwall's Artillery owes to a very great extent the position it holds in the county, and its efficiency, to the fact that it has, for now nearly a quarter of a century,* been fortunate enough to be commanded by an Officer so fitted in every respect for the post. Very few Volunteer Artillery Brigades in the kingdom have been so favoured as the 1st Cornwall, in being commanded by an Officer who has held the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in the Royal Artillery.

On referring to the Army List, it will be seen that Colonel Gilbert is the Senior Commanding Officer of Volunteer Artillery; and it appears that the commissions of only two Officers of similar rank in the other branches of the Auxiliary Forces are of prior date.

* Colonel Gilbert completes his 25th year of service with the Brigade on the 24th of May, 1885.

It has been thought desirable to add a few notes on each individual Battery. These may appear to be more copious in some cases than in others; but everything has been recorded which Commanding Officers have called attention to.

It is hoped, for the future, that in every Battery, a book will be kept, in which any circumstance worthy of note may be recorded from time to time; such a work cannot fail to be of interest hereafter, and would render very material assistance when the next history of the Brigade comes to be written.

The whole of the orderly room duties having, until the last year, been performed by the Adjutant without assistance, has made the task in the present case more difficult, from the fact of there being no one to refer to on many matters which the late Major Edyvean would have been able to throw light upon.

COUNTY ASSOCIATION PRIZES.

Points made and Order of Merit from 1872.

	1872	1873	1874	1875	1876	1877	1878	1879	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884
Maximum Pnts.	850	850	850	850	950	950	950	950	1150	1250	1250	1550	1550
BATTERY.													
Padstow ...	* 385	490	600	645	575	705	698	700	750	705	775	1040	11 11
Looe ...	450	635	705	685	735	680	704	680	840	880	875	1200	7 5
Fowey ...	* 500	550	565	580	655	580	585	585	665	630	625	795	10 6
Charlestown ...	565	475	470	595	640	610	615	629	565	870	925	915	1145 5 7
Par ...	450	400	510	570	485	605	645	607	595	680	765	755	1010 8 10
Polruan ...	500	475	475	505	650	595	455	539	580	530	445	...	6 8
Hayle ...	715	815	805	810	870	875	850	801	845	970	965	1000	1355 2 1
Penzance ...	655	645	700	687	880	800	795	761	755	920	925	985	1220 3 4
St. Ives ...	455	415	645	540	465	380	...	...	...	...	...	...	9 9
Marazion ...	645	735	735	730	740	650	610	667	705	865	845	875	1115 4 2
St. Just ...	740	725	715	660	695	725	785	678	740	910	940	930	1220 1 3
Falmouth	725	1155 ...
St. Burian	835	1140 ...
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* Did not parade in sufficient numbers to entitle the Battery to compete.

* Ties.

ANNUAL CARBINE COMPETITION.

BATTERY PRIZES.

Ranges 100, 200, and 300 yards, 5 rounds at each.

Year.	Battery.	No. of Men.	Average.	Prize.	
				£	s.
1867	St. Ives	10	38·9	5	10
1868	Padstow	12	40·33	5	10
1869	Hayle	16	39·75	5	10
	Padstow	12	38·66	3	0
1870	St. Just	14	40·78	5	10
	Hayle	15	38·6	3	0
1871	St. Just	12	42	5	10
	St. Ives	12	39·41	3	0
	Hayle	12	38·92	2	0
1872	St. Just	12	45·83	5	10
	Hayle	12	42·41	3	0
	Marazion	12	42·16	2	0
1873	Hayle	11	44·54	5	10
	St. Ives	10	44·50	3	0
	Newlyn	16	42·81	2	0
1874	Hayle	16	48	5	10
	St. Ives	10	45·23	3	0
1875	Hayle	16	48·81	5	10
	Looe.....	10	46·4	3	0
	St. Just	16	43·93	2	0
1876	Hayle	12	49	5	10
	St. Just	10	45·7	3	0
	Padstow	12	45·5	2	0
	Looe.....	8	43·8	1	10
	Newlyn	12	43·5	1	0*
1877	Looe.....	8	45·2	5	10
	St. Just	10	43	3	0
	Padstow	12	42·6	2	10
	Hayle	12	42·08	1	10

* Extra Prize presented by Mr. WAKEFIELD.

ANNUAL CARBINE COMPETITION.

BATTERY PRIZES.

Ranges 200 and 300 yards, 7 shots at each.

Year.	Battery.	No. of Men.	Average.	Prize.	
				£	s.
1878	Padstow	12	38·75	5	0
	Looe.....	8	37·50	3	0
	Par	8	37·12	2	10
	Penzance	12	36·58	1	10
1879	Looe.....	8	40·37	5	0
	Padstow	12	38·83	3	0
	Hayle	11	38·27	2	0
1880	St. Just	12	37·83	5	0
	Hayle	10	36·7	3	0
	Looe.....	8	36·62	2	0
1881	Hayle	11	37	5	0
	St. Just	12	36·41	3	0
	Fowey	8	35·25	2	0
1882	St. Just	11	40·81	5	0
	Padstow	10	39·30	3	0
	Hayle	10	38·7	2	0
1883	Fowey	7	36·85	5	0
	Looe.....	8	36·12	3	0
	St. Just	10	35	2	0
1884	Hayle	9	37·77	5	0
	St. Just	10	37·3	3	0
	Looe.....	8	37	2	0

From which it appears that during the 18 years since the competition was started, Hayle has won 14 Battery Prizes, seven being first Prizes. St. Just, 11, five first Prizes. Looe, 8, two first Prizes. Padstow, 7, two first Prizes. St. Ives, 4, one first Prize. Penzance, 3. Fowey, 2, one first Prize. Par, 1; and Marazion, 1.

ANNUAL RETURNS.

1st Cornwall, Duke of Cornwall's, Artillery Volunteers..

Year.	Proficients.	Efficients..	Non-Efficients.	Total Strength.
1870*	.....	726	24	750
1871	.....	756	47	803
1872	.....	663	34	697
1873	63	669	18	687
1874	63	703	21	724
1875	63	711	6	717
1876	64	689	10	699
1877	65	671	6	677
1878†	68	667	1	668
1879	67	660	4	664
1880	66	638	1	639
1881	67	612	31	643
1882	66	588	14	602
1883‡	71	709	6	715
1884	71	664	8	672

*The official records of previous years cannot be traced.

†St. Ives Battery disbanded during this year.

‡Falmouth Battery formed.

SHORT NOTES ON EACH BATTERY.

No. 1 BATTERY (PADSTOW).

The first Meeting for the purpose of the formation of this Battery was held at Padstow, on Friday, the 19th of August, 1859, presided over by Charles G. Prideaux Brune, Esq. A Subscription List in aid of the necessary funds was started, and the list, headed by Mr. Brune for £20, followed by many other liberal sums, making £65 promised in the room. The Chairman fully explained the objects of the movement, saying, he considered the formation of Volunteer Corps a means of securing the blessings of peace. Volunteers were then called for, and fifty names were at once given in.

On the 15th September, 1859, Official intimation was received of the acceptance of the services of the Corps, being the First Company of Cornwall Artillery Volunteers; Cornwall taking rank as the sixth County in Great Britain as regards this Branch of the Force.

The first Drill of the Battery took place October 25th, 1859.

On 7th December, the Subscription List amounted to the sum of £116 19s. 6d. The cost of a suit of uniform was £2 per man; a considerable number of the men provided and paid for their uniforms.

On December 13th, the first appointment of Non-Commissioned Officers took place, Captain Martyn, the present Captain of the Battery, was made one of the first Sergeants of the Corps.

On 26th December, 1859, the Battery paraded for the first time in uniform, 61 strong; they attended Divine Service at the Parish Church, and in the afternoon proceeded to the Park at Prideaux Place, for their first out-door drill.

On the 6th of January, 1860, a Christmas Tree was held in aid of the funds of the Battery, when £90 was raised.

On Tuesday, July 10th, 1860, a Detachment of the Battery

proceeded to Plymouth, and fired a Royal Salute from Mount Edgcumbe on the occasion of the departure of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales for Canada.

The three first Officers (Captain Brune, 1st Lieutenant Tredwen, 2nd Lieutenant Pearse) of the Battery attended the Queen's Levée in 1860.

The first gun practice of the Battery took place on the 1st of May, 1861.

The tunic was adopted instead of the jersey in June of this year.

On the 4th October, certain members were selected from the Battery, and proceeded to Charlestown to compete for Prizes at big gun practice.

In May, 1862, H.M.S. "Vivid" anchored in the harbour, having H.R.H. Prince Arthur on board; immediately on its being known, the Battery fired a Royal Salute.

On the 2nd July, 1863, a Detachment from the Battery proceeded to Hayle for big-gun Prize-shooting, and succeeded in winning the third place—Prize £10.*

In 1865, the Battery entered for the simultaneous Prize firing of the National Artillery Association, the practice taking place at their own Battery.

In consequence of the falling off of members in Padstow, it was thought desirable to form a Detachment at Saint Issey; this was consequently carried out in June, 1871, an extra gun being granted for the members at that station in July of the same year.

On the 19th of August, permission to enrol 50 supernumeraries was given.

In 1874, a large Drill-shed was erected at St. Issey at a cost of nearly £60, although at the time the funds of the Battery were almost wholly exhausted. It was afterwards found absolutely necessary to erect a large Drill-shed at Padstow. At this time,

* Sergeant Major Osborne and Gunner Mathew^s represented the Battery on this occasion.

the three Officers (Captain Martyn, Lieutenant Hawken, and Sub-Lieutenant Allport) found the funds of the Battery quite exhausted; they therefore became jointly responsible for £100, and commenced the Drill-hall at a cost of about £90. Since first erected, the roof has been newly covered with corrugated galvanised iron.

In 1883, the Drill-shed at St. Issey was enlarged and newly roofed, at a cost of about £45, making in all about £200 expended in this way. These sheds have platforms, and 32-pounder S.B. guns in each for drill purposes, and also have armouries attached. In each shed, also, a bowling-alley has been made, for the use and amusement of the men, so that in all quite £250 has been spent.

One Officer (Captain Martyn) and a large detachment of men attended at Raglan Barracks, Devonport, in 1884.

OFFICERS WHO HAVE SERVED WITH THE BATTERY.

Charles J. Prideaux Brune, Captain on the formation of Battery; commission, 17.9.59; resigned, 6.4.61, and appointed Major in the Brigade.

John Tredwen, 1st Lieutenant on formation; commission, 17.9.59. Captain, 15.5.61, *vice* Brune, resigned. Died, July, 1870.

Hender Pearse, 2nd Lieutenant on formation; commission, 16.10.59. 1st Lieutenant, 15.5.61, *vice* Tredwen, promoted. Resigned, 18.11.67.

Wm. Martyn Richards, 2nd Lieutenant, 15.5.61, *vice* Pearse, promoted. Resigned, 6.12.65.

Thomas Langford Seaton, 2nd Lieutenant, 6.12.65, *vice* Richards, resigned. 1st Lieutenant, 18.11.67, *vice* Pearse, resigned. Captain, 24.9.70, *vice* Tredwen, dead. Resigned, 28.7.75.

Wm. Henry Martyn, 2nd Lieutenant, 24.9.70, *vice* Richards, resigned. 1st Lieutenant, 1.3.71, *vice* Seaton, promoted. Captain, 28.7.75, *vice* Seaton, resigned. Still serving.

George T. A. Staff, 2nd Lieutenant, 1.3.71, *vice* Martyn, promoted. Resigned, 6.11.73.

Thomas Hawken, Sub-Lieutenant, 17.12.73, *vice* Staff, resigned. Lieutenant, *vice* Martyn, same date as before. Still serving.

Wm. Langford Allport, Sub-Lieutenant, *vice* Hawken, promoted, 28.7.75. Commission as Lieutenant bears same date. Still serving.

Henry Marley, Honorary Assistant-Surgeon, 5.1.60. Still serving.

NAMES OF MEMBERS STILL SERVING, WHO HAVE BEEN ENROLLED UPWARDS OF 20 YEARS.

Captain W. H. Martyn, enrolled, 4.10.59.

B. Serg.-Major J. D. Lobb, „ 26.9.59.

Corporal R. Veale, „ 9.2.64.

Lieutenant Hawken has served upwards of 20 years, though not continuously; having been enrolled, 31.1.60, he resigned, 28.11.66, and was re-enrolled, 6.6.71.

Since the formation of the Battery up to the 31st December, 1884, no less than 516 members have been enrolled in the same.

No. 2 BATTERY (LOOE).

In an Historical Sketch of the Boroughs of East and West Looe, by Thomas Bond, published early in the year 1823, it is stated under the heading "Fortifications," as follows:—

"But to return to East Looe. This Borough is fortified "towards the sea by a parapet-wall with embrasures, and formerly "ten long six-pounders, and on the hill towards Plymouth were "four more cannon of the same calibre. During the French "Revolution, four 18-pounders, with a full supply of ammunition, and every other requisite for their use, were sent to "Looe; and a Volunteer Company of Artillery being established "here, and furnished with 70 muskets, these Boroughs had no great "reason to fear depredations from privateers. When Looe was

“ first fortified with cannon I do not know ; but by a memorandum “ in one of the Corporation books, I find that the inhabitants subscribed towards the maintenance of a gunner for the town of “ East Looe previous to the year 1607.”

And a few pages further, under the heading “ Volunteer Corps,” the author says :—

“ In the year 1803, a Volunteer Company, under the title of the “ East and West Looe Volunteer Artillery, was established, and “ kept in pay from Government for six years. They learned the “ exercise of the great guns, and also of small arms, and every “ requisite for their use being supplied by Government. The “ Company, on an average, consisted of from 60 to 70 men, and “ were commanded by a Captain and two Lieutenants of their “ own choosing. The dress was a dark-blue coat and pantaloons, “ with red facings and yellow wings and tassels, and a white waist- “ coat. Not a single man of the Company died during the six “ years, which is certainly very remarkable. The men, except “ seven or eight of them from the neighbouring parishes, belonged “ to East and West Looe, as did also the Officers.”

The same writer also records that in the Roll of King Edward the Third's fleet before Calais, it is said that Looe sent 20 ships and 315 mariners ; Fowey, 47 ships and 770 men ; London only furnished 25 ships and 662 mariners ; Plymouth, 26 ships, 603 mariners ; Padstow, two ships, 27 mariners ; Mulbrooke, one ship, 12 mariners.

This shows that Looe and Fowey were then the chief and almost the only ports where shipping were kept in the County of Cornwall, and that the inhabitants of these places were ever ready to volunteer for any service which their country required of them.

The first members of the Volunteer movement of 1859 appear to have been enrolled on the 14th of September of that year, and the services of a Battery were officially accepted on the 30th of the same month.

The date of the first set of rules is the 30th of November, 1859.

