

The trumpeters are very good, the best of all the battery trumpeters in the colony.
 The drivers were not as good as they were the year previous.
 The battery drill was fairly good until the officers were made casualties, when it was found that the non-commissioned officers were not sufficiently well trained to take the officers' places.
 This battery obtained a second-class figure of merit, and qualified for B grade.

I Battery.

This corps requires a lot of training, being weak in nearly all subjects except driving, which is good.

The marks for attendance are the lowest of all the batteries.

The marks for gunnery are low on account of non-commissioned officers and men being absent from the examination, as well as the general knowledge of the non-commissioned officers and men being weak.

The signallers are fairly good with both semaphore and Morse Code, but have not been trained in reconnaissance.

The range-finders are fairly good, but did not do good work at the service practice.

Gun-layers are fairly good.

Trumpeters are not efficient.

This corps was penalised for various omissions during the camp, but the discipline was good.

Non-commissioned officers mostly inexperienced, and require a lot of training. There are no facilities at Westport for training in field-work, and consequently this battery suffers in lack of training in taking up positions and battery manoeuvre.

RETURN showing the RESULTS of the EXAMINATION of the NEW ZEALAND FIELD ARTILLERY VOLUNTEERS for the New Zealand Field Artillery Challenge Shield, 1906.

Battery.	Attendance. (100.)	Gunnery. (100.)	Signalling. (50.)	Range-finding. (50.)	Gun-laying. (72.)	Trumpeters. (30.)	Driving. (50.)	Battery Turn-out and Route March. (100.)	Battery Drill. (100.)	Total Marks. (642.)	Percentage.	Deductions for Discipline.	Total Marks to count for Shield.	Classification for Service Practice.	Grade awarded for 1905-6.	Order of Merit.
												Per Cent.				
A ..	82.9	47.4	35	40	65.6	14	28	70	75	457.9	71.32	2	69.32	2nd	B	5th
B ..	92	82.5	43.37	45	61	15.5	30.4	87	90	546.77	85.166	0.014	85.152	1st	A	2nd
D ..	93.39	80.8	36.6	40	67.25	17	41.45	90	90	556.49	86.68	0.5	86.18	1st	A	1st
E ..	88	78	30.25	37	59.7	16.5	35.1	88	90	522.5	81.4	Nil	81.4	3rd	B	3rd
H ..	85.6	71	14	40.7	67.5	19	29.97	60	75	462.77	72.08	2.25	69.83	2nd	B	4th
I ..	80	53	25.6	40	61.25	7	33	68	60	427.85	66.6	2.75	63.89	N.C.	C	6th

APPENDIX II.

CONDITIONS FOR THE COMPETITION FOR THE NEW ZEALAND ENGINEER VOLUNTEERS' CHALLENGE SHIELD.

The shield will be awarded to the company that obtains the highest number of marks for efficiency as laid down in these conditions, and is therefore by examination found to be the most efficient company of engineers in New Zealand.

Any infringement of these instructions will disqualify a company.

The Engineer staff officer will carry out, or depute officers to carry out, the examinations at the various stations, and he will decide the results and make his award, which will be final.

The award will be published in "General Orders," and the shield will be held by the winning company until the publication of the next year's award.

Discipline.

A corps is to be under examination from the commencement to the termination of its annual training-camp.

Special attention is to be paid to the discipline of the corps, and marks will be deducted by the Engineer staff officer, or the officer deputed by him, for any slovenly work throughout the camp, such as—

(a.) Late falling-in on parade.

(b.) Bad discipline on parade, or lack of smartness.

(c.) Bad discipline in camp, such as disturbance after "Lights out"; camp routine not properly carried out; tents and lines not clean, &c.

Penalties for bad discipline in accordance with above will be made by the deductions from the total number of marks awarded for efficiency and attendance, which deductions must not exceed 5 per cent.—i.e., a maximum of 1 per cent. under each of the above headings.