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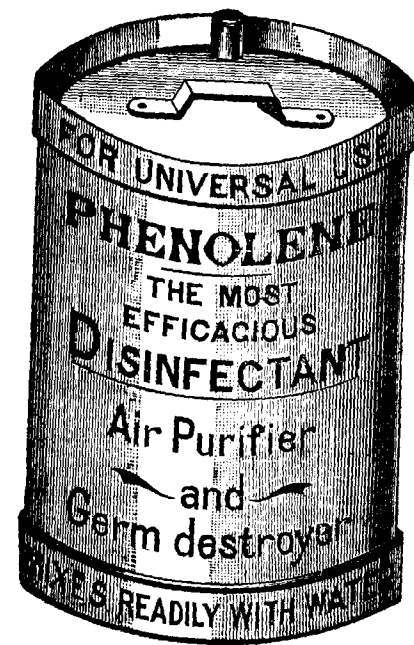
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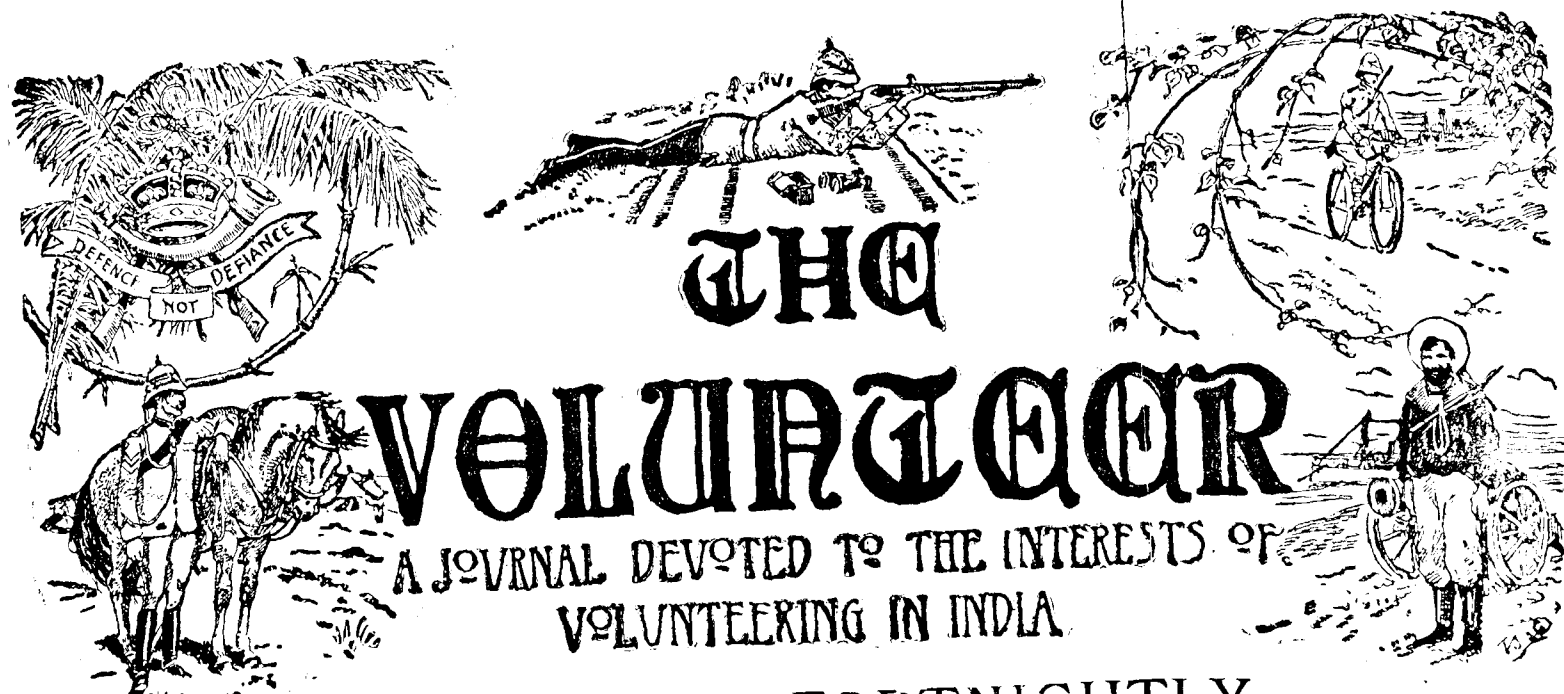
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VOLUNTEER CYCLISTS.

EVER since bicycles began gaining in popularity, as those who have watched the matter in late years have noticed, new fields have at various times and places opened up for the use of this form of locomotion. They were for years used purely as a means of providing exercise and recreation, but as their worth began to be realised, they were employed by firms for sending out men where work was urgently needed, and for the speedy carrying of letters and messages.

Military officers of experience have come to look on the bicycle with extreme favour, and the employment of it in the Army is becoming so general that in a very short time we expect to find every Infantry Battalion in the service equipped with a thoroughly efficient cyclist section, and we would here quote from a home journal which says "the cycle has long been used by London Volunteers as a useful addition to their equipment, and we notice that it is now being recognised in the regular Army, H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught having just issued instructions at Aldershot for cycling detachments to be formed, under the direction of Lieutenant-Colonel Alderton, from the following:—2nd Scottish Rifles, 2nd Royal North Lanes, 4th K. R. R. C., 1st Royal Dublin Fusiliers."

Much has been urged against the use of the bike, but we must say that a good deal of opposition is groundless. We quite admit that it is not always useful, but then the same objection applies equally to every branch of the service. If the objection held good, then the same might be said of Field Artillery, for where a Mountain Battery could always go a Field Battery could not. But where is there the man who is bold enough to assert that Field Artillery is useless or superfluous? Take again, Cavalry. This arm is in some positions, absolutely useless, but the circumstance in no way proves that the existence of Cavalry is therefore not justified.

Cyclists will frequently be of the very greatest use, and in some instances for reconnoitering purposes are better than Cavalry. A regiment marching through country where bicycles can be used, could have bicycle scouts out, or an advanced

guard of cyclists. On the necessity arising for warning the main body the advantage in the speed with which information could be brought might prove of the very greatest importance at possibly a critical moment. Apart from this, scouts could get back to the main body when compelled to retire in less time than they could if on foot, while the interval between the main body receiving the information of an enemy's approach and the actual meeting would be longer and afford more time for preparation or change of plans or formation. One of the main advantages in having cyclist scouts is that a smaller number will suffice to cover a larger front or to watch a more extended area than if the men were on foot. Where a brigade is moving and the ground admits, cyclists are of more use than Cavalry, for they can cover longer distances in a shorter time, occupy much less space, and as no food has to be carried for the mount, there is less impediment to an advance; and an advantage which cannot be overestimated is that the movements of cyclists can be carried out with an absence of noise, which is absolutely impossible with Cavalry; besides the direction taken by cyclists cannot so easily be followed as that taken by a body of horsemen. Another advantage which, to our mind, is a very important one is that if seen, a cyclist affords a much smaller target than a man on horseback. We might mention many more advantages, but deem it unnecessary to do so, as those enumerated will sufficiently justify the formation and existence of cyclist sections in Infantry corps.

A most important factor in the successful working of cyclist sections is the use of good bicycles. With the numberless makes and grades of wheels it is no easy matter to name the best, but the Humber, Braithwaite, Rudge-Whitworth, Quinton, Quadrant, Singer and Clément are perhaps some of those most likely to give satisfaction. The machines need to be strong and the tyres the best procurable. There should be as little nickel work as possible to avoid rust after rain, and each bicycle should be properly fitted with rifle clips, a bag containing spanner and oil can, a good lamp and inflator,

So much for the bicycles, and here let us state that the best machines in the world are useless unless the men know how to use them properly. Great care should be taken in selecting the men who are to form the cyclist section of a corps. They should, above all, be good, expert riders, who thoroughly understand their machines and know exactly when the chain is at a proper strain, how to tighten the nuts so as not to over-strain the bolts, who know the position of the saddle in which it will ensure a maximum of speed with a minimum of exertion. The men must further be of good physique, not easily exhausted and capable of enduring more than an ordinary amount of fatigue. They should know how to reserve their energy, so that it may be available when most needed.

A suitable uniform should be adopted. The trousers should not be too tight nor yet too loose. Gaiters should be worn so as to prevent the trousers' being soiled by the cranks and to prevent accident through their catching in the chain. The tunic should not be too long as it is likely to curl up in front and at the sides, thus giving an untidy look to the wearer.

It would be necessary to have a special course of drill for cyclists and the simpler the movements the better, but that there should be uniformity in training is imperative. Someone should be deputed to write a manual on cyclist drill. Only such men should be permitted to join a cyclist section as had received some instruction in sketching, as this would prove of the utmost service.

We can almost imagine some of our readers saying there is absolutely no use for cyclists, and who look upon our suggestions as superfluous. We will be pleased if such will give us their views on the subject.

JOTTINGS.

MR. T. A. H. WAY has been appointed Second-Lieutenant in the Oudh Light Horse.

SECOND-LIEUTENANTS J. G. RYAN and G. F. MacLeod, Naini Tal Volunteer Rifles, have been promoted Lieutenants.

SECOND LIEUTENANT S. P. HOOLEY, 2nd Battalion, Calcutta Volunteer Rifles, has been promoted Lieutenant.

LIEUTENANT E. M. ELLIOT, 2nd Battalion, Calcutta Volunteer Rifles, has been granted two months' leave of absence from the 1st instant.

CAPTAIN G. C. WHITWORTH succeeds Major Morris in command of the Karachi Artillery Volunteers, and we expect soon to see him gazetted Major.

CAPTAIN H. E. CHAPPEL, Agra Volunteer Rifles, has been granted six months' leave of absence with effect from 1st May 1898.

CAPTAIN E. A. MURPHY, Supernumerary List, Allahabad Volunteer Rifle Corps, is transferred to the Unattached List, with effect from 22nd April 1898.

THE Bombay Volunteer Artillery have elected a strong Entertainment Committee, who have arranged for a series of 6 Cinderellas, the first taking place on the 23rd instant.

A LECTURE on "The Theoretical Principles of Musketry" will be delivered at the Recreation Club, Calcutta Volunteer Head-Quarters, at 9 P.M. on Wednesday, the 20th instant.

FOUR months' leave of absence to England have been granted to Major S. S. Cooper of the 2nd Battalion, Calcutta Volunteer Rifles, with effect from 15th instant.

MR. MELVILLE GEORGE ROE has been appointed Second-Lieutenant in the 3rd (Presidency) Battalion, Calcutta Volunteer Rifles, *vice* MacIntosh promoted.

CAPTAIN A. C. NEWTON-KING, Adjutant, Sind Volunteer Rifles, having completed his tenure of appointment, has been replaced by Captain T. C. Ross, of the Highland Light Infantry.

SECOND-LIEUTENANT P. P. DONLEA, Northern Bengal Mounted Rifles, has resigned his commission, and Messrs. J. R. Donald and P. J. Kelly have been appointed Second Lieutenants in the corps.

LEAVE of absence for twelve months has been granted to Lieutenant-Colonel S. Ismay, Commandant of the Nagpur Volunteer Rifles and Major W. A. Nedham has been appointed to officiate in command.

MAJOR H. C. STREATFIELD, Commandant, Chota Nagpore Mounted Rifles, has been granted three months' leave of absence from the 4th proximo. Captain T. A. B. Peppes will act as Commandant.

LIEUTENANT C. T. MATHEW, 6th Bombay Cavalry, has been appointed to succeed Captain C. W. Garraway as Adjutant of the Northern Bengal Mounted Rifles, whose period of service as such, expired on the 11th instant.

CAPTAIN C. J. A. HOSKINS, Unattached List, resigned his commission on the 5th ultimo, but was appointed Captain in the Naini Tal Volunteers Rifles on the 17th idem. He was formerly in the Mussoorie Volunteer Rifles.

LIEUTENANT BOWEN, 1st Battalion, Calcutta Volunteer Rifles, is reviving "C" Company, and during next drill season we expect to see it take a prominent place. An early gazette, will, we anticipate, announce Lieutenant Bowen's promotion to Captain.