In March, 1860, Honorary Assistant-Surgeon Box, of this Battery, attended the Queen's Levée.

On the 10th of July of this year, a detachment attended at Mount Edgcumbe and assisted in firing a Royal Salute, on the occasion of the Prince of Wales leaving for Canada.

On the 4th of October, 1861, the Battery competed at Charlestown for the Prizes offered by the County Association, the practice being carried out with 24-pounder S.B. guns; and on the 21st of July in the following year, in a similar competition at the same place, the Ladies' Prize, a valuable silver cup, was won by this Battery.

Captain Thomas and Lieutenant Bishop represented the Battery at Hayle on the 2nd July, 1863, when the Gun Competition was held at that station.

On the 14th of December of this year, Sergeant Anderson, Instructor to the Battery, was appointed Acting Sergeant-Major to the Brigade. This was the first appointment of the kind made.

On the 22nd of July, 1865, the Battery fired a Royal Salute as the Prince of Wales passed in the Royal Yacht on his way to Mount's Bay.

In 1868, owing to a great extent to the exertions of Captain Thomas, a new Practice Battery was erected at this station at a cost of about £90, half of which sum was contributed from the funds of the Corps. It is by far the most complete Volunteer work of the kind in the County, and reflects great credit on the designer.

On Captain Thomas resigning the command of the Battery in 1872, he was presented by the members and his friends in the neighbourhood with a handsome collection of plate, accompanied with an illuminated address.

In 1873, a 64-pounder R.M.L. gun was issued to this Battery; this, with two other similar guns received by the Penzance Battery

during the same year, were the first rifled ordnance placed on charge of the Brigade.

Sergeant J. Blackmore, Instructor to the Battery, was, on the 13th of August, 1874, appointed Acting Sergeant-Major to the Brigade.

Twenty Non-Commissioned Officers and men from this Battery attended at the Raglan Barracks, Devonport, from the 19th to the 26th of July, 1884.

Colonel Newman, R.A., the Inspecting Officer for the year, reports— “ * * * The men replaced their carbines, and fell in for Gun drill, each squad under its own No. 1. A Sergeant tested the men in drill in slow time, and heard them detail their duties at the gun, which was well done. Saw a specially trained squad at the ‘Shoebury Shift,’ performed in 10 minutes. The exercise was remarkably well executed. The men were clean and smart in appearance.”

OFFICERS WHO HAVE SERVED WITH THE BATTERY.

Charles Wilson Riley (retired Rear-Admiral R.N.), Captain on formation, 11.11.59. Resigned, 3.4.60.

Ed. Campbell (formerly Surgeon in the Army), 1st Lieutenant, 11.11.59. Resigned, 3.4.60.

Joseph Grigg, 2nd Lieutenant on formation, 11.11.59. Captain, 3.4.60, *vice* Riley, resigned. Resigned, 24.4.61.

Robert Thomas, 1st Lieutenant, 3.4.60, *vice* Campbell, resigned. Captain, 24.4.61, *vice* Grigg, resigned. Resigned, 9.1.72.

James Bishop, 2nd Lieutenant, 3.4.60, *vice* Grigg, promoted. 1st Lieutenant, 6.7.61, *vice* Thomas, promoted. Resigned, 28.12.67.

Henry Trestrail, 2nd Lieutenant, 6.7.61, *vice* Bishop, promoted. Resigned, 5.10.65.

George Kerswill, 2nd Lieutenant, 5.10.65, *vice* Trestrail, resigned. 1st Lieutenant, 28.12.67, *vice* Bishop, resigned. Resigned, 28.7.70.

Reginald Arthur Peter, 2nd Lieutenant, 21.12.68, *vice* Kerswill, promoted. 1st Lieutenant, 28.7.70, *vice* Kerswill, resigned. Captain, 10.1.72, *vice* Thomas, resigned. Still serving.

Robert Thomas Thomas, 2nd Lieutenant, 28.7.70, *vice* Peter, promoted. Resigned, 9.1.72.

J. G. Anderson, 2nd Lieutenant, 10.1.72, *vice* R. T. Thomas, resigned. 1st Lieutenant, —.7.72, *vice* Peter, promoted. Resigned, 26.4.73.

Nathaniel Hearle, 2nd Lieutenant, 31.5.73, *vice* Anderson, resigned. Resigned, 21.2.74.

James H. Nicholas, Sub-Lieutenant, 19.1.76, *vice* Hearle, resigned. Resigned, 13.12.77.

J. N. Grigg, Sub-Lieutenant, 23.3.78, *vice* Nicholas, resigned. Resigned 14.3.80.

W. T. A. Pattison, Honorary Assistant-Surgeon, 2.1.60. Resigned, 15.9.60.

W. H. Box, Honorary Assistant-Surgeon, 23.2.61. Died, 23.8.61.

Stephen Clogg, Honorary Assistant-Surgeon, 25.9.61. Assistant-Surgeon to Brigade, 10.8.70. Honorary Surgeon-Major, 17.11.82. Still serving.

Paul Bush, Honorary Chaplain, 28.2.71. Resigned, 12.6.73.

Arthur Kemble, Honorary Chaplain, 8.10.73. Resigned, 16.7.81.

Edward Douglas Jones, Acting Chaplain, 16.8.81. Still serving.

NAMES OF MEMBERS STILL SERVING WHO HAVE BEEN EN-ROLLED UPWARDS OF 20 YEARS.

Corporal Robert Snell, enrolled, 9.1.60.

Sergeant Charles Olver, „ 13.1.60.

B. Serg.-Major Arthur Langdon, „ 20.4.60.

Sergeant John Honey, „ 29.11.60.

Sergeant John Mutton, „ 15.12.62.

Since the formation of the Battery up to 31.12.84, 311 Members have been enrolled in the same.

No. 3 BATTERY (FOWEY).

A BATTERY was raised here on the 12th of October, 1859, and numbered the 3rd Cornwall Artillery Volunteers.

Early in the following year the undermentioned Officers, viz :—

Captain W. F. Essell,

1st Lieutenant W. T. Sobey,

2nd Lieutenant R. Hicks,

Honorary Assistant-Surgeon A. A. Davis,

were present at a Levée held by Her Majesty the Queen.

On the 10th of July of the same year, this Battery furnished a detachment to assist in firing a Royal Salute from Mount Edgcombe on the departure of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, for Canada. Lieutenant Thomas, who is still serving with the Battery, was present on this occasion.

On the 4th of October, 1861, the Battery competed at Charlestown for the Prizes given by the County Association. The practice being from 24-pounder S. B. Guns.

On the 2nd July, 1863, Captain Sobey and Bombardier Thomas represented the Battery in a similar competition held at Hayle.

In 1864, the Battery formed a Guard of Honour to Garibaldi, on his embarking from Fowey. He had been staying with his old friend and companion in arms, Colonel Peard, at Penquite, in the neighbourhood.

On the 22nd of July, 1865, the Battery fired a Royal Salute on the arrival of the Royal Yacht in the harbour, and subsequently formed part of a Guard of Honour at the Albert Quay on the landing of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and was spoken of with high approval as to its appearance and services, and Officers and men were alike thanked for the readiness with which they attended, and for their clean and soldierlike bearing, and steadiness under arms.

On the 20th of July, 1869, Sergeant Denison, Instructor to the Battery, was appointed Acting Sergeant-Major to the Brigade

and held the rank until discharged to pension. Several of his sons have served with the Battery.

Lieutenant Thomas and eight N.-C. Officers and men attended at the Raglan Barracks, Devonport, from the 19th to the 26th of July, 1884.

The Inspecting Officer for this year called particular attention to the want of a more suitable Drill-shed for this station.

OFFICERS WHO HAVE SERVED WITH THIS BATTERY.

W. F. Essell, Captain on formation, Commission, 24.10.59. Resigned, 25.1.60. Captain Essell had previously served as Lieutenant in the Royal Navy.

W. T. Sobey, 1st Lieutenant on formation, Commission, 24.10.59. Captain, 1.4.61, *vice* Essell, resigned. Services dispensed with, 8.3.70.

Richard Hicks, 2nd Lieutenant on formation, enrolled, 16.11.59. Resigned, 24.4.61.

Samuel Short, 1st Lieutenant, 18.4.61, *vice* Sobey, promoted. Resigned, 24.9.70.

William Hicks, 2nd Lieutenant, 9.6.61, *vice* R. Hicks, resigned. Captain 4.5.70, *vice* Sobey, services dispensed with; Resigned, 6.12.72.

Arthur Percy Davis, 2nd Lieutenant, 14.7.69, in No. 7 (Polruan). Captain in No. 3, (Fowey), 26.3.73., *vice* Hicks, resigned. Still serving.

Wm. Stribley Lacey, 2nd Lieutenant, 4.5.70, *vice* W. Hicks, promoted, 1st Lieutenant, 24.9.70, *vice* Short, resigned. Resigned 6.7.72.

Frank B. Williams, 2nd Lieutenant, 24.9.70, *vice* Lacey, promoted, 1st Lieutenant, 1.6.73. Still serving.

James Thomas, Sub-Lieutenant, 29.3.76, *vice* Williams, promoted. Lieutenant same date. Still serving.

Arthur Austen Davis, Honorary Assistant-Surgeon, enrolled,

14.12.59. Resigned, 18.4.61, and appointed Surgeon on the Staff of the Brigade.

Samuel Mason, Honorary Assistant-Surgeon, 10.9.66. Resigned, 10.9.70, and appointed to No. 5 (Par).

H. Noel Purcell, Hon. Chaplain, 29.1.71. Still serving.

NAMES OF MEMBERS STILL SERVING WHO HAVE BEEN ENROLLED UPWARDS OF 20 YEARS.

Lieutenant James Thomas, enrolled, 13.11.59.

Lieutenant F. B. Williams, enrolled, 8.10.60.

B. Sergeant-Major C. Bryant, enrolled, 16.10.60.

Since the formation of the Battery, 307 Members have been enrolled in the same. This number includes 10 transferred from No. 7 (Polruan) on disbandment.

No. 4 BATTERY (CHARLESTOWN).

A BATTERY was raised here on the 10th of January, 1860,* and numbered the 4th Cornwall Artillery Volunteers.

The Officers of the Battery attended the Levée held by Her Majesty the Queen in the early part of the year.

On the 4th of October, 1861, the competition for the County Association Prizes was held at the Battery of this Corps, the practice being carried out with the 24-pounder S. B. gun. The Lord Lieutenant of the County and a large number of spectators were present.

On the 2nd of July, 1863, a similar competition took place at Hayle. Lieutenants Kernick and Banks represented the 4th Battery—the former winning the first Prize of the meeting.

On the 22nd of July, 1865, the Battery formed part of a Guard of Honour at Fowey, on the occasion of the landing of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and was spoken of with high approval as to its appearance and ser-

* The actual date of acceptance of service was the 28th of October, 1859.

vices; and Officers and men were alike thanked for the readiness with which they attended, and for their clean and soldierlike bearing, and steadiness under arms.

Captain W. Tonkin Banks, of this Battery, was appointed Major to the Brigade on the 5th of September, 1874, but still retained command of the Battery until his death, which took place on the 4th of April in the following year. His funeral was attended by the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Batteries 1st Cornwall Artillery, and by the Company of the 2nd Cornwall Rifle Volunteers at St. Austell.

Seventeen Non-commissioned Officers and men from this Battery attended at the Raglan Barracks, Devonport, from the 19th to the 26th of July, 1884.

Colonel Newman, R.A., the Inspecting Officer for the year, in his report on the Battery, says:—

“The men were very clean and smart. Saw practice (six rounds from 32-pounder); gun-drill very good. Repository exercise well performed. Average attendance of men at drill very satisfactory.”

OFFICERS WHO HAVE SERVED WITH THE BATTERY.

Baker Banks, Captain on formation; commission, 31.10.59. Resigned, 6.5.65.

W. Tonkin Banks, 1st Lieutenant on formation; commission, 31.10.59. Captain, 6.5.65, *vice* Banks, resigned. Major, 5.9.74. Died, 4.4.75.

Richard Treffry Kernick, 2nd Lieutenant on formation; commission, 26.12.59. 1st Lieutenant, 6.5.65, *vice* W. T. Banks, promoted. Resigned, 2.5.70.

R. H. Williams, 2nd Lieutenant, 6.5.65, *vice* Kernick, promoted. 1st Lieutenant, *vice* Kernick, resigned, 2.5.70. Resigned, 13.2.73. Re-appointed as Captain, 21.8.80. Still serving.

Alfred Luke, 2nd Lieutenant, 2.5.70, *vice* Williams, promoted

1st Lieutenant, 25.3.73, *vice* Williams, resigned. Captain, 15.11.76, *vice* Banks, deceased. Resigned, 19.6.80.

W. T. Lovering, Sub-Lieutenant, 5.7.76, *vice* Luke, promoted. Lieutenant same date. Still serving.

Charles Edwin Langford, 2nd Lieutenant, 1.6.81. Lieutenant, 1.7.81. Resigned, 14.2.83.

Moncke Mason, Honorary Assistant-Surgeon, 5.4.64. Resigned, 6.5.65.

John Penberthey Berryman, Honorary Assistant-Surgeon, 6.5.65. Died, March, 1880.

Wm. Mason, Acting-Surgeon, 24.4.80. Still serving.

A. H. Ferris, Honorary Chaplain, 18.7.71. Still serving.

NAME OF MEMBER STILL SERVING WHO HAS BEEN ENROLLED
UPWARDS OF 20 YEARS.

Quartermaster-Sergeant Thomas Lee, enrolled, 25.4.64.

Since the formation of the Battery up to the 31st of December, 1884, 471 members have been enrolled in the same.

No. 5 BATTERY (PAR). •

Formation of Corps, 11th February, 1860.* Rules approved by Her Majesty, 3rd January, 1861. The Battery originally consisted of three Sub-divisions of Artillery Volunteers, composed exclusively of miners from the three following mines, and designated as follows, viz. :—

5th, Par Consols.

6th, West Fowey Consols.

9th, Fowey Consols.

On the suggestion of Lieutenant-Colonel Gilbert, the 5th and 6th Sub-divisions were formed into a Company, the authority for

* Actual Date of acceptance of service was the 21st of December, 1859.

the same being dated 22nd of May, 1861, under the command of Captain C. E. Treffry, of Place, Fowey.

On the 4th of October, 1861, the Battery competed at Charles-town for the Prizes given by the County Association.

On the 2nd of July, 1863, Sergeants Peters and Penhall represented the Battery in the Gunnery Competition at Hayle.

On the 13th of October, in the same year, the 9th (Fowey Consols) was incorporated with the Par Corps, the establishment being fixed as one Battery and one Section, with a total strength of 114, including a Captain Commandant. It being found impossible to keep up the numbers, on the 8th of November, 1864, a reduction to one Battery was ordered. About this time, two of the above-named mines became unproductive, and were shortly afterwards abandoned, throwing the miners out of employ, and amongst them were a large number of Volunteers.

