

ENCAMPMENT OF VOLUNTEERS.

THE 6TH WEST YORK AT HUDDERSFIELD.

The Huddersfield Volunteers—otherwise known as the 6th West York Rifle Volunteers—embracing Huddersfield, Holmfirth (formerly the 32nd), Mirfield (41st), and Saddleworth (34th), have gone into camp this year, after an interval of three years. The work of putting the tents up was commenced as early as Monday last week, and the work was completed on Friday evening. There are about 130 or 140 tents, which are pitched on the site of the previous encampments, namely, the Rifle Field, off Greenhead-road, the most eligible spot to be found in the neighbourhood. The four Huddersfield companies, together with those from Holmfirth and Mirfield, and one from Golcar (belonging to the Saddleworth contingent) paraded at the Armoury, Ramsden-street, and, headed by the regimental band, marched along Ramsden-street, New-street, Westgate, West-parade, and Greenhead-road, to the camping-ground. The men had no sooner left the Armoury than rain began to fall, which continued more or less through the march in. Lieut.-Col. Day, who is in command, put the men through some simple movements, and said he hoped they would so conduct themselves as to be a credit to the corps and the town to which it belonged. All the preliminaries having been arranged for the men, all they had to do on being dismissed was to take possession of the tents and to make the best of their position. This they did, and after tea there was a general leave given to all who desired to leave the camp for the evening. Many availed themselves of the opportunity of going into town. In the course of the evening the regimental band played a number of selections under somewhat adverse circumstances, for the rain descended pretty smartly occasionally. During the night the weather was somewhat boisterous, and some of the men did not sleep very well, but otherwise they were comfortable enough, and had no complaint to make as to the arrangements. Yesterday morning they attended divine service at the Huddersfield Parish Church, where a special sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Calvert, M.A., the hon. chaplain to the corps. In the afternoon there was a drum-head service in the men's mess-tent, and the hon. chaplain again officiated. In the evening a sacred concert was given by the band, the members of which also played during the afternoon. The arrangements of the camp are precisely similar to those adopted on former occasions, and have only in one or two instances been varied. The following shows the numbers of those who went in on Saturday:—28 officers, 41 sergeants, 55 band, buglers, and drummers, 441 rank and file, giving a total of 564, out of a total strength of 982. The staff consists of Lieutenant-Colonel Day, Majors Freeman and Crowther; Captain Brett, 76th Regiment, Adjutant of the Corps; Hon. Surgeon Foster, Sergeant-Major Anderson, and five instructors. It is expected that the Saddleworth men will go in some day during the ensuing week, and the camp will not really break up until Tuesday, the 14th inst., so that the men will have every opportunity of having drills if the weather is at all as one would like it to be during Whit-week. Yesterday the weather was very bright and cheerful after the somewhat stormy night, and the atmosphere very refreshing. During the evenings in the coming week there are to be entertainments and amusements of various kinds provided for the men in their large tent. It ought to be stated that Mr. Geo. Sims, of the Cherry Tree Hotel, has the purveying under his superintendence.