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THE accounts of the Sports Fund of the 2nd Punjab (Simla) Volunteer Rifle Corps have been published and show receipts to the value of Rs. 574, while the expenses connected with the sports and the prizes amounted to Rs. 533, leaving a balance in hand of Rs. 41.

SERGEANT-MAJOR PALMER, of the Karachi Artillery Volunteers, who has just been awarded the Long Service Medal, has a splendid record. He has passed the proficiency examination for artillery and infantry, and holds a certificate for signalling, besides one as a second-class Instructor in gymnastics.

IN another column will be found the rules, bye-laws and programme of the Assam Rifle Association. The system of selection of members of the Council provides for such extensive representation, and the rules and bye-laws so fully meet individual cases, that it is hard to imagine a man in Assam not being a member.

It has been notified that only members of the 2nd Punjab (Simla) Volunteer Rifles, who have completed their class firing up to and including 600 yards in the current season's musketry, on or before the 31st August 1898, and are present at 9 battalion or company parades on or by the 15th September 1898 inclusive, shall be allowed to compete in any drill and musketry competition in the corps.

WE learn from the Annual report of the 1st Battalion Bombay Baroda and Central India Railway Volunteer Rifles Corps that twelve Lee-Metford rifles were purchased for the use of the battalion team. It is impossible for a team firing with the Martini-Henri to compete successfully against picked teams using the Lee-Metford and the example set by the B. B. & C. I. Railway Corps might with advantage be followed by others.

IN a recent issue we stated that a strong committee had been formed for the management of the Calcutta Volunteer Recreation Club, and the result of its labours will be seen to-night, when Colonel Jenkins will formally open the rooms. It has been arranged to hold a smoking concert after the opening; and, with the talent available, it should prove a huge success. Every member of the corps is urged to support the club, and now that things are to be worked sensibly, we have no doubt that the benefit of the club to volunteering in Calcutta will be apparent in the near future. A full account will appear in our next.

THERE appears to be something wrong with the revolvers in use in Poona. The other day an Affinity Rifle and Revolver Match was held. Ladies used rifles and gentlemen revolvers. The highest possible with the revolver was 42 points per entry, and in 13 entries in which 11 gentlemen took part the highest score was 28, while the average per entry was 12; the total points gained with the revolver being 156 out of 546. Among the competitors were several officers of the Army, and the result of the shooting calls up to mind a station order once issued at a station in the North-West, which, in directing regular revolver practice among the officers of a regiment, said that in the state in which they then were, they would probably prove more dangerous to themselves than to an enemy.

THE Calcutta Light Horse opened their tent-pegging season yesterday morning when the first competition was held for the Burmese Silver Challenge Bowl. The ground was in capital order for galloping, and the Committee might do well to consider the advisability of getting in all the five competitions held annually between the months of July and October, instead of carrying them into the cold weather as hitherto when the "going" becomes hard. Captain Wake, the Garrison Quartermaster of Fort William, officiated as Judge, and below will be found a list of the scores made, showing Trooper Vallance to be the winner of the handsome trophy with three "takes" out of four runs, and full marks for style.

The scores were Trooper Vallance 21, Sergt. Colville 20, Lance-Sergt. Orr 18, Tr.-Sergt.-Major McLeod 13, Trooper H. O. Pugh 12, Corporal Cobbold 8, Trooper Pickford 2, Tr. Armitage 2; Lee-Corpl. R. Westmacott 0. The next competition will probably be held on Friday the 29th instant, when it is hoped the entries will be more numerous.

REVIEWS.

1ST BATTALION, BOMBAY BARODA AND CENTRAL INDIA VOLUNTEER RIFLE CORPS.

THE Sixteenth Annual Report on the working of this Battalion contains in a small space all one could care to know about the Corps, and Lieutenant-Colonel Luard has brought together in a concentrated form much, the perusal of which will be found alike entertaining and instructive.

As regards members, there was an increase during the season 1897-98 over the previous year of 46; while the non-efficients numbered only 8 or a percentage of 1.24 as against 1.37. This number does not, on further scrutiny, betoken any lack of interest, for we find that of those returned as non-efficients 4 were on furlough in England and one was ill, while a cadet only failed to qualify in musketry. Of the officers there is only one who does not hold a certificate of proficiency. There are also 27 Sergeants, 9 Lance-Sergeants and 19 rank and file or 55 exclusive of officers, who have passed the proficiency test.

A comparative statement of the efficiency since 1877-78 shows that the year under review has been the best. There were 365 extra-efficients, and 254 efficients.

From the 1st of November one battalion parade a week was held at Parel, while drills for recruits and the machine gun detachment were also held. A signalling class was organized and very satisfactory progress made.

The corps was in luck's way in the matter of work; for its services were utilised during the riots. Guards were mounted over the Armouries and Railway Institute at Parel, and an officer's guard of 30 rank and file was posted at Bandra for the protection of the residents in case of disturbance. The General Officer commanding the district, in acknowledging the services rendered, characterised them as "most useful." Six Non-Commissioned Officers received the long service medal.

The annual camp, which it was intended to hold at Sabar-mati had to be abandoned, as the Commissioner of the division represented that it might cause an outbreak of plague. In connection with this Colonel Luard says—"In consequence I decided to hold the inspection at Santa Cruz; and, in conjunction with the General Officer Commanding Bombay District, fixed the 29th January 1898. For the week prior to the inspection, parades were held daily at Santa Cruz in the mornings and at Parel in the evenings, and in this manner as much as was possible was done to make up for the loss in efficiency caused by the cancelling of the annual camp. A few members of "B" Company from Surat and Baroda were present, but owing to the plague restrictions, no one was permitted to attend from north of the River Mahi. On the 29th January the Battalion paraded under Major Crommelin for inspection by Brigadier-General Ventris, Commanding Bombay District. The men were first inspected in line, then marched past in column and quarter column, and thereafter re-formed up in line and were put through the manual and firing exercises by Captain H. M. Stuart. On the completion of these exercises the Battalion was put through a number of movements in Battalion drill by Major Crommelin, Captains Woollcombe and Franklin and was then broken up into companies for drill under the junior officers.

"The G. O. C. then inspected the cadet company under Lieutenant Anderson, and the recruits, while the remainder formed up for field firing. This was carried out obliquely from above the railway bridge on to the 22nd Bombay Infantry range at unknown ranges from 1,400 to 200 yards. The results obtained were good, viz., 38.84 per cent. of hits to rounds fired.

"Thereafter the machine gun detachments were inspected (each firing some rounds of ball ammunition at 500 yards) and then the Signallers and Buglers.

"When all was finished, the Battalion was formed up by companies and the G. O. C. made a minute inspection of the rifles, clothing and equipment of the men.

"The G. O. C. then said that it had given him great pleasure to have had the opportunity of inspecting the Battalion. The drill and marching of the men was very steady, and he had been much pleased with the march past both in column and quarter column. He had been particularly pleased with the field firing and the good fire control and discipline shown

during its performance. He would have much pleasure in making a favourable report on the Battalion."

The parade state at the inspection was 12 Officers, 29 Sergeants, 16 Corporals, 23 Buglers and musicians and 229 men. There were 266 Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and men absent with leave on railway duty, 10 on medical certificate, 35 on other leave, and 49 owing to plague restrictions.

In regard to musketry, the corps has done well; the figure of merit being 53 as against 52 in 1896-97.

The Inter-Battalion Shooting Contest for the regimental shield was won by the 1st Battalion.

The report says that at the request of the 2nd Battalion, it was decided not to fire the fourth stage owing to quarantine restrictions, and to decide the result on the first three stages.

"The shooting of this Battalion showed an improvement on all three stages over our last year's performances, and we secured the shield by 1192 points. Though this is the first time we have won the shield, yet it is the third time we have led in the first three stages in the past five years, showing that though the 2nd Battalion team is superior to our own and in the fourth stage always wins by a large margin, yet the general average shooting of this Battalion is, on the whole, better than that of the 2nd Battalion."

A match was fired at Santa Cruz on the 3rd December 1897, between the Head-quarter team of the G. I. P. Railway, Volunteers and that of this Battalion. Distances 200, 600 and yards. Six aside. The match was won by our Team with a score of 477 points, leading the G. I. P. Team by 11 points.

On the 7th March a Tactical Rifle Meeting, open to all Volunteer Corps in Bombay, was held. Company Teams from Head-Quarters were first in the Volley Firing Competition and tied for the first place in the Field Firing Match the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Prizes were all won by them.

A very successful rifle meeting was held, when 11 matches made up an interesting programme. Of these 4 were for collective or team, and 7 for individual, firing. Sergeant-Major Smith won the championship for the second year in succession, closely followed by Captain and Adjutant Wilson. Donations to the Prize Fund amounted to Rs. 2,160. Besides the annual meeting there were six shoots held in April, May, June, October, November and December. For these matches three entries were allowed and each match carried 14 prizes ranging from Rs. 20 for the first to Rs. 2 for the last. They were extremely popular. Colour-Sergeant Parr secured 2 firsts and keeping close up right through appropriated the championship. He was closely followed by Captain and Adjutant Wilson with a score of 253, Sergeant-Instructor Thompson was third with 251 and Sergeant-Major Smith fourth with 249 points.

That shooting should be popular in the Battalion is only to be expected when the Adjutant and Sergeant-Major take so much interest in it.

The Band is in good condition owing to the trouble taken by the Bandmaster and Band President, and when it plays in public is deservedly appreciated.

A glance at the accounts will show in what a thoroughly satisfactory state the financial condition of the corps is. The Capitation Grant Account shows receipts, including Rs. 15,070 Capitation earned in 1896-97, Proficiency Grant Rs. 1,230, Recovery of Advances, kit and other stores from Volunteers Rs. 1,533-4-4 and a balance of Rs. 1,310-9-11 from the previous year, of Rs. 22,049-8-2, while the expenditure amounted to Rs. 19,400-4-9, made up of Rifles range expenses Rs. 1,623-15-5; Clothing and materials purchased Rs. 3,007-6-10; Conveyances, refreshments &c., Rs. 4,725-7-4; Field day expenses Rs. 1,237-0-0, Arms and stores obtained on payment Rs. 1,157-15-3, Ammunition Rs. 1,147-7-2; Band Fund Rs. 830; Prize Fund Rs. 1,257 and a few others, leaving a balance of Rs. 2,649-3-5 on the 31st of March 1898. The Statement of Assets and Liabilities shows that the former stand at Rs. 31,975-10-2, including the above balance and Rs. 17,785 earned as Capitation in 1897-98. The liabilities are only Rs. 4,082-14-0, leaving a balance in hand of Rs. 27,892-12-2.

We congratulate Colonel Luard and his officers on the very successful season, and hope the next will be as far superior to it as it has been to the one before.

SPORTS.

CRICKET AT KARACHI.

SIND VOLUNTEERS vs. HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY.

As will be seen from the scores below, a one-day match between the above teams resulted in a win by 60 runs for the Volunteers. This result was in a great measure due to the steady batting of Messrs. Hamilton and Jacob, who scored 23 and 26 respectively—none of the others getting double figures—and the bowling of Rozare and Jacob, who took five wickets each. The former clean bowled 5 of the opposite side, while the latter bowled 2 and had 3 caught. It is always a pleasure to record these matches where Volunteers and Regulars meet, as they tend to the promotion of kindly feeling.

S. V. C. C.

S. H. Rozare, b Paterson	...	...	8
H. A. Thomson, b Paterson	...	...	9
J. Troyal, b Grant	...	...	4
J. Hamilton, b Paterson	...	...	23
V. Jacob, c Merriman, b Paterson	...	...	26
G. C. Platel, run out	...	...	0
P. R. Cadell, b Paterson	...	...	9
M. P. O'Reilly, b Grant	...	...	3
J. Almeida, b Grant	...	...	0
P. J. Athaide, b Paterson	...	...	0
W. Slark, not out	...	...	3
Extras	...	...	7

Total ... 92

H. L. I.

A. B. Merriman, b Rosare	...	...	7
Pte. Sutherland, c Athaide, b Jacob	...	...	4
H. C. Stockwell, c Troyal, b Jacob	...	...	0
Or.-Mr.-Sergt. Shaw, b Jacob	...	...	0
Pte. Robinson, c Athaide, b Jacob	...	...	6
Sergt. Dawson, b Rozare	...	...	0
Major Cavendish, b Rozare	...	...	0
E. Armstrong, b Jacob	...	...	5
P. Balfour, b Rozare	...	...	3
Pte. Grant, not out	...	...	4
Pte. Paterson, b Rozare	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	3

Total ... 32

FOOTBALL AT SIMLA.