In July, 1865, the Battery formed part of a Guard of Honour when the Prince and Princess of Wales landed from the Royal Yacht at Fowey, and was spoken of with high approval as to its appearance and services; and Officers and men were alike thanked for the readiness with which they attended, and for their clean and soldierlike bearing, and steadiness under arms.

In the year 1866, a considerable number of the miners emigrated to the Colonies, and it was then deemed expedient to recruit the ranks from the agriculturists. After a short time, the other mine referred to (Par Consols) was also abandoned, and the Battery became dependent on the other industries of the neighbourhood to furnish recruits. In a failing mining district, resulting in a scarcity of employment, the population necessarily decreased, and the young men were the first to emigrate, causing the subsequent difficulty of keeping up the numbers; and even those joining, in many instances, only for short periods, as is shown by 469 having passed through the ranks.

The Battery attended Repository drill at Pendennis Castle, Falmouth, in 1873, and has since then proceeded there annually

for rifle gun practice, which, though very desirable, entails heavy expense on the funds.

The Carbine Range of this Battery, on the beach at Polmear, is considered one of the best in Cornwall, and was passed by the Inspecting Officer on the 1st August, 1866. This Range has been used by the Brigade for the Carbine Competition every alternate year since 1868. The Battery is indebted to the kindness of Jonathan Rashleigh, Esq., of Menabilly, for the use of the Cliff and ground on which the targets stand, free of charge; and for the use of the other portion of the Range, to G. L. Bassett, Esq., of Tehidy, in the like gratuitous manner.

This Range is not without historical interest; and it may not be out of place here to recall to mind the troublesome times of less than 200 years ago, when a warlike spirit pervaded the respective adherents of the Royalist and Parliamentary factions throughout Cornwall; and when the latter party made themselves masters of the county, and held it till the Royalists, by making a stand on the eastern range of hills overlooking Par, and establishing themselves in a strong earthwork on the summit, possessed themselves of the adjacent locality and beach, where they hemmed in the Parliamentary Army for a considerable period, and compelled them to subsist in great measure on an abundance of shell-fish, found on the sea shore. The two contending armies, in the year 1644, fought a battle at a spot known as Castle Dore, in which the Royalists, under King Charles, worsted the Parliamentarians, under the Earl of Essex. The latter then held Fowey Harbour; but the success of the King was soon apparent, and he had to retreat to Lostwithiel. The only communication with the sea left open to him was at Par; here he received his provisions, forage, and munitions of war on the open beach, now the range of No. 5 Battery.

The late Colonel J. W. Peard, at one time Captain of this Battery, was a Volunteer of European fame, who served under Garibaldi in Italy during the war of freedom, and took great

interest in the Corps. Having retained the bugles that were used by the 2nd Battalion of the British Legion under Garibaldi, he very generously permitted them to be used in No. 5 Battery. They have been in constant use until this year (1884), but are now worn out.

Major William Davis, formerly in the Royal Marine Artillery, took a great interest for many years in the formation and progress of the Corps, of which he was an honorary member.

The practice battery is an open one, with good granite platforms on which are mounted two 24-pounder S.B. guns. There is also a good side-arm shed and magazine.

The drill ground is of very confined limits, and most inconveniently situated, surrounded by railway works recently erected, which have in a great measure stopped up all convenient approaches; this, and the great distance from the men's homes, have militated against the Battery. A suitable Drill-hall is much needed, and would do much to increase efficiency.

Captain Polkinghorne, Lieutenant Polkinghorne, and 12 Non-Commissioned Officers and Gunners, attended at the Raglan Barracks from the 19th to the 26th of July, 1884.

OFFICERS WHO HAVE SERVED WITH THE BATTERY.

Francis Puckey, Lieutenant on formation; commission, 23.12.59. Became 2nd Lieutenant on amalgamation of Nos. 5 and 6, 22.5.61. Resigned, 5.11.63.

Charles E. Treffry, Captain, 17.5.61. Resigned, 5.10.64.

Jonathan H. Peter, 2nd Lieutenant, 5.11.63, *vice* Puckey, resigned. 1st Lieutenant, 24.5.66, *vice* Dunstan, resigned. Resigned, 13.11.67.

Nicholas Kendall, M.P., Captain, 5.10.64, *vice* Treffry, resigned. Resigned, 9.3.69.

Edward Dunstan, 1st Lieutenant, transferred from No. 6, 22.5.61. Resigned, 24.5.66.

Benjamin Mannel, 2nd Lieutenant, 24.5.66, *vice* Peter, promoted. 1st Lieutenant, 13.11.67, *vice* Peter, resigned. Resigned, 13.9.73.

John Polkinghorne, 2nd Lieutenant, 13.11.67, *vice* Mannel, promoted. Captain, 30.1.75, *vice* Peard, resigned. Still serving.

John Whitehead Peard, Captain, 9.3.69, *vice* Kendall, resigned. Resigned, 14.8.72.

William Stewart Trevethick, 2nd Lieutenant, 25.5.78, *vice* Polkinghorne, promoted. Resigned, 8.2.79.

Godby Richardson, 2nd Lieutenant, 24.7.78. Services dispensed with, 16.8.81.

John Bray Polkinghorne, 2nd Lieutenant, 17.6.81. 1st Lieutenant, 1.7.81. Still serving.

William Henry Christoe, Lieutenant, 4.7.82. Transferred to No. 10 (Falmouth), on formation.

William Pace, Honorary-Assistant Surgeon to Nos. 5 and 9, 25.2.61. Resigned, 22.10.61, and appointed Assistant-Surgeon on the Staff of the Brigade.

Samuel Mason, Honorary Assistant-Surgeon, 10.9.70. Resigned, 4.5.77.

R. B. Hill, Acting Surgeon, 9.5.77. Resigned, 9.10.78.

Thomas St. Patrick Tuckey, Acting Surgeon, 28.10.82. Still serving.

John Downes Hawkesley, Honorary Chaplain, 15.4.71. Resigned, 6.7.72.

NAMES OF MEMBERS STILL SERVING WHO HAVE BEEN
ENROLLED UPWARDS OF 20 YEARS.

Corporal John Rundle, enrolled in No. 3 Battery, 14.12.59. Resigned, 23.6.70, and re-enrolled in No. 5 same date.

Quartermaster-Sergeant Warren, enrolled in No. 10 (St. Burian), 7.6.61. Resigned, and joined No. 13 (St. Just), 26.9.62. Transferred to No. 5, 3.9.74.

Corporal W. Goard, enrolled, 1.5.64.

Since the formation of the Battery up to the 31st December, 1884, 469 members have been enrolled in the same.

No. 6 (WEST FOWEY CONSOLS).

A Section was formed in connection with the West Fowey Consols Mine on the 29th December, 1859, but on the 22nd of May, 1861, it was incorporated with No. 5 (Par), which was raised to the establishment of a Battery.

Lieutenant Edward Dunstan, served with the Corps from date of formation, and was transferred to No. 5 on amalgamation of the two sections.

Honorary Assistant-Surgeon William Pace was also appointed on the 13th February, 1860, and served with No. 6 until the 25th of February, 1861; when he was appointed to the same rank in No. 5 Battery.

No. 7 BATTERY (POLRUAN).

A Section was formed here on the 20th February, 1860, which was raised to a Sub-division on the 24th of August in the same year, and on the 6th of December, 1862, authority was given for the full establishment of a Battery.

On the 22nd of July, 1865, the Battery fired a Royal Salute on the arrival of the Royal Yacht in the harbour, the members then hurried across the water and formed a portion of the Guard of Honour at the Albert Quay, Fowey, on the landing of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Sergeant Slade and Corporal Clymo represented the Battery at Hayle on the 2nd of July, 1864, when the Prizes offered by the County Association were competed for.

Owing to depression in ship building and other industries, there was a considerable falling off in the numbers, and early in 1874 the Battery was reduced to a Division.

In May, 1880, on the amalgamation of the Brigade, the Polruan Corps became No. 6.

On the 1st of April, 1883, the Division was finally disbanded, the few remaining members being transferred to the strength of No. 3 (Fowey) Battery.

OFFICERS WHO HAVE SERVED WITH THIS BATTERY.

James Scott, Lieutenant on formation. Commission, 27.2.60. Resigned, 30.1.62.

Wm. Smith, 2nd Lieutenant, 11.10.60, 1st Lieutenant, 5.12.62. Resigned, 10.7.67.

Arthur Austen Davis, 1st Lieutenant, 24.5.62. Captain, 5.12.62, on the Corps being raised to a Battery. Resigned, 20.3.65, and appointed Surgeon on the Staff of the Brigade.

Walter William Wreford, 2nd Lieutenant, 5.12.62. Resigned, 3.6.64.

William Salt Slade, 2nd Lieutenant, 3.6.64, *vice* Wreford; 1st Lieutenant, 10.7.67, *vice* Smith, resigned. Resigned, 28.6.73.

William Henry Hinks, Captain, 20.3.65, *vice* Davies, resigned. Resigned, 17.12.68.

Joseph W. Trudgeon Butson, 2nd Lieutenant, 10.7.67, *vice* W. S. Slade promoted. Resigned, 27.7.69.

W. Smith, Captain, 17.12.68, *vice* Hinks, resigned. Resigned, 19.3.75.

Arthur Percy Davis, 2nd Lieutenant, 25.7.69, *vice* Butson, resigned. Transferred as Captain to No. 3 (Fowey), 26.3.73.

John Renton, Sub-Lieutenant, 17.12.73, *vice* W. S. Slade, resigned. Lieutenant same date. Resigned, 13.4.83.

R. S. Slade, Sub-Lieutenant, 9.10.75. Resigned, September, 1880.

W. P. A. Pattison, Assistant-Surgeon, enrolled, 15.9.60. Resigned, 15.5.62.

From the formation of this Battery up to date of disbandment (31.3.83) 170 members were enrolled in the same.

No. 8 BATTERY (HAYLE).

The first meeting with reference to the formation of a Volunteer Corps in this place was held at the School Room, Foundry Hill, on the 1st February, 1860. T. S. Bolitho, Esq., in the chair. Thomas Cornish, Esq., Ensign of the Rifle Corps at Penzance, and Samuel Higgs, Esq., Secretary of the same, were also present, with a large attendance from the place of all classes.

It was a question at first whether the Corps should be Artillery or Rifles. Interviews were had with Earl De Gray on the subject, who was in favour of the former, and looking at the fact that the majority of the members would be skilled mechanics, there appeared a decided reason for this preference. However, at a subsequent meeting held on the 14th of the month, it was resolved that the proposed Corps should be Rifles. The dress as then worn by the Artillery Volunteers in the Eastern division of the County, although of a most serviceable description, appears to have exercised a prejudicial effect in the minds of some against this branch of the Service. The advocates for an Artillery Corps were not however to be deterred, and at a second meeting called the following day, the proposition "that an Artillery Corps be formed forthwith" was carried unanimously. A subscription list was at once started; Harvey & Co. heading the same with £105, and before the meeting closed £151 12s. had been promised.

The authority for the formation of the Battery was issued from the Lieutenancy Office on the 5th of March, 1860.

Before the formation of this Battery the uniform of the Brigade had been the jersey; this was strongly objected to here and much correspondence and trouble was taken in the matter; in the end Lord Vivian convened a meeting of the Officers on the 3rd of April, when it was resolved, "that the uniform to be worn by the Hayle Artillery Corps be the selection of their own committee." The tunic was thereupon adopted, the cap with broad peak being worn with it.* The remainder of the Western

* A black waist-belt was worn over the tunic.

Batteries followed the example of Hayle, as regards the uniform, and it subsequently became the dress of the whole Brigade. The peak to the cap was directed to be discontinued by a Brigade Order issued on the 20th of April, 1861. The Band of this Battery wore white trousers with red stripe.

Sergeant Kettle arrived at Hayle on the 19th of April, 1860, as Instructor, and drill commenced under him the same evening.

In the following month, the undermentioned were appointed Non-Commissioned Officers in the Battery, viz:—

W. Hambly, Frank Harvey, Henry Warren, as Sergeants.

James Michell, John Vivian, W. J. Spray, as Corporals.

Charles Rusden, J. H. Burrall, J. Smitham, as Bombardiers.

On the 31st of the same month, two 24-pounder guns arrived per rail, and on the 12th June, 1860, gun drill commenced.

The first members were sworn in by Mr. T. S. Bolitho on the 23rd of June; he was received by a salute of 21 guns. Before leaving he promised the Corps a silver bugle, which was presented at Trevethoe on the 7th of August, and is still in use.

On the 7th of August, 1860, the first review of the West Cornwall Battalion of Volunteers was held at Trevethoe Park.

The total number of Volunteers on the ground was as follows:—

Hayle Artillery -	-	-	-	-	54.
Penzance Rifles	-	-	-	-	80.
Camborne „	-	-	-	-	80.
Truro „	1	and	2	Companies,	105.
Hayle „	-	-	-	-	35.
Redruth „	-	-	-	-	40.
Helston „	-	-	-	-	40.
Total	-	-	-	-	<u>434.</u>

On the completion of the “March Past,” the Hayle Battery fell out and kept the ground.

Lord Vivian, addressing the Battery at the close of the review, said, he had been told that they were one of the finest Corps in

the country, and he could now confirm that statement. They were certainly amongst the *élite* of Volunteer Corps, and should occasion arise, he felt convinced they would do their duty.

On the 22nd of February, 1861, Sergeant-Instructor Kettle was removed from Hayle; before leaving, a subscription was raised by the members and he was presented with a gold watch, value £15, and five sovereigns.

The first gun practice of the Battery appears to have taken place on the 6th of March, 1861, and seems to have been the first held in the Brigade.

On the 12th and 13th of the same month a bazaar in aid of the funds was held, which realized £169 3s. 1d.

On the 22nd of June, the Battery was examined by the Adjutant in manual and platoon, file and volley firing, aiming and position drill, and appears to have been the first Battery passed for carbine ball practice.

On the 25th of September, 1861, Colonel Maberley, R.A., inspected the Battery, and is reported to have said—

“ My object in visiting you is to find out your faults, but you have given me no opportunity to do this. In the working of your big guns every action was correct; in the use of your small arms you are as perfect as it is possible for Volunteers to become, and the manner in which you ‘proved,’ evidences the engraving of a discipline which I hope you will not relax. What I have seen to-day enables me to pay you the highest compliment it is possible for a military man to pay, that is, if you were drafted into the Line to-morrow I am convinced you would neither embarrass us nor yourselves, and if ever the Army should require the action or co-operation of the Volunteers, we should be proud to lay our hands on such a Battery as this, so perfectly at home are you in every department of drill. This is no idle flattery; throughout the whole course of my inspection, to two Batteries only in that extensive range have I been able to give such honourable distinction.”

