

*No. 2 Company, N.Z.G.A.V.*

This corps is very efficient. The attendance was good throughout. Those non-commissioned officers and men who presented themselves for gunnery examination obtained very high marks—viz., 92·08 per cent.—but as only 116 out of an available 130 non-commissioned officers and men presented themselves for examination the average for the corps was reduced to 86 per cent.

In range-finding there were eleven non-commissioned officers and men examined, nine of whom passed an excellent examination, the average percentage for the nine being 98·4 per cent., but as twelve was the number required by regulations as the minimum for this corps the average marks was reduced to 81·75 per cent.

There are only six signallers in this company, two below the establishment. Three of them are very good, the remainder only fair. International Code signalling has not been taught to this company.

The gun-laying was very good.

Trumpeters are very efficient.

The fort-manning of this company is particularly good.

Discipline, good.

*No. 3 Company, N.Z.G.A.V.*

Attendance, very good. Marks for gunnery, 87·2 per cent.—i.e., higher than No. 2 Company, chiefly owing to the fact that only six men absented themselves from the gunnery examinations. Those who were examined obtained very high marks, the average being 93·36 per cent., the highest of any corps in the colony for this subject.

Eleven of the range-finders are very efficient.

There are seven signallers in the company, only four of whom, however, are really well trained. International Code omitted from the examination.

Discipline, good.

This corps has its full complement of layers and trumpeters, and its general efficiency is of a high standard.

*No. 4 Company, N.Z.G.A.V.*

This company is in a very efficient state. The attendance throughout the camp was excellent, there being practically full musters at both morning and evening parades right up to the termination of the camp.

The average percentage of marks for gunnery was not so high as in other A grade companies, but very few marks were lost for absentees, as nearly all available men were examined, consequently the marks for shield in this subject are high—87·6 per cent.

The range-finding was excellent. Twenty men qualified in this subject, the twelve best obtaining 98·63 per cent.

Only six of the signallers are really well qualified. Their work was excellent in Morse and in International Code, but they require more practice in operating the semaphore instrument.

A great deal of time has been devoted by this company to gun-laying, with the result that twenty-three men qualified.

One trumpeter is very efficient, the remainder are not well up in their duties.

This company mans six works of defence, and consequently scored less marks in fort-manning than most companies that were examined in manning the one work.

Discipline, good.

*No. 5 Company, N.Z.G.A.V.*

The attendance of this company was not as satisfactory as in some companies, owing to the nature of work of some of the men, who, being employed on the wharves, often during the camp worked up to midnight loading and unloading cargo from ships in port, after which they rowed over to the fort in boats in order to be in time for the morning parade. Such keenness is beyond all praise.

The range-finding was excellent, there being fourteen qualified non-commissioned officers and men for this work.

There are only three qualified signallers in this company, consequently the marks awarded are very low—39 per cent.

The layers are very good.

The marks awarded for fort-manning are the highest in the colony.

The discipline during the camp was excellent, there being no penalties.

*No. 6 Company, N.Z.G.A.V.*

This company has been awarded the Challenge Shield, having gained 93·35 per cent. of the possible marks. So keen were all ranks that practically every man attended throughout the camp.

The gunners, signallers, range-finders, and gun-layers of this company are very efficient, and should have enabled the corps to obtain a high figure of merit for its service practice, as has been the case for years past, but owing to defective observation of one officer the company only obtained second class.

The discipline of the company is good.

*No. 7 Company, N.Z.G.A.V.*

This company has been graded B, having obtained less than 70 per cent. marks—viz., 66·7 per cent.