RIFLE BRIGADE BAND vs. VOLUNTEERS.

IN our last issue we were enabled to give the result of this match. The following account shows how was attained.

The Band won the toss, and defended the garden goal. Taylor started for the Volunteers, and Marsden getting possession, put in a long kick, which Cunningham partly stopped, and a corner resulted, but nothing came of it. For some time play was in the Band territory; then Murray, with a good kick, dropped the leather close to the Volunteer goal, and Wallace, shooting strongly, just missed scoring. Subsequent to the kick out, the Musicians' goal was cleverly saved by Chalpom, when he was hard pressed. A foul against the Volunteers, however, enabled Wallace to send to mid-field. Taylor retaliated with a smart dribble and shot, which went wide. After the kick out the Band had the best of exchanges, but thereafter the Volunteers obtained two corners in quick succession, but Murray cleared, and subsequently gave a good opening to his forwards, who were stopped by the Volunteer backs. Taylor, Stares, and Bolster were instrumental in taking the leather to the Band goal, where Chalpom saved well. From this till half-time play ruled even. After the interval the Volunteers confined play to the Band territory, and Marsden scored almost immediately, the ball just going over the cross bar. The Volunteers continued to press strongly, the half-backs and backs showing up. After 10 minutes' play Taylor, from a scrum, shot the first goal. Chalpom now had his hands full, and he performed his task well. How-

ever, close on time, Morton added the second goal, also from a scrum. The Volunteers thus won by two goals to nil.

Band. Goal, Chalpom; backs, Cunningham and Wallace; half-backs, Stapley, Corporals Lemmon and Murray; forwards, Single, Willis, Brass, Lowe, and Corporal Brakter.

Volunteers.—Goal, Reid; backs, Weston and Connell; half-backs, Marsden, Moorhead and Goodall; forwards, Boister, Morton, Taylor, Goldstein and Captain Stares.

DUNMURRY HOUSE SCHOOL, vs. VOLUNTEERS.

THESE teams met for the first time this evening at Annandale. The school team included Hotz and Parsick, both of Bishop Cotton's School, and Moorhead, an ex-pupil. It was chiefly due to these players and Luffman that the Volunteers only obtained 3 goals. The second period was stubbornly contested and, if anything, the boys had more of the game: the Volunteers were decidedly lucky in scoring 2 goals during this period.

Dunmurry won the toss, and G. Goldstein immediately invaded the school territory, and a corner resulted, but nothing came of it. Then Hotz, for the School, made an opening with a long kick, but the forwards threw it away. Subsequent to a foul against Moorhead, Hotz drove the Volunteers back by fine kicking, but "our defenders" came again, and put in several shots in quick succession, but each went wide. "Hands" against Duffy left play in Volunteer territory, but, after a few minutes, Weston cleared with a nice kick. Parsick saved a shot by O'Sullivan, by conceding a corner which was quickly followed by another, out the School cleared. At 6-15, however, G. Goldstein from a scrimmage put in the first goal for the Volunteers. Then "hands" against Duffy gave the boys a chance which was not accepted. The School were now finding their game, but the forwards threw away several opportunities. After the interval the boys were busy for 5 minutes keeping out the Volunteers, who were eventually driven back by Hotz and Parsick, and Weston nuskicking gave the forwards a good opening which they accepted, Chetham equalizing from a rush. After the re-start the Volunteers immediately registered their second goal, the ball going through from a scrimmage. Encouraged by this success, F. Goldstein and Duffy quickly put in two shots, but each went wide. Then the boys came away finely only to be driven back time after time by Weston. After the Volunteers had cleared, Morton put in a nice low shot which went a few feet wide. When the boys were looking dangerous, F. Goldstein got away with a nice dribble, and a minute before "no side," Duffy headed through from a pass by the same player. The teams played ten a side owing to absentees.

Volunteers.

Goal, de-la-Hey; backs, Weston and Britts; half-backs, Hehir and Angelo; forwards, O'Sullivan, F. Goldstein, G. Goldstein, Duffy and Morton.

Dunmurry House School.

Goal, S. Pell; backs, Hotz and Parsick; half-backs, Fleming, Luffman and Moorhead; forwards, T. Pell, McDowell, G. Chetham and S. Chetham.

MISCELLANEOUS.

KARACHI ARTILLERY VOLUNTEERS.

THE following regimental order of the above corps came to hand too late for our last issue. We, however, reproduce it as, even though late, it may be of interest.

"In compliance with the orders of the General Officer Commanding Sind District, Lieutenant-Colonel D. Morris has this day (22nd June) made over command of the corps to Captain G. C. Witworth, and in wishing good-bye to the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Members of the Karachi Artillery Volunteers, he desires to offer his sincere and heartfelt thanks to one and all for their very hearty co-operation in bringing up the corps to its present state as regards strength and efficiency. From the formation of the corps in November 1892, devotion to duty has characterised every member, and the record of work done on parade and at Beach Fort has been eminently satisfactory, *vide* annual reports. The same can-

not be said of the work of the rifle range, except as regards class-division, monthly matches and annual prize meetings have been patronised as they deserved, and the result is the large amount of prize money distributed every year have fallen to the lot of but a small percentage of the total strength of the corps. It is desirable that improvement be speedily effected in this respect.

"Then as regards the annual over-sea target practice, Lieutenant-Colonel Morris hopes the Karachi Artillery Volunteers will not henceforth be permitted to practice at moveable objects at the Beach Fort, being an excellent and safe field for such practice. Hitherto our annual practices have been somewhat restricted in their scope, but Colonel Hervey, C. R. A., has now undertaken to draw up a new and more advanced programme, inasmuch as he considers the corps sufficiently well grounded in the elementary stages of Garrison Artillery.

Considering the large population of Karachi, it would not be extravagant to anticipate the raising of 250 Artillery Volunteers in the place, and this strength ought to be reached within the next three or four years; for 217 gunners have been enrolled in the books of the Karachi Artillery Volunteers, and its effective strength at present is practically double its initial roll in 1892.

In addition to volunteering work, sociability has been a conspicuous feature of the corps from the very commencement, and Lieutenant-Colonel Morris notices with satisfaction that the "At Homes," dances, and other friendly gatherings are increasing in number and popularity as time goes on. Another pleasing feature is the establishment of a cyclist section, and this section may prove useful in many ways beyond improving the physique of the men and promoting good fellowship.

The Karachi Artillery Volunteer Cricket Club has had but a fitful career up to this season, but the re-organization recently effected will, it is hoped, put it on a lasting and efficient footing.

The financial condition of the corps is very satisfactory, a working balance of Rs. 2,911-3-2 being available, after receipt of last year's capitation grant and allowances.

The Karachi Artillery Volunteer Club and Regimental Funds are also flourishing, head-quarter expenses being defrayed by their aid without trenching on the capitation grant.

Lieutenant-Colonel Morris' warm acknowledgments are due to General T. A. Cooke, General Officer Commanding, for the great interest he has during his tenure of office taken in, and the invaluable assistance rendered to, the Corps.

The Commandant would also mention in this the names of the Assistant Adjutant-General, Colonel Currie, and Major Bayley, D. S. O., as well as Major H. Chance, Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General.

The thanks of the corps are also due to the Officers Commanding Royal Artillery, first Colonel Powlett, and latterly Colonel Hervey, with their Adjutants, Captains Richardson, Cockburn and Mullens, for having kept the corps in the path of duty.

Lieutenant-Colonel Morris would also wish to thank the Officers of our parent corps, the Sind Volunteer Rifles, for the use of their head-quarters building for three years or so, and that generous citizen, Mr. Eduljee Dinshaw, for coming to our rescue in time of need and building for us our present head-quarter buildings.

In addition, Lieutenant-Colonel Morris would wish to place on record his high appreciation of the assistance he, as Commandant, received at the hands of the officers who have left the country, *viz.*, Captain A. Burton and 2nd-Lieutenant G. H. Boner, and of the services rendered by the recently appointed 2nd-Lieutenants H. W. Rogers-Harrison and H. B. McKerrow. Those who were the founders of the corps also deserve a meed of praise, particularly Sergeant-Major Palmer (now the proud possessor of the Volunteer Long Service Medal), Sergeant McMeekin, &c., &c.

Lieutenant-Colonel Morris would also wish to tender his sincere thanks to the Karachi Port Trust, and Heads of Departments generally, for the material aid given by placing the resources of their department at the service of the corps, when ever required.

The corps also owe a debt of gratitude to the mercantile firms for the financial aid afforded in respect of the annual

prizes, and also for so readily granting leave to their employes to attend drills, ceremonial parades, guards-of-honor, &c., during office hours.

In conclusion, Lieutenant-Colonel Morris regrets to be compelled to sever his connection with a corps which he has had the honor to command from its formation, but the fact that it is now on such sure foundation makes the wrench less painful, and mitigates the trying ordeal of wishing "farewell" to such a fine body of men as the Rangoon Artillery Volunteers.

RANGOON PORT DEFENCE VOLUNTEERS.

THE annual distribution of prizes to the members of the Rangoon Port Defence Battalion for distinguishing themselves during the season of 1897-98 took place yesterday evening at the Headquarters, Lewis Street, and formed quite a red letter day in the annals of the corps. The magnificent hall in which the opening ceremony was performed last year with due pomp and circumstance by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, was embellished in a style which bore unequivocal testimony to the taste of the decorative committee. The dais at the end of the hall specially reserved for the distinguished company invited to preside over and witness the presentations was decked with a lavish but tasteful distribution of evergreens and bright colored bunting, in the background of which a painting of Mowbray castle imparted a very picturesque effect. Stars of swords dexterously arranged on draped wooden discs enhanced the appearance of the four walls, while a sundry distribution of highly polished pieces of mounted ordnance reminded the company of the practical side of volunteering. The attendance of guests was both large and representative, and ample accommodation was provided. Among those present were:—Miss Holmes, (Presiding), General Sir Edward Stedman, Commanding the Forces in Burma, Brigadier General Rolland, Commanding Rangoon District, and Mrs. Rolland, Lieutenant-Colonel Walford, Commanding R. A., Lieutenant-Colonel Aylmer, V. C., D. A. A. G., Major and Mrs. Wyllie, Lieutenant Marshall, R. A., Lieutenant Carroll, R. A., Lieutenant Ommann, A. D. C. to the General, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. Eales, Commander Cooper, Captain G. C. Kynoch, Major Fraser, Lieutenant Scoones, Lieutenant Ballantine, Lieutenant Dainty, Mr. and Mrs. Regan, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Findlay, Mr. E. Andrews, Dr. Reisch, Mr. R. R. Winter and several others.

Lieutenant-Colonel Eales opened the proceedings by addressing the assembly in these terms:—General Sir Edward Stedman, Miss Holmes, ladies and gentlemen: On behalf of the officers and men of the Rangoon Port Defence Volunteers I wish to express the gratification we feel in welcoming you here this evening to witness the distribution of the prizes which Miss Holmes has so kindly undertaken. For I need hardly say that the pleasure the winners feel is greatly enhanced by the honor of receiving their prizes in your presence. The mere monetary value of the prizes does not weigh with us so much as the honor and glory of winning them (hear, hear.) Not that I wish to decry the prizes. On the contrary, I think it only right here to express our thanks to the subscribers who have contributed so liberally: to our Hon. Colonel Sir Frederic Fryer, to Messrs. Bulloch Bros. & Co., to the Bombay Burma Trading Corporation, Messrs. the Irrawaddy Flotilla Co., to Messrs. Finlay, Fleming & Co., the Hon'ble John McGregor, and to many others our best thanks are due (applause). I think I ought to make special mention of the generosity of a German firm here, Messrs. Kruger & Co., who are not the least liberal of our subscribers, and who have shown that blood is thicker than water by sending us a handsome subscription through Mr. Eggena, the German Consul (applause). We are grateful to these gentlemen whom I have mentioned and to the people of Rangoon for the interest they have invariably shown in our corps.