Shortly afterwards the following memo. was issued from the War Office :—

“ REMARKS ON INSPECTION REPORT.”

“ Major Hume to convey to Captain W. Husband, the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and Gunners of the 8th Cornwall Artillery Volunteer Corps the thanks of the Secretary of State for War for the state of efficiency which this Corps is reported to have attained.”

(Signed) “ MCMURDO.”

On the 17th of October, Lord Vivian, the Lord Lieutenant of the County, inspected the Battery.

A black leather pouch-belt was adopted at the close of this year.

In April, 1862, a Bazaar was held, at St. Michael's Mount, in aid of the funds of the 12th Battery, which a large number of the members from the Hayle Corps attended.

On the 5th of September, a Carbine Prize Shooting, for the Western Batteries, was held on the Towans, at Hayle, the Battery Prize being won by the home Corps. Captain Husband made the highest individual score. On the 22nd of the following month, a similar meeting took place at Boskenna, near St. Buryan.

On the 2nd of July, 1863, the Prizes offered by the County Association were competed for at Hayle, all the Batteries, except No. 6 (West Fowey Consols), were represented, two members being sent from each. The weather was very fine, and enabled several hundreds of people to witness the contest. The Referee was Captain Price, R.A., Plymouth.

First Prize, £20, Lieutenant Kernick, of Charlestown; second, £15, Lieutenant Cade, of St. Ives; third, £10, Gunner Mathews, of Padstow; fourth, £5, Captain Husband, of Hayle; fifth, £5, Corporal Treweeke, of St. Ives,

23rd September, Carbine Competition, Western Batteries, at St. Ives.

28th July, 1864, similar meeting at Marazion. The Hayle Battery winning the first Prize.

On the 6th of May, 1865, Captain Husband resigned command of the Corps. He was presented, on leaving, with a silver claret jug, value 20 guineas. The following inscription was engraved on the testimonial:—"Presented to Captain Husband by the members of the 8th Duke of Cornwall's Artillery Volunteers, on his resigning the command of the Battery, and in token of their high respect for his able qualities, liberal spirit, and genial bearing, as an Officer and a gentleman, during the past five years of his Captaincy.—6th May, 1865."

On the 25th of July, 1865, the Battery formed a portion of the Guard of Honour for the Prince and Princess of Wales, on the occasion of their Royal Highnesses visiting Botallack Mine.

Sergeant Malcomson, Instructor to this Battery, was appointed Acting Sergeant-Major to the Brigade on the 30th of December, 1872. He was shortly afterwards removed from Hayle, on promotion to Master-Gunner.

On the consolidation of the Brigade in May, 1880, the Hayle Battery became No. 7.

On the 20th of May, 1880, a detachment from the Battery, consisting of three Officers and 60 Non-commissioned Officers and Gunners, proceeded to Truro to fire a Royal Salute, on the occasion of the Prince and Princess of Wales visiting the town to lay the foundation-stone of the new Cathedral. This Battery being selected to represent the Brigade in consideration of the high position it had taken for many years at the Annual Inspections.

In 1881, a 64-pounder R. M. L. gun was granted to the Battery, on the special recommendation of the Inspecting Officer in the previous year.

In 1882, a detachment, consisting of Sergeant-Major Hayes

and eight rank and file, proceeded to the Camp of the National Artillery Association, at Shoeburyness. This was the first time the Brigade had been represented.

In 1883, in consequence of the division at Polruan being disbanded, the Hayle Battery became No. 6 in the Brigade.

On the 4th of March, 1884, Sergeant-Instructor Hammond was appointed Acting Sergeant-Major to the Brigade, and removed to Penzance.

Colonel Newman, R.A., in his official report on the inspection, held on the 4th of October, states:—"The men were beautifully clean and smart in every respect. Marched past very well; and did the manual and firing exercise with marked precision. The quiet confident demeanour of the Sergeants and men all through gave me the idea that the Battery must have been carefully and systematically trained under proper supervision of the Officers. The attendance-book showed that the Officers and all the Sergeants had attended drill very regularly."

The name of Mr. Vivian should not be omitted from these notes. He was formerly a Sergeant in the Battery, and has for many years performed, in a most efficient manner, the duties of Honorary Secretary to the same.

Lieutenant Harvey and 14 Non-commissioned Officers and Gunners attended at Raglan Barracks, Devonport, from the 19th to the 26th July, 1884.

OFFICERS WHO HAVE SERVED WITH THE BATTERY.

William Husband, Captain on formation, 2.4.60. Resigned, 6.5.65.

John Pool, 1st Lieutenant on formation; commission 2.4.60. Captain, 6.5.65, *vice* Husband, resigned. Resigned, 13.4.67.

Nicholas James West, 2nd Lieutenant on formation, 2.4.60. 1st Lieutenant, 6.5.65, *vice* Pool, promoted. Captain, 13.4.67, *vice* Pool, resigned. Resigned 21.8.72.

Francis Harvey, 2nd Lieutenant, 6.5.65, *vice* West, promoted.

1st Lieutenant, 13.4.67, *vice* West, promoted. Resigned 6.4.70. Re-appointed as Captain, *vice* West, resigned, 16.10.72. Still serving.

William Hambly, 2nd Lieutenant, 13.4.67, *vice* Harvey, promoted. 1st Lieutenant, 5.4.70, *vice* Harvey, resigned. Resigned 28.9.72.

H. H. Trevethick, 2nd Lieutenant, 16.10.72. 1st Lieutenant, 1.6.73. Still serving.

George H. Eustice, 1st Lieutenant 31.5.73, *vice* Hambly, resigned. Resigned, 9.3.83. Permitted to retain rank and wear the uniform of the Corps on his retirement.

F. H. Harvey, Lieutenant, 4.4.83. Still serving.

B. T. Vivian, Honorary Assistant-Surgeon, 6.8.62. Still serving.

NAMES OF MEMBERS STILL SERVING WHO HAVE BEEN ENROLLED UPWARDS OF 20 YEARS.

Corporal R. White, enrolled 6.11.60.

Battery Sergeant-Major Hayes, enrolled 1.8.61. Resigned 31.3.71. Re-enrolled 29.7.71.

Quartermaster-Sergeant Ivey, enrolled 1.12.64.

Since the formation of the Battery up to the 31st December, 1884, 519 members have been enrolled in the same.

No. 9 (FOWEY CONSOLS).

Sub-division formed 28th March, 1860. Incorporated with No. 5 (Par) 13th October, 1863.

OFFICERS WHO HAVE SERVED WITH THE ABOVE.

Samuel Sampson, Lieutenant on formation, 2.4.60. Resigned 20.10.63.

William Pace, Honorary Assistant-Surgeon, 25.2.61. Resigned 22.10.61, and appointed on Staff of Brigade.

NO. 10 BATTERY (ST. BURYAN).

At the first meetings held here with reference to the question of raising an Artillery Corps it was proposed that the same should be a Field Battery, as it appeared there would be little difficulty in obtaining the necessary supply of horses from the neighbouring farmers, but looking at the extra expense which would probably be entailed, it was finally resolved that Garrison Artillery would be more advisable.

Authority for forming a Sub-division was given on the 8th of September, 1860,* the Corps to be numbered the 10th Cornwall Artillery, or, as it was then called, "The Land's End Artillery;" the first four members sworn in were Messrs. Hodge (afterwards Captain in the Battery), Webster, Jackson and Gartrell.

On the 6th of November following, a full Company was sanctioned; outlying detachments being formed at St. Just, Sennen, and Sancreed; the first became a distinct Corps about two years afterwards, and the two last gradually ceased to exist.

On the 4th of October, 1861, the Battery was represented at Charlestown, when the prizes offered by the County Association were competed for.

On the 10th of March, 1863, the Battery fired a Royal Salute in honour of the marriage of the Prince of Wales.

On the 2nd of July in the same year, Lieutenant Hodge and Corporal John Mann represented the Battery at the Gun Competition for the County Association Prizes at Hayle.

On the 25th of July, 1865, the Battery formed a portion of the Guard of Honour on the occasion of their Royal Highnesses, the Prince and Princess of Wales, visiting Botallack Mine, returning immediately afterwards to the practice Battery at Sennen, from whence they fired a Royal Salute as the Royal Yacht passed.

* The actual date of acceptance appears to have been the 4th of July.

On the 26th of September in this year, the removal of the two 32-pounder S.B. guns from Sennen to Newlyn was authorized.

On the 5th of January, 1868, the Battery was called upon by Captain Bevan to furnish Guards at the Glebe Battery, Penzance, and at the Volunteer Practice Battery at Newlyn, at both of which places a considerable quantity of Artillery material was stored. These precautions were deemed necessary, owing to the reported presence of Fenians in the neighbourhood.

In May, 1873, two 64-pounder R.M.L. Guns were issued to this Battery; these, with one forwarded to the 2nd Battery (Looe), in the same month, were the first Rifle Guns granted to the Brigade.

On the 2nd of March, 1877, the sanction of the War Office was given to remove the Headquarters of the Battery from Newlyn to Penzance, and at the same time permission to enrol 50 supernumeraries was granted. On the consolidation of the Brigade in May, 1880, this Battery became No. 8, and on the disbandment of Polruan (1.4.83) moved up again one place, and is now No. 7 Battery. In 1884 a detachment, consisting of Sergeants Woolcock and Woodfield, and 7 rank and file, was selected from this Battery to represent the Brigade at the National Artillery Camp at Shoeburyness.

The Inspecting Officer for this year thus reports of this Battery :
 " Battery paraded on esplanade under Captain Marrack, who was
 " well up in his duties, and did the ' March Past,' and manual and
 " firing exercises very well ; he also formed the Battery into
 " Company Square, which was smartly done ; the gun drill was very
 " good, the Sergeants and men very well up to their duties ; saw
 " a squad at the ' Shoebury Shift,' and two squads at gyn drill,
 " the first put the gyn together, placed it, and took the weight,
 " the second reversed the operation, a marvellous performance, but
 " to my mind savouring more of a gymnastic feat than a steady
 " repository exercise, the Sergeants were too excited, the result of

“carrying competition too far; the Battery were very clean and smart, and reflected great credit on Captain Marrack, the “Instructors and Sergeants.” Captain Marrack and 19 Non-Commissioned Officers and men attended at Raglan Barracks, Devonport, from the 19th to the 26th of July, 1884.

LIST OF OFFICERS WHO HAVE SERVED WITH THE BATTERY :—

- Charles Dacres Bevan, Captain on formation, 6.11.60; resigned 25.5.69.
- Richard Mitchell Roberts, 1st Lieutenant on formation, 6.7.61; 10.7.67.
- Samuel Harvey, 2nd Lieutenant on formation, 6.7.61; resigned and transferred to St. Just, 26.9.62.
- Henry Hodge, 2nd Lieutenant, 26.9.62, *vice* Harvey. 1st Lieutenant, 3.8.67, *vice* Roberts, resigned. Captain, 5.9.77, *vice* Ross, resigned. Resigned, 16.8.81. Permitted to retain rank and wear the uniform of the Corps on retirement. Captain Hodge was attached to a Battery of Royal Artillery for a course of instruction for some weeks.
- Samuel Higgs, 2nd Lieutenant, 3.8.67, *vice* Hodge, promoted. Resigned 10.2.71.
- Charles Campbell Ross, Captain, 24.5.69, *vice* Bevan, resigned. Resigned, August, 1877.
- W. H. Borlase, 2nd Lieutenant, 28.2.71, *vice* Higgs, resigned. Resigned 19.3.75.
- P. Marrack, Sub-Lieutenant, 8.1.76, *vice* Borlase, resigned. Lieutenant, same date. Captain, 24.9.81, *vice* Hodge, resigned. Still serving.
- John Nicholls, Lieutenant, 14.1.82, *vice* Marrack, promoted. Still serving.
- George T. Olver, Lieutenant, 14.1.82. Resigned, 27.11.83.
- R. B. Searle, Honorary Assistant-Surgeon, 16.2.61. Resigned, and appointed to No. 13 (St. Just), 26.9.62.

Henry Grenfell, Honorary Assistant-Surgeon, 26.9.62. Assistant-Surgeon on Brigade Staff, 26.10.68. Honorary Surgeon-Major, 28.10.82. Still serving.

The only member still in the Battery who has served upwards of 20 years is,

Gunner John Wallis, enrolled, 1.9.60.

Since the formation of the Battery, up to the 31st of December, 1884, 712 members have been enrolled in the same.

No. 11 BATTERY (ST. IVES).

Authority for the formation of the Battery was given on the 8th of September, 1860.

The Battery was represented at Charlestown on the 4th of October, 1861, and on the 21st of July, 1862, when the Prizes offered by the County Association were competed for. It was also represented at a similar competition held at Hayle on the 2nd of July, 1863, Lieutenant Cade and Corporal Treweeke, of this Battery, winning the third and fifth Prizes respectively.

On the 25th of July, 1865, the Battery formed part of the Guard of Honour on the occasion of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales visiting Botallack Mine.

Sergeant-Instructor Bloomfield was appointed Acting Sergeant-Major to the Brigade on the 19th of June, 1874.

On the 2nd of May, 1877, the Battery was ordered to be reduced to a Division, and on the 3rd of May in the following year it was finally disbanded.

LIST OF OFFICERS WHO HAVE SERVED WITH THE BATTERY.

Robert Snaith Hichens, Captain on formation, 8.11.60. Resigned, 27.6.61. Re-appointed as 2nd Lieutenant, 23.6.63. Resigned, 7.2.65.

- John Newman Tremearne, 1st Lieutenant on formation, 8.11.60.
Resigned, 30.11.61. Re-appointed as Captain, 5.4.70, *vice*
Grenfell resigned. Resigned, 30.12.71.
- Charles Granville Grenfell, 2nd Lieutenant on formation, 8.11.60.
Captain, 26.6.61, *vice* Hichens, resigned. Resigned, 6.4.70.
- William Hichens, 2nd Lieutenant, 26.6.61, *vice* Grenfell, pro-
moted. 1st Lieutenant, 30.11.61., *vice* Tremearne, resigned.
Resigned, 23.6.63.
- William Cade, 2nd Lieutenant, 30.11.61, *vice* Hichens, promoted.
1st Lieutenant, 23.6.63, *vice* Hichens, resigned. Resigned,
11.12.69.
- Richard Francis Treweeke, 2nd Lieutenant, 18.3.65, *vice* Cade,
resigned. Resigned, 6.4.70.
- Richard Cogar, 1st Lieutenant, 5.4.70. Resigned, 30.12.71.
- Charles Curnow, 2nd Lieutenant, 5.4.70, *vice* Treweeke, resigned.
Resigned, May, 1878.
- Edward G. Davenport, Captain, 2.8.73, *vice* Tremearne, resigned.
Died, 4.12.74.
- Ed. Fitzgerald, Sub-Lieutenant, 2.8.73. Captain, March, 1875,
vice Davenport, deceased. Resigned, 23.6.76.
- D. F. Stevens, Honorary Assistant-Surgeon, 8.11.60. Resigned,
May, 1878.

