

142. Did you see Colonel Penton come up to the camp on the Thursday?—Yes.  
 143. And address the officers and men?—Yes.  
 144. Did you hear his remarks?—Yes.  
 145. To whom did you understand him to refer when he spoke of some of the men being curs and cowards?—I believe he meant the men who started the procession.  
 146. Not the whole body of men?—No.  
 147. *Colonel Davies.*] You say you took the remarks of Colonel Penton to apply to the men who were guilty of creating the disturbance?—Yes.  
 148. You did not, as a Volunteer, feel aggrieved at Colonel Penton's remarks?—No, because I did not consider they referred to me at all.  
 149. You distinctly feel in your own mind that they did not refer to you personally?—Yes.  
 150. And you did not think his remarks were unjust to the Volunteers as a whole?—No, not if they understood him as I understood him.

Bugler JOHN SCOTT examined. (No. 31.)

151. *The Chairman.*] You are bugler of what corps?—The Hurumoa Mounted Rifles.  
 152. And you were in camp with your corps at Newtown Park in June last?—Yes.  
 153. Had you sufficient tent accommodation?—Yes, there was plenty of room in the tent.  
 154. How were you off for straw?—There was such a lot of water in our tent that no quantity of straw would have remedied it.  
 155. What about the meat?—There was not enough of it.  
 156. Was it properly cooked?—Yes, I think it was cooked all right. I have had it better and had it worse.  
 157. We have been told it was very often insufficiently cooked—underdone?—It was sometimes, and at other times it was well cooked.  
 158. How was the bread?—The bread was good.  
 159. And the butter?—Good.  
 160. And the potatoes?—They were good, what there were of them.  
 161. Were you ever short of them?—Yes.  
 162. Had you any other vegetables?—No.  
 163. What were the tea and coffee like?—They were not good.  
 164. What was the matter with them?—I do not know. It was very thick.  
 165. Could you drink the tea?—No.  
 166. Could you drink the coffee?—No. On one or two occasions it was good.  
 167. Had your horses enough fodder?—At one time we ran out of chaff.  
 168. We were told your tents were shifted?—Yes, about two days before we left camp.  
 169. How were you off then?—Very good then.  
 170. Did your rations improve towards the end?—I think they did, slightly.  
 171. Did you ever have sausages?—Yes.  
 172. Were they cooked?—No.  
 173. How about the water—where did you wash?—We bought a basin, and used to go to the trough and get water.  
 174. Did you ever supply any food for yourselves?—Yes.  
 175. Were the provisions cooked or uncooked?—Both.  
 176. Who cooked the food for you?—It would be mostly in the shape of bread and butter.  
 177. No meat?—Yes, we bought some cooked meat at one time—some brawn or collar head.  
 178. Were you comfortable or uncomfortable in the camp?—I should say uncomfortable.  
 179. What was the reason of it?—It was through the rain.  
 180. Did you see the cooking arrangements?—Only once. As bugler I only went up for rations once. I did not have to go up as bugler.  
 181. Do you think the arrangements were sufficient?—I could not say that.  
 182. What have you to say about the camp generally?—If we had been camped where we were at the last we should have been dry. We had not sufficient food.  
 183. Were the horses safe where you were up in the hills?—Yes, but we had to go for them all round the bank.  
 184. Could they have hung themselves up at all?—Yes.  
 185. You think the flat was not a proper place for that number of men and horses?—No.  
 186. We are told the mud there was very bad?—Yes, very bad.  
 187. How long have you been a volunteer?—Since the corps started.  
 188. Had you been in camp before you came here?—No.  
 189. Did you have all your meals in camp?—No.  
 190. What proportion did you have out of camp?—Quite half.  
 191. Why was that?—I could not get them properly in camp—I could not get enough.  
 192. Do you know if many of the men did the same?—A good many of our corps did.  
 193. And how about the other corps?—I could not say what they did.  
 194. Was the water-supply sufficient?—There seemed to be plenty of water. There were three horse-troughs.  
 195. Where did the men wash?—They used to wash in the troughs. We did that before we bought a dish.  
 196. Where was the water that was used for cooking?—Further up. There were three troughs that the horses used. I do not know what was at the back of the gully.  
 197. Do you know where the water was got from for cooking?—No.  
 198. Is there anything else you want to tell me that I have not asked you about in connection with the camp?—I think not.