It is not for me to dilate here on the merits of our corps, but I think I may be allowed to state that the R. P. D. V. Battalion is stronger both in numbers and efficiency than it ever has been before. The following figures will give you some idea of the progress made.

In 1893-94 the total strength was 277. Year by year our numbers have increased up to this time; last year our strength was 485, and now we have reached 505 (applause). But numbers alone are useless unless efficiency is maintained. I am

glad to be able to say that though last year we had the best on record in the proportion of efficient to the total number borne on the books, we have this year gone one better still (applause.) Last year we had 430 efficient and 58 non-efficient. This year we have 453 efficient, of whom 378 are extra-efficient, and only 52 non-efficient. In musketry, to which I know the military authorities attach much importance, the improvement is also marked. The figure of merit has risen from 85 to 65 (applause). The officers have been practised in revolver shooting, and we have joined the Revolver Club recently started (applause).

The progress that the Battalion has made cannot but be most gratifying to all of us, and it is due to three things. Firstly, no corps could possibly get on, or be worth its salt if the men themselves were not of the right stamp. "You cannot carve on rotten wood." Our men are good volunteers (hear, hear) and good sportsmen. They can, and do hold their own with the regulars on the cricket and football fields, and I am quite sure that if ever they are called upon, they will do their duty manfully in the defence of Rangoon. (applause.) The next factor in the success of the corps is that it should have loyal and hard-working officers who take pride in the corps and in the men under them. It is right that I should mention how much the corps owe to Commander Cooper, Major Fraser and Major Patterson, and to the officers under them (applause.)

Lastly, no Volunteer corps, however willing and however zealous, can get on without a good Adjutant. I know that all ranks will join with me in saying that the present prosperous and efficient state of the Battalion is due in a very great measure to our Adjutant, Lieutenant Rowley (loud applause). Lieutenant Rowley has so thoroughly identified himself with our corps and has taken such interest in the welfare of the men that we shall all look upon it as nothing less than a misfortune if his tour of service is not extended. Lieutenant Rowley, I am sorry to say, has been unable to attend this evening on account of severe illness, and I am sure that you all hope that he will soon get over it, and in going on a well deserved leave, that he will have a good time of it at home. And I sincerely trust that when he comes back to Rangoon he will come back to us (hear, hear). And now it only remains for me to thank you, Sir, and General Rolland, for the interest you have taken in our corps and for the encouragement we have received at your hands, and to say that we intend, officers and men alike, to try and do even better next year (applause.)

A GLOWING TRIBUTE OF PRAISE TO THE BATTALION.

General Sir E. Stedman in reply said:—Colonel Eales. Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers, and men of the Port Defence Volunteers:—Miss Holmes esteems it a high honor that you should have invited her here to-night, and desires me to say that she will have great pride and very great pleasure in distributing the well earned prizes of your annual competitions. But before she does this I will ask leave to say a few words. I am no great talker but coming as I do as an old soldier among you, who are devoting much time and much trouble to learning my trade, I feel it almost a necessity to say a little, especially as it is a trade which, though we may hope it will not be the case, may still in the not far distant future be the most useful you have ever turned your hands to (applause). It was recently my pleasing duty to ask Colonel Eales to thank you for the zeal and energy with which you turned out on the Queen's Birthday parade, and for the admirable way in which you conducted yourselves on that parade. I do not suppose that men like you need any incentive to spur you on to your duty to your Queen and country: but it is pleasant to feel that one's efforts are appreciated, and if on that day as you marched past the flagstaff your right ears did not tingle with pleasure at the remarks passed on you on your gallant bearing by your countrymen, and may I say, your country women as well, then your right ears were the only part of you that did not do their duty (laughter). Gentlemen, a good turn out and a brave march past do not argue that you have mastered the whole art of war, and that you have no need for further exertion (applause). But they are matters of good promise, and the promise is assured to us by the very capital report which we have just heard from Colonel Eales. The fact that your corps has progressed in numbers within the last four years from 277 to 505, and that out of this number no less than 453 are returned as efficient is a matter for the deepest congratulation which I beg to tender (applause).

Before quitting the subject of your martial education, I wish to say a few words specially to you, Commander Cooper, and your gallant Navals. I was much struck on parade with the skill and dexterity with which you handled your guns (applause.) Now, gentlemen, there may come a time in active warfare when you may, not all, be required for pure naval duties, and if you can in the meantime devote some of your time and some of your undoubted energies to acquire an equal mastery of our big guns it would be of very great importance to the

DEFENCE OF THE PORT.

You know that on our big guns a very large share of the effective defence of Rangoon rests, and it might in the hour of danger be of incalculable advantage to us, if we were able to indent upon you for a few gun crews of sturdy able-bodied seamen (applause). I commend this to your careful consideration.

I have alluded already to your appearance on the Queen's Birthday parade, and I hope that Rangoon will see you again and again on its ceremonials (applause). But I also hope at some convenient date next cold season to see you subjected to a much severer test of your soldierly qualifications. General Rolland has a scheme in view for turning out the whole garrison, regulars and volunteers, for a whole day's outing, his object being to practise a rehearsal of the manning of the forts and of occupying those positions and taking up those duties which would devolve upon us all in the event of active warfare. (applause.)

Gentlemen, we live in stirring times, and when one of our ablest Cabinet Ministers deems it incumbent on himself to sound a note of warning, a note which, I may say, rung round the world with the clearness of that of an archangel's trumpet, then it behoves us to bestir ourselves and to look well to our arms, to our equipments, and to our material efficiency. (Loud applause.) Some of you may have read in the papers what was recently said by one who is no alarmist. In fact his name, even among the glorious roll of British heroes, shines out conspicuous as one of the bravest among the brave. I allude to Lord Charles Beresford. He said, commenting on Mr. Chamberlain's speech, that it appeared to be not impossible that the end of this century, like its beginning, may find our nation involved in a struggle for its very existence. If this trouble should come, and if an enemy should be rash enough to invade Rangoon, then, as your Colonel has said, we may rely with confidence on the Port Defence Volunteers to play a right manful part (hear, hear and applause). Of the outcome of such a struggle we need have no doubt. Alone and unaided England has had to face the music before, and if such should be her lot again, then alone and unaided will she face the music again, for surely it may be said of us, as it was of our forefathers centuries ago; "Come the three corners of the world in arms,

And we shall shock them: nought shall make us rue,

If England to itself do rest but true." (Loud applause.)

Gentlemen, "Defence and not Defiance" is the motto of your organisation, and I do not suppose that any of you wish for bloodshed, to seek the bubble reputation; but if you would avert bloodshed, then you must practice the time-honored precept "if you wish for peace be ready for war." (Loud and prolonged applause.)

When quiet was restored after this stirring speech, Miss Holmes distributed the prizes, of which the following is a list:

RANGOON VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

List of Prize winners for the Season 1897-98.

CLASS FIRING.

Grs. Dubern, A. G. 80 points, Silver cup; Wagstaff, P. W. 76 points, Rs. 20; Cameron, A. 73 points, Rs. 15; Long, W. M. Rs. 5; Penfold, W. H. 71 points, Rs. 5.

ATTENDANCE AT DRILLS.

Grs. Kilman, E. J. Rs. 30; Wagstaff, S. H. Rs. 20; Cameron, A. Rs. 15; Stidston, J. W., Dubern, A. G., Goodman, T. A., Wallace, H. E. G., Rs. 10 each; Sgt. Oxlade, J. J., Grs. McGint, M., Toole, P. J., O. M. S. Smith, J. W., Grs. Beins, L., Cameron, C. C., Jeffery, A. V. S., Penfold, W. H., Skidmore, W. H. A. Rs. 5 each.

ATTENDANCE AT COMMANDANT'S AND ADJUTANT'S PARADE.
Grs. Cameron, A., Kilman, E. J., Stidston, J. W., Wagstaff, S. H. Rs. 12-8 each.

GUN LAYING.

Grs. Dubern, A. G. Rs. 30 and Badge; Br. Ardrone, E. C. Rs. 20 and Badge; Grs. Osborne, J. Rs. 10 and Badge; Grs. Long, W. M., Cameron, A. W. T., Cpl. Stevens, J. F. Rs. 5 each and Badge.

40 PR. GUN COMPETITION.

Gun Detachment, 1st Prize.

Sgt. Dowley, E. J.; Br. Drake, W. J., Blaquiére, J.; Grs. Beins, L.; Kilman, E. J.; Long, W. M.; Carr, J. H.; Goodman, T. A. Rs. 100 and Badges.

Gun Detachment, 2nd Prize.

Sgt. Thurgood, G.; Brs. Ardrone, E. C.; Pinckney, S.; Beachell, W. C.; Branson, E. K. S.; Grs. Doyle, J. J.; Fahiz, P. O.; Roserow, R. B. Rs. 68 and Badge.

Gun Detachment, 3rd Prize.

Grs. Dubern, A. G.; Cameron, A.; Cameron, C.; Cameron, J. E.; Cahoon, J.; Osborne, J.; Barkitt, T. J. Meehan, D. F. Rs. 52 and Badges.

BORING AND FIXING FUSES.

Grs. Dubern, A. G. (time 26 sec.) Rs. 20; Cameron, A. Rs. 15, Osborne, J. Rs. 10; Cpl. Stevens, J. F. Rs. 5; Grs. Kilman, E. J. Rs. 5; Allen, C. Rs. 5.

RANGOON VOLUNTEER ENGINEERS.

Sapper H. Bateman won the silver cup offered for the best shot.

RANGOON NAVAL VOLUNTEERS.

List of Prize Winners for the Drill Season 1897-98.

CLASS FIRING.

2nd P. O. Robert Norrie, Silver Cup; Seaman Smith, H. S. Rs. 20; Ldg. Seaman Aspinall, J. W. Rs. 15; Seaman Davis, M. Rs. 10.

ATTENDANCE AT DRILLS.

Seamen Wootton, C. R. Rs. 30; Eadon, P. Rs. 20; Wootton, J. Rs. 15; Goldenberg, W.; Tresham, E. C.; Coombes, A. V.; and Catchick, G. Rs. 10 each. Ldg. Sea. Stevens, W. D.; Seamen Kenny, J. M.; Dover, O. G.; Smith, H. S.; Ldg. Sea. Martino, G. D. S.; C. P. O. Murrell, W. V.; 1st P. O. Guinness, W.; Seaman Lackersteen D.; 2nd P. O. Heymerdinger, E. W. Rs. 5 each.

Commandant's and Adjutant's Parades.

Seamen Eadon, P. Rs. 20; Wootton, C. R. Rs. 15; Wootton, J. Rupees 10; Goldenberg W. Rupees 5.

GUN LAYING COMPETITION.

Seamen Eaden, P. Rs. 30 and badge; Coombes, A. V. Rs. 20; Dover, O. G. Rs. 10; Heymerdinger, E. W.; Smith, H. S.; Tresham, E. C.; Ldg. Sea. Stevens W. D. Rs. 5 each and badges.

BORING AND FIXING FUSES.

Ldg. Sea. Stevens, W. D. Rs. 20; Seamen Seymour, C. Rs. 15; Wootton, J. Rs. 10; Coombes, A. V. Rs. 5; C. P. O. Murrell, W. V. Rs. 5; Seaman Dover, O. G. Rs. 5, all 20 points each.

SHOT COMPETITION 7 PDR. R. M. L. GUN.

Seamen Smith, H. S.; Eadon, P.; Johnson M. V.; Martino, G. D. S.; Kenny, J. M.; Trutwein, J. E.; Gale, F. H.; DeCruz, W. A.; Firing 72 points, Drill, 40, Total 112, First Prize and Badge Rs. 100.

SECOND GUN'S CREW.