From the formation of the Battery up to the 3rd of May, 1878,
when it was ordered to be disbanded, 255 members were enrolled
in it.

NO. 12 BATTERY (MARAZION).

By a circular, dated Marazion, 3rd November, 1859, and signed
by Abm. Bennett, Secretary, it appears that it was proposed to
establish a Company named the Marazion, St. Hilary, Ludgvan,
and Perran-uthnoe Volunteer Rifle Corps; several gentlemen in
the neighbourhood subscribed liberally towards the movement, but
here it seems to have ended.

On the 9th of January, 1861, a circular, signed by Mr. R. R.

Michell, the Mayor, was issued, calling a Public Meeting "for the purpose of considering the propriety of establishing a Volunteer Artillery Corps for Marazion and the neighbourhood." The meeting was held in Sir Christopher Cole's Schoolroom on the 14th of that month, R. R. Michell, Esq., in the chair. It was proposed by John St. Aubyn, Esq., M.P., seconded by J. G. Cole, Esq., and resolved "that a Volunteer Artillery Corps for this town and neighbourhood be established." A Committee was formed, of which Mr. Thomas W. Field (afterwards an Officer of the Corps) was appointed Honorary Secretary.

On the 11th of February, 1861, the Honorary Secretary announced that Her Majesty had been graciously pleased to accept the services of the Corps, to be numbered the 12th Cornwall Artillery Volunteers, and called a Meeting to decide upon the names proposed for Commissioned Officers. This Meeting was held on the 16th of the same month, and the following names were submitted to the Lord Lieutenant, viz. :—

John St. Aubyn, Esq., M.P., to be Captain.

Thomas Willis Field, Esq., to be 1st Lieutenant.

John Laity, Esq., to be 2nd Lieutenant.

These Officers were commissioned, 6.4.61.

On the 20th of April, 51 members, including the three Officers mentioned above, were sworn in by W. Pascoe, Esq., a Deputy-Lieutenant of the County of Cornwall. On the same day also, the undermentioned were appointed Non-commissioned Officers in the Corps :—

A. O. Michell, Sergeant-Major.

W. Angove,

W. L. Passmore, } Sergeants.

J. Gundry,

J. F. Hosking, }

J. Wren, } Corporals.

H. Floyd,

S. Thomas,	} Bombardiers.
T. Guard,	
J. White,	

It being resolved at the time "that all the Non-Commissioned Officers pay for their own outfit."

For a considerable time no Instructor was appointed to the Battery, and the drills had to be conducted by Lieutenant Field, who had had some experience as a member of a London Rifle Corps, and the Sergeant-Major. The drills were at this time carried out in an old blacksmith's shop, which had been connected with the Mount's Bay Mine, then abandoned. Chymorvah House, the property of Major Field, now stands on this spot.

On the 4th of October, 1861, the Battery was represented at Charlestown at the competition for the County Association Prizes, Lieutenant Laity winning the first Prize of the Meeting. A similar Competition was held at the same place on the 21st of July, 1862.

A Bazaar was held this year at St. Michael's Mount and realized £150.

On the 2nd of July, 1863, Sergeant-Major Angove and Trumpeter Teague represented the Battery at the Competition held at Hayle.

In July, 1865, the Battery furnished a Guard of Honour, under Lieutenant Field, on the arrival of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales at St. Michael's Mount. Royal Salutes were also fired by the Battery on their arrival and departure.

Owing to a considerable falling off in the numbers, on the 14th of August, 1865, a reduction to a Sub-division was ordered, and in 1867 notice was received that a further reduction to a Section was contemplated, unless the numbers could be increased. Owing to the exertions of Lieutenant Field, this happily was averted, and instead of reduction, on the 30th of September, 1867, the Sub-division was raised to a Battery.

On the consolidation of the Brigade in May, 1880, this Battery became No. 9, and on the disbandment of the Division at Polruan on the 31st of March, 1883, moved up another place, and is now No. 8.

On Major Field's resigning the command of the Battery in 1875, he was presented by the members with a handsome testimonial in the shape of a clock, mounted in serpentine.

Thirteen Non-Commissioned Officers and men attended at Raglan Barracks, Devonport, from the 19th to the 26th of July, 1884.

LIST OF OFFICERS WHO HAVE SERVED WITH THE BATTERY.

John St. Aubyn, Captain on formation, 5.4.61. Resigned. 7.11.65.

Thomas Willis Field, 1st Lieutenant on formation, 5.4.61. Captain, 28.9.67. Major, 5.9.74. Resigned commission as Captain, 4.1.75. Still serving as Major.

John Laity, 2nd Lieutenant on formation, 5.4.61. Resigned, 10.7.67.

Robert Edward Michell Millett, 2nd Lieutenant 10.7.67, *vice* Laity, resigned. 1st Lieutenant 28.9.67, *vice* Field, promoted. Resigned, 5.4.70.

Ambrose Oxley Michell, 2nd Lieutenant 28.9.67, *vice* Millett, promoted. 1st Lieutenant, 15.4.70, *vice* Millett, resigned. Captain, 30.1.75, *vice* Field, resigned. Still serving.

John Medley Doble, 2nd Lieutenant, 1.1.72. Resigned, 1.6.73.

Thomas Branwell, 2nd Lieutenant, 3.5.79, *vice* Doble, resigned. Resigned, 16.8.81.

G. R. Harrison, 2nd Lieutenant, 31.5.79. 1st Lieutenant, same date. Resigned, 28.12.83.

W. G. Congdon, Honorary Assistant-Surgeon, 5.7.61. Died, June, '76.

W. R. Trezise, Acting Assistant-Surgeon, 19.7.76. Died, 19.7.81.

J. Mudge, Acting-Surgeon, 14.9.81. Still serving.

Since the formation of the Battery, up to the 31st of December, 1884, 525 members have been enrolled in the same.

No. 13 BATTERY (ST. JUST).

Formerly an outlying detachment of the St. Burian Battery. Authority was received 4th October, 1862, for it to become a distinct Sub-Division, to be numbered the 13th Cornwall Artillery Volunteers.

Lieutenant Harvey represented the Sub-Division at Hayle, on the 2nd of July, 1863, when the Prizes offered by the County Association were competed for with the 24-pounder S.B. guns.

On the 25th of July, 1865, the Corps formed a portion of the Guard of Honour on the occasion of their Royal Highnesses, the Prince and Princess of Wales, visiting Botallack Mine.

On the 13th of February, 1867, a communication was received calling attention to the fact that the Corps was considerably below its establishment, and stating that it would be reduced to a Section unless the numbers increased. Owing, however, to the exertions of Lieutenant Thomas, the difficulty was got over, and, instead of reduction, application to be raised to a full Battery was made, which was finally approved on the 14th of November, 1867.

On the consolidation of the Brigade in May, 1880, the St. Just Battery became No. 10, and on the disbandment of Polruan on the 31st of March, 1883, moved up another place, becoming No. 9.

In 1881, a 64-pounder R.M.L. was issued to this Battery on the special recommendation of Colonel Heberden, R.A., the Inspecting Officer of the previous year.

In 1883, a detachment, consisting of Sergeant-Major R. Wil-

liams and 8 rank-and-file, were selected from this Battery to represent the Brigade at the Camp of the National Artillery Association at Shoeburyness, and were most highly commended for their appearance and discipline. The Adjutant of the 2nd Provisional Brigade writing to Colonel Gilbert to bring their exemplary conduct to his notice.

The Inspecting Officer of 1884 reports of this Corps: "Saw a very smart Battery under Major Thomas and Lieutenant James march past, manual and firing exercise smart, company drill very good, gun drill excellent, repository work very smartly performed."

Lieutenant James and 17 Non-commissioned Officers and men attended at Raglan Barracks during the year.

LIST OF OFFICERS WHO HAVE SERVED WITH THE BATTERY.

Samuel Harvey, 1st Lieutenant, 26.9.62. Transferred from No. 10 (St. Burian) on the formation of a Sub-division at St. Just. Resigned 25.3.71.

Richard Thomas, 2nd Lieutenant on formation, 26.9.62. Captain, 14.11.67, on being raised to a Battery. Major 20.9.75, *vice* Banks, deceased. Resigned (as Major only) 6.2.79. Honorary Major 17.11.72. Still serving.

John Barwis, 2nd Lieutenant, 14.11.67, *vice* Thomas, promoted. 1st Lieutenant,—3.71, *vice* Harvey, resigned. Resigned 10.3.77.

Arthur Hodge James, 2nd Lieutenant —3.71, *vice* Barwis, promoted. Lieutenant, 1.6.73. Still serving.

R. B. Searle, Honorary Assistant-Surgeon, 16.2.61, in No. 10 (St. Buryan). Resigned, 26.9.62, and appointed to St. Just same date. Resigned, 23.10.76.

NAMES OF MEMBERS STILL SERVING WHO HAVE BEEN ENROLLED UPWARDS OF 20 YEARS.

Major R. Thomas, enrolled, 7.6.61.

Battery Sergeant-Major R. Williams, enrolled, 7.6.61. Resigned, 21.10.66. Re-enrolled, 31.5.67.

Since the formation of the Battery up to the 31st of December, 1884, 449 members have been enrolled in the same.

No. 10 BATTERY (FALMOUTH).

The Battery was formed here on the 1st of April, 1883, owing mainly to the exertions and influence of W. H. Christoe, Esq., who had formerly held a commission in the 1st Cornwall Rifle Volunteers.

The first members were sworn in on the 4th of the same month.

The first gun practice was held on the 1st of August at Pen-dennis Castle.

On the 18th of September, the Battery, numbering 60 of all ranks, attended a Battalion drill held at Par for the Eastern Corps.

Shortly after the Battery was formed, the following account of it appeared in the *Western Morning News* :—

“The success which has attended the newly-formed Volunteer Artillery Corps at Falmouth has fully justified its formation. When Captain Christoe first started the idea there were those who did not think his hopes would be quite realized, but in reality his most sanguine expectations have been fully met. The Battery now consists of as fine a lot of men as could be produced in the county, and they all seem thoroughly imbued with an interest in their work. They were recently inspected by Colonel Gilbert, who complimented them on their appearance, and on the rapidity with which they are becoming proficient in their drill.

Captain Christoe, Lieutenants Tucker and Robinson and 38 N.-C. Officers and men (the largest number from any Battery)

attended at the Raglan Barracks, Devonport, from the 19th to the 26th July, 1884.

The Inspecting Officer for the year thus concludes his report on the Battery :—

“ Men very clean and smart. Arms and accoutrements in good order ; gun drill very good. Repository exercise requires more practice. A most creditable turn-out, considering the Corps’ short existence.”

Since the formation of the Battery up to the 31st of December, 92 members have been enrolled in the same.

LIST OF OFFICERS WHO HAVE SERVED WITH THE BATTERY.

W. H. Christoe, former service in 1st D.C.R.V. Lieutenant No. 5 (Par), Battery, 4.7.82. Transferred to No. 10 on formation. Captain, 2.5.83. Still serving.

A. St. John Lane, Lieutenant, 14.4.83. Resigned, 15.4.84.

Charles A. Tucker, Lieutenant, 21.4.83. Still serving.

C. W. Robinson, Lieutenant, 16.4.84. Still serving.

W. K. Bullmore, Acting Surgeon, 14.4.83. Still serving.

ST. BURIAN.

Formerly the Head Quarters of the 10th Battery, since removed to Penzance. There are still a large number of members residing in this neighbourhood. It having been found impossible for these to attend any of the parades at the Head Quarters, they have for the past two years worked as a distinct division under Lieutenant Nicholls ; application has been made to the War Office, which it is hoped may prove successful, that official sanction may be given to the same.*

* Authority has since been received for a distinct Division to be formed from the 1st of April, 1885.

The Division has been inspected separately the last two years. Colonel Newman, R. A. in his report for 1884 says:—

“ March past, manual and firing exercise, good. Lieutenant Nicholls drilled the Company very well. Men very steady. Caps not quite so smart as in other Corps. Gun drill good. Repository work satisfactorily performed by a Sergeant. No Instructor to the Battery, great credit due to the Officer and Sergeants for what they have done without assistance.”

.21 N.-C. Officers and men (the third largest number from any Battery) attended at the Raglan Barracks, Devonport, from the 19th to the 26th July, 1884.

STAFF OFFICERS.

Before the amalgamation of the various Corps, in addition to the Surgeon and Assistant-Surgeon borne on the Staff of the Brigade, other Medical Officers, and in some cases Chaplains also were appointed to Individual Batteries; on the consolidation taking place, these Officers were all transferred to the Staff, becoming supernumeraries. All appointments have since been made direct.

The services of most of the Officers given below will therefore appear also with the Batteries to which they originally belonged.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL.

Walter Raleigh Gilbert, former service in the Royal Artillery and Royal Horse Artillery from 1831 to 1855. Retired as Lieutenant-Colonel. Appointed to the command of the 1st D.C.A.V., 24.5.60. Hon. Colonel, 16.8.81. Appointed to be Companion to the Order of the Bath, 9.5.85.

MAJORS.

- Charles G. Prideaux Brune, 6.4.61. Resigned, 30.12.62. ¹
 Shadwell Morley Grylls (Major, Half-pay, R.A.), 23.11.62.
 Resigned, 13.5.73.
 Wm. Tonkin Banks, 5.9.74. Died, 4.4.75.
 Thos. Willis Field, 5.9.74. Still serving.
 Richard Thomas, 20.9.75. Resigned, 6.2.79. Still serving
 as Captain and Honorary Major.

MEDICAL OFFICERS.

Arthur Austen Davis, Honorary Assistant-Surgeon to No. 3 (Fowey), 16.12.59. Resigned 18.4.61, and appointed Surgeon to Brigade Staff. Resigned, 23.5.62, and appointed 1st Lieutenant to No. 7 (Polruan). Captain, 5.12.62. Resigned, 20.3.65, and re-appointed Surgeon on Brigade Staff same date. Hon. Surgeon-Major, 24.11.82. Resigned, 2.11.83. Permitted to wear the uniform of the Corps and retain his rank on retirement.

William Thomas Alexander Pattison, Honorary Assistant-Surgeon to No. 2 (Looe), 2.1.60, and to No. 7 (Polruan), 15.9.60, Resigned, 15.5.62.

Henry Marley, Honorary Assistant-Surgeon to No. 1 (Padstow). 5.1.60. Still serving.

