

301. How many of your corps were in camp?—We expected to muster fifty, and were one or two short.
302. Was the food you got sufficient in quantity?—There was plenty of it.
303. How was it as to quality?—We did not eat much of it—we could not eat it.
304. Why not?—It was so badly cooked.
305. The provisions were wholesome in themselves, but badly cooked?—Yes. It was good enough, but was spoiled in the cooking.
306. What are you speaking of?—The bread and meat were good, and also the butter.
307. Were the vegetables good?—On only one occasion we drew potatoes. We had bread and meat.
308. How was it you only drew potatoes once?—We were told there were none.
309. Were those you got properly cooked?—As far as I know they were.
310. How about the fodder for your horses?—We were short. We missed two or three feeds throughout the camp. Several times we found there was no fodder to be got.
311. No oats or chaff?—No fodder at all.
312. What did you do on those occasions?—The horses went without.
313. You say that happened on how many occasions?—Two or three.
314. Did that apply to the camp generally?—I am speaking of my own corps.
315. How were you off for tent accommodation?—We were well off.
316. Had you plenty of straw?—Yes.
317. Did your straw get wet?—No.
318. Had you waterproof sheets for your own corps?—I had one myself. Some of the others had also, and some not.
319. Did any one in your corps or tent make complaints about the rations?—Yes; I made a complaint myself.
320. To whom did you complain?—Lieutenant Morgan, of my corps.
321. What complaint did you make?—That the breakfast was not fit to eat; and I also complained to Captain Watt.
322. Did you complain to any one about the fodder for the horses being short?—I do not think I did myself, but the complaint was forwarded, because I remember our own officers talking about it.
323. What condition was the camp in as regards mud?—Where we were it was quite dry. We were on the ridge.
324. Who was your captain?—Captain James Watt.
325. Where did you water the horses?—We started on the flat, but something went wrong with the waterpipes and we had to take them to the dam.
326. Did you take notice of the cooking arrangements?—I was only down there once, and that was the morning we came away. Things were a bit disorganized, and the men had to go down and draw their rations themselves. The camp was breaking up then.
327. Was it in a bad condition that morning?—It was in a fearful mess.
328. What arrangements were there for cooking?—Only a trench, and a place to put the meat on. It was very muddy about there.
329. Did you see anything of the disturbance down town on the Wednesday afternoon?—No; I was not in town on the Wednesday afternoon.
330. Do you know anything about it?—Only what everyone knows and about Colonel Penton coming up.
331. Did you know any one who took part in the procession?—No.
332. Beyond what I have asked you about, do you know of any matter for complaint in the camp?—No, I do not know of any.
333. Were the men visited at meal-times by an orderly officer?—I do not remember any officer visiting my own corps.
334. Where did the sergeants mess?—In their own tents.
335. *Colonel Davies.*] You say you do not remember an orderly officer visiting the men's tents during meal-times?—No.
336. Was an orderly officer detailed every day?—Yes.
337. For the corps or battalion?—For the corps. There might have been one for the battalion as well.
338. How many officers were there in your corps?—Captain Watt, Captain Sommerville, and Lieutenant Morgan.
339. How long have you been in the Alexandra Mounted Rifles?—Since 1897, I think.
340. How do the rationing and foraging in the Newtown Park camp compare with that of other camps you have been in?—Very badly. It was nothing like so good.
341. The rations were not so good and they were not so well cooked?—No.
342. You said the rations were all right, but they were spoiled in the cooking?—That is practically what it was.
343. Do you know who was on the battalion staff in the camp?—I know of one officer.
344. You were orderly sergeant?—Yes, for two days.
345. Did you ever go for orders?—No.
346. You never had to go for written orders, battalion or brigade orders?—No.
347. *The Chairman.*] Did you never hear the bugle sounding for orders?—I heard it once. The only orders I got when orderly sergeant was when Lieutenant Morgan put them into my hand.
348. As orderly sergeant you never saw any camp or battalion orders?—No.
349. You do not know whether there was a camp adjutant or not?—No, not officially.
350. If there had been any orders you would have gone to get them. You were never told that part of your duties as orderly sergeant was to get orders?—No.