C. P. O. Murrell W. V.; Seamen Lackersteen, D.; Wootton, C. R.; Bugler Boudville, P. G.; Ldg. Sea. Butterworth, R. J.; Seamen Wootton, J.; Goldenberg, W.; Tresham, E. C.; Firing 60 points, Drill 47 points, Total 107. Second Prize and Badge Rs. 88.

THIRD GUN'S CREW.

Seamen Coombes, A. V.; Nepean, E. G.; Ldg. Seaman Stevens, W. D.; 2nd P. O. Heymerdinger, E. W.; Seamen Pereira, L.; Dover O. G.; Catchick, G.; Evers, W.; Firing 60 points, Drill 45 points, Total 105, Third Prize and Badge Rs. 52.

CADETS.

CLASS FIRING.

Cadet Black, J. Rs. 10; 1st P. O. Brown, C. Rs. 7-8; Cadet. Harper, J. Rs. 5; Lynham J. S. Rs. 2-8.

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ATTENDANCE AT DRILL.

Cadet Queah G. Rs. 10; Lecun J. Rs. 7-8; Williams, H. Rs. 5; Lynam L. Rs. 2-8; Joseph, H. Rs. 2-8; Rose J. Rs. 2-8.

Class Firing:—Sapper H. Bateman, Silver Cup, C. S. Major R. Barr Rs. 20, Sergt. L. G. Cottet Rs. 15.

Attendance at Drills:—Sapper H. Binbidge Rs. 30, Sergt. L. G. Cotte Rs. 20, Sapper T. Catchatoor, Rs. 15, Corpl. M. Oppenheimer Rs. 10.

R. P. D. ATHLETIC CLUB.

1st Eleven Batting Averages:—1st Prize Gr. C. Cameron presented by Col. Eales, av. 43.2, 2nd Prize. Gr. L. Beins presented by Captain Menzies, av. 28.7.

Bowling Average:—1st Prize Gr. C. Cameron presented by Col. Eales, av. 3.87, 2nd Prize Gr. P. W. Jackson presented by Lieut. Rowley, 4.26.

Bowling average 2nd year:—1st Prize Jeame J. Wootton presented by Lieut. Rowley.

Three cheers, and three times more called for the distinguished visitors, and were heartily responded to when the assembly dispersed.

At 9 o'clock, a very successful dance was given by the officers at which 300 people were present.

Lieut. Rowley, the Adjutant, left on the following morning per S. S. Derbyshire for England on a well earned holiday.

SHOOTING.

JAMALPUR RIFLE CLUB.

Match V.—The conditions for this match during the month of June were 10 rounds, lying, at 800 yards, B. P. R. A. targets, H. P. S. 50 points. The following were the eight highest scores; 33 members competed:—

	Pts. obtained.	Hdp. Pts.	Pts. to count.
Sergt. Watts	37	1	36
Vol. Boilard	41	6	35
" Doming	40	5	35
" Toundorf, K.	34	...	34
" Peters, C.	31	...	31
Sergt. Hemsley	36	6	30
Vol. Craig	30	...	30
" DuCasse, F.	33	5	28

2nd PUNJAB (SIMLA) VOLUNTEERS' RIFLE CLUB.

This club is accomplishing a good deal in the way of improvement in shooting in the battalion. The results for last month are just out and we are glad to find Sergeant F. J. Puce at the top with the very creditable score of 52 out of 56 at 700 and 800 yards. He got a centre and a bull for his two sighters at 700 and finished with a possible, making 24 at 800. Sergeant Farrell had an unfortunate outer at 700 which lost him first place, for he had a 26 at 800.

The following are the scores of the first twelve:

	700	800	Total.
Sergt. F. J. Puce	28	24	52
Vol. F. W. Schofield	25	19+8	52
Sergt. J. O'M. Farrell	25	26	51
Sergt.-Major B. Hodgson	25	24	49
Vol. J. G. Allen	26	18+4	48
Lt.-Col. F. R. Upcott	19	18+8	45
Vol. T. Taylor	17	21+6	44
Capt. R. P. Stares	21	15+8	44
Vol. W. P. Avery	21	13+10	44
" P. Hypher	25	16+2	43
" W. E. Stark	22	17+4	43
" A. Rutledge	16	19+8	43

BENGAL PRESIDENCY RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

COLONEL HILL, the Honorary Secretary of the Bengal Presidency Rifle Association has addressed Officers Commanding regiments with a view to increased support being given to the Association. He says:—

Sir, I have the honour to advise you of the despatch (by book post) of a copy of the rules and programme of the Bengal Presidency Rifle Association for 1898. Blank forms of entry rolls will be sent later.

As there are many regiments now in the Punjab and Bengal Commands that have arrived since 1895, when, at the direction of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, I addressed Commanding Officers of the subject of these rifle meetings, I take this opportunity of submitting extracts from the letters sent out three years ago which will explain what was intended, and a summary of the results:

"The Association is very liberally supported by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, His Excellency the Viceroy, and His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, and it also receives a very handsome grant-in-aid from the Government of India in addition to assistance in the supply of ammunition. Substantial aid in prizes is also afforded by many Native Princes and by some officers on the Army Staff, but very few Regimental Officers are enrolled as members, and this, it is believed, is solely due to the fact that the matter has not hitherto been placed sufficiently prominently before Commanding Officers, and that a list of regimental officers has not been enlisted on behalf of the Association, which, with that support, would be capable of becoming the largest and best Military Rifle Association in the world."

"His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief fully recognises that the musketry efficiency of the Army depends almost entirely on the interest taken in it by regimental officers; and it is because he is aware of the zeal, interest and pride that officers generally evince in the musketry training of their men, that Sir George White is anxious that they should become the backbone of the Association, and thus enable the Army to take the fullest advantage of the encouragement afforded by the Bengal Presidency Rifle Association. The annual subscription is but 12 rupees; and although the income from this source cannot be expected to amount to any very large sum, still the enrolment of as many officers as possible is desirable as tending to increase the general interest in the objects of the Association, as well as its usefulness as an important factor in improving the musketry efficiency of the army."

The annual report for 1895-96 contained the following:—

"The result of this appeal to Commanding Officers was, that the subscriptions to the funds of the Association are Rs. 3,818 against Rs. 472 of the previous year, and the number of members enrolled is 376 instead of 88."

"The number of Regimental teams that competed at Meerut was 26 British and 27 Native, and several Regiments which had just returned from the Chitral Expedition intimated that they would have sent teams had it been possible to do so."

"The entrance fees for the Meerut Meeting amounted to Rs. 16,011, and the value of the prizes given to Rs. 18,456 not including the value of the medals and badges. Consequently the competitors not only paid no share of the expenses of the meeting, but received about three thousand rupees in addition to the return in full of their entrances."

"The National Rifle Association of England is probably the wealthiest rifle club in the world (with a credit of about £25,000), but the value of the prizes at Bisley in 1894 amounted to £14,126-17-3 and the entrances to £15,981-12-9, that is, the prizes were less than the entrances by £1,854-15-6."

"The competitors at Meerut received 20 per cent over and above the entrances, and if any competitor did not win a prize, it was his own fault, as there were only 74 competitors for the 80 consolation prizes offered free of entrance fee."

"That the success of the Rifle Meeting was due to the assistance and encouragement afforded by Commanding Officers is clearly shown by the fact that the only steps taken to improve the position of the Association and to popularize the meeting at Meerut last year, was the appeal made to Commanding Officers and laying the whole matter before them, and abiding by the result of that appeal."

The Council of the Rifle Association hope that it is quite recognized that they have no object in view but to co-operate with Regiments in maintaining that high standard of shooting which is considered especially necessary in an army constituted as is the British Army, in that we have to make up for the smallness of its numbers by a superiority in efficiency and marksmanship."

"The success of the Rifle Meeting of 1895 enabled the Council to considerably extend the range accommodation at Meerut and to make preparations for a still further development of the annual meeting for 1896."

This anticipation was fully realized, and in the case of the Native Army the entries were in excess of the available accom-

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modation and some regiments had to be asked to reduce the number of intending competitors.

There were 29 Regimental teams for Sir Baker Russell's Cup, open to the British Army, and 32 Regimental teams of the Native Army, for Sir William Lockhart's Cup.

Owing to the Frontier Expeditions last winter, the Rifle Meeting was of course on a much reduced scale, and was carried out under difficulties, but the following extracts from the Report will explain the present position of the Association:—

"There has been a steady improvement in the financial prospects of the Association during the last four years, which, it is believed, will continue."

1894-95	...	A debit of Rs. 2,000	0	0
1895-96	...	A credit of „ 487	2	1
1896-97	...	„ „ „ 3,432	3	0
1897-98	...	„ „ „ 6,264	1	3

"The falling-off in the subscriptions and entrances last winter, as compared with the previous year, was very marked."

	1896.	1897.
Subscriptions	3,054	804
Entrance fees	20,595	8,675

"This necessitated a slight reduction in the prize list, but still, the prizes given were very liberal in proportion to the entrances."

British entries	...	Rs. 6,440	8	0	Prizes	Rs. 9,240
Native	...	" 2,234	15	0	" "	4,228
		8,675	7	0		13,468

"In addition to these, both of the prizes presented by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief (Rs. 1,000 in value) were also won at Meerut, besides a considerable number of medals and badges."

"Although the operations on the North-West Frontier very much affected the Rifle Meeting at Meerut, it is not improbable that in the long run the Rifle Association will considerably benefit by the recent experiences of the Army on active service. Of the many valuable lessons learnt, chief among them would seem to be the necessity for accuracy of fire on the part of our Infantry."

"Not a few of the many good shots among the Afridis were men who learnt to shoot on our rifle ranges, and some of them were known to be men who had taken part in our B.P.R.A. meetings, men who in their days were called 'pot hunters.'"

"It was a number of selected 'pot hunters' who held the Dargai heights for 4 hours on the 20th October against some of the best Regiments in our Army."

"It is the special business of the B. P. R. A. to encourage and develop that high standard of individual shooting which is so important in itself and is the ground-work of all effective collective shooting."

"The Council feel confident that they can rely on the support of the British and Native Armies to make these annual Rifle Meetings as popular as their importance justifies, and to afford the best shots encouragement to take advantage of the great liberality bestowed on them by the Government of India, by His Excellency the Viceroy, H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, and by so many individuals and Firms and Breweries, who so kindly give them such substantial assistance for the purpose of ensuring a higher standard of shooting in our Army than exist in any other army."

"The next annual meeting will be held at Meerut early in December, and it is hoped that all Regiments who can possibly do so will send a few representatives to take part in our Indian Bisley."

In conclusion, I would ask you to afford the Association your support."

ASSAM RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

RULES, BYE-LAWS AND PROGRAMME FOR 1898-99.

Council.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. Buckingham, C.I.E., A. V. M. R., Sibsagar; Captain H. Playfair, A. V. M. R., Lakhimpur; A. Rose, Esq., S. V. L. H., Cachar; Major A. Allen, S. V. L. H. Sylhet; Lieutenant E. P. R. Gilman, A. V. M. R., Kamrup; Captain A. C. Showers, A. V. M. R., Darrang; Lieutenant S. Barry, A. V. M. R., Nowgong; Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel R. Neil Campbell, Shillong.

Rules.

I. This Association is named the Assam Rifle Association.
II. Any person living in Assam being a subscriber of five rupees, shall be a member of the Association for one year, counting from 1st April to 31st March following. But such members as may be absent from the country during nine months of the year, viz., from the 1st July to 1st April, will not be required to pay their subscription for that year, provided they give the Secretary due notice of their departure. This Association is not open to Native Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, or men of the Regiments or Police Battalions.

III. Any member wishing to withdraw his name, must give intimation of such wish to the Secretary in writing, before the 30th June, as after that date his subscription is in arrears.

IV. Any member who, in arrears shall be unable to compete for any prize at the lower rate of entrance.

V. Any member, who is three years in arrears, shall cease to be a Member of the Association, and shall only be allowed to rejoin on payment of a fine of two years' subscription, in addition to the ordinary annual subscription.

VI. The affairs of the Association shall be carried on by a Council through the Secretary. The Council shall consist of 8 members, and the members in each district shall be as follows:—

Kamrup 1, Darrang 1, Lakhimpur 1, Sylhet 1, Nowgong 1, Sibsagar 1, Cachar 1, Shillong 1.