William Pace, Honorary Assistant-Surgeon to No. 5 (Par), and No. 6 (West Fowey Consols), 9.2.60, and to No. 9 (Fowey Consols), 16.9.60. Resigned, 22.10.61, and appointed Assistant-Surgeon on Brigade Staff. Died, 8.7.70.

D. F. Stevens, Honorary Assistant-Surgeon to No. 11 (St. Ives), 8.11.60, and served until that Corps was disbanded May, 1878.

William Henry Box, Honorary Assistant-Surgeon to No. 2 (Looe), 23.2.61. Died, 23.8.61.

William George Congdon, Honorary Assistant-Surgeon to No. 12 (Marazion), 5.7.61. Died June, 1876.

Stephen Clogg, Honorary Assistant-Surgeon to No. 2 (Looe), 25.9.61. Appointed Assistant-Surgeon on Brigade Staff, 10.8.70. Became Surgeon, 1.10.77, on the rank of Assistant-Surgeon being abolished. Honorary Surgeon-Major, 17.11.82. Still serving.

R. B. Searle, Honorary Assistant-Surgeon to No. 10 (St. Burian), 16.2.61. Resigned, 26.9.62, and appointed to same rank in No. 13 (St. Just). Resigned, 23.10.76.

B. T. Vivian, Honorary Assistant-Surgeon to No. 8 (Hayle), 6.8.62. Still serving.

Henry Grenfell, Honorary Assistant-Surgeon, to No. 10 (St. Burian), 26.9.62. Assistant-Surgeon on Brigade Staff, 26.10.68. Surgeon, 1.10.77, on the rank of Assistant-Surgeon being abolished. Honorary Surgeon-Major, 28.10.82. Still serving.

Moncke Mason, Honorary Assistant-Surgeon to No. 4 (Charlestown), 5.4.64. Resigned, 6.5.65.

J. P. Berryman, Honorary Assistant-Surgeon to No. 4; 6.5.65. Died, March, 1880.

Samuel Mason, Honorary Assistant-Surgeon to No. 3 (Fowey), 10.9.66, and to No. 5 (Par), 10.9.70. Resigned, 4.5.77.

W. R. Trezise, Acting Assistant-Surgeon to No. 12 (Marazion), 19.7.76. Died, 19.7.81.

R. B. Hill, Acting Assistant-Surgeon to No. 5 (Par), 9.5.77. Resigned, 9.10.78.

William Mason, Acting Surgeon, 24.4.80. Still serving.

J. Mudge, Acting Surgeon, 14.9.81. Still serving.

Thomas St. Patrick Tuckey, Acting Surgeon, 28.10.82. Still serving.

W. King Bullmore, Acting Surgeon, 14.4.83. Still serving.

CHAPLAINS.

Rev. H. N. Purcell, Honorary Chaplain to No. 3 (Fowey), 29.1.71. Still serving.

Rev. Paul Bush, Honorary Chaplain to No. 2 (Looe), 28.2.71. Resigned, 12.6.73.

Rev. John Downes Hawksley, Honorary Chaplain to No. 5 (Par) 15.4.71. Resigned, 6.7.72.

Rev. A. H. Ferris, Honorary Chaplain to No. 4 (Charlestown), 18.7.71. Still serving.

Rev. Arthur Kemble, Honorary Chaplain to No. 2 (Looe), 8.10.73. Became Acting Chaplain to Brigade on amalgamation. Resigned, 16.7.81.

Rev. Edward Douglas Jones, Acting Chaplain to Brigade, 16.8.81. Still serving.

ADJUTANTS.

Robert Edyvean, late Captain, Cornwall and Devon Miners Artillery. Adjutant, 27.9.60. Temporary Captain in Army, 25.2.74. Honorary Major, October, 1879. Died, 18.9.80.

John Peverell Rogers, Captain, R.A., Adjutant, 3.11.80. Resigned the appointment, 3.3.81.

B. A. Milne, Captain, R.M.A., Adjutant, 3.3.81.

APPENDIX.

THE following interesting return of the Volunteers of Cornwall is given in an historical sketch of Looe by Thomas Bond, published in 1823:—

“ A View of the Volunteer Army of Great Britain in the year 1806 ;
 “ designed to commemorate the great and united spirit of the British
 “ People, armed for the support of their antient glory and independence
 “ against the unprincipled ambition of the French Government.

“ ROYAL CORNWALL VOLUNTEERS.

	Men.		Uniforms.
“ Grinnis Cliff Battery ...	120	Captain Joseph Dingle ...	1
“ Fowey Artillery ...	180	„ William Brown ...	2
“ Helstone Infantry ...	60	„ John Rogers ...	2
“ Killigrew Cavalry ..	56	„ H. P. Andrews ...	3
“ Launceston Infantry ...	285	Lieut.-Colonel Thomas Phillips	4
“ Looe Artillery ...	70	Captain Thomas Bond ...	2
“ Maker Artillery, 1st Comp.	121	„ William Little ...	2
“ „ „ 2nd „	90	„ William Vallack ...	2
“ Loyal Meneage Artillery...	574	Lieut.-Colonel J. Passingham	5
“ Mountsbay First Regi- ment of Infantry }	569	„ „ Rose Price ...	5
“ Mountsbay Second Regi- ment of Infantry }	418	„ „ R. Hichens ...	6
“ Mountsbay Artillery ...	215	Major John Davis ...	2
“ Pendennis Artillery ...	578	Lieut.-Colonel Isaac Burgess ...	7
“ Penryn Infantry ...	418	„ „ George C. George	8
“ Penwith Cavalry ...	105	Major Lord De Dunstanville ...	9
“ Royal Redruth Infantry ...	108	Captain Henry Noal ...	5
“ St. Ives Infantry ...	878	Lieut.-Colonel James Halse ...	6
“ „ Artillery...			7
“ St. Mabyn Infantry ...	92	Captain Francis J. Hext ...	10
“ Breage Infantry ...	118	„ John Tregear...	5

"East Cornwall Troop ...	44	{	"	Rt. Hon. Reginald Pole	
				Carew ...	11
"St. Germans Cavalry ...	40		"	Lord Eliot ...	11
"North Cornwall Infantry...	680		Lieut.-Colonel	Wrey Jans ...	4
"East Cornwall Infantry ...	1078		"	Lord Eliot ...	5
"Loyal Meneage Cavalry ...	186		Major	Vyell Vyvyan ...	11
"Portreath Artillery ...	94		Captain	W. Reynolds ...	2
"Roseland Infantry ...	848		Lieut.-Colonel	Francis Gregor	5
"Royal Stannary Artillery	1118		"	Thomas Tyrwhitt	2
"Truro Infantry ...	844		"	Thomas Warren	5
					<u>8862</u>

The effective force of the Volunteer Army of Great Britain in the year 1806 was—

Cavalry ...	...	...	81,771
Infantry ...	...	...	828,956
Artillery ...	...	...	10,188
			<u>970,860</u>
Total ...	...	...

The following extract from the *Western Morning News* contains an interesting account of the Cornwall Artillery Volunteers, on the occasion of their proceeding to Mount Edgcumbe, on the 10th July, 1869:—

"On Tuesday last the Cornwall Artillery Volunteers, who had been appointed to form a guard of honour to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, as Duke of Cornwall, if he had landed at Plymouth, on being informed that it was not the Prince's intention to visit the shore, obtained permission to salute him from a field-battery of 6 six-pounders, which, with the noble owner's sanction, were placed in position on an elevated spot in Mount Edgcumbe Park, by the kindness of Colonel Pester, of the Royal Artillery. Availing themselves of this distinguished privilege, they obtained an opportunity of displaying not only the promptitude and order in which they were capable of acting as a military body, but also of proving their efficiency to work the guns of a battery, on an occasion when promptitude and discipline were indispensable qualifications to success.

"The party was fortunately commanded by an able and experienced Artillery Officer, Colonel Walter Raleigh Gilbert, who directed every

“ movement and evolution at the guns with such clearness and precision as to render their working light and easy. The regularity of the fire must have convinced even professional observers that the guns were served by men well up to their work, and it assured their commander that, although they were then merely firing blank cartridge as a peaceful salute in honour of the heir to the crown of England, they would be found equally eager and ready if required to fire ball in his and their country's defence.

“ Colonel Gilbert, then at Bodmin, did not receive final information relative to the movements of the royal party until noon on Monday, when only a few hours were left to him to countermand his previous orders, and issue fresh directions; this he accomplished by despatching special messengers to the captains of the several corps from which the men were selected, viz., Padstow, Looe, and Fowey, with orders for them to repair to Plymouth by the last up train on that day, where he would be ready to receive them at half-past ten.

“ The gallant Colonel's energy and zeal (qualities by which many members of his family have immortalized their names in their country's service), were equal to the occasion, and enabled him to surmount every difficulty in such a manner as to excite the admiration of every one acquainted with his proceedings. The men, about 70 in number, on their arrival in Plymouth, were marched to Pearse's Hotel, near the station, and fell in, in the long room, where they were unavoidably detained until half-past eleven, when they were dismissed, with orders to be ready to march for Mount Edgcumbe at 2 a.m. Many of them stood much in need of rest, having marched several miles to join the railway stations, without a murmur; however, having received some refreshment, they stretched themselves along the floors of their billets, in their uniforms, with all the indifference of old campaigners, ready for a start at a moment's notice.

“ At half-past two a.m. they were in full march towards Mutton Cove, Devonport, where they embarked for Cremyll Passage. On landing they re-formed, and directed their course to the battery. At a quarter to four they fired their first salute in honour of the Prince Consort, then steaming out of the Sound in the Royal Yacht. After which they were dismissed from their guns until a little before seven, when they again stood to quarters, and shortly afterwards saluted the Duke of Cornwall, as the “Hero” steamed round the

“ western end of the Breakwater. Having formed to retire, Colonel Gilbert, in a short and appropriate address, commended them in flattering terms for the steadiness, order, and activity which they had displayed on the occasion. On their return to Cremyll, they found the Stonehouse Volunteers, of which Lord Valletort is Captain, under the command of Lieutenant Rodd, drawn up to receive them, and on crossing the passage the Rifles fell in with the blue-frocked Artillery, and they marched together into the barracks of the former, where hearty cheers of unity and goodwill were exchanged between them, and at the close three deafening cheers, by all hands, which made the barrack walls ring again, for the ladies of Cornwall; they having been represented by two young ladies, whose loyalty and patriotism induced them to remain at the Battery, under the protection of their father, from three to seven o'clock in the morning, in order to witness the departure of the Duke of Cornwall for a distant land, and from their point of observation, to wish him ‘ God speed, and a safe return.’ ”

Copy of the Minutes of a meeting held at Bodmin on the 30th November, 1860, to frame Dress Regulations:—

“ At a meeting of the Officers of the several Batteries of Artillery Volunteers, held at Bodmin on the 30th November, 1860,

“ Colonel Gilbert in the chair,

“ It was unanimously resolved that a tunic (Artillery pattern) should be worn by the Officers of the Brigade.

“ That black square cord should be substituted for that worn by the Royal Artillery—gold.

“ That black mohair or silk lace and red braid be substituted for the gold lace and braid of Royal Artillery.

“ COLONEL—

“ *Crown and star of gold on collar.*

“ LIEUTENANT-COLONEL—

“ *Crown of gold on collar.*

“ MAJOR—

“ *Star of gold on collar.*

Collar edged all round with black cord, and black lace inside, the same $\frac{3}{4}$ in. broad; the cord to be edged inside with scarlet braid.

Sleeve ornament—chevron of black mohair or silk braid, $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. wide, with three rows of scarlet braid outside the chevron, two rows figured, and the centre one plain, 11 inches deep.

“ CAPTAIN—

“ *Crown and star of gold.*

“ LIEUTENANT—

“ *Crown of gold on collar.*

Collar edged all round with black cord, laced round the top with black silk or mohair lace, $\frac{3}{4}$ in. broad, the cord to be edged with scarlet braid.

Sleeve ornament—Austrian knot of black square cord, traced in and out with red braid, 8 in. deep, and figured for Captains: seven in. deep, and plain for Lieutenants.

“ Surgeons as Majors.

“ Assistant-Surgeons as Lieutenants.

“ The forage-cap to be of blue cloth, with red piping round the edge, scarlet band, and silver cannon in front, the same size as on the cartouche, with black patent leather peak, cap loose, and not set up.

“ Pouch belt to be of black patent leather, breast plate, Prince of Wales' plume, 15 balls, with Cornwall Artillery Volunteers on scroll. Sword belts, black patent leather.

“ Buttons silver, with crown and three guns. Trousers blue, with red stripe. Sword, steel scabbard. Sabretache for Adjutant, black patent leather.

“ Gunners to wear blue tunic, collar to be edged round with black cord, edged inside with scarlet braid. Austrian knot of black square cord on sleeve. Cap of blue cloth, red piping round the edge, scarlet band, and black leather peak.

“ Appointments, black-enamelled leather. Chevrons of N.-C. Officers to be of red cloth, to be worn above the elbow.”

The following extract from the local paper of the 5th October, 1861, contains an interesting account of the meeting held the previous day:—

“ PRIZE SHOOTING AT CHARLESTOWN.

“ The little town of Charlestown, which lies on the coast, about a mile-and-a-half from St. Austell, was yesterday enlivened by the presence of the Artillery Corps of the County, who had assembled to compete for the Prizes offered by the Cornwall Volunteer Association.

“The following Batteries were represented:—No. 1, Padstow; No. 2, Looe; No. 8, Fowey; No. 4, Charlestown; No. 5, Par; No. 7, Polruan; No. 9, Fowey Consols; No. 10, Land’s End; No. 12, Marazion. Fortunately for the shooting, the weather was favourable; the consequence of which was that many visitors were attracted to the place. The shooting took place at the battery of the 4th Cornwall Artillery Volunteer Corps, and commenced about eleven o’clock. Each Battery was allowed to send three men, and each Section two men, with, where possible, a sufficient number of men to work the gun. Four shots were allowed to each competitor, two in each range; and in any case where the hits of competitors were equal in merit, two more shots would be allowed to those who had equality. Major Grylls, of the Royal Artillery, was present, and the Batteries were under the command of Colonel Gilbert, the Officer commanding the Cornwall Artillery Volunteers. Through the liberality of Mr. Freeth, Mr. Coode, and the Rev. G. Lamb, each Volunteer was supplied with two shillings.”

Then follows a record of each shot, which is rather too long to repeat here, but the names of the competitors may be interesting:—

“PADSTOW—Bombardier J. Osborne; Gunners R. D. Lobb and C. Truscott.

“LOOE—Bombardiers Shapcott and Harvey; Gunner T. Shapcott.

“FOWEY—Sergeant-Major Babe; Corporal T. Cobbledick; and Gunner G. Dunn.

“CHARLESTOWN—Sergeants J. Crowle, J. Rowse; and Gunner E. Roberts.

“PAR—Sergeants Hall and J. Manley; and Bombardier Tregoning.

“POLRUAN—Gunners J. Cossentine and R. Renton.

“FOWEY CONSOLS—Corporals R. Sheers and J. Thomas.

“LAND’S END—Sergeant S. Harvey; Bombardier P. Crebo; and Gunner W. Mann.

“MARAZION—Sergeant Passmore; Corporal H. Floyd; and Gunner P. Semmens.

“For the first Prize, Sergeant Crowle, of Charlestown, and Sergeant Harvey, of the Land’s End Battery, having been declared to have made shots of equal merit, shot off the tie at 1600 yards’ range. The result of the firing was that the Prize was awarded to Sergeant Harvey.

“ The second Prize was adjudged to Corporal Floyd, of the Marazion Battery.

“ *For the Ladies' Prize*—a pair of opera glasses—the competitors were :—

“ PADSTOW—Sergeants W. H. Martyn and Seaton.

“ LOOE—Captain Thomas and Lieutenant Bishop.

“ FOWEY—Captain Sobey and Lieutenant W. Hicks.

“ CHARLESTOWN—Lieutenants W. T. Banks and R. T. Kernick.

“ PAR—Lieutenant Dunstan and Sergeant-Major Peters.

“ FOWEY CONSOLS—Lieutenant Sampson and Bombardier J. Tadd.

“ LAND'S END—Sergeant Harvey and Bombardier P. Crebo.

“ MARAZION—Lieutenants Field and Laity.

“ Lieutenant Laity, of the Marazion Corps, was declared the winner of this Prize.”

The account concludes as follows :—

“ As the afternoon advanced, the Battery was visited by many of the country gentry ; one of the earliest arrivals being the Right Hon. Lord Vivian, attired in his uniform as Lord Lieutenant, accompanied by Lady Vivian. At the conclusion of the shooting, the Volunteers were assembled for the purpose of witnessing the distribution of the Prizes. Lord Vivian briefly addressed them on the occasion, and congratulated Colonel Gilbert on his having under his command such a soldierlike body of men, who had that day made such admirable practice. Such proofs of their proficiency left no doubt that they would fire with equal precision if at any time they were called upon to defend their native land from the attack of an enemy. His Lordship then handed the first and second Prizes to Sergeant Harvey and Corporal Floyd respectively, addressing a few words of congratulation to each. The Ladies' Prize was presented to Lieutenant Laity by Lady Vivian, together with a bronze medal, with a money Prize of £5 to the No. 1 of the four winning the Prize, and £1 to be distributed among the Detachment working the gun.

“ The distribution of Prizes having been completed, hearty cheers were given for the Queen, the Lord Lieutenant, Lady Vivian, and Colonel Gilbert : after which the Batteries, headed by their respective bands, shortly after left the ground for their various destinations.”

A copy of the programme issued on this occasion is given below :—

CORNWALL VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY PRIZE SHOOTING.

TO BE HELD AT CHARLESTOWN,

At the Battery of the 4th Cornwall Artillery Volunteer Corps,

On Friday, the 4th day of October, 1861

(Commencing at Ten o'clock a.m. precisely).

FIRST PRIZE OF £15.—For the Best Shot made with a 24-pounder Gun, at a range of about 1,600 yards.

SECOND PRIZE OF £10.—For the Best Shot made with a 24-pounder Gun, at a range of about 1,200 yards.

Each Battery to be allowed to send three men, and each Sub-division and Section two men, to compete for these Prizes, with also (if possible), a sufficient number of men to work the gun.

Four shots will be allowed to each competitor, two at each range, and should the hits of competitors be equal in merit, two more shots will be allowed to those who have equality.

An Officer of the Royal Artillery will be requested to attend, who, in conjunction with the Officer Commanding the Cornwall Artillery Volunteers, will award the Prizes ; and with them is left the decision as to whether any Prize is merited.

Two experimental shots will be fired to ascertain the correctness of the range, before the shooting for these Prizes commences.

All Volunteers contending for these Prizes, or present to work the guns, must appear correctly dressed in uniform, as laid down in the Regulations of the Brigade.

Each competitor will be required to pay an Entrance Fee of 5s.

The Commanding Officers of Batteries will send the names of such Volunteers as intend to compete for these Prizes, to Mr. J. B. Collins, the Honorary Secretary, Bodmin, before the 24th day of September next ; after which no names will be received.

LADIES' PRIZE.—A Telescope or Opera Glass, value not exceeding £10. To be Competed for. To become the property of the Battery to which such Volunteer winning it shall be a Member : and a

BRONZE MEDAL, with a money Prize of £5 to the No. 1 of the Gun winning the Prize, and £5 to be distributed amongst the detachment working the Gun.

This Prize to be competed for after the County Prizes have been determined, with a 24-pounder Gun, at a range of 1,400 yards.

Two shots will be allowed to each competitor, and the Regulations as for the County Prizes will be strictly adhered to, except that only two Volunteers from each Battery, and one from each Sub-division and Section, will be allowed to contend.

Should there not be time, after the County Prizes have been decided, to shoot for this Prize, another day will be fixed by the Committee.

A copy of the programme issued in 1862 :—

CORNWALL COUNTY VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION.

ARTILLERY PRIZE SHOOTING.

The Council of the above Association having granted to the Artillery Volunteers of this County the sum of £50, to be distributed in Prizes; the same will be competed for by the several Batteries at their respective Stations, in the proportion of £5 for each Battery; £3 for a Sub-division; and £2 for a Section: and these several sums may be sub-divided as the Officers commanding Batteries may think fit.

LADIES' PRIZE.—A Telescope, or Opera Glass, or Cup, at the option of the Winner. Value not exceeding £15. To be competed for, and to become the property of the Battery to which such Volunteer winning it shall be a Member. And a

SILVER MEDAL, with a Money Prize of £5 to the No. 1 of the Gun winning the Prize, and £2 to be distributed amongst the Detachment working the Gun.

This Prize to be competed for at Charlestown, on Monday, the 21st July, 1862,

At a range of about 1,400 yards.

Firing to commence at 2 o'clock, p.m.

Each Battery to be allowed to send two Volunteers, and each Sub-division and Section one Volunteer, to compete for this Prize.

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Two shots to be allowed to each competitor, and the competitors of each Battery to fire alternately.

Each competitor will be required to pay an Entrance Fee of 2s. 6d.

All Volunteers contending for these Prizes, or present to work the Guns, must appear correctly dressed in uniform, as laid down in the Regulation of the Brigade.

An Officer of the Royal Artillery will be requested to attend as Umpire, and his decision will be final.

A Range Party in a Boat will be placed at right angles to the line of fire, in line with the Target; and the Volunteer who will be selected to take the charge of the Range Report Book by the Commanding Officer of the Brigade, or should he be absent, by the Senior Officer of the Artillery Volunteers present, will, immediately after the firing is over, come on shore and deliver the Range Report to the Umpire.

A copy of the programme issued by the County Association for 1868:—

CORNWALL COUNTY VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION.

ARTILLERY PRIZE SHOOTING, to be held at Hayle

The Battery of the 8th Duke of Cornwall's Artillery Volunteer Corps)

On Thursday, July 2, 1863,

Commencing at Eleven a.m. precisely.

					£	s.	d.
First Prize ...	...	..	...	...	20	0	0
Second Prize	...	...	...	...	15	0	0
Third Prize...	...	..	...	...	10	0	0
Fourth Prize	...	...	...	...	5	0	0
Fifth Prize ...	...	...	...	...	5	0	0

For the Five Best Shots made with a 24-pounder Government Gun, on Government Carriages, at a range of about 1,500 yards.

THE LADIES' SILVER MEDAL will be given to the Volunteer winning the First Prize, and £2 in money to be equally divided amongst the Detachment working the Gun.

Each Battery to be allowed to send two Volunteers, and each Sub-

division or Section one Volunteer, to contend for these Prizes ; with (if possible) a sufficient number of Volunteers to work the guns.

Two Shots to be allowed to each Competitor, and the Competitors of each Battery to fire alternately.

Each Competitor will be required to pay an Entrance Fee of 5s.

All Volunteers contending for these Prizes, or present to work the guns, must appear correctly dressed in uniform, as laid down in the Regulation of the Brigade.

An Officer of the Royal Artillery will be requested to attend as Umpire, and his decision will be final.

A Range Party in a Boat will be placed at right angles to the line of fire, in line with the Target, and the Volunteer who will be selected to take the charge of the Range Report Book by the Commanding Officer of the Brigade, or should he be absent, by the Senior Officer of the Artillery Volunteers present, will, immediately after the firing is over, come on shore and deliver the Range Report to the Umpire.

A copy of the programme issued by the County Association in 1864. The Prizes were competed for at the Gun practices of the different Batteries :—

CORNWALL COUNTY VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION.

ARTILLERY PRIZE SHOOTING, 1864.

FIVE POUNDS TO EACH OF TEN BATTERIES, to be divided as follows :—

					£	s.	d.
First Prize	...	...	...	...	2	0	0
Second Prize	...	...	...	...	1	10	0
Third Prize	...	...	...	...	1	0	0
Fourth Prize	...	...	...	...	0	10	0

And THREE POUNDS TO A SUB-DIVISION.

First Prize	...	...	...	...	2	0	0
Second Prize	..	...	...	...	1	0	0

Time and manner of competing for these Prizes to be left to the Commanding Officer of the Brigade.

Extract from local paper, containing account of Battalion Drill at Grampound Road, on the 9th August, 1869 :—

“BRIGADE FIELD-DAY OF THE CORNWALL ARTILLERY VOLUNTEERS.

“ The various Artillery Volunteer Corps throughout the county of Cornwall had a most satisfactory Brigade Field-day yesterday near the Grampound Road Railway Station. It is the first Brigade Field-day the Corps have ever had, and Grampound Road was well chosen as the best central point for the Eastern and Western Battalions. Upwards of six hundred men attended the drill, and throughout the eleven Batteries of the Duke of Cornwall Volunteer Artillery not more than 120 were absent. This is very creditable, and is evidence of the heartiness with which the men enter into their work. The drill took place in a beautifully level field of thirteen or fourteen acres, on Mr. J. Hendy’s Trenouth estate, situate within a few minutes’ walk of the station. Its extent and level nature made it a capital place for military exercise. The weather was not all that could have been wished. In the early part of the day misty rain fell, and a cold wind blew across the ground, but this did not interfere with the drill, nor apparently diminish the number of spectators, and the day’s proceedings were closed in warm sunshine. Not less than two or three thousand persons were on the ground, many of them probably being present in consequence of the murky weather suspending harvest operations, which have become general in the neighbourhood. As usual, the Volunteers were honoured with the presence amongst the crowd of a large proportion of the fair sex, who walked about in confidential half-dozens, as near the brave defenders as the police would allow, to admire and to be admired. In the drill the young ladies had much to admire, and the correct and steady movements of the men is the more surprising, when it is remembered that this was the first time the whole of the Brigade had been drilled together, and that the men only have Battalion drill once a year. The Volunteers arrived from east and west about the same time, and were at once marched to the drill-field, where they were dismissed to lunch off the inevitable pasty, whilst the officers marked out the ground. Colonel Gilbert was the officer in command, and he was assisted by Major Grylls and Captain and

“ Adjutant Edyvean. The other Staff Officers present were— Surgeons Davis and Pace. At two o'clock the men fell in for drill, and the following was the strength of each Battery :—

“ 1ST BATTERY (PADSTOW) D.C.A.V.—Captain Tredwen, Lieutenant Seaton, 5 Sergeants, 2 Trumpeters, 41 Rank and File—total, 50.

“ 2ND BATTERY (LOOE) D.C.A.V.—Captain Thomas, Lieutenant Kerswell, Lieutenant Peters, 8 Sergeants, 1 Trumpeter, 41 Rank and File—total 48.

“ 3RD BATTERY (FOWEY) D.C.A.V.—Captain Sobey, Lieutenant Short, Lieutenant Hicks, 5 Sergeants, 2 Trumpeters, 34 Rank and File—total, 44.

“ 4TH BATTERY (CHARLESTOWN) D.C.A.V.— Lieutenant Kernick, Lieutenant Williams, 5 Sergeants, 2 Trumpeters, 44 Rank and File—total, 58.

“ 5TH BATTERY (PAR) D.C.A.V.—Captain Peard, Lieutenant Mannell, Lieutenant Polkinghorne, 8 Sergeants, 46 Rank and File—total, 52.

“ 7TH BATTERY (POLBUAN) D.C.A.V.—Captain W. Smith, Lieutenant Slade, Lieutenant Percy Davis, 8 Sergeants, 1 Trumpeter, 28 Rank and File—total, 36.

“ 8TH BATTERY (HAYLE) D.C.A.V.— Captain West, Lieutenant Hamley, 4 Sergeants, 1 Trumpeter, 44 Rank and File—total, 52.

“ 10TH BATTERY (NEWLYN WEST) D.C.A.V.—Lieutenant Hodge, Lieutenant S. Higgs, 5 Sergeants, 1 Trumpeter, 33 Rank and File—total, 41.

“ 11TH BATTERY (ST. IVES) D.C.A.V.—Captain Grenfell, Lieutenant Wegg, 8 Sergeants, 51 Rank and File—total, 56.

“ 12TH BATTERY (MARAZION) D.C.A.V.—Captain Field, Lieutenant Mitchell, 4 Sergeants, 37 Rank and File—total, 48.

“ 13TH BATTERY (ST. JUST) D.C.A.V.— Captain Thomas, Lieutenant Harvey, Lieutenant Barwis, 4 Sergeants, 1 Trumpeter, 47 Rank and File—total, 55.

“ In addition to this there were six Field Officers, and the Bands of the various Batteries numbered about 90 members, thus giving a grand total of 624 men and Officers on the ground.

“ Colonel Gilbert, in addressing the men at the close of the drill, said he thought it would be wrong in him to dismiss them without saying how much he was pleased with their drill. Considering the large number of men present, and remembering, too, that this was

“ the first time the Eastern and Western Battalions had ever assembled together for Brigade exercise, the drill had been most creditable to them. There was only one part that did not please him, and that was the marching past in open column. Whilst they were doing this the covering was unfortunately not preserved, and without it was preserved, it was impossible for the men to dress. And when they once did get unsteady he defied them ever to get steady again, for he well knew the difficulties. With this single exception, everything was satisfactory. The marching-past in quarter distant column was all that he could wish, and that was saying a good deal. He, therefore, could sincerely congratulate them on the work of the day; and, in conclusion, he hoped that no disorder before they got to their homes would happen to diminish the credit of the satisfactory results of the drill.