VII. The head-quarters of the Association will be located in Shillong as the Secretary is one of the members resident in that station.

VIII. The members of the Council for each district shall be elected by vote of the members of the Association in that district. They shall elect the Secretary. A Working Committee shall be elected from the Council, and shall consist of 3 Members and the Secretary.

IX. If any member elected declines to become a member of the Council under Rule 6 or to serve on the Council, the election shall be cancelled, and the member having the next highest number of votes shall be elected.

X. The Working Committee shall have the sole management of the funds of the Association, and are authorised to invest any surplus monies in Government stock.

XI. The annual report, together with all accounts, shall be drawn up by the Secretary, and, having been submitted by him to the Working Committee, shall be published as soon after the Prize Meeting as is found practicable, and one copy shall be given gratis to each paid-up member of the Association under Rules I and II. The Secretary shall submit a balance sheet to each member of the Working Committee as soon after the 31st March in each year as practicable.

XII. All propositions must be submitted to the Council through the Secretary. Local Secretaries may be appointed in every place where there are at least three members. They will be held responsible for the proper observance of the Rules of the Association at their local meetings.

XIII. The Annual Prize Meetings shall take place at such time as shall be decided by the Council.

XIV. There shall be prizes open to Volunteers and all comers in the Province on such terms, and on payment of such entrance fees as may be fixed by the Council in their Annual Regulations.

XV. The prizes shall be competed for in accordance with such Regulations as may be passed by the Council from time to time.

XVI. The Council shall be regulated in their proceedings by such bye-laws as may from time to time be enacted by them; no bye-laws being in any case altered, or a new one proposed, without at least one month's notice of such intention being given to each member of Council.

XVII. The champion badges shall be as follows:—
Volunteers—A. R. A. Crossed rifles, with "Defence not Defiance."

All Comers—A. R. A. Laurel wreath.

XVIII. General meetings for prize shooting shall be held at all places in which Local Secretaries have been appointed between the 1st June and the 31st March.

XIX. All expenses of local meetings to be defrayed by the members holding the meeting. The Secretary must be informed of the election of any Local Secretary, stating his name, address and the range where shooting will take place.

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BYE-LAWS.

I. The programme of the Assam Rifle Association for 1898-99 shall comprise the following competitions to be shot in Assam:—

(a) Matches open only to Members who have never won a prize in any Rifle Association or a prize value over Rs. 15 at any meeting.

(b) Matches open to Volunteers only.

(c) Matches open to all comers.

II. Local meetings may be held wherever there are 3 Members competing: one will act as Local Secretary and shall sign all registers and shall be responsible that the Rules and Bye-laws of the Association are not infringed.

III. The Local Secretary shall be responsible that no one shoots as a member who has not paid his membership subscription for the year in which the meeting is held.

IV. The Local Secretary must be present at the firing point and superintend the shooting. He must sign all registers and certify that the Rules and Bye-laws of the Association have been properly carried out.

The Local Secretary may compete at the meeting at which he is acting as such.

V. Local Secretaries will be held responsible that no one shoots at the lower rate of entrance fee, intended only for members, until he has paid his membership fee for the year in which the meeting is held.

VI. No one may compete in any match until he has paid his entrance fee to the Local Secretary for that Match.

VII. The shooting on any day shall commence at day-break and end at sunset. Local Secretaries will note in the proper place on each Register the date and hour at which the shooting for each match commenced and ended.

VIII. Matches may be fired in any order and on any day between the dates fixed for shooting. The order will be fixed by the Local Secretary to suit the convenience of competitors.

IX. All matches must be finished the day they are started by those competitors who have commenced.

X. When not otherwise specified, paper targets are compulsory, and none but lithographed bulls-eyes supplied by the Secretary must be used. These are manufactured in England expressly for the Bengal Presidency Rifle Association and those issued for use at the different Local Meetings are of the proper dimensions. Local Secretaries are therefore requested to use the same without any correction whatever.

XI. All expenses incurred at any meeting or competition, such as the cost of targets, bulls-eyes, and spotting discs, &c., must be defrayed by the competitors; but toward such local expenses the Executive Committee will allow the amount received by sighting shots. Should this amount in any case exceed the total of local expenditure the balance must be remitted to the Secretary.

XII. Bulls-eyes will be supplied (V. P. P.) by the Secretary at the following rates plus carriage from Shillong.

Bulls-eyes ...	1st class	...	8 As. each.
	2nd "	...	5 "
	3rd "	...	3 "
Revolver targets	...	...	4 "

XIII. Competitors must make themselves acquainted with all the Regulations, and also with the conditions of any prize for which they have entered, as in no case will the plea of ignorance be entertained.

When at the firing point they must comply with all orders given by the Local Secretary.

XIV. Volunteers who are also Soldiers of the Regular Forces on the unattached list, must shoot as Volunteers: but no member of the permanent staff attached to a Volunteer Corps may shoot in matches restricted to Volunteers, or shoot in a Volunteer Team of any description.

XV. Competitors shall submit their rifles and ammunition for inspection whenever required by the Local Secretary.

XVI. Rests or screens of any description giving shade such as umbrellas, are not allowed.

XVII. Competitors may use a waterproof sheet, a great coat, blanket or rug, not folded up, but laid flat as a protection from the ground; but cork beds, elbow rests and razais are not allowed. A leather guard may be used round the barrel to protect the hand from the heat of the barrel.

XVIII. Rifles cannot be cleaned out between shots whilst firing at any distance of a competition, but may be

cleaned out between the completion of the firing at one distance and the commencement of firing at another distance.

XIX. Rifles may also be cleaned out before re-commencing the shooting at a distance that has been suspended, as provided for in bye-law L.

XX. Slings may be used as an assistance in shooting for all prizes. The slings must be of the Government length and pattern, and attached to the rifle as in Government arms. The length of the sling shall not exceed 3 feet 6 inches measured from swivel to swivel.

XXI. In individual competitions a competitor may use a pair of binoculars or a telescope not mounted on any kind of stand, provided his doing so does not delay the shooting.

XXII. Where the rear swivel is fixed on the butt of the rifle as in Rifle Battalions and not on the trigger guard, the length of the sling when let out to its fullest extent shall not exceed 4 feet 4 inches measured from swivel to swivel.

XXIII. Spectacles, eye-glasses, and orthoptics may be used.

XXIV. The original registers kept on the rifle range must be despatched from each station within three days after the close of the competition. They should be sent under Registered Cover, attested duplicate copies of the same being kept with each Local Secretary.

XXV. The statement of accounts and entrance fees, &c., must follow within one week.

XXVI. The scores from a local meeting will not be considered until all money due from that meeting is received.

PENALTIES.
Disqualifications.

XXVII. Any competitor—

(a) who shall fire in a name other than his own; or
(b) who shall fire twice for the same prize, unless permitted by the conditions of the competition to do so; or
(c) who shall intentionally discharge his rifle at the wrong target; or
(d) who shall offer money or a bribe of any kind to a Register-keeper; or

(e) who shall be guilty of any conduct which the Committee may consider to be discreditable; or
(f) who shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Committee as having elsewhere been guilty of any similar offences; or
(g) who shall fire when the danger signal is up; or
(h) who shall discharge his rifle on the range except in accordance with the regulations for shooting; or

(i) who shall act in any way that might prove dangerous; or
(j) who shall fail to comply with any other order that may be given by the Officer in charge of the firing point at which he is shooting;

may, upon the occurrence being proved to the satisfaction of the Committee, forfeit all his entrance fees, be forever disqualified from competing at any prize meeting of the Association, and shall be liable to have all or any of his scores made during the meeting disqualified.

DISALLOWANCE OF SCORE.

XXVIII. Any competitor—

(a) who shall fail to comply with the conditions laid down for any particular prize; or
(b) who shall infringe any of the instructions and regulations for the conduct of the meeting while shooting for any particular prize; or
(c) who shall use in the matches any invention or device not specially allowed or directly forbidden by the Regulations; shall, on the occurrence being proved to the satisfaction of the committee, have his score for that particular prize disallowed.

DISTANCE AND TARGETS.

XXIX. The ordinary Targets, divided into three classes, shall be of the following dimensions:—

Divisions.	Third class.	Second class.	First class.
	100 to 300 yards.	400, 500 and 600 yards.	700 and 800 yards.
Bull's-eyes	12" diameter.	2 ft. diameter.	3 ft. diameter.
Centre	24" ditto	4 ft. ditto	5 ft. ditto.
Outer	Remainder of a target 4 ft. sq.	Remainder of a target 6 ft. sq.	Remainder of a target 8 ft. by 6 ft.

XXX. The dimensions of the centres in all targets are to be outlined and marked with a line pen or brush; in that for 300 yards and under the outlining must not exceed one-eighth of an inch wide; and at all other ranges must not

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exceed one quarter of an inch; the whole thickness of the outlining being within the area thereby defined.

XXXI. Local Secretaries will be responsible that all old shot holes are properly pasted over before a fresh match is commenced.

XXXII. The exact spot shall be shown, on paper targets or dummy with disc indicating the value of the shot before the next shot is fired; the spot shall be further shown by attaching a spotting disc to the actual bullet hole where it is to remain till the succeeding shot is fired. The spotting disc must be clearly seen with a telescope or binocular on the target before the next shot is fired at that target, after which the spotting disc will be removed to the new bullet hole, or in case of a miss, removed altogether, the previous bullet hole being pasted over.

A.B.—The double system of targets may also be used.

XXXIII. The marking where clearly signalled, cannot on any account be questioned, provided that—

(a) Should the position of the spotting disc clearly disagree with the colour of the marking disc showing the value of the shot the marker should be made to signal the shot again and this second signal shall be final.

(b) If at the moment when a competitor fires, his target should be moved in such a manner as to falsify the result of his shot the Local Secretary is empowered to cancel the result of such shot, and permit the competitor to fire another in place of it.

XXXIV. In order to overcome the inequality of the ground the target may be raised above the level of the ground, and platforms or mounts may also be erected at the various firing points but they must be perfectly flat, level and parallel to the line of sight.

XXXV. Flags may be kept flying on the butts and at other places to show direction of the wind.

MARKING.

XXXVI. The value of the hits and marking shall be as follows:—

	Colour of disc.	Value.
(a) Bulls'-eye	White	4
(b) Centre	Orange or red	3
(c) Outer	Black	2
(d) Ricochet	A black bar	R
(e) Misses	will be signalled with the ordinary red and white flag.	

XXXVII. The ordinary military marking dummy target may also be used.

Bulls'-eye black disc placed at once on the signalling dummy or white disc on the target.

Centre, white disc placed at once on the signalling dummy or black disc on the target.

Outer, white disc shown first at the side of the marker's butt and then placed on the signalling dummy, at the same time twirling it round; or black disc in the same manner on the target.

Ricochet, red flag waved in front of target.

XXXVIII. When two shots strike a target simultaneously, that which has the highest value will alone be marked with the marking disc, and the competitor whose proper turn it was to fire at that target will be credited with that shot. Both hits will, however, be shown by the spotting disc.

XXXIX. All alterations of the register necessitated by a clerical error must be initialled by the Local Secretary.

XL. No one from the "firing point," except the Local Secretary, shall be allowed under any circumstances to examine a target while a match is being shot.

TIES.

XLI. Ties shall be decided as follows:—

A.—In Individual Competitions.

(1) If at more than one distance, by the range totals in inverse order.

(2) By the fewest misses.

(3) By the fewest outers.

(4) By the fewest centres.

(5) By the value of each shot in inverse order.

B.—In all competitions the order of the winners shall be decided by the foregoing rules, if possible, but in case of absolute ties the names shall be arranged alphabetically and bracketed, except that absolute ties for prizes in kind shall be shot off.

Scores made by weapons of the same class in handicap matches shall be decided irrespective of added points in accordance with the foregoing.

B.—In Volley Firing Competitions—

(1) By the fewest misses.

In case of absolute ties.

(a) If for a challenge plate and money prize by awarding the plate to be held for equal periods of the year by the successful teams, and dividing the money.

C.—In Competitions in which hits only and not points are counted.

(b) If for a money prize only by division.

D.—In cases not met by the foregoing:—

(1) By any special rules attached to the conditions.

(2) By the decision of the Committee.

Shooting-off will be conducted as follows:—

When a tie remains to be decided at a subsequent time, a notice stating the date on which the tie will be shot off, and giving when possible, at least a week's warning, shall be posted to the competitors. Absentees will forfeit their right to shoot.

XLII. In the case of ties in aggregates, the highest score in the last match will decide position. Should ties still remain, the rule for ties in matches will be applied, commencing with the last match and taking each match in inverse order until decided.

No competitor shall be allowed to score over the highest possible score in any match or at any distance of any match, and if he make more by reason of his added points he shall have points deducted till he counts the highest possible score, and then ties shall be decided by the foregoing rules.

RIFLES.

Class I.—Military Breech Loaders.

A.—577 Bore (Snider.)

XLIII. Long or short Snider rifles of bona-fide Government pattern.

1. Weight.—Not to exceed, without bayonet, 9lbs. 12 ozs.

2. Length.—Maximum, 56 inches measured from the muzzle to the butt when placed on the ground.

No pad or shoe for heel-plate of the butt will be allowed in army matches or Volunteer contests.

3. Pull of trigger.—Minimum, 6lbs.

4. Sight.—Strictly in accordance with that of the Government Snider rifle.

Foresights.—To be of the Government pattern called "Barley-corn" may be painted according to fancy.

(a) Back sights.

Same as allowed for Martini-Henry.

B. Martini-Henry.

As issued by Government or of bona-fide Government pattern and bearing the Government Viewer's mark. When of private manufacture the following dimensions must be strictly adhered to:—

(1) Weight.—Not to exceed, without bayonet, 9lbs.

(2) Length, Maximum.—Measured from the muzzle to the butt when placed vertically on the ground, 49½ inches.

(3) Stock.—Must not be checkered.

(4) Pull of trigger.—Minimum 6lbs.

(5) Sights.—

Foresight.—To be of the Government pattern called "Barley-corn," may be painted according to fancy.

Backsight:—

(a) To be attached to the barrel in front of the lock.

(b) The sights may be moveable in the following respects only:—

A hinge allowing the flap to be brought to a vertical position, and to be lowered to the barrel forwards or backwards at pleasure; a horizontal bar capable of sliding vertically up and down the flap.

(c) A piece of metal composing the actual sight fitted to the sliding bar and capable of sliding thereon horizontally as a wind gauge may be used.

(d) Paper slips may be stuck on to the sliding bar of the backsight, but they must be only of the following shape:—

No screws, racks or other mechanical appliances may form part of the sight for the purpose of moving either the wind gauge or elevation, but detachable verniers may be used.

XLIV. To test the weight of the "pull of" or trigger, see Musketry Regulations for 1897—"in using a trigger-tester it should be held in a line diagonally across the small of the butt and immediately over the lower corner of the body."

Handicap Points.

XLV. Handicap in matches open to M. H. Rifles, M. H. Carbines and Snider Rifles.

In seven shots.

Distance.	Martini-Henry.		Sniders.
	Rifle.	Carbine.	
200 yards	...	...	1
300 "	...	...	1
400 "	...	...	2
500 "	...	...	2
600 "	...	...	3
700 "	...	...	4
800 "	...	...	5

XLVI. The same rifle must be used at all the distances in any one match and not one kind of rifle at one distance and another at another distance; but in the event of an accident rendering the weapon unfit for use, another weapon of the same or any inferior class can be used, provided that if a weapon of an inferior class be used, the points claimable for the weapon shall, throughout the match, be those given to the weapon with which the match was commenced.

Order of Firing.

XLVII. The order of firing in each squad must be determined by lot after the markers have gone in and the danger flags have been lowered. Any infringement of this rule will disqualify the shooting.

Sighting Shots.

XLVIII. Two sighting shots shall be allowed to each competitor at each distance, on payment of two annas per shot. These shots shall be fired in order when the squad is formed, and at the target about to be used in the competition.

N.B.—The term *squad* for this purpose to consist of the number directed to fire together, not more than 4.

XLIX. No sighting shot shall be allowed after the squad has commenced the competition.

L. When a suspension of the firing is authorized on account of rain or accident, one sighting shot will be allowed at the original rate, provided a delay of a quarter of an hour has occurred.

LI. Sighting shots may be fired in any position.

INSTRUCTIONS.

The following instructions to—

- Competitors,
- Local Secretaries,
- Register-keepers,

are subject to any alterations the Committee may make.

A.—Competitors.

- To make themselves acquainted with the Rules and Regulations and with the conditions attached to the prize or prizes for which they have entered. No plea of ignorance of the regulations and conditions will be entertained.
- To attend at the firing point punctually at the hour detailed for each match, or they will forfeit their right to shoot.
- To comply with any orders that the Local Secretary may give.
- Not to load until they have taken up their position in front of the target.
- Never to fire when the danger flag is shown either at the firing point or target, nor to load until the Register-keeper has said "All clear."

B.—To Local Secretaries.

- To see that the Register-keepers and markers are at their posts before the firing commences.
- To sign the registers when closed, and to see that no time is wasted in commencing or carrying on the shooting.
- To decide cases of appeal or dispute in accordance with the Rules and Bye-laws, taking care that no delay is occasioned in the firing of competitors not implicated in the dispute.
- To test, before they leave the firing point, the triggers of the rifles of all competitors who make scores of more than 20 in 7 shots, as also the rifles of all competitors in special team matches.
- Should the circumstances admit of it, to allow a competitor pending the decision of an objection, to shoot under protest at his own risk, should he be willing to do so.
- When only one competitor is present at a firing point, to either themselves witness his shooting and the record of his score or nominate some other person to do so.

- To insist on the firing points being kept clear and that all noise likely to effect the competitors is instantly checked.
- To initial any alterations in the scores that may be necessitated by a clerical error.
- Not to entertain any complaint against the scoring of a Register-keeper, unless such complaint be made at the moment the result of the shot is called out and recorded.
- In the event of any competitor firing when the danger signal is up, or otherwise acting in a dangerous manner, to forbid such competitor from firing again.

C.—Register-keepers.

- To make themselves thoroughly acquainted with the following orders, as also with the conditions of any prize that will be competed for at the firing point to which they are told off for duty.
- To proceed with the shooting as soon as the danger signals are withdrawn.
- To call out the name of each competitor before he fires, the number of points obtained by each shot when signalled, and at the conclusion of the score of each competitor to announce in like manner his name and total score.
- Hits will be signalled at the butt, and entered on the register according to the following scale :—
Bull's-eye 4 points; centre 3 points; outer 2 points; ricochet R.; miss 0.
- Hits may also be signalled on the ordinary Military marking dummy in accordance with Bye-law XXXVII.
- To avoid any discussion with competitors, and at once to refer disputed points for the decision of the Local Secretary.
- To direct the first 2, 3 or 4 competitors to take up their position at the firing point and to fire shot and shot alternately until they have completed their full number of rounds.
- To regulate the rate of firing with rate of marking at the butt, and not to allow any competitor to load until he sees that the target is in position; he will then give the order "All clear."
- This only applies to those ranges where targets are capable of being moved into the marker's butt.
- For the satisfaction of the competitor firing to allow any one person present to see that the scores recorded on the register are in accordance with the signals from the butt.
- To at once cause all necessary alterations in recording a shot to be initialled by the Local Secretary of the range.
- To sign the register when completed and obtain the signature of the Local Secretary.

Conditions of Shooting.

- In all matches the number of shots to be fired by each competitor at each distance shall be, unless otherwise specified.—SEVEN.
- All prizes will be given in money except where otherwise specified. Ten per cent. of the competitors in each match to receive prizes.
- No one shall fire twice for the same prize, unless permitted to do so by the conditions of the competition.
- No one shall shoot in two teams in the same competition.
- Handicap points shall be in accordance with Bye-law XIV.
- Abbreviations.
The following abbreviations are used in the programme—
M. H. ... Martini-Henry.
H. P. S. ... Highest possible score.
H. P. A. S. ... Highest possible aggregate score.
- Rates of entrance shall be as follows for each match unless otherwise stated :—

Members	...	Rs.
Non-Members	...	1
	...	3

1. These matches are only open to Martini-Henry Rifles, Martini-Henry Carbines, and Snider Rifles. (Diana and Sporting matches excepted.)

9. The Local Secretary shall depute a European to remain in the marker's butt during each match, to see that the markers show each shot in accordance with the Bye-laws.

10. No practice can take place on a range on any day on which matches are shot, until after the completion of the match shooting.

The winners of the A. R. A. Volunteer Championship Medals and All Comers' Championship Medals are debarred from winning a prize in Matches 1, 2 and 3.

11. When private M. H. Rifles and Carbines, or Snider Rifles are used, they must be of *bona fide* Government pattern and bear the Government Viewer's mark.

12. Ties in Matches 9, 10, 18, 23, and 24 will be decided by the next best score and so on:—thus if a competitor has only one entry, he will be placed below those with more entries in case of tie, and the ties will be decided by the second best score and if still a tie by the third and so on.

13. If two matches are fired off consecutively on the same day at the same range, that for the "All Comers" must be fired off first, or else the scores of both matches will be disqualified.

PROGRAMME.

The matches will be shot between 1st June 1898 and 31st March 1899.

Match I.—Open to all members of the Assam Rifle Association who shot in the competitions of 1897-98, but did not win a prize; also to those who have never won a prize in any Rifle Association or prize value over Rs. 15 at any meeting. Distance 200 yards; position standing, kneeling or sitting; number of rounds 7; sighting shots 2; entrance fee as in Condition 7.

Match II.—Conditions as in Match I. Distance 300 yards; position any military; number of rounds 7; sighting shots 2; entrance fee as in Condition 7.

Match III.—Conditions as in Match I. Distance 500 yards; position any military; number of rounds 7; sighting shots 2; entrance fee as in Condition 7.

Match IV.—For Volunteers only, the class of weapon with which armed to be used. Distance 200 yards; position standing; number of rounds 7; sighting shots 2; entrance fee as in Condition 7.

Match V.—Conditions as in Match IV. Distance 300 yards; position any military; number of rounds 7; sighting shots 2. Entrance fee as in Condition 7.

Match VI.—Conditions as in Match IV. Distance 500 yards; position any military; number of rounds 7; sighting shots 2; entrance fee as in Condition 7.

Match VII.—Conditions as in Match IV. Distance 600 yards; position any military; number of rounds 7; sighting shots 2; entrance fee as in Condition 7.

Match VIII.—Volunteer Championship.—Medal and Chief Commissioner's prize, aggregate of Matches 4, 5, 6, and 7. Open only to efficient Volunteers, i.e., those who have earned the Capitation Grant for the Corps during the preceding or current drill season. Entrance fee in Condition 7.

Entries must be made and paid for before Match IV is commenced. First prize silver medal and Rs. 150 presented by the Chief Commissioner of Assam.

Match IX.—Scouts' Match. Time 3 minutes; 2 rounds at 600 yards, 2 rounds at 550 yards, 2 rounds at 500 yards, 2 rounds at 450 yards, and 2 rounds at 400 yards; position any military.

Time to start from firing of first round, so that the competitor starts himself when fully prepared. The rifle must not be loaded when running from point to point. No allowance for different rifles; entries unlimited. Entrance fee Rs. 1 for each entry.

Match X.—Revolver Match. Open to members only, 25 yards.

Conditions.

Revolver and Ammunition.—Any Service.*

Target.—A disc 12" in diameter, Bulls-eye, 3", Inner 6", Magpie 9", outer remainder of target.

Marking 5, 4, 3, 2.

* Although the word "Service" is used it is not necessary that the revolvers should take Government Ammunition 0.476 Enfield, but the weapon used may be subjected to the scrutiny of the Committee with a view to ascertaining whether it is suitable for service in the field. The minimum bore is 380.

Position.—Standing, one hand only to be used; no rest of any kind, natural or artificial, allowed. Pull of trigger 4lb.; number of shots 6; H. P. S. 30 points; entrance fee Rs. 1 for each entry; entries unlimited.