“ The Batteries, preceded by their Bands playing lively tunes, then marched off the ground to the railway station, and were, after a time, safely despatched up and down the line to their homes. The meeting of the Volunteers at Grampond Road, of course, gave to the village around the station all the liveliness of a grand fair.”

Extract from local paper, containing account of Battalion Drill at Tywardreath, in 1869 :—

“ INSPECTION OF THE EASTERN BATTALION OF THE “ DUKE OF CORNWALL ARTILLERY VOLUNTEERS.

“ The Annual Inspection of the Eastern Battalion of the Duke of Cornwall's Artillery Volunteers by Colonel Gilbert, the Lieutenant-Colonel of the Administrative Brigade, took place on Wednesday, at Tywardreath. The following Batteries were present :—1st (Padstow) Captain Trewen, Lieutenant Seaton, 5 Sergeants, 59 Rank and File, including Band; 2nd (Looe), Captain Thomas, Lieutenant Peter, 2 Sergeants, 28 Rank and File; 3rd (Fowey), Captain Sobey, Lieutenant Hicks, 5 Sergeants, 2 Trumpeters, 36 Rank and File; 4th (Charlestown), Captain Banks, Lieutenants Kernick and Williams, 5 Sergeants, 2 Trumpeters, 58 Rank and File, including Band; 5th (Par), 1 Captain, Colonel Peard, 2 Lieutenants, Mannell and Polkinghorne, 4 Sergeants, 50 rank and File; 7th (Polruan) Captain Smith, Lieutenant Slade, 3 Sergeants, 2 Trumpeters 27 Rank and File. The inspection took place in a field just above the Par Sands,

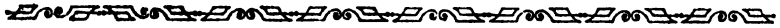
“ There was a very fair gathering of spectators, although the weather was most unfavourable. The men were put through several evolutions, commencing with wheeling in line, open ranks, and general salute ; and among the subsequent movements were the march past, left wheel in line, deploying in the leading company, line advancing in direct echelon of companies as in square, and prepared for receiving cavalry, &c.

“ At the conclusion of the inspection, which lasted for about two hours and a half, the various Batteries were formed into three sides of a square, and addressed by the Inspecting Officer. The gallant Colonel said that the Battalion had greatly improved within the last two years, and on the whole had gone through the evolutions very creditably. It reflected much credit upon their Officers and Drill-instructor, and the Adjutant of the Battalion. There was one thing he wanted to see, and that was greater steadiness. They ought not to move even as much as a hand. If a fly pitched upon a man’s nose he should not brush it away.

“ The steadiness of the Padstow Battery deserved special mention, for the manner in which they marched called forth praise from both the Inspecting Officer and the other Volunteers. A military man on the ground stated that he considered them equal to even the Royal Artillery, and that they were “ as firm as a rock.”

"WESTERN MORNING NEWS,"

2nd June, 1885.



Presentation to

COLONEL GILBERT

AT PENZANCE.



THE past and present officers of the Duke of Cornwall's Artillery Volunteer Brigade, at their annual mess dinner on Monday evening, presented to their commander, Colonel Gilbert, C.B., an oil painting of himself. The dinner was held at the Union Hotel, Penzance, and was very tastefully laid by the Misses Longhurst. The company included Colonel Gilbert, Captain Milne, R.M.A., adjutant, Lieut.-Colonel Pike (Cornwall Rifle Volunteers), Major Field, Major Thomas, Brigade-Surgeon-Major Grenfell; Captains Peter, Harvey, Davis, Mitchell, Marrack, Polkinghorne, Mathews (Penzance Rifle Corps), and Hodge; Lieutenants Jas. Harvey, Williams, Thomas, Robinson, Lovering, Trevithick, Hawken, Nicholls, Eustace, and Polkinghorne; Messrs C. C. Ross, M.P., W. Husband, W. H. Borlase, and N. West, who formerly held commissions in the brigade.

Major Field on behalf of the subscribers, made the presentation. The portrait is a large and faithful likeness of Colonel Gilbert, and was painted by Mr. S. Hodges. Major Field remarked that for twenty-five years Colonel Gilbert had commanded the brigade, and for an equal period previously to that he was an officer of the Royal Artillery. He (Major Field) did not think there was another case in the kingdom in which an officer who, having served for such a period in the regulars as had Col. Gilbert, had taken to volunteering and rendered it such substantial service. (Applause.) Personally he would say that of all the men he had been connected with there was no man he ever met with in his

career, either as a business man or in private life, for whom he had a greater respect than Colonel Gilbert. (Applause). In the name of the past and present officers of the brigade he had great pleasure in asking the colonel's acceptance of the portrait, and was sure all the subscribers would feel they were fortunate in having selected Mr. Sidney Hodges as the artist. (Applause.) Major Field then read letters from Sir John St. Aubyn, Bart., M.P., Colonel Grylls, and Captain B. H. Williams, regretting inability to be present, and he congratulated Colonel Gilbert on having the honour of C.B. bestowed on him. (Applause).

Mr Ross, M.P., said that as a former officer in the brigade, he heartily endorsed the words which had fallen from Major Field. He thought they had, as a brigade, been most fortunate in having as their commander one who bore the distinguished name of Walter Raleigh Gilbert. That officer had from the first been invaluable to them, and he felt it was the least they could do to present him with that striking portrait of himself. (Applause). In his article on the urgent needs of volunteers in the June number of the *Contemporary Review* Colonel Vincent said drill sheds and accessible ranges were particularly necessary. Government should assist in the provision of this accomodation. (Applause.) The volunteers throughout the country were strong enough to make their power felt, and he wondered they did not more actively seek to obtain more substantial recognition from the Government. It was not a party matter, because the volunteers performed a great national duty, and he thought there would be a disposition on the part of private members to thoroughly support their claims. (Applause.) He trusted Col. Gilbert would be long spared to serve his Queen, his country, and the country, which by his patriotism and self-denying exertions he had placed under a deep debt of gratitude. (Applause.)

Mr Husband, C.E., as another past officer, also bore hearty testimony to the services of Col. Gilbert, and the Colonel's health was then drunk with musical honours.

Colonel Gilbert, in reply, said he felt deeply grateful to his brother officers, both past and present, for the presentation they had so generously made to him. He could assure them that when he turned over the leaves of the album which accompanied the portrait of himself he should have recalled to his mind the many pleasant hours he had passed in their company. (Applause.) What had he done to deserve so much kindness. (Several OFFICERS: "A good deal.") He had only done what he felt to be the duty of every good soldier, and if he had succeeded in furthering the volunteer cause in Cornwall it had been with the hearty co-operation of the officers of the batteries and Adjutant Milne. (Applause). The Cornish batteries had always been well reported on by the inspectors, and in a letter received a day or two since from the under Secretary of State of War, congratulating him on his having bestowed upon him the order of C.B., allusion was made to "the admirable condition of your brigade." (Applause.) He trusted that whether or not he continued to command them they would do their utmost to maintain the high character they now enjoyed. (Applause.)

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 21.12.59 . Section " " Par Consols.
 29.12.59 . " " " West Fowey Consols.
 20. 2.60 . " " " Polruan.
 2. 8.60 . Battery " " Hayle.
 28. 8.60 . Section " " Fowey Consols.
 — 9.60 . Queen's Levee for Volunteer Officers.
 24. 5.60 . Colonel Gilbert appointed to command.
 10. 7.60 . Royal Salute Fired by Brigade at Mount Edgcumbe.
 16. 8.60 . Section at Polruan raised to Sub-division.
 8. 9.60 . Sub-division at St. Burian, Authority for.
 8. 9.60 . Battery at St. Ives.
 6.11.60 . Sub-division, St. Burian, raised to Battery.
 15.11.60 . Adjutant (Appointment of), Notified.
 30.11.60 . Meeting at Bodmin, relative uniform.
 30. 1.61 . Battery at Marazion sanctioned.
 6. 8.61 . First Gun Practice.
 17. 4.61 . Jersey abolished.
 20. 4.61 . Peak to Cap abolished.
 27. 6.61 . Duke of Cornwall's, permitted to assume title.
 4.10.61 . Artillery Competition at Charlestown.
 21. 7.62 . " " " "
 17. 9.62 . Sub-division at St. Just sanctioned.
 22.10.62 . Carbine Competition at Carn Boscawen, for Western
 Batteries.
 2.12.62 . Sub-division at Polruan raised to Battery.

10. 3.63 . Royal Salutes, on occasion of Prince of Wales' Wedding.
 2. 7.63 . Artillery Competition at Hayle.
 13.10.68 . Fowey Consols Incorporated with No. 5.
 14.12.68 . Sergeant Anderson, first Acting Sergeant-Major to
 Brigade.
 22. 7.65 . Royal Salute fired by No. 2, as Prince of Wales passed
 in Royal Yacht.
 22. 7.65 . Royal Salutes fired by Nos. 3 and 7, and Guard of
 Honour formed by 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 7th Batteries,
 on Prince and Princess of Wales landing at Fowey.
 25. 7.65 . Guard of Honour at Botallack Mine.
 8. 8.65 . Marazion Battery reduced to Sub-division.
 12. 3.66 . Meeting of Officers at Truro, to arrange Annual Carbine
 Competition.
 31. 7.66 . Carbine Competition at Par. First held for Brigade.
 23. 4.67 . Annual Meeting of Officers at Truro.
 21. 6.67 . Wing Drill at Hayle.
 27. 6.67 . " " " Tywardreath.
 18. 9.67 . Carbine Competition at Penzance.
 28. 9.67 . Marazion Sub-division raised to Battery.
 14.11.67 . St. Just " " " "
 5. 1.68 . No. 10 (Penzance) Battery, mounted Guard at the
 Grebe Battery.
 25. 3.68 . Annual Meeting (Officers) at Truro.
 25. 6.68 . Battalion Drill at Tywardreath. Eastern Batteries.
 6. 7.68 . " " Trengwainton. Western Batteries.
 23. 9.68 . Carbine Competition at Par.
 23. 3.69 . Annual Meeting (Officers) at Truro.
 19. 5.69 . Sergeant Denison appointed Acting Sergeant-Major.
 27. 7.69 . Carbine Competition at Penzance.
 9. 8.69 . Battalion Drill for the Brigade at Grampond Road.
 23. 4.70 . Annual Meeting (Officers) at Truro.
 5. 7.70 . Carbine Competition at Truro.
 23. 7.70 . Wing Drill at Penzance. Western Batteries.
 1. 8.70 . Battalion Drill at Grampond Road for Brigade.
 1.11.70 . Extra Grant for Proficient Officers and Sergeants.
 18. 3.71 . First Examination for Proficiency. Western Batteries.
 14. 3.71 . " " " " Eastern
 18. 5.71 . Annual Meeting (Officers) at Falmouth.

17. 7.71 . Carbine Competition at Penzance.
 9. 5.72 . Annual Meeting (Officers) at Truro.
 28. 7.72 . Carbine Competition at Par.
 30.12.72 . Sergeant Malcomson, appointed Acting Sergeant-Major.
 7. 5.78 . Annual Meeting (Officers) at Truro. First Annual
 Dinner.
 17. 5.78 . Scarlet Collar, ordered to be adopted with Tunic.
 — 5.78 . First Rifled Guns issued to Brigade.
 30. 7.78 . Carbine Competition at Penzance.
 1. 6.74 . Annual Meeting and Dinner at Truro.
 19. 6.74 . Sergeant Bloomfield appointed Acting Sergeant-Major.
 20. 7.74 . Carbine Competition at Par.
 13. 8.74 . Sergeant Blackmore appointed Acting Sergeant-Major.
 14. 9.74 . Plymouth Course (the second) commenced.
 28. 5.75 . Annual Meeting and Dinner at Truro.
 28. 7.75 . Carbine Competition at Penzance.
 6. 9.75 . Plymouth Course (the third) commenced.
 30. 4.76 . Silver Lace and White Belts ordered to be worn.
 25. 5.76 . Annual Meeting and Dinner at Truro.
 1. 8.76 . Carbine Competition at Par.
 4. 9.76 . Plymouth Course (the fourth) commenced.
 2. 8.77 . Head-quarters, No. 10 Battery, moved to Penzance.
 2. 5.77 . St. Ives Battery reduced to Division.
 8. 6.77 . Annual Meeting and Dinner at Penzance.
 31. 7.77 . Carbine Competition at Penzance.
 3. 5.78 . St. Ives Corps Disbanded.
 3. 6.78 . Annual Meeting and Dinner at Liskeard.
 30. 7.78 . Carbine Competition at Par.
 9. 9.78 . Plymouth Course (fifth) commenced.
 17. 6.79 . Annual Meeting and Dinner at Penzance.
 6. 8.79 . Carbine Competition at Penzance.
 15. 9.79 . Plymouth Course (sixth) commenced.
 4. 5.80 . Amalgamation of Brigade ordered.
 20. 5.80 . Royal Salute at Truro by Hayle Battery.
 15. 6.80 . Annual Meeting and Dinner at Liskeard.
 19. 7.80 . Carbine Competition at Par.
 1. 8.80 . Queen's Congratulations on Completion of 21st year
 of existence.
 6. 9.80 . Plymouth Course (seventh) commenced.

18. 9.80 . Death of Major and Adjutant Edyvean.
 8.11.80 . Adjutant, Captain Rogers, R.A., appointed.
 8. 8.81 . " " Milne, R.M.A. "
 14. 6.81 . Annual Meeting and Dinner at Penzance.
 2. 8.81 . Carbine Competition at Penzance.
 16. 8.81 . Lieutenant-Colonel Gilbert granted the rank of Honorary
 Colonel.
 5. 9.81 . Plymouth Course (eighth) commenced.
 17. 5.82 . Annual Meeting and Dinner at St. Austell.
 25. 7.82 . Carbine Competition at Par.
 9. 8.82 . Shoeburyness, Detachment from Hayle, proceeded to.
 2. 9.82 . Battalion Drill, St. Erth, Western Batteries.
 9. 9.82 . Plymouth Course (ninth) commenced.
 1. 4.88 . Polruan Corps Disbanded and Battery formed at
 Falmouth.
 24. 4.88 . Annual Meeting and Dinner at Penzance.
 24. 7.88 . Carbine Competition at Penzance.
 28. 7.88 . Battalion Drill at Penzance. Western Batteries.
 10. 8.88 . Shoeburyness, Detachment from St. Just, proceeded to.
 8. 9.88 . Plymouth Course (tenth) commenced.
 15. 9.88 . Battalion Drill.
 18. 9.88 . " "
 4. 8.84 . Sergeant Hammond appointed Acting Sergeant-Major.
 30. 4.84 . Annual Meeting and Dinner at St. Austell.
 8. 7.84 . Carbine Competition at Par.
 19. 7.84 . Encampment, Devonport, commenced.
 8. 8.84 . Shoeburyness, Detachment from Penzance, proceeded to.
 18. 9.84 . Battalion Drill at Penzance. Western Batteries.