Match XI.—200 yards. All Comers; distance 200 yards; position standing; number of rounds 7; sighting shots 2; entrance fee as in Condition 7.

Match XII.—Distance 300 yards; position any military; number of rounds 7; sighting shots 2; entrance fee as in Condition 7.

Match XIII.—Distance 500 yards; position any military; number of rounds 7; sighting shots 2; entrance fee as in Condition 7.

Match XIV.—Distance 600 yards; position any military; number of rounds 7; sighting shots 2; entrance fee as in Condition 7.

Match XV.—Distance 700 yards; position any military; number of rounds 7; sighting shots 2; entrance fee as in Condition 7.

Match XVI.—Distance 800 yards; position any; number of rounds 7; sighting shots 2; entrance fee as in Condition 7.

Match XVII.—All Comers' Championship.—Medal and Rs. 150. Aggregate of Matches XI to XVI inclusive; entrance fee as in Condition 7, but a non-member can not win this medal; entries for this must be made and paid for before Match XI is commenced.

Match XVIII.—"Celerity and Precision," only one prize can be won by a competitor, distance 200 yards; position standing; number of rounds 7; time 70 seconds from time of firing first round; entrance fee Re. 1 for each entry; entries unlimited.

DIANA MATCHES FOR LADIES CONNECTED WITH THE ASSOCIATION.

Prizes to be regulated in accordance with Condition 2.

Match XIX.—Distance 50 yards; target same as for Match X; position standing; number of rounds 7; sighting shot 1; entrance fee as in Condition 7.

Match XX.—Distance 100 yards; target 24", Bulls-eye 4", Inner 8", Magpie 16", outer 24"; entrance fee Re. 1; position any, provided no artificial rest is used; number of rounds 7; sighting shot 1.

Match XXI.—Diana Championship. Aggregate of matches XIX and XX; entrance fee as in Condition 7 and must be made and paid for before Match XIX is commenced.

Match XXII.—"Consolation"—Open to members of the Assam Rifle Association who have never won a prize at any of the Assam Rifle Association meets and have been members for more than one year. Distance 200 yards; position standing, kneeling or sitting; sighting shot 1; entrance fee as in Condition 7.

Match XXIII.—"Celerity and Precision." Only one prize can be won by a competitor. Distance 500 yards; position any military; number of rounds 7; time 70 seconds from time of firing first shot; no allowance for different rifles; entrance fee Re. 1 for each entry; entries unlimited.

Match XXIV.—Revolver, everything same as Match X, except that it must be done as "Continuous practice," i.e., not cocking before aim is taken.

*VOLUNTEERING AT HOME.**SHOOTING AT HOME.*

SINCE our last issue, we have received the results of several matches fired during last month, and the following are some of the most noteworthy.

The County of Surrey Rifle Association held its thirty-eighth annual rifle meeting at Bisley on the 10th and 11th ultimo and the following are some of the scores made :—

First Series.—Seven shots at 200, 500, and 600.

Comber, Pte. A. J., 2nd E.	...	33	34	31	98
Winner of £5—					
Mortlock, Lieut., 4th W. S.	...	33	29	32	94
Winner of £4—					
Arkill, Qmr., 4th E. S.	...	32	29	32	93
Winner of £3—					
Chamberlin, Pte. K., 2nd W. S.	...	29	32	32	93
Winners of £2—					
Phillips, Lieut., 4th W. S.	...	29	33	31	93
Mason, Pte., 2nd E. S.	...	35	27	31	93
Delafield, Colr.-Sergt., 1st W. S.	...	32	31	30	93
Horne, Pte., F. S. R.	...	32	32	29	93

Martin, Pioneer J. C., 1st W. S.	...	28	33	31	92
Mitchell, Pte., 1st W. S.	...	28	33	31	92
Hunter, Pte., 2nd W. S.	...	30	31	31	92
Howell, Staff-Sergt., 2nd E. S.	...	30	33	29	92
Ransom, Pte., 2nd W. S.	...	33	30	29	92
Mackay, Pte., F. S. R.	...	33	33	26	92

Winners of £1—

Riddell, Sergt., 4th E. S.	...	31	30	30	91
Comber, Corpl. B., 4th E. S.	...	30	32	29	91
Gay, Pte. W., 2nd W. S.	...	30	32	29	91
Cameron, Lce-Corpl., 4th E. S.	...	30	33	28	91
Faucett, Pte., 2nd E. S.	...	31	34	26	91
Smallridge, Sergt., 1st W. S.	...	27	31	32	90
Page, Colr.-Sergt., 3rd E. S.	...	30	29	31	90
Price, Pte., 2nd E. S.	...	28	32	30	90
Manfield, Col.-Sergt., 2nd W. S.	...	30	32	28	90
Shilling, Pte., 3rd E. S.	...	30	32	28	90
Hawkins, Corpl., 3rd E. S.	...	31	31	28	90
Hugo, Sergt., 3rd E. S.	...	32	31	27	90
Quinton, Arm.-Sergt., 1st W. S.	...	27	30	32	89
Bonwick, Pioneer, 1st W. S.	...	30	27	32	89
Spencer, Capt., 4th E. S.	...	30	28	31	89
Bishop, Colr.-Sergt., 1st W. S.	...	29	30	30	89

Four 89's counted out.

The above scores show some good shooting, Private Comber's 98 being a fine performance. Private Mason began well, but his poor score at 500 yards dropped him a good deal. Another man who should have done better was Private Mackay, starting with two 33's he should certainly have taken second place, but burst badly at 600 yards.

All Comers' Series.—1st Stage, Queen's conditions:—

Winner of £10—

Comber, Corpl., 4th E. S.	...	33	35	33	101
Hunter, Pte., 2nd W. S.	...	30	34	33	97
Wormell, Pte., L.R.B.	...	31	33	33	97
Marshall, Corpl., Artist	...	30	35	32	97
Chantler, Sergt., 1st V. B. Fusls.	...	31	33	32	96
Fulton, S. Sergt. Queen's West.	...	31	33	32	96
Heath, Capt.	...	33	33	30	96

Winner of £2—

Ashby, Lce-Corpl., 1st V. B. Notts.	...	33	34	29	96
Varley, Lieut., H. A. C.	...	29	32	34	95
Hawkins, Corpl., 3rd E. S.	...	30	31	34	95
Comber, Pte., 2nd E. S.	...	30	34	31	95
Howell, S.-Sergt., 2nd E. S.	...	32	32	31	95
Arkill, Qmr., 4th E. S.	...	33	30	31	94
Howe, Colr.-Sergt., 1st V. B. Berk's	...	30	34	30	94
Matthews, Colr.-Sergt., Civil Service	...	31	33	30	94
Shilling, Pte., 3rd E. S.	...	51	33	30	94
Page, Colr.-Sergt., 3rd E. S.	...	31	34	29	94
Wells, Pte., 3rd E. S.	...	29	33	13	94
Knight, Sergt., R. E.	...	30	32	31	94
Lee, Pte., 3rd W. S.	...	30	32	31	94

Winners of £1—

Reid, Sergt., London Scottish	...	...	...	93
Miles, Corpl., 2nd W. S.	...	...	...	93
Allen, Qmr.-Sergt., 2nd W. S.	...	...	...	92
Luff, Pte., L.R.B....	...	...	...	92
Britten, Lce.-Corpl., 2nd W. S.	...	...	...	92
Tyrell, Corpl., Queen's West.	...	...	...	92
Horne, Pte., F.S.R.	...	...	...	92
Knight, Lce.-Corpl., 3rd E. S.	...	...	...	92
Poulter, Sergt., 2nd E. S.	...	...	...	92
Mackay, Pte., F.S.R.	...	...	...	91
Few, Lce.-Sergt., 2nd W. S.	...	...	...	91
Austin, Corpl., 1st W. S.	...	...	...	91
Knapp, Trpr., Middx. Yeo.	...	...	...	91
Bishop, Colr.-Sergt., 1st W. S.	...	...	...	91
Brading, Pte., L.R.B.	...	...	...	91
Spencer, Capt., 4th E. S.	...	...	...	91

Turner, Sergt., 4th E. S.	...	...	91
Townsend, Pte., Artists	...	...	91
Lowe, Pte., 3rd W. K.	...	...	90
Andrews, Pte., L.R.B.	...	...	90

The All-Comers' series was an innovation this year and was tried as an experiment. The result has proved so satisfactory that it is safe to assume that it will become an annual fixture. Corporal Comber's score is worthy of special note and richly deserved the first prize. Captain Heath looked as if he would be nearer the top when he finished at 500 yards but a moderate 30 at 600 yards lost him some ground. The best up-hill shoot was Qr.-Mr. Sergt. Allen's who only got 26 at 200 yards but pulled up well with two 33's at the longer distances. Lance-Corporal Knight and Sergeant Poulter both had hard luck, scoring only 92 after leaving the intermediate range with a total of 65 each.

The Edinburgh Rifle Association held its meeting under very favourable weather conditions on the 8th June at the Maleny ranges. The arrangements were perfect and the shooting of a high order. The Lord Provost's Match at 200, 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots at each distance resulted in Sergeant Proctor getting a good century with the possible at 600 yards, and winning the Lord Provost's Cup and £5. The following are the principal scores:—

Proctor, Sergt., Elgin	...	...	100
Grier, Capt., 3rd Renfrew	...	...	100
Ferrier, Sergt., Leith	...	...	97
Graham, Pte., Queen's	...	...	97
Mackintosh, Pte., Queen's	...	...	96
Malcolm, Capt., 1st Forfar	...	...	96
Whyte, Pte., Queen's	...	...	96
Logan, Pte., 1st Berwick	...	...	95
Johnston, Pte., Queen's	...	...	95
Guy, Pte., 1st Ayr	...	...	95
Cruickshank, Pte., Queen's	...	...	95
Grant, Pte., 4th V.B.R.S.	...	...	95
Campbell, Pte., Queen's	...	...	94
Hope, Capt., Queen's	...	...	94
White, Pte., Queen's	...	...	94
Black, Pte., 10th Lanark	...	...	93
Ommundsen, Corpl., Leith	...	...	93
Maxwell, Pte., Leith	...	...	93
Ross, Corpl., Queen's	...	...	92
Main, Corpl., Haddington	...	...	92
Henderson, Corpl., 1st Berwick	...	...	92
Souter, Colr.-Sergt., Aberdeen	...	...	92
Scott, Ar.-Sergt., Border Rifles	...	...	92
Allan, Pte., 4th V. B. R. S.	...	...	91

Three scores of 91 counted out.

It is strange that in this meeting the two most unfortunate men should have exactly the same scores as the two in the County of Surrey Association. A reference to the scores will show that the respective range totals were the same.

The next match was the Law Advocate's at 200 yards. Seven shots. Here again Sergeant Proctor gathered in the shekels with a possible, being closely followed by five 34's. The following are the scores:—

Proctor, Sergt.	...	...	35
Scott, A. Sergt.	...	...	34
Ferrier, Sergt.	...	...	34
Hannah, Pte.	...	...	34
Grier, Capt.	...	...	34
Whyte, Pte.	...	...	34
Henderson, Corpl.	...	...	33
Hilliard, Colr.-Sergt.	...	...	33
Pollock, Pte.	...	...	33
Keene, Sergt.	...	...	33
Blair, Corpl.	...	...	33
Stevenson, Pte.	...	...	33
Hug, Corpl.	...	...	33
Robertson, Pte.	...	...	33
Murie, Pte.	...	...	33
Watt, Sergt.	...	...	33

One 33 counted out.

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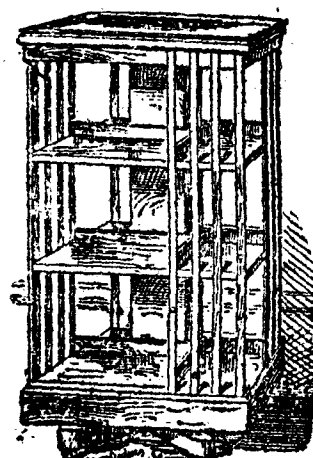
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Your obedient servant

C. V. Pritchard
Editor & Proprietor

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